

Parochial Church Council of St Augustine's of Hippo, Hedon



Trustees Report and Financial Statements

31st December 2025

Parochial Church Council of St. Augustine of Hippo, Hedon

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Charity Information

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Bankers

All banking of Church Accounts is held with:

HSBC
3-4 Jameson Street
Hull HU1 3JX

Insurers

All insurance policies are held with:

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc
Beaufort House
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Parochial Church Council of St. Augustine of Hippo, Hedon

Registered Charity

Report of the Trustees

for the year ended 31st December 2025

St. Augustine's Church is situated in the town of Hedon in the East Riding of Yorkshire. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England

Objectives and Public Benefit

The promotion of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The PCC aims to promote the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the Parish.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, especially, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community and to facilitate this it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. Augustine's Church. We also see it as part of our mission that the whole community is able to enjoy and appreciate its beauty and its core role in representing the heritage both religious and secular, of the town and region.

Mission Statement

To witness the love of God through worship, fellowship and service and improve the lives of the wider community.

Safeguarding

The Parochial Church Council has adopted and is implementing The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

Benefice

St. Augustine's Church is one of four Churches forming the Benefice of Hedon, Paull, Sproatley and Preston in South Holderness. A trial began in 2023 with the churches in the villages coming under one umbrella under the care of the Deanery with a rota of clergy performing services. St Augustine's Church, Hedon and St Mathew's Church Withernsea (the two largest parishes in South Holderness) both have incumbent clergy who will concentrate on serving their respective parishes.

Responsible Body

Responsible Body is the Parochial Church Council of St. Augustine's Church, Church Lane, Hedon HU12 8JG.
Charity Registration No. 1130525.

Principal Offices

Sheena Baylis, 10 Cedar Court, Farrand Road, Hedon, HU12 8XL – PCC Secretary

Parochial Church Trustees

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Any named person on the Church Electoral Roll is eligible for nomination and election as a Church Trustee.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

For the year ended 31st December 2025

PCC Membership 1st January 2025 to 25th May 2025

Ex Officio

Rev Dr Susan H Pulko – Vicar
Shirley Grayson – Church Warden
Jenny Jones – Church Warden
Dorothy Winter – Diocesan Synod Representative

Elected Members

Colin Billany
Paul Franzen
Adam Wainwright

PCC Membership – 25th May 2025 to 31st December 2025

Ex Officio

Rev Dr Susan H. Pulko – Vicar
Jennifer Jones – Churchwarden
Jessie Moore – Churchwarden
Dorothy Winter – Diocesan Synod Representative

Elected Members

Colin Billany
Paul Franzen
Shirley Grayson

Co-opted Members

None

Remuneration/expenses

The Vicar's Stipend is paid directly by the Diocese who also provides the living accommodation and attendant costs. No remuneration is paid to any other Trustee or Officer other than repayment of direct expenses where appropriate.

PCC Standing Committee

PCC Standing Committee comprising Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Vice Chairman. No Standing Committee meetings were held during 2025.

PCC Committee

The Heritage Lottery Project has again been a high priority. The PCC continued to be concerned about the slow progress of the new Expression of Interest (EOI) required in order to complete the Development Phase proposal. In March we received the Quantity Surveyors report and were shocked that the costing of the project had risen to almost double the original figure in the first EOI. The EOI had to be recast so that it was aligned with the Heritage Lottery new investment principles, this was done by the Centre for Christianity and Culture at the University of York. In June the Heritage Lottery rejected the new EOI as it failed to meet all the investment principals. The PCC were extremely disappointed and somewhat despondent at this result. The Lottery suggested that there may be benefit from exploring a smaller engagement-based project first applying for a single round grant of £10K-£250K. The PCC will be looking into this proposal.

Work has continued this year in completing the preparation and updating of our Policies and Procedures with only two left to be finalised in 2026.

We made a successful bid for a grant to purchase some new tables and chairs for the North Transept. These have made a great improvement to the space and have been approved by congregants and visitors alike.

Following a successful Faculty application and grant funding we have installed a Marquee in the South Transept for the winter with task lighting and heaters to provide a much-needed warm space for activities. The marquee will be taken down for the summer and reinstalled each winter until such time as we have a more permanent solution to heating the building.

Our Pantry foodbank has continued to provide support to the community. We have managed to maintain supplies with the help of donations and a grant from ERFPA. We again obtain a Heat the Person grant and as well as clothing have provided blankets for some of our clients who during this very cold winter have either had no heating at all or are having to restrict the number of times their heating is on.

