



Financial Statements & Review of the Year 2025

Parish Church Council of St Columba, Crosspool, Sheffield.

Charity Reg No 1128336



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The PCC present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The PCC have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial and Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

Administrative Information

The Church of St Columba is situated on Manchester Road, Crosspool, Sheffield. It is part of the Sheffield Diocese.

The correspondence address is:

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a registered charity with the Charity Commission since 2 March 2009. Registered Charity 1128336.

PCC members who have served throughout the year 2025 are:

Ex Officio members:

Vicar: Revd Tracey Morris

Reader & Focal Minister: Steve Ellis (also chair of Finance and Fabric)

Children & Family Worker & Focal

Minister: Tara Osborne

Wardens: Jacky Hodgson Steve Ellis

Assistant Warden: Brenda Nelson

Representatives on the Deanery

Synod: Heidi Adcock Jacky Hodgson

Elected members: Eddie Sherwood (Treasurer) Rebecca Ley (Secretary) Heidi Adcock (Safeguarding Officer) Andrew Burkinshaw Chris Cooke Chris Ellis Jenny Globe Sylvia Hartley George Wild (resigned) Richard Wales (resigned)

The PCC met 5 times during 2025, 4 meetings were joint with Stephen Hill church Council.

Electoral Roll Officer: James Hartley

Structure, Governance and Management

The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Chair of Finance and the Treasurer. Where necessary the Standing Committee may review the planning of any major campaign, but there has been no need to meet during 2024.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll (currently 70 in number) and stand for election to the PCC. There is no formal training offered to members of the PCC but guidance can be and is provided by colleagues and the Diocese as required. The booklet, "Trusteeship: An Introduction for PCC Members" is provided and discussed with all PCC members. Allocation to sub-committees is based on their areas of interest and specialism. Currently the only sub-committee, whose membership consists of PCC members, is Finance & Fabric.

All members of the PCC give their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the year. Details of expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 5 to the accounts. The PCC met on 4 occasions in 2024 (two of those jointly with Stephen Hill Church Council), and the Finance & Fabric and Joint Leadership Team each met regularly.

Our Risk Management policy is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all our employees, casual labour and voluntary helpers, and to provide such information, training and supervision, as they need for this purpose. We will also endeavour to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors, visitors and others who may visit the church, its surrounding grounds and any associated buildings.

The allocation of duties for safeguarding and safety matters and the arrangements that we will make to implement the policies are set out in the Safeguarding and Health & Safety Documents currently in force. These policies and the way in which they operate will be reviewed regularly and the appropriate changes made. Employees and voluntary workers will be consulted on a regular basis to seek their views on these matters.

Objectives and Values

The Primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. St Columba's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

This primary objective is shared as we continue to develop our partnership with Stephen Hill under the overarching covenant between the Circuit and the Diocese.

Shared Values for St Columba and Stephen Hill

We are a community that endeavours:

- To respond to God's love through worship, prayer and service
- To be friendly, inclusive and welcoming; celebrating human diversity in all its richness
- To create space for people to ask questions and grow in their faith through openness, struggle, prayer, laughter and worship.
- To engage with our local area, city and world; committed to promoting justice, peace and solidarity.

These values were summarised by the following phrases which go on the newssheet:

Worshipping God // Including all // Space to explore // Promoting justice

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the community of St Columba's and Stephen Hill.

When planning our activities for the year the Vicar and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Review of the year

Worship, prayer and fellowship groups

We continue to worship in Stephen Hill and St Columba's churches, alternating on a weekly basis, having settled on the first and third Sundays at St Columba, and second and fourth at Stephen Hill, and alternating fifth Sundays.

The first Sunday of the month's "All Together" services reflect the fact that we do not run children's groups separately from the main worship on those Sundays, but we are all together as one community of many ages.

We are blessed to have a rich resource of folk able to lead and preach, including Rev Tracey, Steve Ellis, Neil Craig, Tara Osborne, Rev Louise Yaul, Rev Dr Chris Ellis, John Parker and the Stephen Hill Worship Team. We also welcomed visiting preachers from the Circuit, and we were blessed to have Bishop Pete come to preach at our All Together service in November, and to have newly appointed Archdeacon David with us at the beginning of Advent.

Marilyn Ellis continues working with the leadership to develop our musical ministry. There is a monthly music evening, on the first Thursday of the month. This is open to anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument, learning new songs and hymns, as well as practising well known ones. Marilyn is working hard to help develop a mixed, diverse music during worship, where the songs and hymns reflect the message that God is bringing to us and help us to engage with God's presence.

Our ministry to Cairn Home continues on a slightly less frequent basis than before as more from other church communities have started getting involved in leading worship times for residents. These are facilitated by Lis Selwood, a care worker there and former member of our congregation, and Steve Ellis leads a home communion every 6 weeks or so.

