

A nighttime photograph of Christ Church Dore. The church's stone walls and a tall, narrow tower are illuminated by warm yellow lights. Bare tree branches frame the top and sides of the image. In the foreground, a cemetery is visible with several tombstones, including a large cross on the left and a wooden fence on the right. The church's arched entrance is lit up, and a person can be seen standing near the doorway.

Christ Church Dore Annual Report 2025

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Welcome by Rev Andrew Patrick Priest in Charge Christ Church Dore

Wow, what a year!

Firstly, let me take you to a scene. It is Easter Morn, at first light, and a charcoal fire is burning brightly, as the dawn chorus leads our worship. We are gathered together by the magnificent oak doors of the new entrance to Christ Church Dore and the time has finally arrived. This is the moment we have been waiting for, aching for, praying and working tirelessly for.

We light the paschal candle and pray these words:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.*

The light of Christ

Thanks be to God

And we are here, together, ready to *step into the light* of our resurrected Lord and his resurrection faith on this new day in our beautifully restored and reordered Dore Parish Church. Alleluia!

It was quite a journey getting here but here we now are and we are so grateful. By hook or by crook (and good bit of prayer) we have made it and are so appreciative of all the hard work of many to get us to this point.

Our year began *on tour*, once again, with our contractors T&C Williams diligently labouring away to keep the project on track – special mention to our site manager, Dean Robinson, and MD, Andrew Phillips. They were graciously coaxed all the way by our client's representative, Martin Blower who ensured that the project remained both economically viable and on the right track. Of course, in naming people specifically the problem always is that you leave people out – apologies if this is you! ... *'and your Father who sees in secret will reward you...'*

Our congregation have shown remarkable resilience, grace, and goodwill during our period of exile – what a wonderfully special group of people. Also, the generosity! I've been blown away by what people in our church have given – to provide over 60% of a £1.3m project is remarkable. We are so blessed.

Naturally, there was excitement about our return to the church building and it felt like such a significant and meaningful opportunity to do this on Easter Day.

We marked the special moment of our reopening with three *in house* commissions – a glorious piece of choral music written by Robin Condliffe called 'On Easter Morn', a wonderful poem by Sue Knights entitled 'All things new', and a beautiful illustration of the new entrance by Helena Mackevych.

At the 10am service on Easter Day we had well over 200 people in attendance and were led in sung worship by our very own Christ Church Dore Community Easter Choir.

The next Sunday we enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt and *Egg-tivity* service, particularly aimed at children in the village. And, then, a week later we welcomed the Bishop of Sheffield, Pete Wilcox, for our official rededication – a truly joyful and special time of blessing.

The reordered space has provided exactly what we wanted it to do so – a warm and welcoming space that is adaptable, accessible and hospitable, retaining its historic beauty, and yet filled with light and brightness.

The scriptures are full of references to light and so too now our church building is full of light, pointing to a greater light. Our churches must always point to Jesus.

Two events in particular stand out in my mind that demonstrated the new potential of the space. The first was the incredible *Drawn to Imperfection* exhibition by Dave Nevard (with accompanying book along with reflections by David Painting) that Shirley Hollis organised in September. Such an innovative use of the space, and, as above, pointing to Jesus.

The second, was the *Bring and Bounce* post-service event in November with inflatables filling the church along with a bunch of excited children and young families sharing in loving community. ‘*Let the little children come to me...*’ Jesus loved a party.

These are just the beginnings of the plans that the Lord has for this building, for us and for our village.

Last year, I mentioned that the clue to our mission lies in our name – Christ Church Dore. Now that we have a beautifully reordered church building we can embrace this call in a fresh way – loving Christ, being church and serving Dore.

I’m so excited for all that awaits. With love, deep gratitude and my prayers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy". The script is fluid and cursive, with the 'A' and 'y' being particularly prominent.

Rev'd Andy Patrick



All Are Welcome



History
Talk



Wreath
Making



Art
Exhibition



Steel City Choir



Music Bingo



We welcomed the community into the church building for many events, including:

- Open Day with talks on the history of the church building.
- An art exhibition.
- Music bingo
- Wreath making
- Regular Children's activities.
- Concerts by local choirs



Weekly Services and Church Family Life



There have been two services on Sundays and a mid week service on Thursdays. During the week people have met together in housegroups, to serve together or to socialise.



Children at Christ Church Dore

Welcome to our All Age Advent Service



Advent Sunday

All Age Services

Family Fun – Bouncy Castles



Weekly Services



Children have joined in church life and are an important part of our regular worship. There have also been age appropriate groups held on Sundays and a toddler group held during the week at Christ Church Dore Community Centre.



Baptisms

Special Services



Memorial Service



Inauguration Service



Christmas



Easter



Remembrance Service



Weddings

During the year we held many special services these have included:
Weddings
Funerals
A Memorial Service
Remembrance service
The Inauguration of the new building
Christmas and Easter

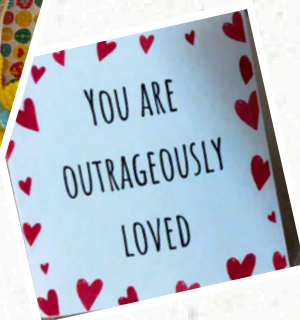


Outreach

Easter and
Valentines Day gifts



Carol'oke in
local pubs.