We have benefited from the work of approximately 50 volunteers during 2025.

Our programme of events continued, with Heritage Open Days, family day, beer festival, tower tours, bikers meets, concerts and craft fairs.

Worship has continued in its regular pattern. Modest but sustained growth continues in our congregation at the Wednesday Celtic Communion, and the monthly Sing in Spirit service has given rise to a weekly prayer group. Our attempts at worship specifically for young people have met with mixed success, but we continue to look for a sweet spot approach. On the other hand, special service for schools have been extremely well attended, and schools' services were the major draw for the approximately 800 people who attended St Augustine's in the run-up to Christmas.

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Sheena Baylis – PCC Secretary

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Colin Shepperdson – Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on the attached pages 8-11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 at the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the following statement.

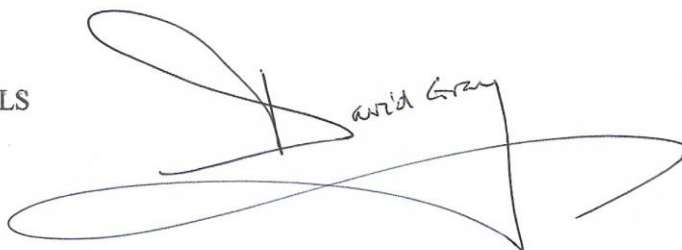
Independent examiner's statement

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
 - a. keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Gray, NLFCA
Main Road, Thorngumbald, HU12 9LS

3rd March 2026

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts		17198	4536	21734	13598
Activities for generating funds:					
Services and activities		28993	0	28993	48641
Other income:					
Gift Aid and VAT refund		2177	0	2177	0
Other income		200	0	200	455
Total incoming resources	2	48568	4536	53104	62694
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3	55203	6124	61327	59561
Net Incoming resources		(6635)	(1588)	(8223)	3133
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2025		33185	45840	79025	75892
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2025		26550	44252	70802	79025

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these financial statements

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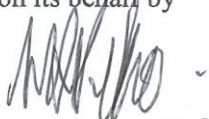
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand:			
– General account		26550	33185
– Ann Watson account		239	239
– Occasional account		0	0
– Restoration account		<u>44013</u>	<u>45601</u>
Total Cash assets		<u>£70802</u>	<u>79025</u>

**The funds of the Parochial church Council of
St. Augustine of Hippo, Hedon**

Unrestricted funds		26550	33185
Restricted funds		<u>44252</u>	<u>45840</u>
		<u>£70802</u>	<u>79025</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on its behalf by



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, HEDON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis.

The financial statements include all transactions, asset and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund Accounting

Incoming resources that may be applied for the Church's general purposes are treated as 'unrestricted' incoming resources and are credited to the 'unrestricted funds'. Where a donation or grant is required to be used for a specific purpose, the amount concerned is treated as a 'restricted' incoming resource and is credited to the appropriate 'restricted fund'.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Regular giving	8577	162	8739	9441
Collection plate and Boxes	6105	818	6923	9718
Donations, Legacies and Grants	17198	100	17298	10033
Events	7517	3456	10973	9283
Coffee Mornings	922		922	1125
Gift Aid and VAT claimed	2177		2177	0
Weddings and Funerals	5872		5872	22639
Other Income	200		200	455
Total Incoming Resources	48568	4536	53104	62694

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025**

3. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Freewill offering	16500		16500	15000
Insurance	9753		9753	9620
Light and Heat	7731		7731	7758
Water	310		310	0
Vicar's Expenses	350		350	120
Repairs	10185	6065	16250	3664
Office and Telephone	11		11	779
Marquee and Equipment	2277		2277	340
Bank Charges	311	59	370	235
Clothing for "Heat the Person"	2410		2410	0
Weddings and Funerals	0		0	15689
Organ and Piano Tuning/Repairs	795		795	770
Licence Expenses	298		298	289
Cleaning Gutters	3822		3822	3822
Church Expenses	450		450	1475
Total Resources Expended	55203	6124	61327	59561

4. Restricted Funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Ann Watson Account	239	0	0	0	239
Occasional Account	0	5872	5872	0	0
Restoration Account	45601	4536	6125	0	44012
	45840	10408	11997	0	44251

5. Food Bank money is held in The General Fund bank account, but not included in these Financial Statements.
6. Weddings and Funerals – Amounts received and paid out (to the Diocese, to musicians, to other charities, etc.) have not been shown in these financial statements, although they were in 2024.