

Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for 2025

for the Parochial Church Council of

St Mary, Wistaston with St Luke, Willaston

Registered Charity number 1130599

This report was written and/or compiled by Revd Mike Turnbull. E&OE. March 2026

Reports acknowledged when written by others and it comprises of

- **A Trustees' Report for 2025 on pages TR2 – TR12**
- **A Financial Statement for 2025 on pages FS1 – FS5**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026 will be held on
Sunday 29 March 2026 - 12 noon at St Mary's Church

If you are on the Electoral Roll your attendance is required. Please take some time to read through this report before the meeting so as you may be fully informed.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

1. Election of the Churchwardens (Nomination Forms available in church and online at stmaryswistaston.org.uk/annual-meeting. All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting *Only those on the church Electoral Roll are allowed to comment or vote*

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Minutes of the APCM 2025 (pages TR11-TR12)
 3. Formal Reports (pages TR8-TR10)
these are published 14 days before the meeting so won't be read out - please read them before the meeting
 - a. Fabric Report
 - b. Financial Report and Accounts: *questions on the finances, which have been Independently Examined and accepted by the PCC, should be directed to the Treasurer, Bob Squirrell, (treasurer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or call the Church Office on 567119) 4 days before the meeting so as to ensure an informed reply at the meeting.*
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report
 - d. Deanery Synod
 - e. Electoral Roll
 4. Elections and Appointments (Nomination Forms available in church & at stmaryswistaston.org.uk/annual-meeting)
All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.
 - a. Election of Members to the PCC (4 places)
 - b. Election of Representatives to the Deanery Synod (3 places)
 - c. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
 5. Safeguarding (see TR2 and stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguarding)
 6. Time for questions or comments
 7. Any other Business – to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting
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- The first meeting of the new PCC is on Monday 18 May, 7:30pm, at St Luke's.
 - The Archdeacon's Visitation: Monday 22 June, 7:30pm, St Mary's, Astbury. CW12 4RG

Trustees' Report 2025

Our Aims and Purposes

St Mary's & St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mike Turnbull, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Churchyard and Church Hall Wistaston, and St Luke's Church Willaston.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at both churches. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the 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, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of all the buildings mentioned above.

Safeguarding

We understand safeguarding to be an integral part of the life and ministry of our Church. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults visiting and participating in Church activities is important to us, everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all. All our Safeguarding policies and documents can be found here: stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguarding

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops' National Safeguarding Policy & Practice guidance which has now been formally adopted by the Diocese and throughout the Church of England. In 2024 we began to use the Church of England's new online Parish Dashboard to manage our safeguarding. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chesterdiocese.org/safeguarding.

The PCC have appointed Joy Chaplow as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and Liz Dawes as her assistant. You can find our Safeguarding Policy on the Safeguarding Page of our website along with our latest policies and procedures plus details of local Safeguarding Contacts.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our churches offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community may find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a range of services throughout the month, at which all are welcome to attend, including Holy Communion, All Age Worship, Messy Church, Baptism services and a midweek Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion. There is Morning Prayer on Zoom (dub.sh/mp930) 9:30am usually on a Tuesday & Thursday and our Sunday Worship provides opportunities for all ages to worship including those in our Junior Church. Our worship music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary with a mix of the organ and music group. We are grateful to our Rector, Revd Mike, Reader, Rachael Rivers and Occasional Worship Leaders, Sue Squirrell and Simon Bartholomew, for the worship they curate and facilitate to help us to worship God. We are also grateful to all those who prepare for, and take part in, our worship in many different ways.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in Marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through Funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2025 we celebrated 12 Baptisms, 4 Weddings and conducted 31 Funerals, 27 in church and 4 at the Crematorium. We also conducted 15 Interments of Cremated Remains.

We continue to livestream all our Sunday Services from St Mary's and many of our special services including Easter, Christmas and weddings and funerals upon request.

The Church of England uses October as a 'usual' month to collect attendance data. During October 2025 we had a usual average Sunday attendance of 108 across both churches.

Groups and activities within our churches

We have a parent and toddler group, Stepping Stones, which meets twice a month in the Church Hall during term time and has play, craft activities and Bible stories to help the children learn more about the Christian Faith and also offers a place for parents and carers to meet together. As the name suggests, it offers a Stepping Stone for parents and children to be welcomed into church.

