

St James Church, Anston

Annual Report and Financial Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2025

ST JAMES CHURCH, ANSTON (Charity No: 1129033)

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council For the year ended 31st December 2025

Administrative information

St. James Church is situated in South Anston. We are part of the Diocese of Sheffield. The correspondence address is 17 Rackford Road, North Anston, Sheffield, S25 4DE.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity which is registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Oversight ministere: Revd Kirsty Massey (installed 7 July 2025)
(also of Woodsetts, Letwell and Firbeck)

Assistant Priest: Revd Barbara Cushing

Wardens: Pat Bradey
Ron Cushing

Representatives on the Deanery Synod
Pat Bradey
Mira Robinson

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod
Pat Bradey

Elected members:

Peter Howard - Hon. Treasurer
Sue Harpham – Hon. Secretary
David Little
Bill Lowe
Phil Kirkwood
Mira Robinson
Kerry Sweet (resigned 23rd June 2025)
Julie Tedder
Lindsay Whitham (appointed 9th April 2025)
Anne Wildgoose
Ex-officio members: Chris Hall

Structure, governance and management

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 and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

St James' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Oversight minister in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church itself in South Anston and the Church Hall in North Anston.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

There are 69 parishioners on the electoral roll as at the date of this report. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 35.

Review of the year 2025

The full PCC met on 7 occasions during the period.

We have rich and varied services from traditional Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion through to Family Holy Communion Services. In addition, there is a monthly Brunch service which is very informal and is ideal for those who have little or no experience of church. We also hold a popular Memorial service, a busy Remembrance Day service for our uniformed groups and have occasional extra Prayer and Praise services. Baptism services take place after our Sunday services and we had several weddings during the year. We are continuing the distribution of a regular newsletter, which goes out to members of the congregation, either by email or hand delivery. The church is also open on occasions for people to drop off items for the foodbank. Events during the year included celebrations to commemorate 80 years since VE Day and our normal St James' Patronal festival.

We welcomed our new oversight minister, Kirsty Massey, to lead this parish, together with those of Woodsetts, Letwell and Firbeck (Living Stones partnership) in July.

Our Ministry Team has a breadth of experience and includes a part time SSM licensed Assistant Priest and two Lay Readers. We also have two Pastoral Workers who exercise varied roles. In addition, we have three trained and licensed Worship Leaders, two Godly Play Practitioners, and Tracey Winfrow, our Children and Young Families Worker who runs a Wednesday morning Toddler group at the Church Hall. We are committed to supporting those who wish to train and to enabling all of our congregation to grow and exercise their gifts.

The Natter Cafe is normally held every week in The Church Hall and is an integral part of our outreach to the community, attracting the recently bereaved and the elderly, alongside church members. It serves simple drinks and food in relaxed surroundings supported by a team of volunteers. As the community has grown together, Advent and Lent courses have been run which has been very popular with lots of people staying after the Café. Alongside the Café, a group of men, typically husbands of Café attendees have been meeting to do jobs around the Church Hall. This has even developed into a termly social men's dinner where these men and others from the church gather for a meal.

We are continuing to build our links with our neighbouring parishes so we can work together to grow mission across our deanery via our "Mission Partnership". We have quarterly joint services and hope to develop these links, particularly with those churches who are part of the Living Stones partnership.

Further afield, we offer ongoing support to several Charities: Bluebell Wood Hospice, Rothacs and Charis; we value the work of Mel Welch and Mandy Hunter in Mozambique and Ethiopia, supporting them both financially and prayerfully. We also contribute to The Dinnington Food Bank, organised by The Salvation Army and we collected for them at our Harvest service.

There is much to give thanks for in the life of our church, though we need to keep praying. As we move forward we have opportunities to find out where God is at work and join in, and we are reminded we are called as the Body of Christ to work together, entrusting our church to God for a new and exciting future.

Financial Review

Income has fallen by £16,000 across most of our income streams, particularly as a legacy of £5,300 received in 2024 has not been repeated and a small deficit on our investments reducing income by £4,700. Congregational income has also been lower.

Expenditure has fallen by £4,000, mainly as a result of stonework repairs and handrail replacement costs totalling £7,900 not repeated this year partially set off by £2,200 higher costs relating to PAT and sound system repairs.

The net result has been a net decrease across all the fund categories of £7,000.

Moving forward, the PCC decided to retain our Common Fund contribution for 2026 at £29,000 but will consider an increase if funds allow.

Despite a reasonable surplus on all our funds, most are lower and we continue to face tough times financially.

Particularly as a church we have numerous capital projects in the pipeline but God has been generous to us, for which we have to be very thankful. However, we must ensure that we keep a tight rein on all finances.