Steel City Choir

Children's Crafts

Many outreach events took place throughout the year including:

- Handing out gifts to the community at Easter and Valentines day.
- Regular fun activities for Local Children.
- Carol singing in local pubs.
- Supporting workers in Cameroon.
- Alpha and Beta.

In addition we have supported Hazel Gray, Wycliffe, Tearfund and The Oakes



Teddy Zip Wire



Sheffield Health
Walks



Christ Church Dore Community Centre



Dore Literature
Group



Dore Male
Voice Choir



Paint Party



Christ Church Dore
Toddler Group



Dore School of
Performing
Arts

Christ Church Dore
Community Centre is the
venue for many community
events, the photos show just a
small number of the activities
which take place weekly.



Art Club

Fabric Committee

At the beginning of 2025 the Fabric Committee had formed in order that it could be able to take over the oversight of the building and churchyard as the church reopened on Easter Day, April 20th.

The terms of reference had been accepted by the PCC and the committee set about designing systems for monitoring the building and churchyard and also divided out the labour according to each member's strengths and interests. The committee membership was drawn from a wide range of backgrounds. Members are Anita Campbell (chair), Angela Clarke (eco-champion), Andy D'Souza Walsh (retired architect), Bob Hunt (Treasurer), Sarah Oxby (churchwarden), Andy Patrick (priest in charge), Spencer Pitfield (specialist in organisational development and interest in sustainability) and Mark Saxton (community focus and churchyard families' liaison).

Churchyard

Many will be aware that the churchyard was officially closed for any new graves in 2013. Sheffield City Council has responsibility for its upkeep and safety and regularly check headstone stability and the health of the trees. The church receives feedback from relatives of those buried here, local residents and Dore Archives Research Team about the condition of memorials and the difficulty with uneven ground. Mark Saxton has been working behind the scenes with families and the stonemasons Freeman Daynes.

Our churchyard is a fantastic resource for studying natural history/ biodiversity and social history. The 'Adopt a Grave' scheme helps keep some of the graves tidy and with the help of Dore Archives Research Team a history of the person buried and their immediate family is written up for the adopter. In this way throughout the year more social history of Dore was built up. In November 2025 the military histories from the graveyard leaflet was published and they are available for people to take from the back of church. The Church Lane gate and the Lychgate gate were renovated and returned during 2025.

Church building handover

Between the practical handover and the official opening much work was done to get things ready for Easter Day. Some old friends returned: the renovated/conserved Decalogue Plaque in the chancel and the painting "The Sower" on the west wall of the nave. New artefacts were introduced: the old Psalm Board from 1745 found its way back to our church donated by the descendent of Richard Furness who designed our church. The 20th century history was celebrated with the Hassock Quilt. A beautiful oak altar table was delivered after the official opening but was well worth waiting for.

12 months defects period

As with any major renovation there are bound to be snags which only become apparent after the handover and opening. With Christ Church these can be categorised as:

- Bell Tower access issues identified by bellringers which remain.
- Under Floor Heating not sufficient with onset of cold weather- now sorted out.
- Main west door sticking when heavy rain and Gilgen outer automatic door malfunction which were addressed

In addition, there was other work to be completed from the re-ordering phase:

- Assent, our building control advisors went into liquidation in September 2025 and building control issues remain to be resolved with the help of the architect.
- Not enough storage in the clergy vestry and a place for gardening equipment required- a tool store in the churchyard needed, cupboard in vestry built, awaiting Chancellor to decide re the faculty on the tool store.
- A faculty for removal of the choir stalls was not completed at the time of re-ordering.
- A fire risk assessment was completed during Summer 2025 and outstanding issues were addressed. The priority issue was the remedial work needed in the boiler room to make the area more fire resistant.
- There was inevitable damage to the path leading to the Church Lane gate during the time the contractors were on site and at some stage this unevenness will need to be addressed.

Sustainability and preserving/increasing biodiversity

Christ Church is rightly proud of being an A Rocha silver award Eco Church. One of the reasons we could not go for gold in 2022, before reordering, was the high carbon footprint due to inefficient heating system and heat loss. We have a heating system which now uses approximately half the energy that it did before when reviewed at the end of December 2025. Thanks go to Andy D'Souza Walsh who has monitored the heating via remote apps during different conditions since April 2025 and advised us how best to manage.

energy use and comfort during services and events. We use green sanitary and cleaning products. We have needed to remind users of the kitchen that we only use Fairtrade coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate. Thanks go to people who donate this regularly in order that we can provide a high standard of hospitality.

The biodiversity in the churchyard suffered a loss with the building work during the first quarter of 2025 and a Landscape Management Plan has been written by the committee and accepted by the PCC for promotion in early 2026. This will, we hope, balance the needs of access to the graves with the needs of nature, specifically wild flowers which then help pollinators and other invertebrates, which provide food for the birds we love to see.

Robust systems as we move into 2026

There are log books now set up for the schedule of maintenance of church and churchyard based on a Diocesan template and adapted to the needs of Christ Church. Unscheduled work is similarly logged and followed. All fire alarm testing and fire drills are logged. The last Quinquennial Inspection was in 2021 and is no longer relevant to refer to. There is a Quinquennial Inspection booked for the architect to do in March 2026.

There are problems emerging with the roofing of the nave and chancel which are separate from the re-ordering. Climate change seems to be causing periods of draught followed by very intense downpours, which in turn causes us problems with leaks. According to the Quinquennial Inspection of 2015 the main roof was re-roofed in 2007 and much of 2026 will be focused on avoiding any further water ingress.

