2025

St Paul's Macclesfield

YEARBOOK





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PRIEST IN CHARGE *Report*

2025 was my first full year at St Paul's, and a little like moving into a new house with an established garden—it takes a full year to discover what emerges in each season, to notice what flourishes, what surprises, and what quietly bears fruit. I am delighted to say that I have not been disappointed!

Over the course of this year, I have witnessed moments of deep beauty, reverence, and joy: the singing of the Nunc Dimittis gathered around the font at Candlemas; our Agape meal with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday; and the Flower Sermons, when we were blessed by the presence of Bishop Sam. Other liturgical highlights included our joint celebration of Corpus Christi with Rainow and Knutsford St Cross, complete with incense, and of course the moving celebration of Midnight Communion on Christmas.

During the year as well as there having been many times of great joy, we have also seen sorrow, as we have ministered to the ill and those grieving. It has been particularly sad that in 2025 we had to say goodbye to some much valued and loved members of our church community.

We are blessed at St Paul's with good provision for children and young families, though I believe there is still room for further growth and development in this area. I am particularly pleased that in 2026 we will see the return of Fun @ 4 as a regular monthly occasion, which I hope will continue to strengthen our engagement with younger families in the parish.

The two greatest strengths I see at St Paul's are, firstly, the genuinely warm welcome that is offered to all who come through our doors, and secondly, the strength of our lay leadership. Unlike many churches, St Paul's enjoys a full complement of capable officers and a highly supportive PCC, and this gives a strong foundation for both worship and mission.

Our outreach into the wider community continues to be one of the defining marks of St Paul's. The bi-monthly lunches, toddler group, and Saturday breakfast all do much to cement St Paul's good name within the parish, demonstrating clearly that faith is something to be lived as well as proclaimed.

Our fundraising events have also been successful—not only in raising much-needed funds, but in the missional opportunities they present through the relationships they help to build.

Like all churches, we continue to face challenges. We must remain careful and prayerful stewards of our finances. We also face the significant challenge of caring for our building. The Churchwardens, together with the PCC, are currently finalising proposals for the re-roofing and refurbishment of the church building, and we will continue to keep everyone informed as plans develop during the coming year.

But of course, our greatest assets are not bricks or mortar, but people. We are blessed with an extraordinary number of volunteers, whose dedication, generosity, and quiet faithfulness make so much of what happens at St Paul's possible. To all of you, I offer my sincere thanks. I would also like to make special mention of our churchwardens Nick and Matt, whose vision, energy, and commitment are an example to us all.

Having responsibility for more than one parish can at times be challenging, but that task is made immeasurably easier by the help I receive from our gifted office staff and the support I receive from Fran and Robert, our Readers who together with Canon Veronica offer wisdom, encouragement, and ministry which are deeply valued.

As I reflect on this first full year at St Paul's, I do so with gratitude, encouragement, and hope. Thank you for the privilege of serving among you. I look forward with confidence to all that God has in store for St Paul's in the seasons ahead.

Yours in Christ, Simon

FABRIC AND *Maintenance*

The building continues to present us with the challenges expected by a 181-year-old design and build! We replace light bulbs where we can on our own but also with the help of contractors who have long enough ladders to reach the higher-level bulbs. Exterior lights have been replaced as required.

Plaster and paintwork falls are very common. This is from where water ingress has occurred and dried out causing damage. We monitor these issues weekly.

Water ingress remains the biggest challenge with some significant rain ins where gutters have become blocked or the wind has been in a direction where it can find its way in. On some occasions after torrential rain we have expected the worst in terms of number of rain ins to only find one or two small ones! The spire remains the biggest issue with water ingress coming through into the tower. We are monitoring the tanking that Baileys put in for us, but sometimes this can't cope with the great British weather and water cascades into the tower! The spire will need repointing and this is part of the plans for the refurbishment unless it suddenly becomes a more urgent issue.

Work on the roof appeal slowed a little in 2025 and I Matt, take full responsibility for that as I could not offer the time or energy to it until towards the end of 2025. We have continued to fundraise and also have had more regular contact with the architect and have a full plan of action going into 2026 and we know what needs doing and when. This is really an exciting time for the church and people of St Paul's Macclesfield. We remain committed to ensuring that this project succeeds to ensure that the building remains sound and open for another 180 years!