The Tuesday pastoral prayer group continues its faithful weekly prayer time.

Funerals

Steve and Tracey had the privilege of ministering to bereaved families and conducting 19 funerals in 2025. Steve also led a memorial service for bereaved families on a Sunday afternoon in November.

Focal Ministry

Steve and Tara continue this ministry, supported by the leadership team, and the PCC passed a resolution at the December meeting to endorse the renewal of their certificates for another 3 years. One aspect of this ministry is driven by the term 'Community Focussed'. This is fulfilled as Tara facilitates Family Fun Friday and does a weekly lunch club as well as an assembly at Lydgate Junior School, and has led assemblies at Birkdale Prep. Tara also has a passion for and has had discussions about pastoral care in the community.

As well as communion at Cairn Home, Steve supported Kathy Markwick's Friendship Lunches at The Sportsman, until they were paused for a while in April due to changes in management at the pub. He has continued liaising with the Social Prescribers promoting the Living with Loss group. He is part of our church team working at the Memory Café each month. Steve's funeral ministry also serves the wider community, with John Heath's Funeral Directors knowing we will conduct funerals for families not necessarily connected to our churches. He has also developed relationships at the Hallam Football club, who are pleased to offer wakes and after baptism functions.

Living with Loss

This group started in July 2019 and continues to be well attended. The vision for it was originally to be able to provide ongoing support for bereaved relatives following funerals. However, the invitation is to anyone struggling with any kind of loss, such as loss of job or independence, as well as bereavement.

The group meets roughly once a month, and in winter months we offer an afternoon and an evening session to cater for those who prefer not to come out at night and for those who cannot be with us due to work commitments during the day. There is no agenda, and we

meet over drinks and snacks, and chat about life. Those attending are a mixture of folk; some who are church members; some from other churches and some who are not involved in church at all; some are those whose family members we have conducted funerals for, and some have been referred by the surgeries and Social Prescribers.

Some of the key features of the group are:

- It is very diverse and full of life
- It's informal and unstructured (sort of!)
- There's no pressure to attend
- There's no pressure to talk or share experiences
- It's not at church - it's in a very welcoming and loved home
- There have been a lot of laughs
- Leaders/Facilitators make ourselves available / accessible and part of the conversations
- It connects with other ministries, e.g. Funeral follow up, Cairn Home
- It sits alongside the other community focussed stuff - Tara's work, the joint pastoral prayers, the Carers' and Memory Cafés, etc - it has the same ingredients.

Church and Community Development Worker

Sue's role continued to develop this year. In addition to general administration work, she strengthened friendships with hirers and community groups, has a joint leadership role for the monthly Family Fun Friday evenings, and also manages and co-ordinates the team of volunteers for the dementia friendly 'Crosspool Memory Café' which started in December 2024. She has organised dementia training, both for the volunteers and anyone in the church and wider community who want to understand better how to support those living with dementia. She organises publicity for the events and has arranged for visitors to come and help lead activities.

Sue has also continued to be a vital help in safeguarding administration across both churches.

Links with the NHS

Our links with the Primary Care Network (PCN) remain strong and we have developed working relationships with the social prescribers who until December rented the Jim Johnston room as a base. In December they were found office space at Manchester Road Surgery but will continue to refer patients to our Living with Loss group.

Following a meeting with the Clinical Director of West 3 Primary Care Network and their Social Prescriber to discuss developing mutual working in the community, a Primary Care Roadshow event was held at St Columba's in an afternoon in March at which many

organisations supporting the local community had stands. The event was extremely well attended, with people queuing down Manchester Road to get in. We think around 300 visitors came that afternoon.

Community Engagement and User Groups

We were involved in the planning of the annual Crosspool Festival, Tracey blessed the well dressing, and we hosted events in both church sites.

Imagine Theatre Company, the W.I., Bloom Baby Classes and Minimovez continued, as did the U3A fortnightly chess club, quarterly Forum meetings, and occasional Local Area Committee meetings.

We continued to host one-off events such as children's parties, Yoga, and fund-raising evenings for various projects.

It is fair to say that all our regular and one-off/occasional users have been hugely grateful for the love and support shown by all the church community.

Monthly Memory Café

This new initiative started in December 2024 and is especially aimed to be a warm and friendly space, welcoming those living alone, those with memory issues and their supporters, and others who would like to be involved.

The café is supported by volunteers from a pool of 16 from the community, many of whom were volunteers during our Covid vaccination clinics; staff from Zest, who have also provided some grant funding; and our own team including Sue, Jacky and Steve.

Sue manages the rota for the team of volunteers each month as well as activities and visitors. These have included folk from Weston Park Museum, Judith Hanson speaking on the history of the local area, and Marilyn Ellis leading a singalong session. The Memory Café has grown in popularity, and we have been asked to consider putting on 2 sessions a month, but resourcing this will be a challenge.

