Annual Report and Accounts

of the Parochial Church Council of

Cassop cum Quarrington with Bowburn

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Christ The King Centre, Bowburn. Charity Registration Number 520741

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Year Ended 31 December 2025

Report of the Parochial Church Council

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Background
The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the priest in charge in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church of Christ the King.

Membership
Membership of the PCC is either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.
During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest in charge:	Fr. John Livesley
Wardens:	Mrs Heather Kelly
	Mrs Gladys Mugambi
Deputy Warden	Mrs Stacey Bath
Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	
	Mrs Doreen Thompson
Secretary:	Mrs D Thomspn
Treasurer:	Mrs Janet Punshon
Lay Reader	Mr Greg Round
Assistant Curate	Father Gareth Gladman
Elected Members:	Mrs Mary Armstrong
	Mr Kevin Barber
	Mr James Kamau
	Mrs Sue Maxwell
	Mr Martin Ndiwa
	Mrs Maureen Robinson
	Ms Fida Marryam Sohail

Committees
The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC

Standing Committee:
This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Fabric and Finance Committee:
Oversees the general financial dimension of the work of the parish by monitoring income and expenditure. Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of the church buildings and fabric, the churchyard at Quarrington Hill and the Vicarage.

Social Committee:
Organises and co-ordinates social occasions throughout the year which give parishioners an opportunity for fellowship. Some of these events will raise money for PCC funds. One event each year raises money for a charitable cause other than the parish.

Church attendance

A new Church Electoral Roll was formed in 2025. There were 51 members on the new Church Electoral Roll for 2025, 16 of whom are not resident within the parish.

The usual Sunday attendance, counted during October was 35, but this number increased at festivals and baptisms.

Review of the year

The Parochial Church Council, under the chairmanship of the parish priest, has overall legal and moral responsibility for the parish's mission, activities, finance and building. The PCC met for full meetings on seven occasions through the year and for one short meeting after the Sunday 11am mass to deal with urgent items of business. (Technically on these occasions the PCC meets as its standing committee but attendance is open to any PCC members present).

Parish share was £14,000 which was paid in full.

The food bank established in 2022 continues to run in a weekly basis. The appointment of the grant-funded parish nurse has proved to be successful and her excellent work continues one day per week in Bowburn.

Father Gareth Gladman's work and ministry as our assistant curate has been invaluable to our parish. This has contributed to the steady increase of new worshippers who are getting involved in our church life, which is modelling unity and diversity.

Throughout 2025 we were delighted to continue to receive and welcome a steady stream of new worshippers, many of whom originate in other parts of the world; giving us a precious opportunity to model in our small village congregation the unity in diversity to which Christ calls his whole church. Long may it continue. At the other end of the scale, in December we were saddened by the sudden death of our friend Keith Armstrong, after more than 60 years of service to Christ the King. We commended his soul to God's keeping in the early weeks of 2026. We also received a very generous gift from the family of the late Fr. John Stringer, in his memory.

Along with St. Andrew's our young people enjoyed their first away weekend for many years, at Ninebanks YHA in Allendale, and we also hosted a Summer Club for Durham County Council, and a Youth Ministry Development Day for the Bishop of Beverley, in which several of our teenagers shared their stories of faith

On behalf of the PCC

Date 29/7/2026

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Fr John Livesley (Priest in Charge)

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Cassop cum Quarrington with Bowburn

Year Ended 31 December 2025

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations) and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date 14/9/2026

Parish of Cassop cum Quarrington with Bowburn
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st December 2025

		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	31-Dec-24 Total Funds £
Income and endowments:						
Donations and legacies	2	29,203	-	7,820	37,023	22,539
Activities for generating funds	3	4,456	-	-	4,456	4,598
Fundraising	4	6,553	310	-	6,863	4,725
Total income		40,211	310	7,820	48,341	31,862
Expenditure on:						
Activities related to church work	5	33,475	6,450	4,960	44,885	44,595
Fundraising expenses		100	-	-	100	107
Total expenditure		33,575	6,450	4,960	44,985	44,702
Net movement in funds		6,636	(6,140)	2,860	3,356	(12,841)
Total funds brought forward		16,320	163,402	2,000	181,722	194,562
Total funds carried forward		22,956	157,263	4,860	185,079	181,721

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Balance Sheet

Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	(6)	155,517	161,858
Current Assets:			
Debtors and prepayments		-	2,948
Cash in hand		99	97
Bank current account		24,198	10,172
Bank deposit account		5,266	7,064
		29,563	20,281
Current Liabilities:			
Loans from Parishioners		-	-
Creditors and accrued expenses		-	(418)
		-	(418)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		29,563	19,863
Total net assets		£ 185,079	£ 181,721
Parish funds			
Unrestricted funds		22,956	16,320
Designated funds	(7)	157,263	163,401
Restricted Funds	(8)	4,860	2,000
		£ 185,079	181,721

Fr John Livesley (Priest in charge)

Date: 29/7/2026

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Year Ended 31 December 2025

Notes to the Accounts

(1) Accounting policies

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income
Collections are recognised when made.
Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.
Income tax recoverable on covenanted donations is recognised when claimable.
Funds raised by the fairs, bingo and other fundraising events are accounted for gross.
Parochial fees due for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for on an event by event basis.
Deposit interest is accounted for when received.