The Garden of Remembrance has been cut regularly and we are grateful to Karl Dennehy for helping with this on several occasions.

Centre drains have remained an issue for us blocking up regularly. Huge thanks to Nick and John Anderson for their work in unblocking them.Also thank you to Patrick Maguire for assisting us to get the drains blasted by a local company.

We attempt a lot of maintenance ourselves and we are blessed with several people who are willing to lend a hand with this in any way. We would like to thank everyone who helps in any way.

We would like to offer thanks to Peter Bradley and his daughter Rachel for the lovely new altar frontal for use in ordinary time. It certainly adds some striking colour to the chancel. Thank you.





Churchyard maintenance has been a challenge at times as we have often been faced with big messes left by people mis-using the churchyard. We are challenging the council to have a council-maintained refuse bin in the churchyard as we ourselves have been having to take highly hazardous waste home to put in our own bins.

The council remain responsible for the rest of the grounds and have during 2025, visited less often meaning the grass and grounds haven't looked as well as they could. We have done some of our own tidying up in between with willing volunteers and this has been greatly appreciated. A couple of trees have been felled in the churchyard due to disease and rotting trunks. Commitment from the Council for the care of the churchyard remains a challenge.

Late in 2025 we were awarded a £6,000 grant to update the digital offering of the church and parish centre and we look forward to getting this all ordered and in situ during 2026.



Health & Safety plans and schedules all remain up to date to ensure that the building is compliant and also in a good condition (as a 181-year-old building can be!).

Our church remains as beautiful as ever despite its leaky ways and it only strives for us to ensure that the building is put back to its natural beauty for people to enjoy and marvel at for another 181 years through our planned roof and refurbishment appeal.

Matt and Nick

Churchwardens

WARDEN'S Report

We took a bit of time to reflect on Christmas at the start of 2025. Looking at the service registers and considering other events that have happened in church as well through community events, we welcomed over 1,500 people through the doors of the building, some for the very first time.

We also looked forward to Vicar Simon's first year with us and wondered what would be in store for our fabulous church and what might grow with the link with Rainow Church.



We met with the Rainow PCC in mid-January and enjoyed introducing ourselves and eating the fabulous cake on offer! Lots of friendship and opportunities for collaboration and worship.

February into March was yet another tough time for Matt with the loss of Val, his mum. Val had been part of St Pauls pretty much all her life in many different ways, but most especially the choir. Matt thanks the support of the wonderful church family at St Paul's which meant a lot.
The St Christopher Chorale sang a beautiful evensong for us in March which was enjoyed by many.

Our next big service was Mothering Sunday and again our Uniformed Groups took an active part in the service. This is something that we are very keen on and will continue. Hot on the heels came Lent and Easter. Services during this time were well attended, our favourites being the Agape Meal and Service of light. We also attended for the first time, the Kerridge Cross service at Rainow on Good Friday. A beautiful service culminated with a giant cross lit up high on the hillside of Kerridge Ridge. A very moving service. We also attended the Easter Day service at Jenkin Chapel. It was a beautiful day outside but freezing inside! Jenkin has no light or heat!

We were both saddened to hear of the death of Michael Hopkinson. Michael was a true gentleman and a stalwart of a churchwarden for St Paul's. Michael oversaw great change at St Paul's and also dealt with significant challenges in his time as warden. If we can be as good wardens as Michael was then St Paul's will be in good hands.

We met Bishop Sam again, this time at Forest Chapel where he presided over Evensong. We like to add a bit of fun with things and we called Bishop Sam over for a chat as we needed to 'chat about the Vicar!'. Bishop Sam looked a little apprehensive and asked what was wrong, our reply "nothing, we are absolutely thrilled to bits that Simon has joined us and we feel that the ship is much steadier!". The relief on his face was palpable!



At the end of May Nick led the walk for St Paul's in the newly named, Four Church Challenge, which now included St Paul's as well as Rainow, Jenkin Chapel and Forest Chapel. An enjoyable walk was had with a good number from St Paul's taking part, even though someone's strava mileage was a little out!

