



## **APCM REPORT BOOK 2025-26**



**He who was seated on the throne said,  
'I am making everything new!'  
Revelation 21v5**

Welcome to our report book for 2025-26

It gives you a snapshot of some of the activities that the church has been involved with over the last 12 months. It won't contain everything, the work of the Spirit is always so much bigger than we can contain.

If you have a question you might want to start by asking the report writer - please ask if you're not sure how to get in contact with them.

Please use this booklet to reflect on all that has been and pray for all that is to come.

## Creche

Our crèche, with 'See & Know' ministry has had 3 regular children and occasional visitors. We have looked at Bible stories relating to our senses and this term we have had colours as our theme. Our sessions include playing with the toys, stories with songs and a craft activity.

Parents/carers can leave their children with the leaders during the session if they are happy and settled.

*Wilma MacGregor & Sheila Batty*

## School aged Sunday morning groups

We have had another great year with the primary school children's group. We continue to have a wonderful group of children who ask great questions and really engage with the Bible studies. Our weekly attendance varies from between 3

to 11 children; but the average number is 8 or 9 kids per week. The group has been led by Sammy and Caroline, with much valued support from Natasha, Roy and John. Our group spans from our youngest member at 4 years old, to our older kids who are 10 and 11 years old. In the next academic year we will see three of the oldest children move up to the secondary school group; and hopefully we will welcome several of the boys who are currently in crèche. We continue to work with the resources which ran alongside the weekly Bible readings last year. In 2026 we have returned to the Energize



The parable of the faithful servant by Isabelle

resources, provided by Urban Saints, with a series called "Christian Lifestyle", which focuses on what it means for our children to live like Jesus. We would greatly value an extra leader and helper, which would then allow our team to join with the congregation more regularly. Please speak to Rev Jen if you would like to know more.

Our secondary age group has slightly less children than the primary age group, although we still sometimes have up to 5 young people, which is a nice size for discussions. This group is run by Judith Brandon and Sarah Frank. Last year before the summer break we continued our series on Jesus' life, and did some work on faith into action – thinking about fairtrade and community action. In the autumn we had a short series where we asked a few members of the congregation to come and tell their faith stories to the group – thank you to those who came up and chatted to them, it was really interesting. In the new year, the kids decided they would like to focus on a series (again from the Energize resources used by both groups) called 'Encounters with Jesus' - where we have been looking at interactions Jesus had with people – and what we can learn from him for our lives. We hope that we combine teaching with fun.

*Caroline Pemberton and Sarah Frank*



Ice creams at our summer picnics in the park

## Youth group

The youth group meet fortnightly on a Sunday evening, with about six 11 to 18 year olds attending. We share food, play silly games and this year have been going through the 'origins' series on prayer which is produced by 24/7 prayer.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the group. Please continue to pray that the young people will continue to grow in faith, that new members will feel welcome and those who have left will continue in faith.

*Judith Brandon*



Some of the Christmas Eve team!

## Toddler Group

We had a great final year at the parent and toddler group each Tuesday morning and afternoon during term time. Our faithful team of volunteers (mostly church members) have provided a safe and stimulating place for children and their carers each week during term time for 34 years in the Parish Hall and 23 years in Copley (closed 2020).

The Parish Hall Group closed at the end of December 2025 due to retirement of the leaders and helpers but a new vision for outreach to the youngest children and their families in the community will continue.

We are pleased that the toys from the groups will be used in a toy library coming soon via the Repair Café.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our groups over the years, Paula and I have loved running them and count it a privilege to be part of the lives of so many people. We have made many friends and now, as grandparents, look forward to what God has for us to do next.

*Wilma MacGregor & Paula Straw*



Toddler morning and afternoon  
teams!

## Open the book

The Open the Book team continues to visit All Saints' CE (VA) Primary school once a fortnight to tell stories from the Bible using the Open the Book Storytelling Bible and Handbook. It is a well-planned intergenerational project with stories that teach important lessons which are suitable for people of all faiths and those of none.

Our regular team of eight work hard to be at school early to rehearse. Often, we can incorporate parts for the children, which makes the story come to life for the rest of the children.

This year we returned to the Old Testament book of Genesis to learn more about God's plan for Abraham and his family. We moved on to the Joseph stories and learnt more about Moses. A particular favourite was the retelling of the burning bush because we were



Can you guess the story?

able to recreate the bush using digital aids which really captured the children's attention. Nothing is too tricky for our team of creatives who worked out how we could tell the story of Gideon and his intrepid army being victorious over the Midianites.

This Spring, we visited Christchurch -Pellon CE (VC) Primary School to tell the story of Joseph the Dreamer, their school vision Bible story. We were able to work with the children there too. A big thank you to our super team of volunteers.

If you would like to join our team, let the church office know.

*Yolande Shire*



## All Saints' School

Reverend Jen is an integral part of our school community, offering both spiritual insight and practical support that positively impacts pupils, staff, and families. As Chair of Governors, she provides strong and thoughtful leadership, ensuring that the school's Christian vision remains central to every decision. Reverend Jen is actively involved in school life - joining educational visits, supporting pupils, and enriching their experiences with meaningful faith-based reflections.



Blessing of the school bags

Our relationship with the church is one we truly value. The church maintains an open-door approach, warmly welcoming all members of the community. The church building provides a calm and inviting space where people can gather to worship, celebrate special events, or simply pause for quiet reflection. It is a place where everyone is included and appreciated.

Our weekly celebration assemblies are a standout part of school life, made even more special by the ongoing support of the church congregation. Members regularly join us, greeting families with warmth and often offering refreshments as part of their hospitality. Their presence strengthens the connection between school and church, reinforcing the sense of community we cherish.

*Lauren Watson (Head)*



## Growing Hope

Growing Hope Siblings Group is a 7 week course for primary school children who have a brother or sister with additional needs. It helps siblings process emotions and share experiences of the unique challenges they often face using creative activities like puppets, drawing, and painting.