On the 1st Sunday of the month at St Mary's we have Junior Church which provides a wide range of activities and faith-based learning for our young people. Revd Mike & Sarah host evenings at the Rectory for Junior Church children, leaders and parents usually with either games, movies with popcorn, hot dogs or Pizza!

We are grateful to all those who give their time to help our young people discover more about the Christian faith throughout the year.

Each year the church appoints a Wistaston Rose Queen who is crowned at the annual Village Fete in Wistaston. The Rose Queen raises money through the year for her chosen charity, all money raised is given to her chosen charities.

Our thanks go to the those who organise and facilitate this and to the Rose Queen and their families for the work they do through the year.

We run a Messy Church service three times a year which are always well attended and attracts people of all ages. *Our thanks go to all those who plan and run these.*

For adults we have the Ladies Afternoon Group, Bible Study and Prayer Groups, Women

Ignited Together and the Men's Group. During Advent and Lent we hold courses which are always well attended.

In December 2025 St Luke's Café began meeting on a Saturday morning and has continued and grown during the first months of 2026. *Many thanks to Sue Squirrel and the team who run the café.*

Please keep a look out on the Weekly Sheet for more information about the above groups and activities.

Although the St Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union has now closed, some members continue to attend the MU at Wybunbury.

Our thanks to all who organise and facilitate these groups.

As a church we support the annual Christian Aid door-to-door collection in May and the annual Sponsored Swim at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre. Through these events thousands of pounds are raised each year on behalf of Christian Aid.

Our thanks go to our organisers, collectors, swimmers and those who give to these events.

During the year there were various events held at the Rectory by Revd Mike & Sarah.

The Church and the Local Community

Our churches and members are active in our community in many ways – here are a few. Through the ministry of Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals we serve the wider community by offering pastoral and spiritual support during these important life events. It is a privilege to walk alongside people at these joyful and sad moments in people's lives.

We continue to have excellent relationships with the three schools in our parish, Wistaston Church Lane Academy, Willaston Primary Academy & The Berkeley Academy. Rachael & Revd Mike take assemblies and lessons at these schools on a regular basis and welcome the children into church for visits and school church services.

We support the Wistaston Community Council with their community events and fundraising through the year. For many years we have supplied the sound support for the Village Fête and we give our facilities free of charge for the Flower and Produce Show and the Christmas Concert held in the Church Hall by Wistaston Community Council.

Rachael & Revd Mike conduct a monthly service at Richmond Village (Willaston) for residents with dementia. Using familiar prayers and hymns they help those who attend to worship in a way appropriate to them.

We continue to support Her-Place (formerly Motherwell) by holding their annual Baby Loss service at St Mary's. Her-Place is a local charity based in Wistaston which seeks to increase awareness of women's issues and provide female centred services in their local area providing help and support. In 2025 Her-Place held an event for International Women's Day at Cheshire College South & West which we advertised through church and many of our congregation attended along with hundreds of people and great conversations were had.

We have strong links with our local uniformed organisations and support them in many ways including letting them use the Church Hall and St Luke's Church free of charge for their regular meetings and one-off events. By doing this we support them in their work with young people locally. Each December we hold a Christingle service at St Mary's the uniformed organisations which is attended by hundreds of young people.

Deanery Synod

Our current members of Deanery Synod are Howard Barker, Simon Bartholomew & Revd Mike Turnbull. Our members of the Deanery Synod provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Please see the included report for the activities of the Synod this year.

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.

We aim to achieve this by:

1. Looking to the Future - ensuring we encourage, support, nurture and help our young people so they can pray together, worship together, learn together, live out their faith together, grow in faith together.
2. Working with and in our Local Community - serving our community and showing God's love through our actions.
3. Developing Discipleship - praying together, worshipping together, learning together, living out our faith together, growing in faith together.

Parish Magazine

The last printed edition was January 2022. All news and articles given via the Church Office are now included on the Weekly Sheet and the Blog (the same articles on both).

Social Media

We have a presence on Social Media as follows: stmaryswistaston.org.uk
facebook.com/stmaryandstluke :: youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1 :: Twitter: @maryandluke :: Instagram: @stmarywistaston. Nearly all enquiries for Weddings & Baptisms come via the Website. The Facebook page has 876 followers, YouTube 165, X (formally Twitter) 270 and Instagram 103. Bob Squirrell & Mike Turnbull look after the website & Mike Turnbull manages the Facebook, YouTube, X & Instagram accounts. If you are on Social Media please Like or Follow us and share what we do - it's an effective way to share what we do.