Expenditure
The Parish Share is accounted for when paid and any share unpaid at 31 December is shown as a note to the accounts.

Fixed Assets
Consecrated and dedicated property and moveable church furnishings
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011
Dedicated property is capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements over its anticipated useful economic life of 50 years.
Moveable church furnishings held by the Priest in charge and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated.
Other fixtures and fittings
Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 years.

Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees or other income are shown as debtors.

Current Liabilities
Amounts owed by the PCC at 31 December in respect of expenses are shown as accrued expenses.

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Year Ended 31st December 2025

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

(2) Donations and legacies	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Envelopes and covenants	17,821	-	17,821	16,176
Income tax (Gift Aid) recovered	5,910	-	5,910	3,830
Loose plate	1,115	-	1,115	1,079
Occasional collections	510	-	510	430
Special collections	-	-	-	-
Flower fund donations	-	-	-	-
Grants received	-	7,820	7,820	-
Value of donated assets				
Donations	3,847	-	3,847	1,024
	29,203	7,820	37,023	22,539

(3) Activities for generating funds	2025 £	2024 £
Fees	669	226
Other income	3,787	4,372
	4,456	4,598

Other income	General Fund 2025 £	Building Fund 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Votive candles	82	-	98
Tea/coffee money	298	-	239
Hall Hire	2,900	-	3,443
Miscellaneous	507		592
	£ 3,787	-	£ 4,372

(4) Fundraising	2025 £	2024 £
General Fund:		
Fayres	3,395	3,153
Easter/December raffles	485	300
Irish Night	-	185
Pie and Peas	156	165
Coronation Event	-	348
Harvest Supper	212	-
Police choir	245	-
Pancake Evening	340	-
Bingo	547	-
Quiz nights	1,173	-
	6,553	4,151
Church Building Fund:		
100 Club		574
Bingo	110	
Other	200	-
	310	574
	£ 6,863	£ 4,725

(5) Activities directly related to church work

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Parish share	14,000	-	-	14,000	16,000
Clergy expenses	1,181	-	-	1,181	1,777
Upkeep of services	2,330	-	-	2,330	3,308
Organist's fees	1,710	-	-	1,710	1,830
Vergers fees	-	-	-	-	-
Flowers	-	-	-	-	-
Heat, light and water	3,468	-	-	3,468	3,228
Repairs and maintenance	7,120	-	-	7,120	9,611
Insurance	1,024	-	-	1,024	1,001
Cleaner's costs	-	-	-	-	-
Fees to Diocese	-	-	-	-	-
Children and youth activities	-	-	2,960	2,960	
Sundries	1,565	-	-	1,565	-
Printing and stationery	397	-	-	397	900
Lease of photocopier	-	-	-	-	-
Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture/Fixtures & Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	6,342	-	6,342	6,941
Parish Nurse and repairs	-	108	2,000	2,108	-
Grants:			-		
Donations	680	-	-	680	-
	33,475	6,450	4,960	44,885	44,595

The Diocesan Parish Share for the year ended 31 December 2025 was £14,000, which was paid in full

(6) Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Building	Organ & furniture	Total
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	227,279	52,901	280,180
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	227,279	52,901	280,180
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	72,606	45,716	118,322
Charge for the year	4,546	1,796	6,342
At 31 December 2025	77,151	47,512	124,663
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	150,128	5,389	155,517
At 31 December 2024	154,673	7,185	161,858

(7) Designated Funds

The movement on designated funds during the year was as follows:

	Note	Church Building Fund
		£
As at 1 January 2025		163,401
Add: Income		
Grants received		-
Donations		-
Occasional collections		-
Income tax		-
Fundraising	(4)	310
Interest received		-
		310
Less: Expenditure		
Repairs and maintenance		108
Depreciation		6,342
Organ & furniture		-
Profit on disposal		-
Bank charges and interest		-
Fundraising expenses		-
		6,450
As at 31 Dec 2025		£ 157,261

(8) Restricted Funds	£
As at 1 January 2025	2,000
Add: Income	
Grants received	7,820
Less expenditure	
Parish Nurse	(2,000)
Children and youth activities	(2,960)
As at 31 December 2025	4,860

Restricted funds of £4,860 relates to grants received from Durham County Council for children's activities.