

**CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER 2025**

**Charity Number: 1129098**

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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE**

**OFFICERS AND ADVISERS**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Vicar</b>                                       | Revd Chris Owen   |
| <b>Honorary Assistant<br/>Clergy and Ministers</b> | Revd Marie Jackson<br>Revd Ruth Wooster   |
| <b>Banks</b>                                       | Co-operative Bank plc<br>PO Box 250<br>Skelmersdale<br>WN8 6WT  |
| <b>Investments</b>                                 | The CBF Church of England Funds<br>Senator House<br>85 Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4ET   |
| <b>Independent Examiner</b>                        | Mrs Rebekah Haywood<br>Dashwoods Accountants Limited<br>Chartered Certified Accountants<br>31 Dashwood Avenue<br>High Wycombe<br>Bucks HP12 3DZ |
| <b>Charity Number</b>                              | 1129098   |

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

#### Aims and purpose

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Chris Owen, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral and evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the finances and maintenance of the Church of Christ the Servant King (CSK), High Wycombe.

#### Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many as possible to worship at our church and in various other places within our district and to become part of the parish community of Christ the Servant King. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how services can involve as many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our vision is to be a growing and generous church which is expressed through our mission and core values. Our mission is to connect people to God: we will aim to be people who follow Jesus who lead others to Jesus, and we seek to focus all our activities around connecting people to the: presence, passion, power, promises, purposes, and peace of God.

All this hinges around our values:

- Worship – being a worshipping community centre around God
- Fellowship – sharing God's love with each other and the local community
- Maturity – growing in love, understanding and acts of service
- Ministry – serving within the church to build and grow our community of faith
- Mission – sharing the good news of God with words and actions

And is expressed in action through the Five Marks of Mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

#### Financial review

The church accounts for 2025 showed a surplus of £27,268. This surplus is due to legacies amounting to over £43,000 that the church received during the year. It should, however, be noted that without these legacies there would have been a deficit of some £16,000.

In 2021 the PCC pledged to support the appointment of a new Family and Children's Worker and put aside the amount of £36k for the next three years to cover her salary. The pledging of these funds meant that deficits were expected at the end of those three years. The church continues to employ the Family and Children's Worker and therefore needs to continue cover her salary. It should be noted that attendance at children and youth events, including Kidzone (the main service Sunday School) has increased significantly.

Running costs continue to increase, particularly for utilities and these are constantly reviewed to ensure that the church has the best deal available. Outreach to the community is particularly important and attendance at these events has often been good. Some of the families that we have reached are now regular attendees at Sunday services.

With the benefit of the legacies the church now has some £130k in its bank accounts which is very healthy. The PCC will continue to use this money for good purposes, and deficits can be expected in future. The PCC will look to use the legacies wisely to ensure that it is used to support the activities that the legators contributed to during their lives.

Throughout 2025 the PCC has been able to regularly monitor income and expenditure through up-to-date management accounts for each meeting. The committee has therefore felt more in control of the church's finances. During 2026 the PCC will continue to look at expenditure to ensure that this matches income as far as possible.

### **Reserves policy**

The PCC considers that it is appropriate to maintain a level of income reserves equivalent to three to six months of unrestricted expenditure, approximately £45,000, in order to meet its needs, including its legal and constructive obligations and to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow. At the year end the reserves were well above the level required by the policy, mainly due to the legacies totalling over £43,00 received during the year. Nevertheless, a tight rein will be maintained on expenditure during the current year, to ensure funds are available for outreach and evangelism initiatives.

With energy prices and other costs continuing to be high, the trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure, particularly cashflow.

There are no material uncertainties about the ability of the church to continue.

### **Investment policy**

It remains our policy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit fund.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to thank the church warden, David Lidiard, who has worked tirelessly on our behalf and all the other members of the PCC for their valuable contribution to our ministry and for keeping the church running.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity with charity number 1129098. From 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 the name for the church and parish of Christ the Servant King, High Wycombe was adopted.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the vicar, non-stipendiary ministers, churchwardens, the LLM reader and members elected by those members of the various congregations of the church who are on the electoral roll of the church. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and hence are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition, members may be co-opted as necessary. The PCC met six times during the year.