Steve Ellis & Rev Tracey Morris

Wardens' Report 2025

Revd Tracey Morris has continued to lead us as Priest in Charge of St Columba's, Minister of Stephen Hill and Oversight Minister for Crosspool and Lodge Moor. Our worship is vibrant, uplifting and diverse, and congregation numbers have increased over the year.

We are grateful to Steve Ellis, Tara Osborne, Louise Yaull, Neil Craig, Chris Ellis and the Stephen Hill Worship Team for their roles in leading and preaching alongside Tracey, and in the case of Steve and Tara in particular for their vital work in reaching out to our local community. We are also thankful for Tara's ongoing work on Sundays and during the week with our children and families.

Brenda Nelson has continued as deputy warden during the year, offering much appreciated support and experience, and Richard Wales, another former warden, has provided valuable wisdom and expertise - thank you, Brenda and Richard, for all you have done and continue to do.

As we grow together more and more as a single congregation, we are also very appreciative of the work of Mary Parker and Bob Townrow and the team at the Stephen Hill site for all the shared activities that we take part in together.

We are also grateful to Sue Stew who has been working with us as Church and Community Support Worker since January 2023. Sue's work offers a valuable resource for the leadership team and increasingly provides essential support for the church's community-facing activities, especially Family Fun Friday and the Crosspool Memory Café.

We would like to express our thanks to Eddie, our treasurer, for the huge amount of work he continues to do for us; to Clare and Rebecca, our past and present PCC Secretaries, to Debbie, our cleaner; to those who help on Sundays by operating the PowerPoint, doing Bible readings and intercessions, providing drinks after the service and so many other activities; and to all members of the congregation who have offered their unfailing support over the last year, including those who cannot take an active role but offer invaluable support, prayer and encouragement.

Jacky Hodgson, Steve Ellis and Brenda Nelson

Pastoral Report

This year we saw Briony Broome and Eileen Coombes step down from being pastoral leads for St Columba's and Stephen Hill. They have worked really hard for the church community over many years and we are all so grateful for all they have done to love and care for so many people. The leadership and the church community continues to be one of love and care, looking out for each other and stepping in when the need arises, and the pastoral visitors of Stephen Hill have continued to support others with calls and visits, which we are so grateful for. There continues to be conversations over what pastoral care might look like for the joint church community, and we are praying for more people who have a passion for caring to become a part of this.

Rev Tracey Morris

SacREd Space

The theme of SacREd Space for 2025 was "Making a Home for the Fruits of the Spirit". The team put together monthly offerings of a calm, quiet, often candlelit space with poems, music, meditations and rituals exploring Love, Joy, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness and Gentleness.

After many years the difficult decision has been taken to stop SacREd Space as members of the team focus on other commitments. We have benefitted and learned so much as a team

from preparing the services and we hope those who have attended have been nourished by them too.

Clare Fowler

Open Room Sessions

During 2025, small groups continued to meet regularly via Zoom to share, learn and discuss, following a rolling programme on the themes of:

- Bible study, led by Neil Craig
- Hard times require furious dancing, led by Jacky Hodgson
- Wrestling with angels, led by Briony Broome and Steve Ellis

We have continued to meet on Zoom rather than in person because some of those who attend are not members of the St Columba's and Stephen Hill congregation, and do not necessarily live locally.

Jacky Hodgson

House Group

Our house group meets once a month at George's home. The evening is relaxed and informal- there are around eight of us and we've been delighted to welcome three new members this year. We open with a prayer or reading and then we share the bible study. We discuss the passage and share our thoughts and questions. George often prepares handouts with maps of the places we are reading about, or we might watch a short film that illustrates the chapters we've read. This year we've continued to study John's Gospel.

George brings our reflections to a close and we pray together about our concerns and for those we love.

Around 9 pm, we enjoy a welcome cup of tea and a splendid array of biscuits and catch up with everyone's news. We all value this time together and our caring fellowship.

George Wild and Briony Broome

A Church Year in Flowers Report 2025

We continue to celebrate the liturgical calendar with flowers when requested and at no direct cost to the church. We received and greatly value all voluntary donations for flowers for the St Columba and Stephen Hill Church Community.

The 2025 highlight was a celebration of pink peonies and daisies for Daisy's Baptism in June. The daisies were all grown in Crosspool.

In March we received donations of flowers to enable Mother's Day gifts of daffodils for the congregation members. Palm Sunday was celebrated in April with palms fronds, Easter with seasonal spring flowers and Pentecost with peonies. We also enjoyed a traditional Remembrance Wreath in November and Advent candle wreath in December.

Across the year tribute flowers celebrated the love, life and memory of Bill and Sheila (March); Nick (May); Joan (June); Tom (September); Bobbie (November); Bessie (November); and Brian (December). All cherished and greatly missed.