Reserves policy

It is our policy to retain in the General Fund reserve, contained within Unrestricted Funds, a sum to provide some cover in the event of a sudden loss of income or costly repair. With accumulated interest, the balance in this fund currently stands at £12,157.

Approved by the PCC on the 16th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Revd Kirsty Massey (Oversight Minister)



Mr Peter Howard (Hon. Treasurer)

ST JAMES CHURCH, ANSTON (Charity No: 1129033)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 31st December 2025

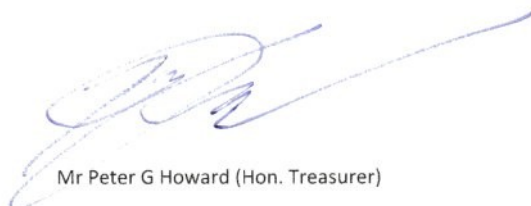
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	£	£	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary income	2(a)	34,283	156	1,787	0	36,226	44,486
Income from investments	2(b)	-232	-359	41	-204	-754	3,984
Church activities	2(c)	6,337	5,702	0	0	12,039	15,100
Other incoming resources	2(d)	405	1,111	0	0	1,516	1,774
TOTAL INCOME		40,793	6,610	1,828	-204	49,027	65,344
EXPENDITURE							
Church activities	3(a)	44,888	10,307	606	0	55,801	59,725
Raising funds	3(b)	81	0	0	0	81	99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		44,969	10,307	606	0	55,882	59,824
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		-4,176	-3,697	1,222	-204	-6,855	5,520
Transfers between funds	4	-1,349	1,312	37	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-5,525	-2,385	1,259	-204	-6,855	5,520
Funds brought forward 1st January 2025	7-10	27,571	40,393	2,931	17,512	88,407	82,887
Funds carried forward 31st December 2025	7-10	22,046	38,008	4,190	17,308	81,552	88,407

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	1,284	2,244
Short term deposits		74,316	75,152
Cash at bank and in hand		7,191	13,648
		<hr/> 82,791	<hr/> 91,044
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6	1,239	2,637
		<hr/> 81,552	<hr/> 88,407
TOTAL NET ASSETS			
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	7	22,046	27,571
Designated	8	38,008	40,393
Restricted	9	4,190	2,931
Endowment	10	17,308	17,512
		<hr/> 81,552	<hr/> 88,407
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Mr Peter G Howard (Hon. Treasurer)

Kirsty J. Massey

Revd Kirsty Massey (Priest)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP (FRS 102)).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average basis.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds

Designated funds are sums set aside out of general funds for specific designated purposes. They can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Common Fund is accounted for when due. Accounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the year ending 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10 of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the incumbent and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment used within the Church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. All such assets are separately disclosed on the Balance Sheet.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2025 £	2024 £
2(a) Voluntary income						
Planned giving: Gift aid donations	21,643	125	760		22,528	23,218
Other	3,975				3,975	6,519
Collections	1,107				1,107	1,440
Gift Aid recoverable	6,281	31	227		6,539	7,272
Grants			500		500	0
Legacies					0	5,265
Donations, appeals etc.	1,277		300		1,577	772
	34,283	156	1,787	0	36,226	44,486
2(b) Income from investments						
Interest rec'd and Investment fund deficit/income	-232	-359	41	-204	-754	3,984
2(c) Church activities						
Church Hall lettings		5,702			5,702	7,426
Parochial fees	6,337				6,337	7,674
	6,337	5,702	0	0	12,039	15,100
2(d) Other incoming resources						
Fund raising	405	130			535	982
Toddler receipts		160			160	520
Café income		821			821	272
Sundry other receipts					0	0
	405	1,111	0	0	1,516	1,774
Total income	40,793	6,610	1,828	-204	49,027	65,344