June and July were busy months as we attended the Archdeacon's Visitation to be sworn in as wardens again. It really is an honour and a pleasure to serve as your churchwardens. We continued our trend of being the best supported church on the night and also the best dressed!



The weather was better for this year's Flower Sermons and we were led by Leek Scout Band around the Parish. It was wonderful that Bishop Sam joined us to walk round and also lead the sermon slot. We know that he really enjoyed it. We are definitely going to persuade him to come back for Flower Sermons again at some point. Flower Sermons is a really important part of witness as we process around the Parish making our presence known and that St Paul's is alive and kicking and here for everyone!



We held our first Hymns and Pimm's event which was a great success! Lots of Pimm's consumed, lots of hymns sang and all under a beautiful June summer sky! The event will definitely make a welcome return. We, as a church, ran a stall at the Rainow Fete called the Krazy Kitchen! It certainly was crazy with hundreds of pots, cups and plates smashed up by busy fair go-ers! It was lovely to be part of the event on what was one of the hottest days of the year!

We took some time out in August as things were quieter. A chance to recharge the batteries for a busy end to the year! We attended the Rushbearing Service at Forest Chapel and it was such a wonderful service. The cake and biscuits afterwards were good too!



We started the Autumn by participating once again in the Macclesfield Heritage Open Weekend and having our building open for people to come and visit. We had more visitors than in 2024 visit, and all but 2 people were first time visitors into the church. Those that did come enjoyed learning about St Paul's and were wowed by the vastness of the church on their first visit and they also enjoyed a bacon butty courtesy of Saturday café! Good connections made that day.



We had two great fundraising nights; a race night and a beetle drive which everyone enjoyed. Harvest All Age Worship was well attended with our Uniformed Groups taking part and creating the most fabulous flower pot people that were on display inside the church on the window ledges. Harvest donations were passed on to the Silklife foodbank.

Our services into November continued and the service of Remembrance was well attended again. Time flew into Advent and we held our Christmas fair. It was a huge success raising over £1,600 for the first time.

Christmas All Age Worship was another great service with once again over 130 people attending. Everyone had a smile on their face and took away a positive message. Our Christmas Services were well received and it was lovely to welcome Year 5 and 6 from Puss Bank School for their Christmas Service with just over 350 people packed in the church! What a sight that was!



Churchyard Carols simply blew us away this year! A record of attendance of probably nearly 600 people packed the churchyard with people travelling a distance to attend. This is our single biggest event at Christmas and really captures the local community in a wonderful way. Once again, the weather was dry for us! Thank you to the fab Macclesfield Youth Brass band for accompanying us with their playing of the carols. An absolutely wonderful community evening.

Our Social Media presence remains strong with over 2,000 followers on Facebook, X (formally twitter) and Instagram. The Diocese often re-post what is going on in church and The Church of England have shared several of our posts too reaching out to over 10,000+ people country and worldwide! We have continued to record services and upload them onto YouTube nearly every week. Another great way to share our diverse range of worship styles!

We have continued to enjoy leading All Age Worship on a second Sunday and we have a monthly service pattern at St Paul's which includes everyone which is a real positive. It is wonderful to see the Ministry Team working so well together throughout this last year; something which has been lacking in the past.

When you look back on the year, so much happens in this wonderful place!. We have faced some tough challenges head on this year and this makes us stronger together and determined to ensure that St Paul's is the place to be to be close to God. At St Paul's we are a church not afraid to do something different and this sets us out from the rest. We need to make sure that this continues and grows stronger into 2026 .

We always make a point of saying that we know we don't always get everything right, but what we wont you to know is that we put our heart into everything we do to ensure that St Paul's is a place where we are living, loving, serving and growing together with God. We try to balance everything the best we can with our full time jobs.



Our Warden partnership works and works well as we have faith and our mutual respect for one another. Being the bestest of friends helps too as we can say it as it is to one another! Long may this continue and we are yet to fall out after several years of our wardenship together! 😊

With our love and grateful thanks, Nick & Matt x
Your Churchwardens.