We continue to choose seasonal British flowers - 'grown not flown here' where possible with local, Crosspool foliage. We have continued using more sustainable, biodegradable, eco-friendly 'Oshun' pouches and glass vases to improve our carbon footprint rather than florist foam.



This sustainable floristry approach is in line with The C of E Motion presented 12/2/2026 to Synod as follows:

SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWERS (GS 2433A AND GS 2433B)

The Bishop of Dudley to move on behalf of the Diocesan Synod of Worcester:

19 'That this synod,

- embrace the principles of the Sustainable Church Flowers movement which encourages a living into the Fifth Mark of Mission by promoting the use of local, seasonal and fully biodegradable/ compostable flowers and foliage.
- encourage cathedrals, churches and churchyards - wherever possible - to source flowers and foliage locally and seasonally for use in worship and church life.
- call on cathedrals, churches and churchyards to eliminate the use of floral foam (oasis) and all similar non-biodegradable and non-reusable products and techniques, while rediscovering a regional and environmentally friendly methods of presentation and display.'

Heidi Adcock

Safeguarding Report

I was commissioned as Parish Safeguarding Officer by Bishop Pete in May 2025: it has been a year of learning for me as your new PSO. My thanks, especially to Brenda and Sue for assisting with my handover.

INEQE Audit

Members of the congregation may be aware of the independent safeguarding audit carried out by INEQE Safeguarding Group on behalf of the Church of England. This audit provides an opportunity for our Diocese to ensure our churches are places where everyone is safe, valued and respected. Thank you to all who have contributed and completed questionnaires.

Parish Dashboard

Guided by the Diocese of Sheffield and national guidelines, we have successfully implemented and begun to embed the new Parish Dashboard. This is making safeguarding simpler for parishes like ours. While there is always more to do, St Columba has successfully progressed from Level 1 to Level 2 then to Level 3 this year. We can be proud of our progress, but there is no room for complacency. The Dashboard Reports and plans were routinely presented to PCC meetings in 2025 in order to track progress and actions: green lights bring

reassurance that all is well, amber means that action is needed, and red means it's urgent. Safeguarding is a priority item on the PCC agenda.

Promoting a Safer Church

The PCC has adopted the House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church' Safeguarding policy statement and the House of Bishops' and Diocesan safeguarding policies and practice guidance, and has also reviewed and updated policies and guidance notes, including our Safeguarding Policy, Lone Working Policy and Responding to Concerns guidance.

Training

Safeguarding training is available both online and in person: keeping up-to-date is the responsibility of the trainee, but outstanding training requirements have been noted and followed up. In 2025 St Columba members have completed Basic and Foundation Training, Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse, Leadership Training, and Safer Recruitment Training. As PSO I attended the annual Diocesan Training and Safeguarding Commissioning Day in May, and Induction and Dashboard training in June and July.

Disclosure and Barring Checks

New PCC members and existing members' confidential declarations have all been renewed in 2025. DBS checks were undertaken for 3 new PCC members, while routine DBS renewal applications and ID checks have also been processed/confirmed for many members of our Leadership Team.

Church Activities

The PCC has confirmed the re-authorisation of Church Activities for Children and Young People, including Blast Kids, Family Fun Friday and Bumps, Babies & Bairns; and for Adults, including the Crosspool Memory Café and Living with Loss. Non-Church Activities which take place in our building (e.g Care in Crosspool and Uniformed Groups) form part of the Level 3 Dashboard and will be reviewed later in 2026.

Safer Recruitment

PCC must ensure that all church officers (paid and volunteers) who work with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults are recruited following the House of Bishops' Safer Recruitment practice guidance: job descriptions, applications and references will be updated for all roles in coming months.

Guidance

The website and notice board posters have been updated with PSO and Diocesan DSA contact details. Newly published Diocese of Sheffield information to support survivors and victims is also displayed in the foyer.

Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday was celebrated in November 2025: an opportunity to encourage all members of the church to take responsibility for safeguarding.

The PSO, Priest in charge and PCC are committed to providing a safer church for all in the church community, and to ensure that safeguarding is taken seriously by everyone. Thank you for your continued diligence and support.

A more detailed report is available from Heidi.

Heidi Adcock

Sanctuary

During 2025, John Norman and the Churchwardens continued to care for the sanctuary at St Columba's by changing the frontals in the worship area to fit the changing church seasons, and providing candles as needed for Easter and Advent. John also acted as "glass collector" during services of Holy Communion and passed on some of his extensive knowledge of sanctuary matters with other members of the team.

Jacky Hodgson

Music Report

Over the past year our music team has continued to lead sung worship each Sunday. It has been good to welcome new members at our monthly 'Music for Worship' evenings, some of whom are visible at the front of the church, and others who make an equally valuable contribution by helping to lead the singing from within the congregation.