Outward Giving

As a church the PCC have agreed for many years to give away 10% of our planned and plate giving to various Charities each year. In 2025 we gave away £5,200.52 and it was given to: Church Missionary Society, Crosslinks, Tear Fund, USPG, The Bible Society, The Children's Society, The Church Army, CPAS, Christians Against Poverty, Clergy Family Trust, Crewe Christian Concern, The YMCA Crewe, Nantwich Food Bank & St Paul's Pantry, Her-Place (formally Motherwell). These Charities were chosen in 2024 and will be reviewed by the PCC in 2027. Amounts are available from the Treasurer on request.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Crewe and we have been involved, where possible, with meetings, services and events through the year.

Reserves Policy

As a registered charity we are required to maintain a balance on funds, which equates to at three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £38,690 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March 2026 meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant community they are – we really couldn't do it without you!! In particular, we want to mention our churchwarden Chris Horne who has worked tirelessly over the past year on our behalf and to Bob Squirrell who as Treasurer has helped the PCC to manage and understand the church's accounts and its finances.

Many components combine to make our worship a pleasant and meaningful experience, these include those who; open and set up our churches, ring the bells, arrange flowers, provide music, read the Bible Readings and Intercessions, clean our churches, set up and operate the sound, vision and streaming and, last but certainly not least, provide our after church refreshments. Many thanks to you all from all of us who gather for worship.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Registered Charity number 1130599. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's & St Luke's the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), the Reader, Pastoral Worker, Deanery Synod Members, there is also the opportunity for 12 members to be elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC has the power to co-opt people as it deems necessary. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are then eligible to stand for election to the PCC after a 6 month period.

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.

Administrative information

The correspondence address is C/O The PCC Secretary, Church Office, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 8HA. 01270 567119. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011). Registered Charity number 1130599.

Current PCC Membership 2025-2026

Our thanks to all those who have served on the PCC this past year

Name	Elected or Role	Retire
Mike Turnbull	Rector	Ex Officio
Rachael Rivers	Reader	Ex Officio
Ann Stubbs	Pastoral Worker	Ex Officio
Howard Barker	Elected	2026
Bob Squirrell	Elected	2026
Mike Felton	Elected	2026
Simon Bartholomew	Elected	2026
Daphne Gregory	Elected	2027
Margaret Shephard	Elected	2027
Frances Latham	Elected	2027
Sue Squirrell	Elected	2027
Sue Steele	Elected	2028
Sarah Rhodes	Elected	2028
Catherine Gallagher	Elected	2028
Liz Dawes	Elected	2028
Howard Barker	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
Simon Bartholomew	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
David Illing	Co-opted	2026
Chris Horne	Warden	Ex Officio until 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Warden	Ex Officio until 2026

Appointed by the PCC

Church Treasurer: Bob Squirrell

Electoral Roll Officers: Sue & Bob Squirrell

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joy Chaplow

Parish Safety Officer: David Illing

Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms.

Architect – Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6DL

Our Bank - The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale. WN8 6WT.

Day to day management of the Church is exercised by the Rector and Warden(s).

Formal Reports

Fabric Report

Work has stalled on the Choir Vestry, architect reports and initial quotation for the work now received. Now awaiting further competitive quotes.

Awaiting information on any grants available for the work.

The funeral bier is still in the Choir Vestry

Leaks from the roof in the Church Hall have now been remedied. The chimney on the hall where the leaks were coming from has now been removed to below roof level and the roof made good to prevent any further leaks. No sign of any further leaks after recent heavy rainfall.

Church Hall has been painted inside

All the Church lighting units have been replaced with LED units as a cost saving exercise.

New projector installed at the sound desk. Much clearer images now being projected.

The compost bin behind the Choir Vestry has been emptied and removed.

The defibrillator units are now installed in cabinets in prominent positions and are checked monthly.

We now have a memorial stone outside the Choir Vestry in memory of all the babies we have loved and lost. Erected in conjunction with the "Her Place" charity.

Churchyard maintenance and refuse removal from the churchyard was being carried out on an ad hoc basis by RSC gardening company. RSC will now be on contract from April 2026.

Chris Horne. Church Warden. 11 February 2026.

Financial (Treasurer's) Report

Our Income for 2025 was £140,934, our expenditure was £154,936 so we overspent by £14,002. We ended the year with £118,470 in the bank.