FINANCE *Report*

Copies of the accounts are provided as a separate document, which includes notes showing the make-up of various categories of income and expenditure.

Overall we made a surplus of just over £20,000. This includes a further contribution from the estate of the late Brian Haslam of £16,875 (we received £62,500 in 2024). Removing the effect of this legacy, the surplus would be a more modest £3,500.

Once more there were many generous donations to the Roof Fund, which increased by almost £14,000.

Income from Planned Giving schemes and other 'Collections at services' (including receipts via the card machine) remained static. Gift Aid continued to make a substantial contribution to income. [I am always happy to answer questions on the options for giving!]

Parish Share paid to the diocese increased by 20% over 2024 due to an increase in 'clergy numbers' and reassessment of the parish's socio-economic status.

Running costs reduced substantially because there were no 'Major Works' undertaken during 2025.

Malcolm Brown | Treasurer

ROOF APPEAL *Fundraising Events*

HYMNS & PIMM'S

HORSE RACE NIGHT

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

MARATHON RUNNING SPONSORSHIP

COMMUNITY CAROLS IN THE CHURCHYARD

OUTWARD *Giving*

St Paul's PCC chooses International, National and Local charities to give to each year. Here are the 2025 charities chosen.

The Children's Society

East Cheshire Hospice
Where people come to live

HOSTEL ON GLEGG STREET
EMERGINGFUTURES
creating opportunity for change

HIGHLIGHTS *of the year*

Midweek Morning Prayer Services | Saturday Breakfast Café
Supporting East Cheshire Hospice Christmas Tree Collection
Weekly Toddler Group | Younger Generations Discovery Party
Continuing to support the Ukraine Aid Donations
Joint All Age Service with Rainow Parish | The Conversion of St Paul Service
Ash Wednesday Services | Family Board Game Afternoon
Stations of the Cross followed by a light lunch during Lent
Choral Evensong with St Christopher Choral Choir | Spring cleaning the church
Palm Crosses given to all children at Puss Bank Primary
Daffodils delivered around the Parish to sick, housebound
Church full on Mothering Sunday with all the Uniformed Groups
Passion Sunday Service | Maundy Thursday Agape Meal
Good Friday Family Craft Trail | Last Hour at the Cross Service
Baptisms | Service of Light on Easter Eve | Easter Day Eucharist
Annual Parochial Church Meeting | Wednesday Holy Communion Services
VE 80 Day Service and celebrating during the lunch club too!
Weddings | Ascension Evening Eucharist | Corpus Christi Evening Eucharist
Hosting Local and National Cursillo get-togethers and Workshops
Maintaining our Garden of Remembrance | Care of our pathways and grounds
Digital giving | Flower Sermons Parade around the Parish with Outdoor Service
with refreshments and games afterwards | Family Communion Services
Four Church Challenge | Archdeacon's Visitation | Hymns & Pimm's Fundraiser
Choral Evensong with St Paul's and Knutsford Deanery Choirs
Lunch Club | All Age Services | Parish Communion Services
Race night Fundraiser | Funerals | Heritage Open Day | Light Party
All Souls' Service | Harvest and Remembrance Services
Harvest Supper & Beetle Drive | Manchester marathon for the Roof Appeal
Puss Bank Academy Primary School Christmas Service | Christingle Service
Keeping connected with the Parish | Family Christmas Craft Trail
Community Carols in the churchyard with mulled wine and mince pies
Christmas Wreath Workshop | Nine Lessons and Carols Service
Serving Christmas Dinner to the Lunch Club members
Christmas Eve Crib Service | Midnight Mass | Christmas Day Celebration
Our 1st Blue Christmas informal Service | Our online community continues to grow

A YEAR *in photos*



































































SAFEGUARDING *Report*

The following documents were reviewed, updated and approved by the PCC

- Safeguarding Policy Statement.
- Parish Safeguarding Audit.
- Action Plan - making our Church a Safer Church.
- Policy Statement on the recruitment of ex-offenders.