Anita Campbell

Deanery Synod Report 2025

Our church is part of Ecclesall Deanery which in turn is twinned with Attercliffe Deanery. Your representatives along with Andy Patrick attended all the meetings through 2025.

These meetings offered an opportunity to see how other churches in the area are developing and hear their ideas.

A vibrant meeting took place in February concerning Racial Justice. The Revd Anesia Cook presented and our attention was drawn to various resources we have subsequently utilised in our Black Lives Matter work and celebrating Black History Month in October.

There was a meeting explaining how approximately 14 million from the central Church of England over three years (Triennium funding) was to be spent. Sheffield had been successful in its bid and basically all the money was accounted for at the time of the application. It had been a bit disappointing for us as the focus was rightly on parishes with much less wealth and resources. However, money spent on supporting and training Children and Families workers may help us in the future. We also heard how the Diocesan strategy was not changing, just developing. Therefore, the Renewed Released Rejuvenated Strategy continues for 2025-2031.

The third deanery synod meeting explored various options for developing lay leadership and was presented by the Lay Leader Enabler, Beth Burras. There are nationally licensed Readers, Diocesan authorised lay ministry, e.g. Parish Evangelists and Children and Families workers. A third group is of locally commissioned lay ministers, e.g. leading a craft group, eco champion work. This is according to local need and guided by the priest in charge.

A further meeting gave us the opportunity to meet with our new Bishop Leah, Archdeacon David and Bishop Pete. It was a joyous and fun occasion when we heard about how Bishop Leah and Archdeacon David had come to faith, and their positions now, from unlikely working class backgrounds. Bishop Pete led us in worship and provided a reflection on Psalm 105 and how we can give praise to the Lord.

Throughout the year Anita Campbell and Jane Closs have been the elected Deanery Synod Representatives. 2026 will be a year of election. At the APCM Anita Campbell will stand down after a term of three years, and Jane Closs will stand again after serving 2 years in a casual vacancy. If you are interested in standing for election, this role can give you an insight into how we work within the wider church. Anita or Jane can give you further information.

Anita Campbell

Jane Closs

Safeguarding Report

“Safeguarding is not a frustrating duty, or a boring tick box exercise, it is a call to demonstrate and actively live out the character of God himself. We are called to be the body of Christ on earth, if we fail to make the church a safe place for all, then we fail at our most fundamental task and bring the very character of God into disrepute.”

Venerable David Gerrard, Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham - Excerpt from the Diocese of Sheffield Safeguarding Newsletter Winter 2025

After many years as the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Yvonne Twelvetrees stepped down last June. We are very grateful for all that she did and for her help in handing over the reins. She has kindly offered to continue to administer the necessary DBS checks for all required roles within the church.

As a new Parish Safeguarding Officer, one of my first priorities was to complete the necessary diocesan training courses. Having worked for many years in schools, I was familiar with many aspects of the training but was really struck by the particular challenges within the church setting. The intersection of statutory requirements plus a volunteer ‘workforce’ against the background of historic (and not so historic) breaches of trust within the church seems a very difficult line to walk. How do we ensure compliance and a new understanding of what it means to be safe and to protect those within our church whilst also maintaining a sense of welcome and family. We want our church to be a place where people rely on one another, where friendships are real but we also have to be clear about our obligations and make sure that we are doing what is required of us and what is needed for our church to be a safe place for all.

With the move back into the re-ordered church building it has been an appropriate time to reevaluate our safeguarding procedures and policies and for necessary changes to be made. For this year, the focus of our safeguarding Action Plan is on training, communication around safeguarding and storage of both physical and digital sensitive information.

All safeguarding policies have been reviewed and agreed by the PCC. In regard to our current safeguarding procedures, I worked alongside the vicar and the churchwardens to consider the current roles within the church and what training was needed in order to be compliant with the stipulations from the Diocese. An audit was conducted to check the training that had taken place and to see what new training was required. As a result, many courses have been completed and refreshed in the last few months and new volunteers are completing safeguarding training alongside their DBS before beginning their role. This is still a work in progress but we now have a clear plan going forward.

This has also been a time of reflection and change regarding our children's work and safeguarding is a key part to this. Alongside the training element, we have considered the storage of data (both physical and digital) and are planning on conducting more scenario based training within meetings to ensure that all volunteers are fully equipped for the important role that they are undertaking. We are very thankful for the growing numbers of children and families that we are seeing within the church and for the growing numbers of volunteers working with them. Alongside this, training for those working with vulnerable adults has also been highlighted, both within the church itself and through initiatives such as Alpha and this is an area that we will aim to look at in more detail.

I look forward to moving forward with you on this journey as we strive for Christ Church Dore to be a place where all feel safe and welcome.

Dawn Carter

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Ecumenical report

The Local Mission team has continued to make strong links with the local community in and around S17. Since the re-opening of the church building there have been several new initiatives, such as an art exhibition, craft events, children's activities and music events, all of which have proved popular with the community.

The Alpha course was very successful with 20 participants and 8 hosts. Many of those from the previous year supporting and joining in the Beta group. This involved many of the local churches.