The repertoire of songs used in worship is growing, but in each service, we aim to have a balance of musical styles, with traditional hymns and songs alongside newer material.

As ever, we are very grateful to all those who give their time and musical gifts week by week to lead and enhance worship.

Marilyn Ellis

Mission and Outreach Committee and grants and charitable giving

During 2025, St. Columba's maintained its close relationship with two specific sets of overseas mission workers, based in Uganda and Thailand, in addition to providing more general support to a wide range of charities at home and abroad. The relationship is based not only on financial donations but on prayer and regular contacts by e-mail and other forms of communication as available.

Our support for Jason and Tracy Day, our Church Mission Society (CMS) partners and their children, Ruby and Libby, began in 2007 before they moved to Thailand from Tansen Nursing School in Nepal. Some 5 years later Jason was offered a post with OMF (Overseas Mission Fellowship), a partner organisation of CMS, using his extensive experience in human resource management to provide support for Christian mission workers in many parts of East and South-east Asia. This has been a major challenge as many of the workers are in areas where

Christian evangelism is discouraged and they may be in danger of persecution for their work. Tracy has worked in various volunteer roles as well as prioritising caring for their two children but now has extra responsibility as Child Protection Officer for OMF. They repeatedly express their thanks to St. Columba's for the support they receive from both the Church as a whole and from individual members. They have maintained close friendships with members of the congregation via e-mails and regular link-letters as well as visits to Church during their trips home. During 2025, Jason and Tracy made the decision – after much prayer and consultation – that in August 2026 they will relocate to the UK. Ruby is at University in the USA, while Libby will be going to University in 2026. We intend to continue our support for the family during the process of resettlement.

Links with our East African MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) partners Geoff and Celia Linkleter began in 2015. Coincidentally, they have also taken the decision to relocate to the UK during 2025. They were based near Kampala in Uganda where Geoff was an aircraft maintenance engineer at Kajansi, while Celia worked in the MAF Office there and led a local house group among her other activities. Their daughter, Mim, has just completed school locally, and will be applying for University in the UK. Geoff's work was crucial in MAF's efforts to develop links with remote parts of Uganda and neighbouring countries where organisations such as UNICEF provide economic, medical and educational facilities to refugee camps and other needy areas. We are pleased to have been able to support their work upto their final months at the end of 2025.

St. Columba's Finance & Fabric Committee will consider the Church's future support for missionary organisations during 2026.

As in previous years, recommendations have been made to PCC concerning the annual distribution of grants from Church income given to local, national and international charities we support. Details of charities helped in this way in 2025 are given below. In addition, various other charitable donations have been made during the year in response to particular appeals.

PCC Grants Allocation 2025

Charity	2025
Alzheimer's Society	£270
Buzz Child Contact Centre	£270
Care in Crosspool	£270
Cavendish Centre	£200
Christian Aid	£1,040
City of Sanctuary	£630
CMS (mission partners)	£2,160
Macmillan Nurses	£180
MAF (mission partners)	£1,530

Mary's Meals	£180
Open Doors	£270
Practical Action	£450
Sheffield C.C.C.C.	£540
Sheffield Downs Syndrome Support Group	£180
St. Luke's Hospice	£450
Taste	£200
UK Sepsis Trust Ltd	£180
Total allocation	£9,000

Jacky Hodgson /Eddie Sherwood

Eco Group

During 2025 we were proud to achieve the A Rocha Bronze Eco Church award at both our sites. Eco Group continues to focus on sustainability and climate justice, meeting as a full group and sub groups seeking to integrate these themes into worship, property and finance decisions and Church activities. We have tried to introduce eco tips into the grapevine to support our whole congregation in thinking about the impact of our own lifestyles on our local and global environment. If you would like to get involved, please contact me.

Clare Fowler

Children and Families Work 2025

Breathe Deep – This year I was on the planning team for Breathe Deep event. I organized fresh fruit for all 283 young people. I was able to do this by getting support from the local Sheffield Lidl. This was a great success for the event to a healthier snack.

Bumps Babies and Barins - Playgroup is going well and we are having new people most weeks come and attend this. Chloe has been helping volunteer for over a year now and she has been an amazing team member. She is great at organizing and the kids love her. We are truly blessed to have her volunteer with us.

Craft with meaning (Lydgate school)- It is a different craft each week. The kids have now taken over the ideas for the crafts each week, and I plan the theme to connect with it. Mrs Hurding the head of the school is very happy with this.

Pancake Party – It was one of our greatest and busiest pancake parties to date this year. It was a great team success. This is a missional way to connect with families and communities. This year I ran it differently by having stations around the room. One for a collection of pancakes and a drink. Then one for flipping a pancake in a pan, one for adding your topping, a station for clearing away, an activity station here the kids can learn all about pancakes and create them on paper or with play toys. And lastly, we had pancake relay races, and this was

very popular. All in All, it was a great event seeing over 60 people and raising over £45 for church.

