The Parish of All Saints Earls Barton



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Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Earls Barton
for the year ended
31st December 2025

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The Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church, Earls Barton

Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st December 2025

Aim and Purpose

All Saints Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Jenny Bland, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. As well as the Church itself, which is a Grade I Listed Building, the PCC is also responsible for maintaining the Church Hall, a Grade II Listed Building.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to our vision that we want to grow in our faith, in our impact, in our numbers. We want to be known as the heart of our village, a place where everyone belongs and to be a hub from which good news shine into our community. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- **Welcoming buildings –** To better value and share our historic buildings and ensure our Church and Hall are welcoming, accessible and user-friendly to all
- **Encountering God –** For prayer, worship and discipleship to be at the heart of all we do and to offer a variety of ways for Earls Barton to learn and experience the love of the Living God.
- **Children & Youth –** To prioritise children, teenagers and young families in our church community, to support their growth in faith and invest in their spiritual needs as they help to shape our church
- **Loving Service –** To love in action: to serve the needs and strengthen our community to be visible and on the frontline in social justice and in caring for creation.

Achievements and Performance

Welcoming Buildings

Church

2024 was a disappointing year with regard to our desire to remove the pews and enable the church building to become a more multifunctional space. The PCC agreed the only way forward was to appoint a conservation architect to produce plans which the DAC would approve. Because of his enthusiasm for the project, and despite everything else he does, Derek Bish kindly agreed to act as point of contact between the PCC and the architect. The DAC want to see a phased project of everything we want to achieve in the re-ordering, so the architect has looked at what we have and has produced plans to:

- Phase 1 Remove pews, create a level floor space, and while doing so, upgrade the heating system.
- Phase 2 Install an accessible toilet and servery with sink.
- Phase 3 Consider changes to achieve carbon net zero

We are only focusing in detail on Phase 1, but hope to have costings and documentation to send a provisional submission to the DAC in early 2026. The funding for the work of the architect has been taken from our investment fund. The funding for the actual works will need to be raised through grants etc.

The Quinquennial Report finally arrived in the summer, nearly twelve months after the survey had been carried out. There is a list of minor works which our community Maintenance Manager, Allan Hamilton, and Tower Captain, Andy Smith have started to address. There are also recommendations for repairs to stonework and monuments which we need the advice of our stonemason on.

Allan Hamilton has also been very helpful in organising PAT Testing, surveying the lightening conductor system, arranging a Fire Risk Assessment report and getting the fire extinguishers serviced. As someone who is not part of our church family, but passionate about old buildings, and with a wealth of experience in these areas, we are very grateful for his help.

Hall

The church hall continues to have high occupancy during school term time, and acts as a community venue for many village groups. Sincere thanks go to Dave Lawrence, who as our Hall Manager continues to ensure the hall is clean and safe for all the users, and for keeping on top of miscellaneous maintenance issues. Also, to David Hylden our Hall Booking Secretary and Treasurer, for doing all the administration.

With regard to the upgrade project, sadly the offer of free help from a professional fund raiser did not materialise. The church applied for two grants during the summer and was successful in obtaining a grant of £12,000 from the Benefact Trust, but the second application was declined. The process makes clear how much time this all takes, and that there really is value in knowing who you are approaching, and the criteria they want to see. The PCC therefore agreed to use £4,000 from the Hall Fund to pay a professional fund raising company to help us achieve a budget of approx. £200,000 to replace the roof and windows, repoint the stonework and upgrade external surfaces. We hope some progress will finally be made in early 2026

Encountering God

At the beginning of the year, we focused on Living in Love and Faith (LLF). This is a CofE initiative considering inclusivity, in all its forms, of all people, but also of the blessing of same sex marriages. A large proportion of our church family engaged in discussions, watched videos, listened to real life experiences, and ultimately completed a questionnaire to assess opinions. The general outcome was that as a church family we are very engaged in this topic, considering it an important issue to address. The questionnaire indicated that approx. 80% of our church family would be in favour of offering a blessing for a same sex marriage, approx. 11% were against or undecided.