Our expenditure included £2,922 for the dry rot exposure works in the Choir Vestry, £1,509 for painting the Church Hall, £786 for new chairs for the hall and £77,605 for the Parish Share. The Parish Share is money we pay to the Diocese for clergy, clergy housing, clergy training, central support and the National Church.

We were able to help other charities through our outward giving with donations totalling £5,342.

Our income was up largely due to the fantastic support we have had to raise money for the Choir Vestry repairs. At the end of the year the Choir Vestry fund reached £13,060 through generous donations and fund raising.

Of course, all the money raised for the Choir Vestry will be spent on that, but we still need to fund our usual running costs. The best way to give is by standing order or a bank transfer. The money goes straight into our bank account and there are no deductions.

Card payments are very welcome, but we lose a small percentage in commission to the card companies. Cash is welcome too, but it requires a significant amount of volunteer time to count and bank it. If you can gift aid your donations, that is also a big help.

There was no income at all from legacies. If you are making a new will, or revising an existing one, please consider leaving something to the church.

We are grateful to our local Parish Councils in Wistaston, Rope and Willaston for grants

that help us to maintain the churchyard.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help with counting, banking, reclaiming gift aid and authorising payments. Your help is much appreciated.

Bob Squirrell. Treasurer St Mary's Wistaston PCC.

Parochial Church Council – PCC Secretary's Report

During 2025, the PCC met six times. We dealt with the usual varied assortment of business, including (but not limited to!) the following: financial affairs, property maintenance, community events, mission and ministry, safeguarding, and health-and-safety.

Each meeting begins with a bible reading and prayer, before moving on to routine items that you might find in the agenda of any similar meeting, such as "Apologies for Absence", "Approval of the minutes", "Matters Arising" and "Correspondence".

We then move on to deal with our church affairs under five main headings:

"Ministry, Outreach, Discipleship & Mission", "Finance", "Buildings & Maintenance", "Legal", and "Other Business"

We close the meeting by praying for each other in the words of the prayer known as "The Grace"

The practical matters under "Finance" and "Buildings & Maintenance" inevitably occupy quite a lot of the PCC's time, but since these are covered by separate reports to the APCM, I will not discuss those here.

To give an indication of some of the things that we deal with under the other heading, here are a few examples:

In January, under "Ministry (etc)", we reviewed the Advent and Christmas services, and the Advent Study Group – it was felt that these had been "successful": both from the point of view of members of our congregation attending, and as an effective outreach to the wider community. Rachael Rivers reported having attended and contributed to School Christmas assemblies (4 assemblies and 4 church visits).

Later in the year, we reviewed preparations for the upcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting. We also made plans for the celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Under the "Legal" heading, members were reminded of the requirement to have up-to-date Safeguarding training. Under "Other Business" we considered, among other things, options for the replacement of the flagpole, which had been vandalized earlier in the year.

Towards the end of the year, we laid plans for some special events and services; the "Infant Loss Service" in partnership with the local charity Her Place; St Luke's 60th Anniversary; the annual Commemoration Service; and Remembrance Sunday.

At our final meeting in November, we reviewed those events and were glad to hear that "feedback" indicates these were valued by those who attended. We also heard from Rachael & Revd Mike that they were pleased that the Alpha Course had worked well, with about 15 participants at each session.

In conclusion: The PCC are grateful for all giving, grants received from Parish Councils and other generous donations received during the year.

I am once again pleased to say that all meetings were well attended, and happy to report that the members work well together, bringing a broad range of experience and expertise to the Council's business.

David Illing. PCC Secretary. 4th March 2026.

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met two times during 2025: 10th February (St Mary's, Acton) & 5th June (St James, Audlem). The meeting on 19th November (St Peter's, Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon) was cancelled due to bad weather. Along with worship and the usual business of Synod the following items were discussed: In February we had reports on the children's and youth work taking place around the deanery giving the chance to have an overview of what is happening. In June we had an address from Jim Ellis from the Waterways Chaplaincy who have us a fascinating view of the chaplaincy he and the other chaplains undertake, a wide and varied ministry.

Electoral Roll

After a revision of the Electoral Roll which was 'closed off' on 8th March 2026 in preparation of the 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the figures stood at: Total: 123, of which 82 are resident and 41 are non-resident. This compares with figures at the last APCM: Total: 119, of which 80 were resident and 39 non-resident.