Family Fun Friday - Is doing well with me and sue taking interns to run and lead together. We hope to have our first trip this year to cannon hall farm in April. we have a different theme each month and we are involving Faith aspects into this to hopefully encourage family's attend to open more and connect on a new leave.

Blast Kids – The children have grown in numbers on Sunday morning, which is a blessing. We are trying to run to the same theme as in church. We are now going through the lent recourses with the kids each week in Church, and they can look forward to Easter. The young people will be receiving a family devotional book this easter as a gift to encourage them and their family in going deeper in faith together.

We had our first outing for 2026 to Hollywood bowl in the February half term and it was a great success of bringing our church families together. Their where four families and we all had conversations about the questions to ask Bishop Leah when she visits our church. It was a lot of fun. We do hope to have another trip later this year.

Please pray for all our groups and the volunteers. We have a vision to grow our children and young people, and we would love all the support needed to make Gods kingdom grow.

Tara Osborne

Looking Forward

As we look forward to 2026, we do so with hope and expectation, open to God's leading as we continue to serve him in his mission sharing his love as we support and connect with the local community in many ways. We are blessed with a growing Sunday congregation, and many contacts with the community who see us as people who help and care.

2026 will be a time of change, as we hope to appoint another worker to support Tara in her work with young people, schools and families. We are also looking to expand our administrative staff and have been blessed by Janet Green and Chris Cooke volunteering to work with Sue for 12 months to establish what support she needs and how they can help.

However, the biggest change we face is a time of vacancy as Rev Tracey leaves us at Easter, because her husband, Paul, has a new job in Vancouver. We wish them the best for the future along with our love and prayers. Tracey, as with her predecessors, has clearly been God's right person to lead us over the last 3 ½ years, and she has picked up the challenge of leading us further in our coming together in covenant with Stephen Hill Methodist Church, harmonising worship, and developing the leadership team. We have under her ministry seen the Sunday congregation grow and many people blessed. She has supported and allowed the existing team to continue their work, alongside her ministry, and we have been able to continue to engage in our call to serve the Crosspool community, sharing God's love in action. Tracey will be missed, but just as we believe she, Paul and Grace have been in the right place

for them and the church for the last 3+ years, we also trust God has a plan for both them and us looking to the future.

Rev Tracey Morris & Steve Ellis

Financial Review 2025

The unrestricted funds income for 2025 totalled £108,083.(2024: £105,787) and this is detailed in the financial statement. Planned Giving, excluding tax recoverable, was £52,482 (2024: £55,287); and gift aid giving, including tax recoverable, was £55,408 (2024: £56,496). Our income from cash collections was up from last year, being £2481 compared to £2,061 in 2024.

This year, we have continued to promote the hire of our facilities for community use. This has led to income in 2025 of £13,614 compared to a total of £13,470 in 2024.

A total of £97,285 (2024: £112,530) was expended from unrestricted funds before exceptional items, including the common fund contribution to the diocese of £39,000. Our partner, Stephen Hill Methodist church also contributed to the cost of ministry via the common fund. The church's overall giving in support of charitable work within and beyond the parish, both church and secular, was £10,018 (2024: £11,352), which accounts for around 10% of our ordinary income. Beneficiaries receiving £500 or more are detailed in the financial statement. The gross income from the flat at 20 Moorbank Rd in 2025 was £8,187 (2024: £7,055).

The investment portfolio value at year end 2025 was £298,060 (2024: £275,734). This consists of shares and cash managed by Finn & Co, and the CBF Church of England investment and Deposit funds., Finn & Co continue to manage our portfolio with our requirement to avoid being associated with any direct investment in tobacco, gambling, fossil fuels, arms, and weaponry. We continue to strive for an ethical and eco friendly portfolio.

Full details of all these investments can be provided to church members on request. The net result for the year was a surplus on unrestricted funds of £24,122 (2024: £3,555 deficit); this after accounting for gains of £13,324 on investments (2024: £3,188 gains).

The net result on restricted funds was £13,324 (2024: £328 deficit). The balance carried forward on restricted funds totaled £10,828 (2024: £6,045)

The total amount of unrestricted funds has increased in the last year to £509,075 (2024: £484,593); and the total amount of restricted funds is £10,828(2024: £6.045). Combined, our total funds as at 31/12/2025 were £519,903 compared to £490,998 in 2024.

Reserves and Designated Funds policies.

In November 2020, the PCC introduced a designated funds policy to replace the legacy policy. It also reviewed and updated the reserves policy. Both policies determine how we spend the investments held by the church. It is PCC policy on reserves to maintain a balance on funds which equates to six months' payments. This is equivalent to around £55,000. We have retained investment of £37,728 in the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. There is a further £61,876 in the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund.