Emma Dennehey, (Deputy PSO) and I continue to meet prior to every PCC meeting, to further update the Parish Safeguarding Data Dashboard, a vehicle by which we are able to manage and track our safeguarding responsibilities. A report is given at PCC meetings. It is pleasing to note we are 98% compliant with national safeguarding standards.

I continue to attend the termly local Diocesan networking meetings for PCSOs, held at Hurdsfield Church. These are useful in terms of sharing information at a local level with PCSOs from neighbouring churches and to receive any national updates.

All PCC members are having to update their safeguarding training documents this year, in terms of Basic/ Foundation and Domestic Abuse on line courses. This has to be done every three years in line with national safeguarding requirements.

Ann Harris | Parish Safeguarding Officer

CHOIR *Report*

Every Sunday there is a robed choir present in the chancel of St Paul's (apart from Aug). We meet once a month to practise the hymns planned for the upcoming services. We have had the honour of singing at quite a few funerals during the year.

We were excited to welcome Mike Thomas (a tenor) to the choir.





The highlights of the year were singing with Knutsford Deanery Choir leading Choral Evensong, Easter Services, Lessons and Carols and Christmas Services.

Thank you to the choir for their dedication and commitment in leading the music of St Paul's. Special thanks to our Music Leader Joan and our organists.

LUNCH *Club*

Another successful year with lunches being provided for around 40 clients, on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, culminating in a special Christmas Lunch in December. Thanks as always to the wonderful team of volunteers, who cheerfully organise the raffle and quiz, peel, chop, cook, bake, serve and washup!! It could not happen without you and is a real team effort.

This community event is enjoyed and appreciated by all who attend, for the good wholesome food, fellowship and support it provides.

Ann Harris, Ann Radford, Barbara Finney, Emma Dennehy, Janet Burrow, Jean Bennett, Joan Mottershead, Joy Wilson, Lynda Lomas, Mildred Cook, Rosie Brennan
The Lunch Club Team

PASTORAL *Care*

2025 proved to be a busy year pastoral wise. Several of our regular church members have suffered from health issues themselves, however we have been able to visit those members of the congregation who are housebound. Flowers were delivered to them on Mothering Sunday, after the flower sermons and also a harvest gift in October. Most of them receive a copy of our monthly newsletter which keeps them in touch with 'what's going on'. I am grateful for the support of Matthew and Nick in my work as Pastoral Assistant and also those who help deliver flowers and harvest bags.

Joan Mottershead

DEANERY SYNOD *Report*

We were able to attend with Simon all three Synod Meetings held during 2025.
The 2025 report from the Deanery Synod Lay Chair is below. We found them all very interesting and informative. Synod Meetings are open to all church members – not just Representatives - and we will continue to advertise these as they occur.

Jean Bennett, Anne Furphy, Joan Mottershead | St Paul's Deanery Synod Reps

There were three meetings of the Macclesfield Deanery Synod in 2025, the first of which was held at St James the Great Gawsworth on 24 March. We heard presentations from three of our representatives on General Synod. Julie Withers (Chair of the House of Laity on Diocesan Synod) spoke about not only her two terms on the General Synod but how she saw her role at Diocesan Synod. We then heard from Revd Tina Upton who is the Chair of the House of Clergy on Diocesan Synod. She spoke about her role on various committees and how her access to the Bishops allowed her to express views and opinions directly to them. Our final speaker was Sam Wilson who is a Youth Worker at Bowdon and he gave us an entertaining and highly interesting insight into being a younger person on General Synod.

On 11 September we met at in the Silklife centre in Macclesfield where Dan Blackman and his family hosted us with worship and a comprehensive talk about the work of the foodbank that is run from there.

We were also informed about the position of the reorganisation of the town centre parishes where progress has stalled due to being unable to achieve agreement on any specific plan. We had a short presentation about the situation for churches who wished to use gluten-free wafers.

To round the year off, we went to All Saints, Macclesfield on 19 November for a presentation from Mrs Sheena Wilson the Diocesan Lead Officer for Buildings and Environment. She spoke about the stewardship of our buildings and how planned preventative maintenance can help in this. In a wide-reaching and helpful talk, she led us through what we should be looking at to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 and this covered energy assessments, heating options and lighting.