Christmas Day

During 2026 the second Siblings Course took place, this time for older children in key stage two. Refreshments were provided for parents and carers in the church lounge, giving them the opportunity for some down time.

It has been really great to have another volunteer, Don Bishop, who after completing the training is now a facilitator along with Jane and Dianne.

Our biggest challenge has been trying to increase awareness about the course and reach those families who could benefit. However we have been recently contacted by a co-ordinator from Calderdale Young Carers Service who has informed us she has a number of children that she feels would really benefit from what we are offering.

The Growing Hope's website states 'We believe that Jesus offers hope to everyone and that he knows and loves each of us'. Their vision is to make therapy, support and accessibility to church easier for families of children with additional needs.

The success and aims of the Growing Hope initiative has prompted The Church of England to award them a £600,000 grant by the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board.

Growing Hope is one of the chosen charities currently supported by All Saints.

*Dianne Bates, Jane Appleyard*

## **Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union is a Christian Charity started back in 1876, when a vicar's wife, Mary Sumner, saw the need to give young parents with families, support to guide their children towards a faith and a caring upbringing. 150 years later that same ethos is uppermost within MU members, who work with people facing everyday challenges, to try to change their lives for the better by combatting poverty, injustice and violence, locally and worldwide.

Here at All Saints' we are a small Branch, but we work and pray alongside all MU members, in an attempt to further the aims of supporting family life.



MU cream teas!

We have had a positive and fruitful 2025 and as a result of our fundraising have been able to donate £1,000 towards MU projects, an amazing amount and it's through your generosity as members and friends.

It's not all hard work, we have had fun, interesting meetings and social events throughout the year. A highlight in April was a "Cakes and Bakes" afternoon

when roughly 50 friends and Church members enjoyed a sociable afternoon while tea and cakes were on a continual conveyor belt. This event raised around £500 which was donated to projects including AFIA (Away From It All Holidays) - our Diocese owns 2 caravans on the East Coast which are hired out, free of charge, to families who have met with hard times, financially or medically.

Our March meeting was a busy affair, one of our branch's projects is to prepare toiletry bags, consisting of facecloth and soap, toothbrush and paste and a comb. These are taken, with our love and prayers on behalf of Mothers' Union, to the Hospital, to be given to patients who unexpectedly find themselves there and unable to get their own toiletries. At this meeting we made up 350 bags along with a lot of fun, laughter and of course a treat of tea and cake afterwards. 40 bags are taken down every 2 months to the



Always a busy afternoon

Assessment Wards.

In June we acquired 350 new and used bras from Harveys - quite a surprise - but MU members never look a potential gift horse in the mouth. After enquiries as to where they may be most useful, 170 went out to Uganda, and 190 went to Women's Refuges in Huddersfield - we never know what charitable work we may be about to do.

We have enjoyed several speakers at our meetings ranging from learning about the Camino da Santiago Pilgrimage, to Guiding around the world and the Passion Plays in Oberammergau. 2025 concluded with our AGM in November when we also hold a Festive Gift Stall, always a crowd- pleaser and money-raiser, this year totalling £210.

Lots going on here in your MU Branch, and lots more going on around the Diocese, projects supporting Mothers and Babies in Prison, Food Banks, Refuges, Ukranian soldiers, Homeless Shelters. We believe in transforming the lives of those families in need - not necessarily with hands-on help, but through fund raising and donations and through prayer - MU is grounded in prayer.

If you would like to come along and enjoy our meetings, our social events and support our beliefs of helping others in need, do join us - we meet on the last Thursday in the month. Our 2026 programme is extensive and interesting, we would love to have you on board, you will be made very welcome.

*Margaret Cowie*

## **Church Walks 2025**

A gentle walk in March started off our year, taking the path from Luddenden Foot to Mytholmroyd, stopping for a drink at the local pub and then taking the canal path back to Luddenden. The weather was glorious and there were 11 people and 4 dogs.

Our June walk was in Greetland, starting at the Community Centre at 1.30pm. The plan was to walk along fields and bridalway to Norland



Never lost...

Moor and circle round coming back with a stop at The Sportsman pub at the end. However, as soon as the 11 people and 1 dog started across the fields the heavens opened and we were soaked within minutes! Luckily the trees nearby offered some shelter and we waited for it to turn from a downpour to a steady drizzle. Starting out again we walked along the bridalway and decided to continue on this and round to the pub. We stopped and refreshed at The



No one fell in!

Sportsman and then decided to walk back the way we had come (which had taken us about 50 minutes) so we got back to the cars at 4pm. The weather wasn't too bad on the way back, and it was interesting to see calves in one field and a goat and highland cow in another. It was an enjoyable walk, despite the weather, and one we wouldn't forget in a hurry!

In July we were in the Scholes/Cleckheaton area. There were 12 adults. It was a hot day so dogs were left at home! We parked at Tesco in Cleckheaton and took 'The Greenway' to Whitechapel Road, then walked down that and over the bridge which crosses the motorway and into the fields beyond. We walked down the fields, saying hello to some horses we met on the way, and then through Scholes village to The Walkers Arms, where we had a half hour drink and toilet stop. We then circled round using Scholes Lane, the bridleways and then Westgate back along to Tesco. We were back just in time to collect cars before the 3 hour parking limit was reached. It was a very pleasant, easy walk, which we took our time over due to the heat.

Our September Walk took us from church, down Salterhebble Hill and along the canal path to Sowerby Bridge. We stopped at The

Moorings Pub, sitting outside in the sunshine to have a drink, then returned via the canal path to Copley. There we split into smaller groups depending on where people wanted to return to. There were eleven adults, three children and two dogs and all enjoyed this gentle stroll along the busy canal path. The weather was ideal and we chatted with various people we passed along the way, including a couple who were navigating the Salterhebble Lock.