Sue & Bob Squirrell Electoral Roll Officers

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 6 April 2025 12pm at St. Mary's Church

Attendees

Revd Mike Turnbull (Chair) and 38 parishioners

The meeting began with a welcome, a prayer, and confirmation that proceedings were being recorded solely for minute-taking (to be deleted post-minutes finalisation).

Attendees were instructed to use the microphone to ensure clarity for recording.

The meeting has two main parts: **The Meeting of the Parishioners** (sole purpose is electing the Wardens) and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** (covering minutes approval, reports, elections, and general business).

1. The Meeting of the Parishioners

- **Purpose:** Elect Wardens for the coming year.
- **Nominations:** Only one fully completed application was received from **Chris Horne**.
- **Outcome:** Chris Horne was re-elected as our Warden.
- **Rector's Comment:** Recorded disappointment at having only one Warden, noting that the church "functions best with two Wardens".

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Sarah & Stephen Rhodes, Howard & Francis Barker, Adrian & Henrietta Thompson, Sarah Turnbull, Anne Hill and Joy Chaplow.
2. **2024 APCM Minutes:** Approved with a correction: In the second paragraph, "four years" (referencing to Sue Squirrell's length as Churchwarden) was amended to "five years."
3. **Formal Reports (Pre-published 14 days prior)**
 - a. **Fabric Report:** Presented by Chris Horne (Warden); no questions/comments from attendees.
 - b. **Financial Reports & Accounts:** Prepared by Bob Squirrell (Treasurer) and Kathy Simms (independent examiner); no questions/comments.
 - c. **PCC Secretary's Report:** Presented by David Illing, highlighting PCC focus on balancing practical building maintenance with spiritual ministry across two church buildings and the hall; no questions/comments.
 - d. **Deanery Synod Report:** Howard Barker, Simon Bartholemew, and the Rector are our current Deanery Synod Representatives; a digest of activities was provided; no questions/comments.
 - e. **Electoral Roll Report:** Prepared by Sue and Bob Squirrell. The Electoral Roll was fully renewed this year (required every six years), leading to lower numbers as members reapply. The Electoral Roll is now open for new applications.
4. **Elections and Appointments**
 - a. **PCC Elections:** 5 vacancies with 5 nominations (all approved): Returning: Catherine Gallagher, Liz Dawes, Simon Bartholemew, Sarah Rhodes. New: Sue Steele.

- b. **Appoint an Independent Examiner:** Kathy Simms was approached by the Rector to be our Independent Examiner again; she was approved by the meeting.

5. **Safeguarding**

- **Responsibility:** The Rector emphasized that Safeguarding is all of our responsibility to ensure safe spaces for all, young people and adults.
- **Requirements:** PCC members and all those in a position of leadership must complete DBS checks and online training.
- **Resources:** The Rector encouraged attendees to read the Safeguarding Report and the church website for more details. He also noted that grassroots Safeguarding, at a Parish level, is "fairly tight" and churches are "safer than they've been for many years".
- There were no questions or comments

6. **Any Other Business**

- **Thanks:** Simon Bartholemew proposed recording thanks to Mike (Rector), Rachel (Licensed Lay Minister), for their pastoral work and commitment, and also their partners (Sarah & John). Also thanks to our Warden Chris Horne's and her husband, Mike, for all the hard work they do. The Rector and Rachael reciprocated thanks to the congregation for support, the Rector noting that he would soon complete 17 years at St Mary's and St Luke's.

7. **Closing and Fellowship**

- The meeting concluded at 12:27pm with plans for fellowship in the Church Hall with a Bring and Share meal. Rachael will say Grace before we begin.

The Minutes were summarised by Revd Mike Turnbull from the recording of the meeting.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the membership/trustees of
St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston, Parochial Church Council, Chester Diocese**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

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.