Other information disseminated at the meeting covered the recycling of church candles, an update from the clergy conference, Bishop Mark's Strategy update from the recent Diocesan Synod and the Charity Commission's warnings to the Church of England about the speed of reforming its safeguarding procedures.

On 15 October Revd Lynn Caudwell was Licensed and Installed by the Bishop of Stockport as vicar of St Christopher Pott Shrigley.

The Rural Dean and Lay Chair continued to represent the Deanery on the Macclesfield Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Committee and the Diocesan Synod, and at the various meetings in the Archdeaconry for Rural Deans and Lay Chairs.

Richard Raymond | Deanery Synod Lay Chair

ELECTORAL *Roll*

A completely new Electoral Roll having been completed for the 2025 APCM, it has only been necessary this year for us to revise our roll. The number of those living in the Parish stands at 24, with 64 who do not live in the Parish but are regular worshippers. giving us a total of 88 (up from 86 last year).

Ann Harris | Electoral Roll Officer

UNIFORM *Groups*































TODDLER *Group*











St Paul's Toddler group has gone from strength to strength the past year, with high numbers most weeks, we have a really lovely group of regulars who make our sessions such a happy welcoming place for everyone.
The children love going into the church on special occasions and some have also attended services and other events held by St Paul's.
We are very much looking forward to another year of our toddler group and building more links within the church community.

Rosie Brennan | Toddler Group Leader

FAMILIES, CHILDREN & *Young People*

Every month our Sunday service pattern provides opportunities for families to attend more informal services. All Age Worhsip on the 2nd Sunday and Family Communion on the 4th Sunday.
The children & young people (CYP) team also provide regular termly events for families:

- Discovery (Magi visit) Party in January
- Good Friday Craft trail following the Easter story
- Light Party (positive alternative to Halloween)
- Christmas Craft Trail in December

These are always great fun, with a very special message and well attended.





























COMMUNITY *Mission*























The group continues to collect items for the population of Ukraine with an emphasis on clothing and some medical supplies. Donations come to the church office and are deposited in the hall for a Saturday collection and local house garage storage. Other donations arrive on a Saturday morning as a result of periodic requests through our Saturday kitchen posting which are sent out weekly to our café volunteers. Of course, we get repeated deliveries as more people become aware of this service. Other occasional appeals are made through normal church communication channels. Collections for sorting and transport to Ukraine have tended to be roughly on a monthly basis.

This financial year, the Saturday Community Café has attracted a footfall numbering some 1,845 people. Volunteer numbers are in the region of six to nine each Saturday. Five is about the bare minimum to keep the café running anything like smoothly. More volunteers are always welcome. Splendid work is done by these people who do volunteer – they keep the food coming: taking food and drink orders, washing up, cooking and serving the food, delivering to tables waiter-style, greeting and befriending our local community, offering a listening and caring ear where appropriate. It is to these volunteers that a debt of gratitude is owed. Several if not most would perhaps call themselves Christian and some of those attend other churches or denominations, some might profess to being non-Christian, but none could hardly claim to have nothing in common with the good Samaritan.

However, not all of our customers are in great need – they come because they have made and found friends, to bring and distribute their own fellowship. At least one customer has now become a regular volunteer.

Customers of course come from different backgrounds: particularly social, time of life, financial, belief systems to name but a few and there is a reward in seeing the integration which the café allows and the benefits it provides.

This year the café received £2,557 in donations – mostly over the counter. This approximately covered the costs of the café, including food and the Saturday newspapers. At this point it would be incorrect not to mention and give thanks for the weekly donations of left-over supermarket food and flowers brought to the café each Saturday for free distribution to the customers.

Finally, and not least, thanks are certainly due to the support provided by St Paul's clergy and the church itself which provides the hall and services; rent, heat and lighting in the name of love and care to the community.