Sheffield West Filling Station is an ecumenical initiative, which has met monthly in Christ Church Dore Community Centre over the last four years, offering a time for believers of all denominations to come together for a time of worship and prayer. At the end of 2025, after prayerful discernment, it was agreed that SWFS would cease for the time-being. We are grateful for its role across S17 churches and look forward with hope for the new things that God is doing in this new season.

Christ Church shares in local mission for the village with Dore Methodist Church for the Well Blessing, Dore Gala Songs of Praise and Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial. We have also shared services together around the major festivals.

Leaders of Christ Church meet together with other leaders from churches within S17 for a time of fellowship and prayer over a monthly breakfast and to seek ways to work together in initiatives for the benefit of the local community.

S17 churches together enjoyed our 3rd Joy Family Fun Day. Hundreds of families/children came throughout the afternoon to enjoy a wide variety of entertainment, bouncy castles, treasure hunt, tug of war, prayer tent, cake and drinks stall, ice lollies, face painting, games, dance, music, balloons ,books and much much more. All free of charge and a way to connect with the local community.

Shirley Hollis - PCC Secretary.

2025 PCC report on management, structure and governance

In 2025 the PCC had 7 regular and one vote via email, when an urgent response was required, in order to conduct its business. Andy Patrick chaired all the meetings and Paul Archer, the Lay Vice Chair was ready to take over should there be any items where a conflict of interest was declared by Andy.

The meetings reverted to face to face after a period of zoom meetings.

Membership of the PCC consists of the priest in charge, the churchwardens, elected and ex-officio members of the Diocesan and Deanery Synods and members of the church elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or APCM. Anita Campbell was PCC secretary until May 2025 when Shirley Hollis took over.

During 2025 the subjects discussed related to finance, the fabric of the church and churchyard. In the early months the focus was on moving back into the church building and ensuring that the arrangement of chairs, children's area etc were suitable for our congregation. Although there was still much to be considered following the reordering of the church building the focus of PCC discussions moved to considering how the building can be used effectively to provide a resource for the local community and extend the Kingdom of God in S17.

Reports were received and discussed about Black Lives Matter, children's work, safeguarding, health and safety, incident reporting, GDPR and e privacy adherence local mission and mission outside S17. All policies were reviewed and for ease of access these were made available to all PCC members via a secure page on the website.

Standing Committee, with a membership agreed by the PCC, meets in between PCC meetings and completes work as directed by the PCC. Then it reports on this work to PCC at each meeting. The management of the CCD Community Centre is separate but reports to the PCC which maintains overall responsibility.

The subcommittees of the PCC during 2024 were:

- Standing Committee
- Fabric Committee
- Local Mission Group
- Pastoral Care Group
- Finance Committee

In addition we have people who lead on areas of the church life:

- Treasurer and deputy Treasurer
- Gift Aid Secretary
- Parish Safeguarding Officer
- Deputy Recruiter -Safeguarding
- PCC Secretary
- Client representative for Redevelopment
- Two Eco Church Champions
- Two Black Lives Matter leads
- Personnel Lead
- Health and Safety Lead
- Synod Representatives.

Three members of staff are employed supporting the work of Christ Church Dore. They are a Parish Administrator, CCD Community Centre Administrator, and the Church and Community Centre cleaner.

The Area Dean's visitation last took place in 2025. All returns required by the Diocese, namely the Parish Finance Return, Statistics for Mission return, and in addition the Charity Commission return were all submitted on time.

PCC Membership

The PCC size is determined by the size of the electoral roll. This was 103 in 2025 and therefore the PCC is permitted to elect 12 members. 2 Deanery Synod representatives are permitted for this electoral roll size.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2025 until the date of this report approval are:

Priest in Charge: Rev Andy Patrick

Churchwardens: Then Sarah Oxby and Lena Plaskitt were elected in May 2024 and continue to serve into 2026.

Deanery Synod Representatives -Anita Campbell (Also PCC Secretary until May 2025) Jane Closs

Members elected at APCM May 2025:

Paul Archer (Lay Vice Chair)

David Wood (Deputy Churchwarden until August 2025)

Jill Mitchell (Deputy Churchwarden from August 2024)

Robert Hunt (Treasurer)

Jill Bush

Diana Downing

Kath Crosby until her untimely death in October 2025 (Gift Aid Secretary until September 2025)

Margaret Winstanley

Paula Dowson

Olayinka Oluwole

Dawn Carter (Parish safeguarding Officer from May 2025)

Julia Stevens

Shirley Hollis (PCC secretary from May 2025, Deputy Churchwarden from August 2025)

Co-opted to PCC until May 2025

Shirley Hollis (PCC secretary from May 2025 Deputy Churchwarden from August 2025) Robert Hunt (Treasurer)

Observer

Parish Safeguarding Officer was invited to all PCC meetings (Yvonne Twelvetrees until May 2025 when Dawn Carter took over)

Electoral Roll Report

Christ Church Dore has a variety of ages across its membership, with adults and children committing to regular worship.

The formal Electoral Roll can only include these adults, with a total of 109 adults, of which 65 in the Parish, 43 outside the Parish, and 1 more.

For comparison purposes, the total adults from 2022 to 2026 has been; 137, 142, 139, 101, 109.

The Electoral Roll is the closest that the Church of England gets to an official membership list. Those listed on the government parish roll of registers may consider themselves to be members of Dore Parish Church. The Electoral Roll entitles those listed to participate fully in the Annual meetings of the church, become members of the Church Council and, through our representatives, be involved in the deanery, diocesan and general synods. On a practical level the Electoral Roll officer and the Parish Office keep a record of members' names and addresses, which can prove very useful in an emergency.