Signature: Kathleen Simms

Date: 11.3.26

Mrs K Simms [address available from the church office on request]

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 16 March 2026

Signed by the Treasurer: RCI Squirell

Name: Robert CI SQUIRELL

Signed by the Rector: M.F. Turnbull

Name: Michael Francis Turnbull

St Marys Wistaston
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	80,308.52	-	80,308.52	75,663.42
Income from charitable activities	23,715.30	-	23,715.30	19,403.16
Other trading activities	28,874.37	-	28,874.37	25,806.60
Investments	4,452.15	-	4,452.15	3,785.16
Other income	3,584.00	-	3,584.00	2,501.00
Total income	140,934.34	-	140,934.34	127,159.34
Payments				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	154,758.24	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	154,758.24	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(13,823.90)	(178.03)	(14,001.93)	9,876.88
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	31,000.00	-	31,000.00	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(31,000.00)	-	(31,000.00)	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(13,823.90)	(178.03)	(14,001.93)	9,876.88
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	161,033.95	476.77	161,510.72	151,633.84
Total funds carried forward	147,210.05	298.74	147,508.79	161,510.72

Notes for Financial Statement

1) The following transfers between funds were made during the year:

- a) £500.00 from Stepping Stones to the Church Hall
- b) £500.00 from Tower Fund Weddings to the Choir Vestry
- c) £30,000.00 from the Churchyard to the General Fund

2) Due to the death of the Bell Tower Captain, it has not been possible to obtain the receipts and payments for the two Tower accounts in time for the annual meeting. We will add these to the main accounts as soon as we are able. The 2024 balances have been carried forward on the balance sheet. It is unlikely that the amounts will be significant.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC's policy to maintain a balance of funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £38,690 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

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St Marys Wistaston

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2025 £	At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	80,083.74	38,440.31	900.54	-	119,424.59	133,188.52
	80,083.74	38,440.31	900.54	-	119,424.59	133,188.52
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	-	-	601.80	-	601.80	363.80
	-	-	601.80	-	601.80	363.80
Net current assets less current liabilities	80,083.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	118,822.79	132,824.72
Total assets less current liabilities	108,769.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	147,508.79	161,510.72
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	108,769.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	147,508.79	161,510.72
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	108,769.74	-	-	-	108,769.74	111,014.32
Designated						
Designated - Choir Vestry	-	13,059.77	-	-	13,059.77	-
Designated - Churchyard	-	10,983.59	-	-	10,983.59	37,798.56
Designated - Defibrillator Maintenance	-	2,490.12	-	-	2,490.12	2,946.00
Designated - Tower Fund Weddings	-	1,691.10	-	-	1,691.10	2,001.10
Designated - Church Hall	-	8,844.68	-	-	8,844.68	4,295.21
Designated - Junior Church	-	120.01	-	-	120.01	120.01
Designated - St Luke's Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	1,327.48
Designated - Stepping Stones	-	1,251.04	-	-	1,251.04	1,531.27
Restricted						
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	179.35	-	179.35	357.38
Restricted - Agency collection	-	-	119.39	-	119.39	119.39
Fund Totals	108,769.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	147,508.79	161,510.72

St Marys Wistaston

Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - PLANNED GIVING - BANK (for standing orders)	32,870.00	-	-	32,870.00	30,369.00
0110 - GIFT AID ENVELOPES	1,550.70	-	-	1,550.70	1,809.21
0201 - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes)	2,592.04	-	-	2,592.04	2,770.02
0202 - PLANNED GIVING - CAF & GAYE	6,717.00	-	-	6,717.00	6,656.26
0204 - SUM UP GIVING	1,183.68	-	-	1,183.68	2,474.29
0206 - AD HOC BANK DONATIONS	2,306.93	300.00	-	2,606.93	380.00
0301 - Open Plate Giving - (cash & cheques on plate excluding envelopes)	5,357.98	-	-	5,357.98	4,509.96
0303 - STEPPING STONES - subscriptions	-	362.96	-	362.96	486.90
0401 - SUNDRY DONATIONS	1,743.13	176.40	-	1,919.53	5,339.69
0402 - FLOWER DONATIONS	-	-	-	-	100.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	126.45
0550 - Donations - special appeals	20.00	10,046.07	-	10,066.07	4,578.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,271.50	-	-	10,271.50	9,946.91
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	2,333.33
0801 - Recurring grants	-	4,100.00	-	4,100.00	3,550.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
0901 - Other funds generated - funds from Easy-fundraising	210.13	-	-	210.13	233.40
Donations and legacies Totals	65,323.09	14,985.43	-	80,308.52	75,663.42
Income from charitable activities					
0910 - FUNDRAISING - FETES, sales etc	-	2,337.30	-	2,337.30	734.16
1101 - Fees for weddings, funerals & BAPTISMS	11,120.00	10,258.00	-	21,378.00	18,159.00
1102 - TOWER	-	-	-	-	510.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	11,120.00	12,595.30	-	23,715.30	19,403.16
Other trading activities					
1230 - HALL - rent	-	24,365.87	-	24,365.87	20,887.10
1241 - ST LUKE'S - rent	4,508.50	-	-	4,508.50	4,919.50
Other trading activities Totals	4,508.50	24,365.87	-	28,874.37	25,806.60
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	4,452.15	-	-	4,452.15	3,785.16
Investments Totals	4,452.15	-	-	4,452.15	3,785.16
Other income					
1234 - Ladies Afternoon Group Income LAG Income	3,584.00	-	-	3,584.00	2,001.00
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	500.00
Other income Totals	3,584.00	-	-	3,584.00	2,501.00
Receipts Grand Totals	88,987.74	51,946.60	-	140,934.34	127,159.34