Anne and David Furphy | Lead Volunteers

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St Paul's Macclesfield

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PCC of St Paul's, Macclesfield

2025 Accounts

Registered charity no: 1210861

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts					
Planned Giving		40,372.29	-	40,372.29	40,571.00
Collections at services (cash on plate)		5,759.02	-	5,759.02	5,438.17
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3a	26,382.06	10,376.20	36,758.26	96,069.57
Gift Aid recovered		13,467.47	1,925.25	15,392.72	13,206.49
		85,980.84	12,301.45	98,282.29	155,285.23
Activities for Generating Funds	3b	9,202.34	1,526.76	10,729.10	14,896.76
Investment income		4,780.88	-	4,780.88	1,569.16
Church activities	3c	5,754.50	-	5,754.50	8,471.20
Other receipts	3d	717.75	-	717.75	-
Total Receipts		**106,436.31**	**13,828.21**	**120,264.52**	**180,222.35**
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Parish Share		36,954.60	-	36,954.60	30,675.96
Clergy & staffing		22,211.38	-	22,211.38	21,233.28
Running expenses	3e	36,562.98	-	36,562.98	55,284.12
Mission giving & donations	3f	2,136.00	-	2,136.00	2,010.00
		97,864.96	-	97,864.96	109,203.36
Cost of generating funds		2,038.50	-	2,038.50	1,861.64
Other Payments	3g	-	-	-	577.75
Total Payments		**99,903.46**	**-**	**99,903.46**	**111,642.75**
Excess of receipts over payments		6,532.85	13,828.21	20,361.06	68,579.60
Transfers between funds	2	-	-	-	-
		6,532.85	13,828.21	20,361.06	68,579.60
Cash at bank and in hand at 1st Jan		75,615.46	38,832.54	114,448.00	45,868.40
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st Dec		82,148.31	52,660.75	134,809.06	114,448.00

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash in hand				1,271.28	788.70
Bank current account				11,130.89	16,033.29
Deposit funds				122,406.89	97,626.01
				134,809.06	114,448.00
Liabilities	4	140.00	-	140.00	-

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church of England Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. The movements in funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	73,402.23	102,233.81	97,864.96	2,265.00	80,036.08
Lunches	1,812.72	3,320.50	2,026.02	(1,425.00)	1,682.20
Toddlers	400.51	882.00	12.48	(840.00)	430.03
	75,615.46	**106,436.31**	**99,903.46**	**0.00**	**82,148.31**
Restricted Funds					
Roof Fund	36,985.98	13,828.21	-	-	50,814.19
Signs Fund	1,726.56	-	-	-	1,726.56
Spire Illumination Fund	120.00	-	-	-	120.00
	38,832.54	**13,828.21**	**-**	**-**	**52,660.75**

The General Fund benefitted from a second instalment of a legacy from the late Brian Haslam following an initial instalment in 2024. (see note 3a on next page).

The Lunches and Toddlers funds are designated for activities that are charged for. Both perform their activities under the auspices of the PCC. Periodic transfers are made to the General Fund.

The Roof Fund is restricted to a project to re-roof and refurbish the church building.

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3. Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Accounts

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	£	£	£	£
a) All other giving/voluntary receipts				
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Grants received	-	-	-	18,600.00
Legacy, J B Haslam	16,875.00	-	16,875.00	62,500.00
Executors of J B Walker	1,400.00	-	1,400.00	1,400.00
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b) Activities for Generating Funds				
Letting Fees	6,234.00	-	6,234.00	6,565.50
Fund Raising Activities	2,743.34	1,526.76	4,270.10	8,126.26
Mag Sales & Ads	225.00	-	225.00	205.00
	9,202.34	1,526.76	10,729.10	14,896.76
c) Church activities				
PCC Fees	4,276.40	-	4,276.40	4,276.40
Receipts from Lunches & Toddlers	4,194.80	-	4,194.80	4,194.80
	8,471.20	-	8,471.20	8,471.20
d) Other receipts				
Sequestration repaid by DBF	577.75	-	577.75	-
Fees due to DBF	140.00	-	140.00	-
	717.75	-	717.75	-
e) Church running expenses				
Gas & Electricity	8,471.72	-	8,471.72	6,945.86
Water	825.27	-	825.27	792.97
Insurance	7,622.30	-	7,622.30	7,383.52
Equip purch	339.98	-	339.98	-
Maint & Materials	7,988.46	-	7,988.46	4,889.76
Altar	1,339.15	-	1,339.15	1,000.91
Young People	48.70	-	48.70	239.95
Locum Organists	2,065.00	-	2,065.00	1,720.00
Catering	1,072.40	-	1,072.40	940.53
Office Costs	4,204.00	-	4,204.00	4,154.93
Mission	2,586.00	-	2,586.00	2,332.17
Major Works	-	-	-	24,878.00
	36,562.98	-	36,562.98	55,278.60