Our last walk of the year in November was on a cold but bright day. There had been heavy rain for a few days before, so there were some muddy patches, especially when we went through a farmyard! This proved to be quite entertaining. The walk was led by Sue up at Wainstalls, starting at The Crossroads Inn. It was about 4 miles long and the terrain was mainly fields. It was a lovely amble, with good views, especially since everything had been made green by the rain! There were 7 adults and a dog. Refreshment was enjoyed afterward.

We hope to resume again when the weather is better in Spring 2026. Everyone welcome to join us!

*Diane Williams*



Hedgehog houses

## **Eco Group Report 2025**

During 2025 we looked in detail at the newly revised A Rocha UK survey which has more detailed and demanding targets that must be met in order to achieve the different award stages. We were pleased to discover that we have done enough to remain

at the Silver Level, so continue to work towards Gold.

Important aspects of eco-church continue to be embedded in our community. These include praying regularly in church intercessions for climate change and environmental matters; lifestyle tips and advice on caring for the environment included in the weekly newsletter and on the website. The Household Lifestyle Audit on the Creation Care website and our alternative paper version were promoted early in the year as usual. The Repair Café has taken place every other month and the Pennine Cropshare veg shed continues to be used by the local community.

Unfortunately, the replacement of lighting in church with LED fittings has not been progressed due to a continuing hold up with work needed on the church roof.

To further promote Eco Church and keep the congregation up to date with eco events, a display board has been hung in the church lounge. It also includes general information about the scheme and a monthly eco tip.

Outdoor activities and events have been taking place through the year. A popular outdoor Sunday 10:30 service was held towards the end of the summer, the worship focussing on God's creation and the part that we can play in protecting our immediate and wider environment.

The Reception class at All Saints Primary spent some time raising money to help purchase some hedgehog houses to go in the churchyard. Once they were in place information was shared with the church community about hedgehogs and how we can encourage and protect them in our own gardens. A Hedgehog Trail



was also set up in the churchyard to further increase awareness of these endangered animals.

The Soil Association's 'Organic September' in 2025 was promoted, encouraging parishioners to buy and eat organically.

In order to tie in with the revised A Rocha UK scheme more closely, a new All Saints Church Environmental Policy was written and taken to PCC for approval at the November meeting. This includes an outline of our commitment in each of the five areas and ways this can be applied. An Action Plan for 2026 outlining several tasks in each area was also presented. Each document was approved by PCC and the Action Plan will be reviewed towards the end of the year.

Please continue to pray for environmental issues in our locality and the wider world but please pray for the work we are doing here at All Saints, that there will be an increased awareness in our congregation and that we can move forward and make a difference protecting God's Creation.

Dianne Bates



Coffee after  
our outdoor  
summer  
service

## Repair Café

Skircoat Repair Café continues to thrive as an independent, community-run initiative, supported by people of any faith or none. We remain linked with the global Repair Café International movement, and we're grateful for the ongoing support from the congregations at All Saints' and other churches across our Churches Together group. It's been encouraging to see people from across the area working side by side with a shared commitment to reducing waste, strengthening community, and offering practical help to those feeling the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis.

Our volunteers fall broadly into three groups: the front-of-house team, the café team, and of course our dedicated fixers.

The front-of-house volunteers keep the day running smoothly. Every item brought in is logged on a form—partly for our records, and partly to make clear that all repairs are carried out by volunteers rather than professionals. Not every item can be repaired, and occasionally something breaks during the attempt, so transparency is important. The team also matches visitors with the right fixer and helps maintain an orderly flow throughout the session.



Maundy Thursday meal

While visitors wait for a fixer, they're welcome to enjoy a drink and a snack from our pop-up café. Many people now drop in even without an item to repair, simply to enjoy a cuppa, a slice of cake, and some friendly company.

Our fixers are the heart of the Repair Café—people who genuinely enjoy bringing things back to life. We're

fortunate to have volunteers with skills in bikes, electrics, electronics, clockwork, knife sharpening, jewellery, sewing, and general repairs. Wherever possible, our fixers share their knowledge so visitors can learn more about their items and how to care for them. Any electrical item that is successfully repaired is PAT tested by our trained volunteer.

We are always keen to welcome new fixers, front of house or café team members. As in previous years, we are especially looking for people with electrical or electronic repair skills, anyone who might be able to repair sewing machines, and volunteers willing to train as PAT testers (we can cover the cost of the course, and we already have the equipment). If you're interested, please get in touch at [skircoatrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:skircoatrepaircafe@gmail.com).

Both the café and the repair service operate on a donation basis, allowing visitors to contribute whatever they feel able to. This approach continues to work well, and we're pleased to say that donations have enabled us to remain financially stable and cover our running costs. In fact, we had a surplus of funds last year such that we were able to fund a community Christmas tree – which was erected outside Jay Byrne's Hairdressers (with thanks to Jay for his space and electricity, and the small team who pulled together to arrange the tree, fix the stand, and generally make this happen). We also arranged a 'Christmas lights switch on' with a local choir and hot drinks donated by 'Social' café – which was enjoyed by all despite torrential rain throughout.

We continue to operate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month from the Parish Hall – pop and see us!

*Sarah Frank*

## Welcome Garden

Our committed Garden Team of five meet on a Wednesday between 10 and 11.30am from March until December. We also have had one or two extra volunteers who help us from time to time. You don't need to be an expert, so please join us if you can.

We try and manage the garden in an environmentally friendly way which means it doesn't necessarily look perfect all the time but we try and ensure a variety of colour to the borders and flower beds by introducing new plants as the season progresses.

We have seen a variety of church and school activities take place in the garden throughout the year as well providing a quiet place for small groups to sit and chat and enjoy the outdoors.