In 2025 we anticipated a drawdown of around £32,000 of our designated funds to help towards the costs of children's work and other mission and capital priorities. However, none of this was required as we were able to cover our expenditure from the cash held in the bank alongside additional and unexpected income that was banked from a generous legacy donation of £5,000 and a grant of £3,000 for the installation of LED lighting throughout the church buildings. Whilst these two amounts will be spent in 2026 and beyond, it did give us a cash 'cushion' to avoid drawing down any investments in 2025. This zero use of designated funds (other than that held in our current account) compares to £20,000 in 2024, £0 in 2023, £15,000 in 2022, £0 in 2021, £15,000 both in 2020 and 2019; £35,000 in 2018 and £62,000 in 2017.

The cash held in our current bank account was £15,478 on 31/12/2025 compared to £18,014 on 31/12/2024.

Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF)

Church of St Columba (Crosspool) (PB 2014) participates in the Pension Builder Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. The Scheme is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the assets of the schemes separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

The Church Workers Pension Fund has a section known as the Defined Benefits Scheme, a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic and a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

The Pension Builder Scheme of the Church Workers Pension Fund is made up of two sections, Pension Builder Classic and Pension Builder 2014, both of which are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension for members for payment from retirement, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Bonuses may also be declared, depending upon the investment of returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum that members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. This account may have bonuses added by the Board before retirement. The bonuses depend on investment experience and other factors. There is no requirement for

the Board to grant any bonuses. The account, plus any bonuses declared, is payable from members' Normal Pension Age.

There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers, and that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The employer and employee contributions to the pension's costs charged to the SoFA in the year are £1,219 (2024, £1,659; 2023, £2,429; 2022: £1,797; 2021: £1,035; 2020: £946).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2025, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 2.7% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2024. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2025.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, the Church of St Columba could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

Members’ responsibility for the financial statements

The members of the PCC (Members) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The members are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11/03/2026 and signed on their behalf by

..... Church Wardens.

Parish Church Council of ST. Columba, Crosspool, Sheffield

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Parish Church Council of ST. Columba, Crosspool, Sheffield

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 22 to 29

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Commission 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

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.

Signed: _____

Craig Williamson
White Rose Accounting for Charities
The Ghyll
Threapland
Aspatria
CA7 2EL

Date: _____

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Notes			£	£
Income					
Income from					
Donations and legacies	2	72,187	6,350	78,537	73,213
Charitable activities		15,457	-	15,457	16,985
Investments		20,439	-	20,439	18,089
Total Income		108,083	6,350	114,433	108,287
Expenditure					
Charitable activities		97,285	1,567	98,852	115,358
Total expenditure		97,285	1,567	98,852	115,358
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		10,798	-	15,581	(7,071)
Net gain/ (losses) on investments		13,324	-	13,324	3,188
Net income / expenditure		24,122	4,783	28,905	(3,883)
Total funds brought forward		484,953	6,045	490,998	494,881
Total funds carried forward		509,075	10,828	519,903	490,998

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets	4	-	
Tangible fixed assets		160,000	160,000
Investments		298,060	275,734
		<u>458,060</u>	<u>435,734</u>
 Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	5	11,500	11,443
Short term deposits	6	37,728	27,728
Balance at bank and cash		15,477	18,013
Total current assets		<u>64,705</u>	<u>57,184</u>
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,863)	(1,921)
 Net Current assets		61,842	55,263
 Total assets less current liabilities		<u>519,903</u>	<u>490,998</u>
 Total net assets		<u>519,903</u>	<u>490,998</u>
 Represented By			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income fund		509,075	484,953
Restricted		10,828	6,045
		<u>519,903</u>	<u>490,998</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on _____ and signed
on their behalf by

Church Wardens

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (effective from January 2015 and updated with effect from January 2016) - (the Charities SORP (FRS102)), as modified for smaller charities.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

Income

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid or otherwise is recognised only when received. Collections are recognised when received by, or on behalf of, the PCC. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income to which it relates is recognised.

Grants and legacies are counted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable. Income from the use of the church's premises and investment income is recognised when it becomes due and payable.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds are other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if the award creates a binding obligation on the Parochial Church Council. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31 December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounts for gross of VAT.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated property is excluded from the financial statements by s10 (2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Unconsecrated moveable furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trusts for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property. Such property is listed in the church inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time

Most of the church's inalienable property was acquired well before the year 2001 and, as there is insufficient cost information readily available, such property has not been valued in the counts.