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f) Mission giving & donations				
Disasters Emergency C'tee	600.00	-	600.00	600.00
East Cheshire Hospice	901.00	-	901.00	400.00
MND Association	600.00	-	600.00	300.00
99th b'day gift, H Partington	10.00	-	10.00	-
Flowers for E. G.	5.00	-	5.00	-
In mem. Philip Englehard	20.00	-	20.00	-
British Red Cross	-	-	-	300.00
Crisis	-	-	-	300.00
Macclesfield Youth Brass	-	-	-	100.00
In mem. David Murray	-	-	-	10.00
	2,136.00	-	2,136.00	2,010.00
g) Other Payments	-	-	-	577.75

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4. Liabilities	140.00	-	140.00	-

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St Paul's Macclesfield

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PCC of St Paul's, Macclesfield

2025 Accounts

Registered charity no: 1210861

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary receipts					
Planned Giving		40,372.29	-	40,372.29	40,571.00
Collections at services (cash on plate)		5,759.02	-	5,759.02	5,438.17
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3a	26,382.06	10,376.20	36,758.26	96,069.57
Gift Aid recovered		13,467.47	1,925.25	15,392.72	13,206.49
		85,980.84	12,301.45	98,282.29	155,285.23
Activities for Generating Funds	3b	9,202.34	1,526.76	10,729.10	14,896.76
Investment income		4,780.88	-	4,780.88	1,569.16
Church activities	3c	5,754.50	-	5,754.50	8,471.20
Other receipts	3d	717.75	-	717.75	-
Total Receipts		**106,436.31**	**13,828.21**	**120,264.52**	**180,222.35**
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Parish Share		36,954.60	-	36,954.60	30,675.96
Clergy & staffing		22,211.38	-	22,211.38	21,233.28
Running expenses	3e	36,562.98	-	36,562.98	55,284.12
Mission giving & donations	3f	2,136.00	-	2,136.00	2,010.00
		97,864.96	-	97,864.96	109,203.36
Cost of generating funds		2,038.50	-	2,038.50	1,861.64
Other Payments	3g	-	-	-	577.75
Total Payments		**99,903.46**	**-**	**99,903.46**	**111,642.75**
Excess of receipts over payments		6,532.85	13,828.21	20,361.06	68,579.60
Transfers between funds	2	-	-	-	-
		6,532.85	13,828.21	20,361.06	68,579.60
Cash at bank and in hand at 1st Jan		75,615.46	38,832.54	114,448.00	45,868.40
Cash at bank and in hand at 31st Dec		82,148.31	52,660.75	134,809.06	114,448.00

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash in hand				1,271.28	788.70
Bank current account				11,130.89	16,033.29
Deposit funds				122,406.89	97,626.01
				134,809.06	114,448.00
Liabilities	4	140.00	-	140.00	-

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church of England Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. The movements in funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal c/fwd
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	73,402.23	102,233.81	97,864.96	2,265.00	80,036.08
Lunches	1,812.72	3,320.50	2,026.02	(1,425.00)	1,682.20
Toddlers	400.51	882.00	12.48	(840.00)	430.03
	75,615.46	**106,436.31**	**99,903.46**	**0.00**	**82,148.31**
Restricted Funds					
Roof Fund	36,985.98	13,828.21	-	-	50,814.19
Signs Fund	1,726.56	-	-	-	1,726.56
Spire Illumination Fund	120.00	-	-	-	120.00
	38,832.54	**13,828.21**	**-**	**-**	**52,660.75**

The General Fund benefitted from a second instalment of a legacy from the late Brian Haslam following an initial instalment in 2024. (see note 3a on next page).

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