Following this outcome the PCC discussed how to proceed. The General Synod have issued a document for the blessing of a same sex marriage which can be given during an ordinary service, and the PCC and Jenny agreed that we would be happy to offer this if asked. However, the debate to go further is still ongoing within the General Synod, so that is as far as we can go at the moment. The PCC strongly enforce the message that our church is open to everyone, and everyone is welcome.

A new Monday afternoon prayer group has started, and the Discipleship Groups continue to thrive.

Children and Youth

We were delighted to be able to continue to employ Sarah Howes as our part-time Children's Youth and Families worker (shared with another local church) for another year. Plans are in place to establish closer ties to the local Primary School and Messy Church, a joint venture with Earls Barton Methodists, began on a regular basis. We put in place a new fully intergenerational service focusing on: "Elevating children, engaging adults and enjoying God". All our main Sunday services aim to reflect our intergenerational values.

Loving Service

We know most of our church family have "service" in their hearts! It might be by serving our church family by being on a rota, or helping at community outreach events during the Village Festival, Soap Box Derby, Arts on The Square, and the ground breaking "HALO exhibition" in April.

We have also served our planet through the efforts of Wild @ All Saints in the churchyard, and Nicola Smith bringing Fairtrade to our village through our own shop and by working with local businesses to make EB a Fairtrade Village. Others listen to children read in school, or visit older people in their homes, all activities carried out "in the name of the church".

The relaunch of The Friends of All Saints saw a welcome influx of new people wanting to be involved in looking after our church building, so thank you to those behind this initiative to encourage service in others.

Equally, so many of us are involved serving others through other organisations, volunteering at the Food Bank and Daylight Centre, volunteering in the Library, campaigning for a better world, looking out for a neighbour, making quilts and knitting clothes for those who need them, and so much more.

Other Activities

The PCC publishes in, March each year, a separate document containing full reports and details of the many organisations and groups that are part of our Church family. Activities range from Bell Ringing, the Carer's Café, Fairtrade to the Choir and the BIBS & BOBS new baby group. A copy of these reports can be obtained on request.

Financial Review

Income from regular giving rose by 9.6% and one-off donations by 40% over 2024. The Church is hugely grateful to all those who continue to give regularly to the work of All Saints. Donations now make up 61% of total income and are essential to sustaining our church community and its mission in Earls Barton. Events and activities in church continue to be a useful source of additional income. The only items of exceptional expenditure were those that the PCC agreed to pay towards the re-ordering project: Architect Fees and a full measured survey of the Church building totalling £6,528. These were covered by a transfer of £10,000 from the Church and Clock Investment Fund. The Parish Share (£71,104) was, once again, paid in full and reserves remained above the policy limit at £25,848.

Total income for 2025 was £112,687 with total expenditure being £127,102. The overall deficit was £14,464. £10,000 of that deficit was recovered by the transfer from the Church and Clock Trust account leaving and operational deficit of £4,464. The General Fund reserves at year end were £25,848.

Looking ahead into 2026, All Saints continues to face the challenge of paying the Parish Share request which has risen again by £2,658 to £73,762. Other expenditure on utilities, insurances and administration remain largely stable and, therefore, the only areas of discretion regarding expenditure for the PCC are the Parish Share and the Away Giving to nominated Charities. It is hoped that the generosity of the church family and of those visiting the church will continue to see increases in income in 2026 as they did in 2025.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has resolved to maintain a balance on our General (unrestricted) Fund, which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments (currently £25,000) to cover emergencies. As of 31st December, our general reserves were only just above the lower limit of £25,000 and this may lead to some hard decisions regarding income and expenditure in 2026. The Fabric Fund balance, including reserves of almost £10,000, is retained towards the cost of significant repairs and replacements. The Charity does hold a number of investments with CCLA as detailed in the Financial Statements but these are all Restricted Funds and are not part of our Reserves.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). SAFEGUARDING IN OUR CHURCH IS A TOP PRIORITY and so special thanks for their service is our Safeguarding Team of Philip Clayton, Jacky Elvin and Sandra Jordan.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our especial thanks go to our Churchwardens, Helen Winrow and especially David Timms who stood down at the APCM.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met five times during the year.