As Electoral Roll Officer I would like to encourage members to “sign up” as part of your prayerful commitment to the work and worship of the Church here in Dore

Rob Plaskitt – Electoral Roll Officer

Annual financial report and statement of accounts

Christ Church Dore 31st December 2025

Financial review

Overall, the church started the year with all funds including endowments of £305,432, received income during the year of £402,826 but spent on both the reordering and in general expenditure £609,776 leaving £98,473 in the Church's accounts. This is after deduction of outstanding loans of £89,244 and retention of £21,250.

Within these accounts are three streams of activity, the reordering of the church building, the Community Centre, and the ordinary work of a parish.

The Reordering of the Church Building

This year has seen the major transformation of the church building completed.

At the beginning of 2025, the Church family continued its relocation at the Community Centre allowing the builders to finish the work on the reordering of the church structures. This was completed by the end of March leaving twelve months for the addition of furniture and the resolution of 'snagging issues' which included access to bell tower, heating, certification etc.

On 1st January 2025, midway through the building phase of the reordering, the Church had unspent funds of £134,760 allocated to the work. During the year there were donations and grants amounting to £199,344, £38,000 was also transferred from the general fund reserves, together making a total of £372,104. These funds were spent on building costs, professional fees, and associated expenses of £479,588. This figure includes the retention of £21,250 which is due to be paid at the end of March 2026 and is reflected in the 2025 accounts as a creditor.

During the past three years, including phase 1, current building phase years 1 & 2 and the outstanding retention, £1,340,792 has been spent. However, with the £211,243 VAT refunded through the then 'Listed Places of Worship Scheme', the effective cost to the church is £1,129,549.

The Church development fund of the church is 'in the red' by £110,409 and this is largely financed by congregational interest free loans of £70,000 and a Methodist Chapel Aid (MCA) loan at 5.65% of £19,244. It also includes the outstanding retention of £21,250.

Our loans are due for repayment over the next ten years with the MCA loan repayments already started in six monthly tranches.

The Community Centre

The PCC decided in 2021 to make the Community Centre self-supporting and a separate bank account was opened in 2024. However, it continues to be under the authority of the PCC, and its transactions are therefore included within these accounts. The CCDCC Running/Admin fund which started the year with £2,618, at the end of the year was £12,443. This was the balance in the Community Centre bank account and relates to the amount shown in a separate designated CCDCC Administration fund to distinguish it from the church's general fund.

The Parish

The ordinary work of a parish, which had started with Sunday services located in the Community Centre and Thursday services in the Methodist chapel, has continued since Easter in the main church building with the addition of baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

The heating costs of the church building in the early part of the year were increased due to drying out plastering in a building with ineffective temporary doors. We are still to discover the cost for a full calendar year but noted there was a marked reduction of cost during the summer period.

Over the year, we made regular payments to the common fund of the Diocese totalling £71,000. We spend on congregational groups and activities such as our Sunday children's work. We also give to 'home mission', outreach within our parish & S17 including Toddlers, Alpha & Friday Arts, to world mission towards our mission partners and other occasional gift days.

The congregation have continued to generously provide regular donations, giving a total of £110,253 for the year, an increase of £16,858 (18%). We work to reclaim Gift Aid from HMRC for all eligible gifts to us and collected through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

Gift Aid is such a valuable contribution to the finances of the church and for many years, Kath Crosby administered Gift Aid with care, diligence, and dedication. Kath is sadly missed but her contribution to the church for this remains and continues with so many church members fully involved in giving with gift aid.

Reserves policy

Our policy is to have General Reserves which are sufficient to provide three months of general expenditure, and this has been estimated at £30,000. Our policy is to have an extra £10,000, at least, to cover unexpected exceptional costs.

During the year the finance committee of the PCC carefully reviewed the level of our reserves bearing in mind the advice from the Charity Commission that:

if reserves during the year are below target or exceed target, the trustees should consider whether this is due to a short-term situation or a longer-term issue. Action may be needed to replenish or spend reserves.'

At the year end, the balance on General Reserves was £50,357 and this is considered to be reasonable, particularly given the commitment to make loan repayments.

The separate balance on the CCDCC fund of £12,443 on 31 December 2025 is available to cover future routine expenditure of the hall and repairs to it.

I am grateful to the finance committee, Paul, Phil, John (current gift aid secretary) with Steve (retired) and the Community Centre management team (Pete, Jill & Wendy) for all the work they have done, unseen, to enable the finances of the Church to progress in this year of transformation of the church building which is now fit for the family of the church and for all we serve.