*Paul Gunningham*

## Deanery Synod

17th March, St Michaels Church, Mytholmroyd

Jen was licensed as the assistant area dean. Rev Robb Sutherland thanked Jen for her support with the deanery to date and welcomed her to the new role. Helen Pedley, Eco mission enabler for our Deanery, provided an update on the Diocesan action plan for carbon neutral 2030. Natasha Lee, Diocesan disability access champion, talked about potential disability access funding. Shaughn Bevan was appointed to the standing committee.



All kinds of visitors are welcome in the garden

23rd June - Trinity Academy

This meeting was a listening exercise with the Deanery children and youth. A selection of young people from the Deanery had recently been on a Bowling trip together and spared their evening to talk to the Deanery synod members about their experiences of being in church. Questions covered: what keeps them coming back to church, whether they felt valued, what was their place in the church and how could the Deanery support young people? Bailey provided his testimony and experiences of being a young person in the Deanery. The Deanery synod members then discussed how we would like to support young people.



One of our All Age Services

October 22nd - Sowerby St Peters.

Rev Robb Sutherland presided and we opened with a meditation. We then heard from Rev Jude Smith from Barnabas Leeds who explained what the Barnabus program was, and how the Deanery could access the resources and

training. Rev Robb then shared an update on the Diocesan parish share position, which at the time of the meeting was a £1.9m deficit, and encouraged the Deanery to foster a culture of abundance and generosity.

*Caroline Pemberton, Diane Williams, Christine Henderson*

## Building

During the past 12 months work has continued in response to recommendations from the Quinquennial Report, alongside routine inspections, maintenance and minor repairs to the church buildings.

Several routine checks and preventative measures have been carried out during the year. The boiler received its annual service to ensure the heating system continues to operate safely and efficiently. The Lightning Protection System also underwent its annual test and inspection, and the gutters were cleared as part of the regular maintenance programme. In addition, SelectaDNA metal marking was applied to vulnerable metal items as a security measure to help deter theft and assist with identification if items were stolen.

A small number of repairs were required during the year. The flush mechanism in one of the toilets was repaired to restore normal operation. As in previous years, these smaller repairs form part of the ongoing effort to maintain the buildings and prevent minor issues from developing into larger problems.



The main focus of the buildings team this year has been progressing plans for roof repairs identified in the Quinquennial Report. Approval has now been obtained for repairs to several areas of roofing across the church

complex, including sections of the main church roof, the creche roof, the back lobby and the storeroom roof, along with repairs to the south aisle roof. These works represent an important step in addressing areas of deterioration that have developed over time.

With the necessary approvals now in place, these roofing works are expected to be carried out within the next six months. Completing these repairs will help protect the fabric of the building and reduce the risk of water ingress causing further damage.

While the amount of physical work completed during the year has been relatively modest, significant progress has been made in securing permissions and preparing for these larger repair projects. The coming year should therefore see substantial work undertaken to address the roofing issues and continue the ongoing care of the church buildings.

*Richard Mullen*

## **Parish Hall**

Although the Parish Hall has lost a few regular hirers this year it has continued to provide a community venue for a wide variety of activities. The existing groups are thriving but we are looking to fill gaps in the timetable in the early half of the week during the daytime.

The trustees have organised improvements by installing new fixed dehumidifiers in the toilets, redecoration to the back lobby and new external noticeboards. We are now looking to improve the energy efficiency of the building through a grant application to the North power grid Foundation.





Part of the lantern trail at the  
hall

As ever we are grateful to Sue Blackwell for her 'behind the scenes' work in managing the hall and Diane Williams for her role as treasurer.

Some of the trustees are quite mature so we are looking for some young blood to join us. Please contact me for more details.

*Paul Gunningham*

## **Coffee Morning**

2025 proved to be another enjoyable year for Thursday coffee morning.

We continue to meet weekly with short breaks for Christmas , Easter and a 4-week break during the Summer, welcoming people from both the church and wider local community.

Coffee morning continues to be run by myself and Roy Croft. In September we were blessed to have Lynne Leedham join us as a regular helper

May was a busy month. We celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day , with cream scones .

We welcomed a representative from Wiltshire farm foods who gave a short talk about their meal delivery service and provided hot samples of their meals to try.

We also marked Christian Aid week with a "Big brekkie" event .

During 2025 we have been able to make donations to Christian Aid, and also to the church fund.

We always aim to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone who attends.



Celebrations at Coffee Morning

*Pauline Stead*

## **Ladies who paint**

Now in our 16<sup>th</sup> year, Ladies Who paint have again covered a variety of subjects from a Chinese brush painting workshop to Tiffany style landscapes and hydrangeas using bubble wrap!

I asked the Ladies to help with this report and comment on what they have most enjoyed and gained from the group:

*“The painting class has been a lifesaver for me, having joined two years ago after a head injury. I love attending. It’s my favourite time of the month.”*

*“From absolute beginners, to those with more experience, there is something for everyone, and the group is friendly and supportive”*

*“Love the sessions, love the fellowship.”*

*“Friendly, calming, knowledgeable, inspirational. Time away from the every day.”*

*“Without this class, I would not have discovered art. It provides me with an oasis of calm. The classes are inspiring and provide fellowship, wonder and joy.”*

*“A haven of creativity and friendship.”*

*“When I first joined this group I was made very welcome by all the ladies. We are all encouraged and guided, even though we may be at different levels. I love this group and the lovely ladies who attend. It has introduced me to something completely new.”*

*“It’s two hours of ‘me’ time., which is sometimes hard to find, but Ladies Who Paint chat, discover hidden depths and leave feeling stronger in mind and body (and we get coffee and biscuits too!). It’s a happy place and we appreciate it so much.”*

*“I’m a newcomer, but I’ve been made to feel extremely welcome. I really enjoy the painting group and wish it was 3 hours long, not 2! We are helped with any problems or questions. I attended to help with my own mental health issues, and it has. I do feel part of the group.”*



Sunrise in the Churchyard

*“I love art...not just drawing, but learning new techniques and styles. We do have fun interacting whilst being taught and improving.”*

We have gained three new members this year.