Administrative Information

The church is situated at High Street, Earls Barton and is part of the Deanery of Wellingborough in the Diocese of Peterborough. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 7 High Street, Earls Barton, NN6 0JG. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Our Trustees and PCC members who have served in 2025 were:

Ex Officio		
Vicar	Rev Jenny Bland	Chair – on maternity leave from November 2025
Reader	Simon Elvin	Vice Chair
Churchwardens	Helen Winrow	
	David Timms	Resigned in May 2025
Pastoral Assistants	Grace Ogoe	
	Carol Coleman	
Children's & Youth Worker	Sarah Howes	
Elected Members	Derek Bish	Treasurer to the PCC
	Alison Clayton	PCC Secretary resigned in May 2025
	David Hylden	
	Geoffrey Hodges	
	Jacqueline Elvin	
	Charlotte Nobbs	Resigned in May 2025
	Michael Brown	Resigned in May 2025
	Jill Timms	Resigned in May 2025
	Margaret Bish	From May 2025
	Suzanne Turvey	PCC Secretary from May 2025

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by:



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Simon Elvin – Vice Chair

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS EARLS BARTON		
On accounts for the year ended	2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1211028
Set out on pages	3-7		

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 trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	C. Macpherson	**Date:**	7/3/2026
Name:	Craig Macpherson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CGMA Certified Global Management Accountant (CIMA)		
Address:	65 The Drive, Northampton, NN1 4SJ		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	1) Review new SORP tiers for 2026/27 re prepayments and accruals 2) Provide evidence behind Direct Debit payments

All Saints Church, Earls Barton
Financial Statements year ending 31st December 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	68,761.98	-	-	68,761.98	58,871.15
Income from charitable activities	3,730.51	-	-	3,730.51	5,296.89
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	17,373.88	-	-	17,373.88	18,813.88
Other income	22,771.33	-	-	22,771.33	24,579.87
Total income	**112,637.70**	**-**	**-**	**112,637.70**	**107,561.79**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	127,102.05	-	-	127,102.05	107,577.77
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	21.25
Total expenditure	**127,102.05**	**-**	**-**	**127,102.05**	**107,599.02**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(14,464.35)**	**-**	**-**	**(14,464.35)**	**(37.23)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	26,541.08	-	-	26,541.08	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(16,541.08)	(10,000.00)	-	(26,541.08)	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	(1,650.97)	(22,480.48)	-	(24,131.45)	630,125.98
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	19,839.74
Net movement in funds	**(6,115.32)**	**(32,480.48)**	**-**	**(38,595.80)**	**649,928.49**
Total funds brought forward	**121,707.13**	**571,191.99**	**-**	**692,899.12**	**42,970.63**
Total funds carried forward	**115,591.81**	**538,711.51**	**-**	**654,303.32**	**692,899.12**

Represented by

Unrestricted					
General Fund	25,848.06	-	-	25,848.06	38,997.77
Designated					
CCLA AD Ingram Fund	21,029.27	-	-	21,029.27	19,839.74
CCLA E Whitworth Spinster Fund	1,263.07	-	-	1,263.07	1,326.57
CCLA GL Whitworth For The Poor	55,236.67	-	-	55,236.67	58,013.67
Children's Work	7,937.33	-	-	7,937.33	1,296.38
Choir Funds	286.00	-	-	286.00	286.00
Ignite Youth Fund	-	-	-	-	1,947.00
Intern Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Messy Church	519.41	-	-	519.41	-
Re-Ordering Fund	3,472.00	-	-	3,472.00	-
Restricted					
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-
CCLA Church And Clock Investment Fund	-	527,665.22	-	527,665.22	560,020.00
Fabric Fund	-	11,046.29	-	11,046.29	11,171.99
Total funds	**115,591.81**	**538,711.51**	**-**	**654,303.32**	**692,899.12**