Robert Hunt (Treasurer)

Christ Church Dore PCC
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	141,307	200	80,985	-	222,492	491,282
Activities for generating funds	-	47,237	114,927	-	162,164	112,971
Investment income	-	425	7,206	-	7,631	20,273
Incoming resources from charitable activities	10,539	-	-	-	10,539	1,081
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-	289
Total income	151,846	47,862	203,118	-	402,826	625,896
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds	-	-	814	-	814	-
Cost of generating voluntary income	537	-	1,469	-	2,005	122
Charitable activities	117,658	43,128	444,726	-	605,512	878,350
Governance costs	750	-	-	-	750	1,250
Other resources used	-	-	694	-	694	-
Total expenditure	118,944	43,128	447,703	-	609,776	879,723
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	32,902	4,733	(244,585)	-	(206,950)	(253,827)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	66,657	77,329	-	143,986	107,230
Gross transfers between funds - out	(52,000)	(49,329)	(42,657)	-	(143,986)	(107,230)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	(40)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(19,098)	22,061	(209,913)	-	(206,950)	(253,867)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	69,455	40,736	105,232	90,000	305,423	559,290
Total funds carried forward	50,357	62,797	(104,681)	90,000	98,473	305,423
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	50,357	-	-	-	50,357	69,455
Designated						
CCDCC Administration	-	12,443	-	-	12,443	-
Children & Youth Fund	-	1,020	-	-	1,020	1,500
Development Fund	-	14,425	-	-	14,425	39,186
Fixed Assets	-	34,909	-	-	34,909	-
World Mission	-	-	-	-	-	50
Restricted						
CCD CC Running Fund	-	-	-	-	-	2,618
Church Development Fund	-	-	(110,409)	-	(110,409)	95,574
Income from Francis Gisbourne Trust	-	-	810	-	810	810
Interest from Harwood bequest	-	-	4,918	-	4,918	6,230
Endowment						
Harwood Bequest	-	-	-	90,000	90,000	90,000

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Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2025 £	At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	-	34,909	-	-	34,909	-
	-	34,909	-	-	34,909	-
Current assets						
Debtors	4,210	-	2,408	-	6,618	10,093
Investments	-	-	-	90,000	90,000	90,000
Cash At Bank And In Hand	46,309	27,888	3,523	-	77,720	316,377
	50,519	27,888	5,931	90,000	174,338	416,470
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	163	-	21,368	-	21,530	56,047
	163	-	21,368	-	21,530	56,047
Net current assets less current liabilities	50,357	27,888	(15,437)	90,000	152,808	360,423
Total assets less current liabilities	50,357	62,797	(15,437)	90,000	187,717	360,423
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	15,000
Provision For Liabilities After One Year	-	-	64,244	-	64,244	40,000
	-	-	89,244	-	89,244	55,000
Total net assets less liabilities	50,357	62,797	(104,681)	90,000	98,473	305,423
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	50,357	-	-	-	50,357	69,455
Designated						
Designated - CCDCC Administration	-	12,443	-	-	12,443	-
Designated - Fixed Assets	-	34,909	-	-	34,909	-
Designated - Development Fund	-	14,425	-	-	14,425	39,186
Designated - Children & Youth Fund	-	1,020	-	-	1,020	1,500
Designated - World Mission	-	-	-	-	-	50
Restricted						
Restricted - Church Development Fund	-	-	(110,409)	-	(110,409)	95,574
Restricted - CCD CC Running Fund	-	-	-	-	-	2,618
Restricted - Interest from Harwood bequest	-	-	4,918	-	4,918	6,230
Restricted - Income from Francis Gisbourne Trust	-	-	810	-	810	810
Endowment						
Endowment - Harwood Bequest	-	-	-	90,000	90,000	90,000
Fund Totals	50,357	62,797	(104,681)	90,000	98,473	305,423

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Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
	6430: Church equipment	34,909	-
	Total Fixed assets	34,909	-
Current assets			
	6501: PCC Bank current account	31,526	44,303
	6505: CCD Bank deposit account	16,539	72,508
	6507: CCDCC Current account	12,443	2,618
	6508: CCDCC Deposit Account	-	-
	6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	17,212	196,948
	6520: COIF Charities deposit fund Brenda Harwo	90,000	90,000
	6530: CBF CoE Investment Fund - 790 shares	-	-
	6540: CDBF Brenda Dinsdale Lewis Legacy	-	-
	6590: Cash in hand	-	-
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	6,618	10,093
	Total Current assets	174,338	416,470
Liabilities			
	6601: Loans received	-	-
	6602: Loan 1 received for CCD reordering project	20,000	20,000
	6603: MCA (Methodist Chapel Aid) CCD Reordering project	19,244	-
	6604: Loan 3 received for Reordering Project CCD	20,000	20,000
	6605: Loan 4 received for CCD Reordering	5,000	5,000
	6606: Loan 5 received for CCD Reordering	10,000	10,000
	6607 : Loan 6 CCD reordering	10,000	-
	6608: Loan7 for CCD reordering	5,000	-
	6699: Agency collections	-	-
	Z04: Accounts Payable	21,530	56,047
	Total Liabilities	110,774	111,047
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	98,473	305,423
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(206,950)	(253,827)
	Z01: Starting balances	305,617	559,484
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(194)	(234)
	Total Reserves	98,473	305,423

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	50,357	69,455
Designated	62,797	40,736
Restricted	(104,681)	105,232
Endowment	90,000	90,000
Total	98,473	305,423