**Committees and teams**

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC operates through a standing committee and a staff team which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

**Standing Committee**

This is the only Committee required by law. It meets as and when necessary.

**Staff Team**

The staff team oversees the day to day running of the church within the direction set by the PCC and ensures that the work of the various teams in the church is coordinated.

**Administrative information**

The church of Christ the Servant King is situated in Sycamore Road, Booker within the town of High Wycombe. It is part of the Diocese of Oxford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Church Office, Sycamore Road, Booker, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4TJ.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

**Ex Officio members:****Clergy and ministers:**

Revd Chris Owen  
Revd Marie Jackson  
Revd Ruth Wooster

**Church Wardens:**

David Lidiard  
Cynthia Kalyan (appointed 11 May 2025)

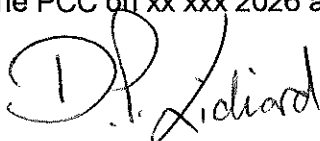
**Licensed Lay Ministers:**

Janice Allerston  
Allison Smale  
Heather Searle

**Elected Members:**

Paul Brown  
Andy Smale  
Sue Gaunt  
David Leigh (elected 11 May 2025)  
Jojoy Joseph (elected 11 May 2025, resigned 16 March 2026)  
Joel Kalyan (elected 11 May 2025)

Approved by the PCC on xx xxx 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr D Lidiard  
(PCC Lay Chairman)  
20 March 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES / MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Rebekah Haywood  
Dashwoods Accountants Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
31 Dashwood Avenue  
High Wycombe  
Bucks HP12 3DZ

27 April 2026

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**Section A Receipts and payments**

|  | Note | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2025<br>Total<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ |
|--|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>  |      |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Donations and legacies                                 | 1(a) | 129,995                    | 6,780                    | 136,775            | 106,724            |
| Charitable activities                                  | 1(b) | 27,569                     | -                        | 27,569             | 25,690             |
| Investments  | 1(c) | 3,798                      | -                        | 3,798              | 3,975              |
| Recovered fraud  | 1(d) | 320                        | -                        | 320                | 0                  |
| Grant  |      | -                          | -                        | -                  | 2,000              |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                  |      | <b>161,682</b>             | <b>6,780</b>             | <b>168,462</b>     | <b>138,389</b>     |
| <b>Payments</b>  |      |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Charitable activities                                  | 2    | 134,414                    | 6,780                    | 141,194            | 153,847            |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)<br/>before transfers</b> |      | <b>27,268</b>              | <b>-</b>                 | <b>27,268</b>      | <b>(15,458)</b>    |
| Transfers between funds                                |      | -                          | -                        | -                  | -                  |
| Cash funds last year end                               |      | 100,672                    | 2,063                    | 102,735            | 118,193            |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                        |      | <b>127,940</b>             | <b>2,063</b>             | <b>130,003</b>     | <b>102,735</b>     |

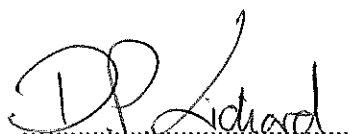
**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

|                         | Unrestricted<br>funds to<br>nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds to<br>nearest £ | Designated<br>funds to<br>nearest £ | Total funds<br>at 31<br>December<br>2025 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>B1 Cash Funds</b>    |                                       |                                     |                                     |  |
| Co-operative Bank       | 48,138                                | 2,063                               | -                                   | 50,201                                   |
| Church Board of Finance | 79,802                                | -                                   | -                                   | 79,802                                   |
| Petty cash              | -                                     | -                                   | -                                   | -  |
| <b>Total cash funds</b> | <b>127,940</b>                        | <b>2,063</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>130,003</b>                           |

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
CHRIST THE SERVANT KING, HIGH WYCOMBE  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

|   |              |                   |                      |
|---|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>B2 Other Monetary assets</b>                     | -            | -                 | -                    |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | -            | -                 | -                    |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Cost</b>       | <b>Current value</b> |
| Fixtures & Fittings                                 | Unrestricted | 72,030            | 3,427                |
| Container   | Unrestricted | 1,323             | -                    |
| <b>B5 Liabilities &amp; Funds</b>                   | <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Amount due</b> |                      |
| Accruals  | Unrestricted | 0                 |                      |