I sometimes find it challenging to come up with a subject that we haven’t done, to deliver an enjoyable experience and satisfying result for the ladies. It can be frustrating at times, but the ladies will

always have a go! I get lots of satisfaction knowing that the ladies choose to come, and I am grateful that I can pass on the knowledge and skills that I have gleaned over the years. I enjoy seeing their artistic ability grow and produce satisfying results.

*Sue Blackwell*

### **Appleyard Home Group**

This group meets fortnightly at 7.30 in the church lounge. It's a very informal group with everyone chipping in with ideas and questions.

Our aim is to keep the discussions accessible to everyone and relevant to our lives and journeys.

As well as using study guides we've also more recently listened to extracts from podcasts. It's been a great way of looking beyond our church community and group, to see what God's doing in the outside world.

It's good to have the time to celebrate blessings and support each other through battles.



Pub evenings, socials and impromptu meet ups for meals are thrown into the mix.

*Keith and Jane Appleyard*

Gathering with the community to stand  
against racism

## MacGregor Group

Our housegroup has 13 adult and 3 teenage members, with children of members who join in for periodic social events, giving us an age range from 10 to over 80, although we are rarely all able to attend a meeting. We meet every Monday evening, with one or more of the teenagers coming most weeks. As a group take turns in leading the various elements of each meeting, with members encouraged to try new things, although no one is ever pressurised into leading if they don't want to.

The aims of our group are to meet with God, to rejoice with those who are rejoicing, to walk alongside those who are mourning, and to challenge and encourage each other to grow in our faith. We aim to be real with each other, be that in sharing doubts and questions, or joys and triumphs.

Most of our meetings comprise a mixture of a Bible study (sometimes using study guides on a book or theme, and sometimes following a study course with online or video input), worship, prayer and, importantly, coffee, cake and a chance to talk.



Gathering together

Finally, I would say that we are always open to gaining new members, so if you are on the lookout for a housegroup, feel free to give us a go.

*David and Wilma MacGregor*

## Whitaker Group

Our house group currently has 6 members, the numbers having reduced over the years due to members going on to be with the Lord and others unable to attend due to age related problems. We meet every Wednesday evening for a couple of hours. This happens at the residence of Audrey and Brain Roberts for three weeks of the month and at the residence of Joan Nuttall during the fourth week.

We sing songs, have a prayer time and also a Bible study. The Bible study is based on either one of the books of the Bible or we use a study book that is available in church. This provides a good opportunity for each one of us to contribute to the discussions and the study and thus to learn and understand Gods word in a way that will help us to live our lives for the Kingdom of God. We support each other in dealing with the various problems that we face and therefore continue to grow in faith as a group. We do meet out for a meal every now and then.

We would be very happy to welcome anyone who would like to join the group.

*Roy Abraham*



Some of our  
summer  
holiday  
crafts

## Music Group

The Music Group continues to spend time and effort in preparing and leading our sung worship. This year has seen a number of changes with the addition of guitarist and singer Adam; singer Helen; and pianist and singer Lucy. Paula has taken on responsibility for creating a rota to ensure that we have both the opportunity to take part on Sunday, but also to have a break.

Currently we have eight instrumentalists, many of whom sing; and four singers. We meet to practise during the week. Anyone interested in joining us should have a word with me.

*Ian Byfield*

## Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the house of Bishop's safeguarding policy and practice guidance.

We have continued to review our policies and practices to ensure we are fulfilling best practice, and report any concerns raised about children or vulnerable adults within our community to the relevant people.

This year you will have seen people wearing a safeguarding lanyard at services and events to act as a visual reminder of who to speak to if someone has a concern.



Lantern parade



The team have also worked with our children's groups using the 'raise your roar' resource from 31:8 (a national safeguarding charity) to ensure that our children know what to do if they have a concern.

Christine Bouckley stepped down as Parish Safeguarding officer, when she moved away at the end of the year. Alan Gerrard has stepped in temporarily as PSO, whilst we have been appointing a new person and following the necessary safer recruitment process. We're looking forward to Becky Hill stepping into this role in the near future.

*Jen Middleton*



PCC discussing how to make sure safeguarding is everyone's priority





# **All Saints' Church, Halifax**

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## **End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 2025**

## • Introduction

Our giving has grown slightly this year, but not quite as much as anticipated. At the end of 2024 we promoted the Parish Giving Scheme and a number of our parishioners moved across to this scheme; many who had given by bank standing order previously. One advantage of this is that the Gift Aid is claimed monthly, so we got a bit more in this year as we usually claim the following year. Envelope giving has reduced, with only a few parishioners now choosing to donate this way and the contactless giving has remained similar. We gratefully received a £500 legacy from the estate of Barbara Booth, which the PCC have decided will go toward kitchen refurbishments in due course.

We changed insurance provider mid-year when our contract was up for renewal, and decided to pay annually rather than monthly. This has cut the insurance by about £1,000, but seems higher this year due to the change in the way paid. We have managed to reduce our utility bills slightly by turning down the thermostat, putting heat on timers and using economic light bulbs where possible.

We paid £60,000 of Parish Share to the diocese, £1,000 more than we budgeted. However, this is still below the £77,000 requested.

Our budget was tight, but we ended the year with a positive amount. This was due to funds being released from an investment, held by the church in case the Parish Hall trustees needed help, but which they have now taken over and invested their own money in. This meant we received back £7,000. However, this was a one-off.