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Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
0101 - Gift Aided - Bank	38,942	-	-	38,942	88,123
0102 - PGS Parish Giving Scheme	61,194	-	-	61,194	-
0201 - Other planned giving	10,117	-	-	10,117	5,253
0210 - Non-Gift Aided - Bank	-	-	-	-	3,135
0301 - Loose plate collections	1,923	-	75	1,998	718
0401 - Regular gift days	1,135	200	-	1,335	60
0403 - SumUp Give a little GA'ed	-	-	-	-	614
0404 - SumUp Give a little Non-GA'ed	1,602	-	366	1,968	672
0406 - SUMUP - Payaz Terminal	-	-	-	-	149
0502 - One off non-Gift Aided donations	207	-	-	207	25,030
0503 - Lent Appeal	-	-	-	-	430
0550 - Donations appeals external	250	-	-	250	50
0570 - Donations for Church Reordering	-	-	29,272	29,272	188,487
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations	24,556	-	6,420	30,976	51,944
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	5,117
0820 - Grants for CCD Reordering Project	-	-	43,250	43,250	120,000
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	1,500
0901 - Other funds generated	1,381	-	1,602	2,983	-
0830 - VAT Recovery - List of Places of Worship Scheme	-	-	111,650	111,650	71,646
0940 - Fund Raising for Church Reordering	-	-	3,277	3,277	2,860
1230 - CCDCC lettings - misc rentals	-	47,237	-	47,237	38,347
1240 - CCDCC lettings - fund raising	-	-	-	-	118
1020 - Interest and dividends	-	425	7,206	7,631	20,273
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	141,307	47,862	203,118	392,287	624,526
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	8,302	-	-	8,302	1,083
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	2,237	-	-	2,237	(2)
Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	10,539	-	-	10,539	1,081
Other incoming resources					
1280 - Photocopying	-	-	-	-	10
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	279
Other incoming resources Totals	-	-	-	-	289
Incoming resources Grand totals	151,846	47,862	203,118	402,826	625,896
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	481	-	1,387	1,868	-
1750 - Costs from fees from banks	56	-	82	138	122

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
1725 - Costs for CCD Reordering Fund Raising Activities	-	-	814	814	-
Cost of generating funds Totals	537	-	2,283	2,820	122
Charitable activities					
1820 - Giving from miscellaneous collections	1,475	-	-	1,475	215
1860 - World Mission	4,662	250	-	4,912	4,000
1910 - Ministry Common Fund	71,000	-	-	71,000	71,000
2050 - Salary of parish administrator - Church	10,197	-	-	10,197	9,835
2055 - Salary for administration of CCDCC	-	5,209	-	5,209	4,995
2060 - Salary for CCDCC Cleaner	-	5,889	-	5,889	4,754
2070 - Salary/Payments for Church Running	-	-	-	-	191
2080 - Salary for church hall running	-	-	-	-	620
2101 - Working expenses of clergy	429	-	-	429	278
2120 - Council tax	-	-	-	-	495
2130 - Vicarage house expenses	-	-	-	-	207
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	934	-	-	934	653
2150 - Vicar's telephone	80	-	-	80	90
2180 - Welcome and Hospitality	212	-	-	212	379
2201 - Parish training and mission	200	-	-	200	-
2210 - Church Activities - eg Away days, weekends	-	-	-	-	70
2240 - Children and Youth Mission	154	480	-	634	77
2250 - Home mission	4,099	-	-	4,099	3,425
2301 - Church running - insurance	2,167	-	-	2,167	3,786
2310 - Church and office - telephone and WIFI	498	432	-	930	659
2320 - Church Equip & Maintenance	533	-	-	533	964
2330 - Church maintenance	536	-	-	536	55
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,535	-	-	2,535	2,438
2345 - Expenses for Weddings and Funerals	4,504	-	-	4,504	769
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	540	-	5,086	5,626	1,737
2360 - Administration	2,408	-	-	2,408	1,403
2365 - Administration & Financial Software Fees	180	-	-	180	240
2380 - Church Activities - eg rent of CCDCC, Old School	625	-	-	625	380
2401 - Church running - electric	3,060	-	-	3,060	791
2410 - Church running - gas	4,383	-	-	4,383	2,987
2420 - Church running - water	(155)	-	-	(155)	850
2510 - Bookstall costs	2,351	-	-	2,351	-
2515 - CCDCC- management including professional fees	-	486	-	486	475
2530 - CCDCC running - electricity	-	2,626	-	2,626	2,575
2540 - CCDCC running - gas	-	6,999	-	6,999	3,341
2550 - CCDCC running - insurance	-	1,813	-	1,813	1,655
2560 - CCDCC running - maintenance	-	9,703	-	9,703	8,334
2570 - CCDCC running - telephone and broadband	-	-	-	-	30
2580 - CCDCC running - water	-	1,147	-	1,147	981
2595 - CCDCC- Cleaning materials etc	-	390	-	390	513
2600 - CCDCC Facilities Support	-	1,885	-	1,885	910
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	4,680
2801 - CCDCC + major repairs	-	832	-	832	19,891
2841 - Depreciation - Church equipment	-	4,987	-	4,987	-
2920 - Building development - Church- Consultants	-	-	13,006	13,006	48,364
2921 - Building development - Church- Architects	-	-	12,960	12,960	23,280
2922 - Building development - Church- Contractors for building work etc	-	-	396,629	396,629	640,397
2923 - Building development - Church - Miscellaneous Activities	51	-	17,046	17,097	4,581

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Charitable activities Totals	117,658	43,128	444,726	605,512	878,350
Governance costs					
2375 - Governance costs examination/audit fees	750	-	-	750	1,250
Governance costs Totals	750	-	-	750	1,250
Other resources used					
1752 - Loan interest payable	-	-	694	694	-
Other resources used Totals	-	-	694	694	-
Resources used Grand totals	118,944	43,128	447,703	609,776	879,723

Notes to the accounts

Accounting Policies

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) published in January 2022, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared as accrual accounts because the gross income is greater than £250,000.