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Current assets			
B810	Barclays Current Account	38,227.28	43,148.08
B820	Cash In Hand	333.02	49.53
B830	CCLA Fabric Investment Fund	10,640.04	10,765.74
B840	CCLA Earls Barton Church and Clock Investment Fund	527,665.22	560,020.00
B850	CCLA AD Ingram Memorial Fund	21,029.27	19,839.74
B860	CCLA E Whitworth Spinster Fund	1,263.07	1,326.57
B870	CCLA GL Whitworth for the Poor	55,236.67	58,013.67
	Total Current assets	**654,394.57**	**693,163.33**
Liabilities			
6699	Agency collections	91.25	264.21
	Total Liabilities	**91.25**	**264.21**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**654,303.32**	**692,899.12**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(14,464.35)	(37.23)
Z01	Starting balances	692,899.12	42,970.63
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(24,131.45)	630,125.98
Z03	Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	-	19,839.74
	Total Reserves	**654,303.32**	**692,899.12**
	Represented by Funds		
	General (Unrestricted)	25,848.06	38,997.77
	Designated	89,743.75	82,709.36
	Restricted	538,711.51	571,191.99
	Total	**654,303.32**	**692,899.12**

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
R110 - Stewardship - Standing Orders	1,610.00	-	-	-	1,610.00	850.00
R111 - Stewardship - Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
R112 - Cash on plate - all services	682.22	-	-	-	682.22	-
R120 - Gift Aided Diocese SOs	56,474.30	537.95	-	-	57,012.25	52,665.10
R121 - Retiring Collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
R122 - One off gifts	6,795.01	200.00	-	-	6,995.01	4,910.25
R125 - Fabric Box	-	-	-	-	-	-
R127 - Funeral and Wedding Collections	210.00	-	-	-	210.00	262.00
R134 - Baptism Collections	252.50	-	-	-	252.50	183.80
R150 - Legacies	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	-
Donations and legacies Totals	**68,024.03**	**737.95**	**-**	**-**	**68,761.98**	**58,871.15**
Income from charitable activities						
R210 - Fundraising Events	2,389.11	-	-	-	2,389.11	3,413.96
R213 - Christmas Tree Festival	-	-	-	-	-	-
R215 - Societies use of Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
R216 - Bellringers	-	-	-	-	-	-
R260 - Books and Souvenirs	-	-	-	-	-	-
R450 - Allotment Rent	300.00	-	-	-	300.00	300.00
R459 - Hall Insurance	1,041.40	-	-	-	1,041.40	1,582.93
Income from charitable activities Totals	**3,730.51**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,730.51**	**5,296.89**
Other trading activities						
Other trading activities Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Investments						
R310 - Deposit Income	9.19	-	-	-	9.19	-
R330 - CBF Income Fund	15,742.11	-	-	-	15,742.11	17,233.84
R331 - CBF Income - Whitworth Fund	1,622.58	-	-	-	1,622.58	1,580.04
Investments Totals	**17,373.88**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**17,373.88**	**18,813.88**
Other income						
R115 - Other Diocese Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
R124 - Charity Support Function	-	-	-	-	-	-
R130 - Tax Recoverable	1,317.01	-	-	-	1,317.01	1,612.50