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3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 2024 £ £	
3(a) Church activities						
Missionary and charitable giving						
Overseas						
Charis Ministries - Mel & Mandy	600				600	600
Home						
CARE					0	0
ROTHACS	450				450	450
Bluebell Wood Hospice	450				450	450
Yorkshire Bellringers	3				3	3
	1,503	0	0	0	1,503	1,503
Ministry: Diocesan Common Fund contribution	29,000				29,000	29,000
Other ministry costs	30				30	0
Light, heat, insurance and water rates	7,411				7,411	7,023
Altar and service materials	823		96		919	1,319
Cleaning expenses	1,130				1,130	1,081
Boiler maintenance	788				788	0
Lightning conductor maintenance	280				280	0
Asbestos check			510		510	0
PAT and Electrical repairs	1,354				1,354	210
Sound system repairs		1,347			1,347	250
Stonework repairs					0	5,893
Handrail repairs					0	1,800
Window repairs	290				290	0
Other maintenance costs	41				41	169
Architect's fees					0	627
Training , books and housegroup materials	122				122	50
Children and young peoples' ministry		1,661			1,661	1,664
Church Hall running costs		7,299			7,299	6,682
Printing, stationery and photocopying	841				841	970
Christian Copyright licence	664				664	645
Christmas tree lights	120				120	0
Sumup donation giving machines					0	357
Vacuum cleaner replacement					0	252
Independent examiner gift	165				165	160
Other miscellaneous expenses	326				326	70
	44,888	10,307	606	0	55,801	59,725
3(b) Raising funds						
Costs of gift envelopes	81				81	99
	81	0	0	0	81	99
Total expenditure	44,969	10,307	606	0	55,882	59,824

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4. Transfers between Funds

The following transfers have been made between funds:

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds
General Fund to Childrens' and Families Worker Fund To fund Tracey Winfrow's work.	-1,312	1,312
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
General Fund to Brunch Fund To fund deficit in Brunch fund.	-37	37
Total	-1,349	

5. Debtors

	2025	2024
Gift aid tax recoverable	1,273	1,561
Church Hall rent debtors	11	150
VAT refund receivable	0	533
	1,284	2,244

6. Liabilities

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year		
Diocesan Common Fund contribution	0	0
Accrual - electric and gas	1,097	693
Accrual - donation to independent examiner	165	160
Accrual - handrail repairs	0	1,800
Payments in advance	-23	-16
	1,239	2,637

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For the year ending 31st December 2025

7. Funds (Unrestricted)

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
General fund	15,300	40,907	(44,969)	(1,349)	9,889
General reserve fund	12,271	-114			12,157
	<u>27,571</u>	<u>40,793</u>	<u>(44,969)</u>	<u>(1,349)</u>	<u>22,046</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
General fund	11,815	47,130	(42,845)	(800)	15,300
General reserve fund	11,756	515			12,271
	<u>23,571</u>	<u>47,645</u>	<u>(42,845)</u>	<u>(800)</u>	<u>27,571</u>

Note

The General fund reserve was set up some years ago as a buffer against a sudden loss of income or unexpected expenditure.

8. Funds (Designated)

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
Church Hall fund	5,441	6,605	(7,299)		4,747
Fabric fund (Designated)	29,935	-265	-1347		28,323
Outreach fund	2,638	-25			2,613
Childrens' and Families					
Worker fund	32	317	(1,661)	1,312	0
Light and heat fund	2,347	-22			2,325
	<u>40,393</u>	<u>6,610</u>	<u>(10,307)</u>	<u>1,312</u>	<u>38,008</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
Church Hall fund	2,500	9,623	-6682		5,441
Fabric fund (Designated)	28,642	1293			29,935
Outreach fund	2,527	111			2,638
Childrens' and Families					
Worker fund	21	875	-1,664	800	32
Light and heat fund	2,248	99			2,347
	<u>35,938</u>	<u>12,001</u>	<u>-8,346</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>40,393</u>

Notes

The Childrens' and Families Worker fund is being used to finance Tracey Winfrow's Children and Families work.

The Light and heat fund consists of a couple of grants received from the Diocese towards higher utility bills following the recent energy crisis.

Owing to fixed contract prices, we have not yet had to draw on these funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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9. Funds (Restricted)

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
Hardship fund	2,100	-20			2,080
Fabric fund (Restricted)	305	1,852	(510)		1,647
Wrights Bellringers fund	467	-4			463
Brunch Service fund	59		(96)	37	0
	<u>2,931</u>	<u>1,828</u>	<u>(606)</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>4,190</u>

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
Hardship fund	2,012	88			2,100
Fabric fund (Restricted)	3,894	4,731	-8320		305
Wrights Bellringers fund	447	20			467
Brunch Service fund	363	9	-313		59
	<u>6,716</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>-8633</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,931</u>

Note

The Hardship Fund was created to provide assistance to needy families at the discretion of the vicar/PCC.

10. Funds (Endowment)

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
CBF re Church Hall	17,512	-204			17,308
	<u>17,512</u>	<u>-204</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,308</u>

Previous year:

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
CBF re Church Hall	16,662	850			17,512
	<u>16,662</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,512</u>

Note

This fund originates from the sale of the caretaker's cottage at the Church Hall many years ago.

Capital - £7,941, Interest - £9,367

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosure matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Signed)



Peter H Jones
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17 February 2026