Signed on behalf of all the trustees



Signed by

Mr D Lidiard

Dated

20 March 2026



**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

**1 Receipts from**

|                                   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2025<br/>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>2024<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>(a) Donations and legacies</b> |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Planned giving:                   |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Stewardship giving                | 66,712                              | 6,000                             | 72,712                      | 84,091                      |
| Tax recoverable                   | 12,064                              | 780                               | 12,844                      | 17,690                      |
| Collections (open plate)          | 1,700                               | -                                 | 1,700                       | 2,396                       |
| Donations & other collections     | 6,387                               | -                                 | 6,387                       | 2,547                       |
| Legacies                          | 43,132                              | -                                 | 43,132                      | -                           |
|                                   | <u>129,995</u>                      | <u>6,780</u>                      | <u>136,775</u>              | <u>106,724</u>              |
| <b>(b) Charitable activities</b>  |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Premises hire                     | 25,723                              | -                                 | 25,723                      | 24,079                      |
| Fees received                     | 1,846                               | -                                 | 1,846                       | 1,611                       |
|                                   | <u>27,569</u>                       | <u>-</u>                          | <u>27,569</u>               | <u>25,690</u>               |
| <b>(c) Investments</b>            |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Interest receivable               | <u>3,798</u>                        | <u>-</u>                          | <u>3,798</u>                | <u>3,975</u>                |
| <b>(d) Other</b>                  |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Fraud recovered                   | 320                                 |                                   | 320                         |                             |
| Grant                             | -                                   | -                                 | -                           | 2,000                       |
|                                   | <u>320</u>                          | <u>-</u>                          | <u>320</u>                  | <u>2,000</u>                |
| <b>Total income</b>               | <u><u>161,682</u></u>               | <u><u>6,780</u></u>               | <u><u>168,462</u></u>       | <u><u>138,389</u></u>       |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

**2 Payments on:**

|   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>2025<br/>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>2024<br/>Total<br/>£</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Missionary and charitable giving:           |                                     |                                   |                             |                             |
| Home missions and<br>other Church Societies | 8,300                               | -                                 | 8,300                       | 9,700                       |
| Other collections                           | 2,841                               | -                                 | 2,841                       | -                           |
|   | <u>11,141</u>                       | <u>-</u>                          | <u>11,141</u>               | <u>9,700</u>                |
| Ministry: Parish share                      | 65,998                              | -                                 | 65,998                      | 76,460                      |
| Fees paid out                               | 1,170                               | -                                 | 1,170                       | 1,087                       |
| Clergy expenses                             | 336                                 | -                                 | 336                         | 556                         |
| Vicar's discretionary fund                  | -                                   | -                                 | -                           | 225                         |
| Legacy expenditure                          | 3,060                               | -                                 | 3,060                       | -                           |
| Church running costs                        | 4,217                               | -                                 | 4,217                       | 4,576                       |
| Light & water etc.                          | 7,037                               | -                                 | 7,037                       | 8,270                       |
| Wine, wafers & candles                      | 471                                 | -                                 | 471                         | 957                         |
| Repairs and maintenance                     | 1,842                               | -                                 | 1,842                       | 4,370                       |
| Cleaning                                    | 9,564                               | -                                 | 9,564                       | 9,755                       |
| Children's Church & Youth                   | 794                                 | -                                 | 794                         | 634                         |
| Outreach                                    | 4,323                               | -                                 | 4,323                       | 4,191                       |
| Secretarial                                 | 11,929                              | -                                 | 11,929                      | 14,542                      |
| Family Worker                               | 8,718                               | 6,780                             | 15,498                      | 14,858                      |
| Office costs                                | 2,369                               | -                                 | 2,369                       | 1,948                       |
| Training                                    | 395                                 | -                                 | 395                         | -                           |
| Bank charges                                | -                                   | -                                 | -                           | 134                         |
| Unresolved fraud                            | -                                   | -                                 | -                           | 324                         |
| Governance costs - Team Levy                | 420                                 | -                                 | 420                         | 420                         |
| Accountancy fee                             | 630                                 | -                                 | 630                         | 840                         |
| <b>Total payments</b>                       | <u>134,414</u>                      | <u>6,780</u>                      | <u>141,194</u>              | <u>153,847</u>              |