Funds

2. **Unrestricted Funds** represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction imposed by the donor or the terms of an endowment regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

General Funds are unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific purpose.

Designated Funds may be set aside by the PCC out of an unrestricted fund for a specific purpose. However, this would not then prevent the PCC subsequently reallocating these sums for other uses or returning them to unrestricted funds.

Restricted Funds are funds which can only be used for a specific purpose identified by the donor from the outset. They cannot be added to unrestricted funds without the consent of the donor or the Charity Commission.

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

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

4. Collections and planned giving are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

5. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is received.

6. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

7. Funds raised from events are accounted for gross except where expenses are considered to be immaterial.

Other ordinary income

8. Rental income from the letting of premises is recognised when the rental is due or invoiced, unless it relates to the next accounting period.

Income from investments

9. Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

10. Realised gains and losses on investments are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments on 31 December.

Resources used

Grants

11. Grants and donations to mission partners or other charities are accounted for when paid over or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly related to the work of the church

12. The parish share and ministry contribution is accounted for when payable. Any parish share unpaid at the year end is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

13. Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

14. No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens 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 beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other property

15. The Christ Church Dore Community Centre and Church Office buildings are owned by the PCC. However, their original costs are not known so they are not recognised in the Balance Sheet. Improvement and repair expenditure in the year is written off in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Other fixtures, fittings, and office equipment

16. Individual fixtures, fittings and equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Items which are capitalised are included at cost and depreciated over their expected useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

Church equipment – 8 years

Investments

17. Investments are stated at market value on 31 December.

Staff costs and employee benefits

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	20,506	19,876
Social security	0	0
Defined contribution pension costs	786	518
	<u>21,292</u>	<u>20,394</u>

Average monthly number of employees during the year

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The average number of employees does not include the vicar who is not employed by the PCC and whose employment costs are paid for through the Common Fund contribution.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees are the voting members of the PCC listed in the 2025 PCC report.

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration by the PCC for their services as PCC members.

Expenses of £976 were paid to trustees to reimburse them for costs in providing their services as PCC members. These were paid to trustees and relate to clergy expenses and training

Payments to trustees for other activities undertaken for the church are disclosed in the related party transaction note.

Related Party Transactions

The Charities SORP (FRS102) defines 'Related Parties' as the charity's trustees, their close family members and those entities which they control or in which they have a significant interest.

The Trustees are the voting members of the PCC listed on the PCC report.

Donations from trustees and their close family members

The total amount of donations (excluding tax recoverable) made by trustees to the church during the year without conditions which would, or might, require the church to alter significantly the nature of its existing activities if it were to accept the donations, were £53,283.

Loans from Trustees

Loans with a combined value of £40,000 have been made by certain trustees to the PCC to support the reordering project and were outstanding on 31 December 2025. They are interest free.

Payments to related parties

Payments with a combined value of £250 were paid to members of the PCC and close family members for officiating / stewarding at services.

Fixed assets

	£
Cost	
As at 1 January 2025	-
Additions	39,896
Disposals	-
As at 31 December 2025	<u>39,896</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 January 2025	-
Charge for the year	4,987
Disposals	-
As at 31 December 2025	<u>4,987</u>
Net book value	
As at 31 December 2025	<u><u>34,909</u></u>

Funds

Designated funds

At 31 December 2025, the PCC had designated funds as follows:

Children and youth fund - £1,020 (2024 £1,500)

Development fund - money set aside to cover future loan repayments and major building costs. £14,425 (2024 £39,186)

Christ Church Dore Community Centre Administration Fund – cumulative surplus on income from hire of the hall and rooms, net of expenditure on the Community Centre. £12,443 (2024 £2,618)

Restricted funds

At the year end, the PCC had restricted funds as follows:

Church Development Fund. As explained in the section of the annual report about the reordering project, the negative balance on 31 December 2025 of -£110,409

reflects the outstanding amounts due in relation to loans and the final retention payment. The Harwood bequest is an endowment fund of £90,000 held by the Diocese of Sheffield board of finance. We do not have access to the capital amount, but the interest is accumulated in a separate fund 'Interest from Harwood bequest fund' which is restricted for churchyard expenses. £4,918 (2024 £6,230)

The Income from Francis Gisbourne Trust fund is available to the vicar for pastoral purposes. £810 (2024 £810)

Transfers between funds

£38,000 has been transferred from General Fund to the restricted Church Development Fund and a further £14,000 has been transferred to the designated Development Fund. £39,186 has been transferred from the designated Development Fund into the restricted Church Development Fund, being the balance on the designated fund on 31 December 2024.

£2,618 has been transferred from the restricted CCDCC Running Fund to the designated CCDCC Administration Fund. The CCDCC Running Fund was treated as a restricted fund in the 2024 accounts, but the income is from activities which generate unrestricted income (hire of hall and rooms etc.). Hence, the day-to-day financial activities of the CCDCC are, on reflection, better accounted for in a designated fund. However, any donations given solely for Community Centre development would be included in the restricted fund.

Education

During the year the congregation has had education regarding some principles of Christian giving:

An expression of the grace of God
A charisma, that is a gift of the spirit
Inspired by the cross
Is proportionate giving
Contributes to equity

There will be more.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH DORE, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Dore Church for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state 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 given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Ashley Ellis

16th March 2026

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