### **Fund Analysis and Description, Balances at Year End:**

General Fund	£31,611.67	
Church Maintenance Fund	£10,487.04	A reserve fund where PCC policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000 in the fund.
Church Reserves Fund	£18,818.11	The CCLA General Reserve and CCLA Harrison investments. PCC Policy is to maintain £5,000 in the general reserve. The Harrison account was originally for use at Copley.
Susan James Memorial Fund	£10,166.54	An endowment fund. The balance in excess of £10,000 may be used for Christian Education purposes. The balance may be drawn down to £9,000 if necessary.
Trustees of the Parish Hall Parish Hall Reserve	£7,080.44	Made up of: This is now a Reserved fund as monies in it belong to the Trustees of the Parish Hall. It is intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from their general funds.
Virgin Parish Hall	£11,512.86	<b>and</b> A Restricted fund for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Hall and not available for Church use.
Virgin (Garden) Project	£5,652.13	A Restricted Project fund, at present used for the Welcome Garden Project

Parkin Legacy	£169,551	A designated fund from a legacy received in 2024. £150,000 of was invested in the CCLA Church Maintenance Account. £19,551 left in the Church Project Account, as roof repairs are being arranged.
Music Group Fund	£1,638.08	A Restricted fund for purchases for music and worship
Coffee Morning	£1,337.37	This is a restricted fund for the coffee morning group, funded by donations.
Toddler Group	£365.26	A new, restricted fund which is the money transferred from the group's own bank account when the group ceased to operate due to retirements. The money is restricted for use by whatever new enterprise is set-up in future for pre-school children.
Garden	£10	A designated fund of donations for the maintenance of the garden
Budgets set by PCC:		Budget funds allocated from General Fund to be used in 2025 and set annually for Events & Training and Children and Youth

## Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	95,905.32	2,122.48	—	98,027.80	275,173.94
Income from charitable activities	1,918.75	—	—	1,918.75	2,945.10
Other trading activities	—	13,887.00	—	13,887.00	14,238.50
Investments	27,698.88	7,435.20	446.48	35,580.56	2,142.91
<b>Total income</b>	<b>125,522.95</b>	<b>23,444.68</b>	<b>446.48</b>	<b>149,414.11</b>	<b>294,500.45</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	101,728.30	9,296.80	—	111,025.10	114,563.74
Other expenditure	8,936.56	23,807.08	—	32,743.64	3,838.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>110,664.86</b>	<b>33,103.88</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>143,768.74</b>	<b>118,401.74</b>
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>14,858.09</b>	<b>(9,659.20)</b>	<b>446.48</b>	<b>5,645.37</b>	<b>176,098.71</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,696.05	7,116.57	—	8,812.62	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,812.62)	—	—	(8,812.62)	—
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>7,741.52</b>	<b>(2,542.63)</b>	<b>446.48</b>	<b>5,645.37</b>	<b>176,098.71</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>244,488.17</b>	<b>29,807.12</b>	<b>9,720.06</b>	<b>284,015.35</b>	<b>107,916.64</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>252,229.69</b>	<b>27,264.49</b>	<b>10,166.54</b>	<b>289,660.72</b>	<b>284,015.35</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	31,611.67	—	—	31,611.67	30,448.08
<b>Designated</b>					
Bible Notes	10.76	—	—	10.76	25.14
Children and Youth	—	—	—	—	—
Church building	10,487.04	—	—	10,487.04	4,795.57
Church reserves	18,818.11	—	—	18,818.11	18,003.35
Events and Training	—	—	—	—	—

Fixed Asset	19,984.00	—	—	19,984.00	19,984.00
Garden	10.00	—	—	10.00	—
Investments held by Leeds Diocese	1,757.11	—	—	1,757.11	1,681.03
Parkin Legacy	169,551.00	—	—	169,551.00	169,551.00
<b>Restricted</b>					
Coffee Morning	—	1,337.37	—	1,337.37	1,325.62
Music Group	—	1,638.08	—	1,638.08	1,751.00
Parents and Toddlers	—	365.26	—	365.26	—
Project (Welcome Garden)	—	5,652.13	—	5,652.13	5,683.57
Trustees of the Parish Hall	—	18,271.65	—	18,271.65	21,046.93
<b>Endowment</b>					
Susan James Fund	—	—	10,166.54	10,166.54	9,720.06

## Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
6430	Parish hall and Garages	19,984.00	19,984.00
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>19,984.00</b>	<b>19,984.00</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
6501	Virgin General Account	23,567.75	20,181.13
6502	Virgin Parish Hall Account	11,512.86	14,168.55
6505	Virgin Project Account	25,203.13	25,234.57
6510	CCLA Harrison Account	11,067.80	10,588.60
6511	CCLA General Reserve Account	7,750.31	7,414.75
6512	CCLA Church Maintenance Account	160,487.04	154,795.57
6513	CCLA Parish Hall Reserve Account	7,080.44	6,878.38
6514	CCLA SJ Endowment Account	10,166.54	9,720.06
6515	Investments held by Leeds Diocese	1,757.11	1,681.03
Z05	Accounts Receivable	13,000.00	15,847.75
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>271,592.98</b>	<b>266,510.39</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Z04	Accounts Payable	1,916.26	2,479.04
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,916.26</b>	<b>2,479.04</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>289,660.72</b>	<b>284,015.35</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	5,645.37	—
Z01	Starting balances	284,015.35	107,916.64
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>289,660.72</b>	<b>284,015.35</b>
	<b>Represented by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted	31,611.67	30,448.08
	Designated	220,618.02	214,040.09
	Restricted	27,264.49	29,807.12
	Endowment	10,166.54	9,720.06
	<b>Total</b>	<b>289,660.72</b>	<b>284,015.35</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
<b>Tangible assets</b>		
<b>Parish hall and Garages</b>		
Fixed Asset (Designated) -	19,984.00	19,984.00
	<b>19,984.00</b>	<b>19,984.00</b>
<b>Total for Tangible assets</b>	<b>19,984.00</b>	<b>19,984.00</b>