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1831 - LOCAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,852.18	-	-	1,852.18	1,819.00
1832 - NATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,755.00	-	-	1,755.00	1,750.00
1833 - INTERNATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,735.00	-	-	1,735.00	1,730.00
1850 - Home mission	76.89	-	-	76.89	184.98
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	77,604.72	-	-	77,604.72	28,712.84
2000 - Employee Tax/NI Due to HMRC	192.40	-	-	192.40	267.60
2002 - VERGER FEES	616.00	-	-	616.00	352.00
2003 - ORGANIST FEES	540.00	-	-	540.00	833.00
2004 - BELL RINGERS HONORARIUM & RECTORS BOOK ALLOWANCE	723.00	-	-	723.00	1,482.50
2101 - RECTOR - expenses	778.40	-	-	778.40	817.60
2102 - HOSPITALITY	55.00	-	-	55.00	40.00
2120 - RECTORY - council tax	2,769.64	-	-	2,769.64	2,634.35
2145 - RECTORY - water rates	900.30	-	-	900.30	707.64
2201 - CHURCH EXPENSES - mission & evangelism	-	-	-	-	152.48
2202 - CHURCH EXPENSES - Stepping Stones	-	143.19	-	143.19	258.58
2203 - EXPENSES LAG	3,673.00	-	-	3,673.00	1,659.00
2301 - ST MARYS - insurance	2,101.71	-	-	2,101.71	2,318.30
2302 - ST LUKE'S - insurance	1,050.75	-	-	1,050.75	1,159.20
2330 - ST MARYS - maintenance	1,132.19	295.93	-	1,428.12	1,761.23
2331 - ST LUKE'S - maintenance	1,017.62	1,308.51	-	2,326.13	1,665.59
2332 - ST MARYS - cleaning	280.00	-	-	280.00	-
2333 - ST LUKE'S - cleaning	-	96.00	-	96.00	-
2340 - UPKEEP OF CHURCH SERVICES	3,562.72	-	-	3,562.72	4,804.39
2341 - FLOWER EXPENSES	-	-	178.03	178.03	299.50
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	10,982.97	-	10,982.97	16,468.14
2401 - ST MARYS - electric	1,135.34	-	-	1,135.34	1,071.52
2402 - ST LUKE'S - electric	1,174.06	4.98	-	1,179.04	1,023.15
2410 - ST MARYS - gas	3,558.24	-	-	3,558.24	3,740.40
2421 - ST LUKE'S - water	334.45	-	-	334.45	339.83
2530 - HALL - electricity	-	1,471.77	-	1,471.77	1,229.62
2540 - HALL - gas	-	4,631.99	-	4,631.99	4,906.17
2550 - HALL - insurance	-	2,101.71	-	2,101.71	2,318.30
2560 - HALL - maintenance	-	5,239.25	-	5,239.25	2,686.51
2561 - HALL - cleaning	-	4,126.83	-	4,126.83	3,935.99
2580 - HALL - water	-	668.48	-	668.48	490.91
2602 - CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	2,328.77	-	-	2,328.77	2,497.44
2603 - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	7,362.94	2,454.31	-	9,817.25	9,285.20
2701 - ST MARYS - major repairs structure	2,922.00	-	-	2,922.00	-
2710 - ST MARYS - major repairs installation	-	-	-	-	4,194.00
2720 - ST MARYS - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	440.00
2801 - HALL - major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	6,080.00
2820 - HALL - major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	654.00
2830 - HALL - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	511.50
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	121,232.32	33,525.92	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46
Payments Grand Totals	121,232.32	33,525.92	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46