Items acquired since 1 January 2012 are capitalised and depreciated in the financial statements on a straight-line basis over their currently anticipated useful life.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Major items of equipment acquired for us within the church premises are capitalised and depreciated in the financial year statements on a straight lined basis over four years. Other items of equipment costing £2,000 or less are written off in the financial statements in the period in which they are acquired

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

2 Income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies		
Planned giving:		
Gift Aid donations	43,719	45,291
Income tax recoverable	11,988	11,905
Other planned giving	8,763	9,996
Cash collections on plate	2,481	2,061
Donations unrestricted	1,315	1,460
Grants	4,350	2,500
Donations. Collections and appeals for charities	921	-
Legacy	5,000	-
	78,537	73,213
Charitable activities		
Church Hall lettings	13,614	13,371
Fees	1,843	3,614
	15,457	16,985
Other trading activities		
Womens Empowerment Day	-	-
Luncheon Club takings including trips	-	-
	-	-
Investments		
Dividends and interest	12,252	11,034
Flat rental income	8,187	7,055
	20,439	18,089

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3 Expenditure	Total 2025	Total 2024
Charitable activities		
Grants		
Church overseas: (note 11)		
- Missionary societies	5,000	5,079
- Relief & development agencies	450	450
Home missions and other church societies	1,170	2,628
Secular charities	3,398	3,195
Ministry:		
Diocesan Parish Share and fees	39,694	41,908
Vicar's discretionary fund and expenses	509	447
Children & Family Worker	5,662	12,769
Superannuation	1,219	1,659
Buildings:		
Caretaking and cleaning	7,485	7,160
Gas, electricity and water	10,093	9,899
Insurance	1,719	1,672
Repairs and maintenance	3,688	4,096
Flat expenses	1,483	2,256
Worship expenses	522	157
Organists' fees	-	-
Teaching and training	93	-
Children and young people's activities and worship	450	398
Memory Café	567	-
Luncheon Club	-	-
Soup run	-	-
Sundry expenditure	1,159	1,712
Communications project	-	5,906
Vaccination Centre	-	-
Printing, stationery, publications & postage	429	401
Telephone	1,477	1,356
Remuneration of secretarial assistant	11,506	11,203
Independent examination fees	575	575
Payroll	504	432
	98,852	115,359

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Notes to the Accounts

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4 Fixed assets

4a Tangible Fixed Assets

Investment
properties

£

Valuation at 1 January 2025

160,000

At 31 December 2025

160,000

The investment properties comprise a flat within 20 Moorbank Road which was received as part of a legacy during 2009. This was originally capitalised at its estimated valuation of £100,000. A valuation as at 31 December 2015 was carried out by Blundells who valued the property at £160,000 based on current use value. Blundells are a professional valuer with recent experience in the location and class of investment property being valued.

4b Investments

2025

£

Market value and cash at 1 January 2025

275,734

Additions

-

Dividends

9,002

Net (loss)/gain on revaluation at 31 December 2024

13,324

Transfers

-

Market value at 31 December 2025

298,060

Investments at Market Value comprised:

CBF Church of England Investment Fund

61,876

Equities

218,003

Cash held by Stockbrokers

18,181

298,060

These investments are shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund and a share portfolio managed by JM Finn & Co. The original cost of the CBF shares retained at 31 December 2015 was £6,835 and the original cost of the other shares is £nil as they were given to the PCC.

No holdings in the investments represent more than 10% of the value of the portfolio at 31 December 2025.

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5	Debtors	2025 £	2024 £	
	Income tax recoverable	11,500	11,200	
	Fees	-	243	
		11,500	11,443	
6	Short term deposits	2025 £	2024 £	
	These are funds deposited in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and relate to:			
	General Fund	37,728	27,728	
7	Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	2025 £	2024 £	
	Liabilities for goods and services	2,863	1,921	
	Prepayments	-	-	
		2,863	1,921	
8	Analysis of net assets by fund	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
	Fixed assets	160,000	-	160,000
	Investments fixed assets	298,060	-	298,060
	Current assets	53,877	10,828	64,705
	Current liabilities	(2,863)	-	(2,863)
		509,075	10,828	519,903

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9 Funds

Restricted Funds	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance c/fwd £
Luncheon Club	3,725	-	(1,000)	2,725
Covid 19 Community Hub	1,612	-	-	1,612
Childrens & Families Legacy	-	5,000	-	5,000
Memory Café	-	1,350	(567)	783
Soup Run	608	-	-	608
Sacred Space	100	-	-	100
	6,045	6,350	(1,567)	10,828

There has been no income or expenditure with our restricted funds. The Lunch Club has not resumed after Covid but the soup run has started up again.

Transfers are made from unrestricted funds to cover any restricted funds in deficit.

10 Staff costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	9,212	21,472
Pension costs	1,218	1,859
	10,430	23,331

There were no payments in excess of £60,000 p.a. (2024: Nil).

No other payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member or their relatives.

11 Beneficiaries receiving £500 or more were:

	Unrestricted funds £
Christian Aid	1,040
Church Mission Society	2,160
City of Sanctuary	630
Firvale Food bank	610
Mission Aviation Fellowship	1,530