R132 - Wedding Fees	7,064.00	-	-	-	7,064.00	3,575.00
R136 - Funeral Fees	3,386.00	-	-	-	3,386.00	3,041.00
R140 - Grants	6,177.73	-	-	-	6,177.73	15,532.18
R142 - Floodlights - Grant	1,278.07	-	-	-	1,278.07	-
R211 - Amazon	-	-	-	-	-	-
R212 - Friends	-	-	-	-	-	-
R460 - Hall Power	2,267.39	-	-	-	2,267.39	789.19
R530 - Other Income	1,281.13	-	-	-	1,281.13	30.00
Other income Totals	**22,771.33**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**22,771.33**	**24,579.87**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**111,899.75**	**737.95**	**-**	**-**	**112,637.70**	**107,561.79**
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
X110 - Stewardship Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
X120 - Grant bid costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
X310 - Giving - Home	4,000.00	-	-	-	4,000.00	4,100.00
X311 - Giving - Overseas	-	-	-	-	-	-
X312 - Giving - Secular	-	-	-	-	-	-
X320 - Clergy Discretionary Giving	55.00	-	-	-	55.00	-
X321 - Parish Share	71,104.00	-	-	-	71,104.00	68,042.07
X322 - Other Diocese payments	2,704.00	-	-	-	2,704.00	3,327.00
X323 - Training and Education	-	-	-	-	-	-
X324 - Church Together	-	-	-	-	-	-
X325 - Intern Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
X330 - Vicars Expenses	249.20	-	-	-	249.20	208.94
X331 - Communion and service expenses	465.87	-	-	-	465.87	442.10
X332 - Vergers Expenses	305.98	-	-	-	305.98	165.00
X334 - Readers Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
X335 - Visiting Clergy	347.20	-	-	-	347.20	-
X340 - Repairs and Maintenance	974.22	6,528.00	-	-	7,502.22	1,849.07
X341 - Insurance	5,923.14	-	-	-	5,923.14	5,106.23
X342 - Gas - Church	3,039.46	-	-	-	3,039.46	3,329.22
X343 - Electricity - Church	3,579.70	-	-	-	3,579.70	2,168.06
X344 - Power - Hall	29.65	-	-	-	29.65	-
X345 - Floodlights	992.20	-	-	-	992.20	696.86

X350 - Telephone	1,178.10	-	-	-	1,178.10	1,038.42
X352 - Alarm	477.60	-	-	-	477.60	747.60
X353 - Boiler	-	-	-	-	-	-
X354 - Sound System	-	-	-	-	-	90.00
X356 - Organ repairs and maintenance	260.00	-	-	-	260.00	692.00
X359 - Quinquennial Inspection	1,033.63	-	-	-	1,033.63	1,440.00
X360 - Office costs	287.43	-	-	-	287.43	-
X361 - Postage and Stationery	86.37	-	-	-	86.37	53.98
X362 - Printing and Publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-
X370 - Administration	2,445.89	-	-	-	2,445.89	8,885.33
X371 - Cleaner - Salary	1,258.00	-	-	-	1,258.00	1,144.00
X372 - Youth Worker - Salary	-	9,895.49	-	-	9,895.49	-
X373 - Administrator - Salary	4,592.41	-	-	-	4,592.41	-
X410 - Churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	161.98
X420 - Social expenses	558.97	-	-	-	558.97	-
X430 - Children & Families Work	38.63	223.18	-	-	261.81	294.91
X450 - Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
X460 - Outreach & Discipleshgip	-	-	-	-	-	-
X491 - Organist costs - funded	1,686.88	-	-	-	1,686.88	1,640.00
X492 - Choir	440.00	-	-	-	440.00	-
X493 - Bellringers	870.00	-	-	-	870.00	620.00
X500 - Events	1,051.85	-	-	-	1,051.85	1,235.00
X520 - PCC Governance	420.00	-	-	-	420.00	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**110,455.38**	**16,646.67**	**-**	**-**	**127,102.05**	**107,577.77**
Other expenditure						
X510 - Independent Examiner	-	-	-	-	-	21.25
X610 - Purchase of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
X620 - Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**21.25**
Expenditure Grand totals	**110,455.38**	**16,646.67**	**-**	**-**	**127,102.05**	**107,599.02**