<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
<b>Virgin General Account</b>		
Bible Notes (Designated) -	10.76	25.14
Coffee Morning (Restricted) -	1,337.37	1,325.62
Garden (Designated) -	10.00	—
Music Group (Restricted) -	1,638.08	1,751.00
Parents and Toddlers (Restricted) -	365.26	—
General fund (Unrestricted) -	20,206.28	17,079.37
	<b>23,567.75</b>	<b>20,181.13</b>
<b>Virgin Parish Hall Account</b>		
Trustees of the Parish Hall (Restricted) -	11,437.86	14,168.55
General fund (Unrestricted) -	75.00	—
	<b>11,512.86</b>	<b>14,168.55</b>
<b>Virgin Project Account</b>		
Parkin Legacy (Designated) -	19,551.00	19,551.00
Project (Welcome Garden) (Restricted) -	5,652.13	5,683.57
	<b>25,203.13</b>	<b>25,234.57</b>
<b>Total for Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>60,283.74</b>	<b>59,584.25</b>
<b>Debtors</b>		
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	13,000.00	15,847.75
	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>15,847.75</b>
<b>Total for Debtors</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>	<b>15,847.75</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
<b>CCLA Harrison Account</b>		
Church reserves (Designated) -	11,067.80	10,588.60
	<b>11,067.80</b>	<b>10,588.60</b>
<b>CCLA General Reserve Account</b>		
Church reserves (Designated) -	7,750.31	7,414.75
	<b>7,750.31</b>	<b>7,414.75</b>
<b>CCLA Church Maintenance Account</b>		
Church building (Designated) -	10,487.04	4,795.57
Parkin Legacy (Designated) -	150,000.00	150,000.00
	<b>160,487.04</b>	<b>154,795.57</b>
<b>CCLA Parish Hall Reserve Account</b>		
Trustees of the Parish Hall (Restricted) -	80.44	6,878.38
General fund (Unrestricted) -	7,000.00	—
	<b>7,080.44</b>	<b>6,878.38</b>
<b>CCLA SJ Endowment Account</b>		
Susan James Fund (Endowment) -	10,166.54	9,720.06
	<b>10,166.54</b>	<b>9,720.06</b>
<b>Investments held by Leeds Diocese</b>		
Investments held by Leeds Diocese (Designated) -	1,757.11	1,681.03
	<b>1,757.11</b>	<b>1,681.03</b>
<b>Total for Investments</b>	<b>198,309.24</b>	<b>191,078.39</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
Trustees of the Parish Hall (Restricted) -	(363.22)	—
General fund (Unrestricted) -	(1,553.04)	(2,479.04)
<b>Total for Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>	<b>(1,916.26)</b>	<b>(2,479.04)</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>289,660.72</b>	<b>284,015.35</b>

## Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
<b>Bible - Bible Notes</b>							
Designated	25.14	85.00	99.38	—	—	—	10.76
Sub-total for Bible	25.14	85.00	99.38	—	—	—	10.76
<b>ChildYouth - Children and Youth</b>							
Designated	—	—	1,152.30	1,152.30	—	—	—
Sub-total for ChildYouth	—	—	1,152.30	1,152.30	—	—	—
<b>ChurchRsv - Church reserves</b>							
Designated	18,003.35	814.76	—	—	—	—	18,818.11
Sub-total for ChurchRsv	18,003.35	814.76	—	—	—	—	18,818.11
<b>Coffee - Coffee Morning</b>							
Restricted	1,325.62	224.89	213.14	—	—	—	1,337.37
Sub-total for Coffee	1,325.62	224.89	213.14	—	—	—	1,337.37
<b>Events - Events and Training</b>							
Designated	—	—	543.75	543.75	—	—	—
Sub-total for Events	—	—	543.75	543.75	—	—	—
<b>FixAsset - Fixed Asset</b>							
Designated	19,984.00	—	—	—	—	—	19,984.00
Sub-total for FixAsset	19,984.00	—	—	—	—	—	19,984.00
<b>Garden - Garden</b>							
Designated	—	10.00	—	—	—	—	10.00
Sub-total for Garden	—	10.00	—	—	—	—	10.00
<b>InvestDio - Investments held by Diocese</b>							
Designated	1,681.03	76.08	—	—	—	—	1,757.11
Sub-total for InvestDio	1,681.03	76.08	—	—	—	—	1,757.11
<b>Maintain - Church building</b>							
Designated	4,795.57	5,691.47	—	—	—	—	10,487.04
Sub-total for Maintain	4,795.57	5,691.47	—	—	—	—	10,487.04
<b>Music - Music Group</b>							
Restricted	1,751.00	—	112.92	—	—	—	1,638.08
Sub-total for Music	1,751.00	—	112.92	—	—	—	1,638.08
<b>PHall - Trustees of the Parish Hall</b>							
Restricted	21,046.93	21,937.16	31,829.01	7,116.57	—	—	18,271.65
Sub-total for PHall	21,046.93	21,937.16	31,829.01	7,116.57	—	—	18,271.65
<b>Parkin - Parkin Legacy</b>							
Designated	169,551.00	—	—	—	—	—	169,551.00
Sub-total for Parkin	169,551.00	—	—	—	—	—	169,551.00
<b>Project - Project (Welcome Garden)</b>							
Restricted	5,683.57	—	31.44	—	—	—	5,652.13
Sub-total for Project	5,683.57	—	31.44	—	—	—	5,652.13
<b>SJEndow - Susan James Fund</b>							
Endowment	9,720.06	446.48	—	—	—	—	10,166.54
Sub-total for SJEndow	9,720.06	446.48	—	—	—	—	10,166.54
<b>Toddlers - Parents and Toddlers</b>							
Restricted	—	1,282.63	917.37	—	—	—	365.26
Sub-total for Toddlers	—	1,282.63	917.37	—	—	—	365.26
<b>General - General fund</b>							
Unrestricted	30,448.08	118,845.64	108,869.43	(8,812.62)	—	—	31,611.67
Sub-total for General	30,448.08	118,845.64	108,869.43	(8,812.62)	—	—	31,611.67
Grand total	284,015.35	149,414.11	143,768.74	—	—	—	289,660.72

## Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
0101 - Bank Giving	49,654.23	—	—	—	49,654.23	62,285.55
0102 - Parish Giving Scheme	13,761.50	—	—	—	13,761.50	—
0110 - Envelope Giving	3,844.00	—	—	—	3,844.00	5,738.50
0201 - Contactless Giving	5,266.71	—	—	—	5,266.71	5,227.71
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,736.35	—	—	—	2,736.35	7,090.02
0501 - Specific Donations	2,338.43	95.00	2,122.48	—	4,555.91	1,501.20
0601 - Gift Aid claimed	17,709.10	—	—	—	17,709.10	16,179.96
0701 - Legacies	500.00	—	—	—	500.00	177,151.00
Total	95,810.32	95.00	2,122.48	—	98,027.80	275,173.94
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
1101 - PCC Fees	1,458.75	—	—	—	1,458.75	2,468.20
1102 - Coffee Morning	—	—	—	—	—	120.00
1103 - Bible Notes	—	—	—	—	—	136.90
1230 - Church Building Hire	460.00	—	—	—	460.00	220.00
Total	1,918.75	—	—	—	1,918.75	2,945.10
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
1240 - Parish Hall Hire	—	—	11,592.00	—	11,592.00	11,858.50
1241 - Parish Hall Garage Rental	—	—	2,295.00	—	2,295.00	2,380.00
Total	—	—	13,887.00	—	13,887.00	14,238.50
<b>Investments</b>						
1020 - Interest on investments	(116.57)	6,582.31	435.20	446.48	7,347.42	2,142.91
1021 - Investments	21,233.14	—	7,000.00	—	28,233.14	—
Total	21,116.57	6,582.31	7,435.20	446.48	35,580.56	2,142.91
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>118,845.64</b>	<b>6,677.31</b>	<b>23,444.68</b>	<b>446.48</b>	<b>149,414.11</b>	<b>294,500.45</b>

## EXPENDITURE

### Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Charity Giving	8,644.95	—	120.89	—	8,765.84	7,905.00
1910 - Parish Share	60,000.00	—	—	—	60,000.00	58,000.00
2050 - Wages-administrator	7,426.92	—	—	—	7,426.92	7,515.76
2101 - Clergy Expenses	108.80	—	—	—	108.80	66.05
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	2,043.48
2202 - Church Running-Youth work	—	1,470.45	—	—	1,470.45	281.06
2203 - Church running-worship	284.75	225.60	112.92	—	623.27	272.25
2204 - Toddler Group	—	—	917.37	—	917.37	—
2301 - Church Running - insurance	6,738.37	—	—	—	6,738.37	4,746.51
2302 - Church Running - Hospitality	579.16	—	92.25	—	671.41	265.55
2310 - Church Running - internet and phone	758.80	—	—	—	758.80	1,056.01
2311 - Church Running - photocopier	1,164.79	—	—	—	1,164.79	1,101.79
2330 - Church maintenance	160.00	—	—	—	160.00	2,864.60
2331 - Wages-Cleaning	1,999.63	—	—	—	1,999.63	1,881.60
2360 - Church running – Administration	193.51	—	—	—	193.51	1,575.47
2361 - Bible Notes	—	99.38	—	—	99.38	74.71
2362 - Coffee Morning	—	—	—	—	—	145.38
2400 – Garden	—	—	31.44	—	31.44	135.07

2401 - Church Running - electric	6,909.72	—	—	—	6,909.72	8,191.73
2410 - Church Running – gas	4,154.89	—	—	—	4,154.89	5,254.33
2420 - Church Running – water	768.84	—	—	—	768.84	889.46
2530 - Parish Hall running - gas and electric	—	—	2,727.99	—	2,727.99	3,473.32
2550 - Parish Hall running - insurance	—	—	997.10	—	997.10	1,069.89
2560 - Parish Hall running – maintenance	39.74	—	3,835.03	—	3,874.77	5,167.08
2580 - Parish Hall running - water	—	—	461.81	—	461.81	587.64
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	99,932.87	1,795.43	9,296.80	—	111,025.10	114,563.74

#### Other expenditure

1024 – Investments	7,000.00	—	14,233.14	—	21,233.14	—
1025 - Parish Hall Investments	—	—	7,000.00	—	7,000.00	—
2051 - Wages – HMRC Sdds	735.94	—	—	—	735.94	365.36
2332 - Parish hall Cleaning Wages	—	—	2,573.94	—	2,573.94	2,443.98
2430 - Church running-health and safety	1,200.62	—	—	—	1,200.62	1,028.66
Total	8,936.56	—	23,807.08	—	32,743.64	3,838.00
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>108,869.43</b>	<b>1,795.43</b>	<b>33,103.88</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>143,768.74</b>	<b>118,401.74</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9,976.21</b>	<b>4,881.88</b>	<b>(9,659.20)</b>	<b>446.48</b>	<b>5,645.37</b>	<b>176,098.71</b>

#### • Conclusion

The PCC has set a provisional budget for 2026. This looks like we will again be a few thousand pounds short and therefore running a negative budget. Although we do have investments, we try to budget from our planned giving and other income. This then leaves the other monies for bigger projects like church maintenance. We have repairs to the roof being arranged, and there are other areas that also need attention. Our parishioners are generous in their giving, but costs continue to rise, and we don't have many more savings we can make to minimize our outgoings. Therefore, we really do need to consider our personal giving, as well as considering new ways of bringing income into the church. The PCC continues to grapple with this and would welcome any ideas parishioners may have.

This report dated: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

By Diane Williams, treasurer on behalf of the PCC

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This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, which are set out in the Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('The Act').

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met

or

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



Mrs Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

March 2026

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This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, which are set out in the Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('The Act').

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met

or

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



Mrs Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

March 2026