



The Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2025

Rector:

The Reverend Darren Moore

Bankers:

Barclays, 23 Wellington Square, Stockton-on-Tees

Lloyds Bank, 27 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees

Co-op, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale

Darlington Building Society, 81 High Street, Yarm

Independent Examiner:

Mr Philip Sykes, Three Winds, Picton TS15 0AG

Our web site:

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Trustee Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

Aim and Purpose

St Mary Magdalene Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Darren Moore, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, as well as the Church itself, which is a Grade II* Listed Building.

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 family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We have registered as an Inclusive Church as a sign that we welcome all people who want to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

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

We wish to open the church building for the benefit of the community as a safe, warm space. To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of the Church.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services, not only on Sundays, but also during the week, that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Sunday morning 8.00am services of Holy Communion provide a traditional form of service, Wednesday mornings provide a midweek said eucharist with refreshments and other activities such as prayer time or bible reading fellowship afterwards. The Sunday 10.30am eucharist has maintained its choral basis and brings young choristers into church. We have maintained our fresh expression service on Monday mornings for babies and toddlers called Little Sparks.

At the end of 2025 there were 116 parishioners on the Electoral Roll following the full revision. The usual Sunday attendance was 75 adults and 11 children. The under 18 attendance was largely due to the work of the music director encouraging a junior choir and choral scholars. The Christmas and Easter attendance in total went up by 11% in 2025. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There have been 18 Baptisms, 6 weddings and 11 funerals during the year.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. There is a team of Lay Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to people in their own homes.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the Stokesley Deanery Synod, but sadly through the death of David Yates, our membership was reduced to three. The synod provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod. There were three meetings. Amongst the items discussed were Generous Giving, safeguarding, creative prayer and Big Kids.

Church Fabric

The appeal for improving the sound system raised enough funds to replace the clip-on microphones costing just under £3,000 licence free. The PCC is mindful of the church's responsibility to our planet and is looking at the aim to get to carbon neutral by 2030. It commissioned a report from Emma Varney in July 2024 which made clear that the electricity supply to the site was inadequate. Northern Powergrid were asked to provide options for providing additional power and a report was received in April 2025. The cost will be prohibitive without a substantial legacy or grants. There is an issue with the current boiler system – see details below.

The plastic drain covers have been replaced with a more robust galvanized steel design. Faculty approval for the permanent removal of the south side pews was received in June 2025. We will need to fundraise to repair the wooden floor blocks in 2026 to provide a secure area for future activities.

The church architect conducted his quinquennial inspection on 21st July 2025. We are pleased to announce that all the work on the roof and windows identified as urgent have been completed and cost £2,683. The boiler reported as urgent is subject to ongoing discussions with the DAC. We are blessed that the heating system has kept the church warm over the winter months.

The PCC would like to thank the Fabric Committee for their hard work to maintain the building .

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and our food cage which is regularly replenished by the congregation has become an established form of giving to Sprouts in Thornaby.

Our monthly magazine, 'Trident', now has a benefice print run of some 250 copies and gives details of what is coming up, and reports on previous activities. We ask for contributions of £6 per year to cover the cost of this 10 edition magazine. We are indebted to our advertisers who allow us to provide a few colour pages and retain the low subscription fee. The PCC is grateful to the editorial team for the high standard of their work.

Café Magdalene continues to be the bedrock of our mission activities to the community. The standard of cakes and service is phenomenal. There were 3,872 drinks sold and 3,649 cakes sold. Word of mouth is our best advertising and there is always a wonderful atmosphere. The PCC knows that the work put into making this a success is considerable and words cannot express our gratitude.

Other Activities

The PCC is grateful to the Co-op community fund for their grant of nearly £2,000 and Co-op funeral care for raising over £200 with a hamper raffle for the Bee Project. Along with church fundraising we have managed to provide an enclosed haven for a colony of bees in a corner of the churchyard.

Financial Review

The accounts have been transferred to a cloud based database from a spreadsheet system. This has allowed Trustees to be offered the facility to see the accounts at any time using a computer and comply with Charity Commission's CC3 guidance. The general accounts have been prepared using Receipts and Payments method and Trading (for the Magazine, Magda Music and Café Magdalene) have been prepared using Accruals (Statement of Recommended Practice SORP 2015). This means the current fixed assets of the café and café stock value has been considered in the balance sheet. There cannot be a direct comparison with 2024 accounts as last year's accounts were prepared under a "historic cost convention". Total receipts on the unrestricted and designated General Funds were £130,718 (2024 - £118,576), and payments from this fund totalled £125,654 (2024 - £109,326), giving a small surplus of £5,064 (2024 - £9,250). The surplus is largely due to café activities which has retained £4,000 for the replacement of café assets. In addition, the PCC decided to move £2,000 from the café account to the 'designated fund' for restoration. The surplus for the unrestricted general fund used for routine spending was £428. Income from the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders and weekly envelopes ('Planned Giving') increased by around 4.3%, and we continue to encourage a change from envelope and standing order giving to the Parish Giving Scheme. It has been good to see that the contactless giving station and one-off Gift Aid envelopes are used by visitors and those attending occasional offices (baptisms, funerals and weddings) and the congregation for charity donations. We have replaced the Payaz terminal as the operating system

on the old tablet became obsolete and stopped working. This has only been achieved by the generosity of church members and users of the church.

We have received no legacies over the year.

We are blessed with lots of people willing to take part in church activities to provide income to run the parish from donations at church events. Included with money donated at occasional offices, refreshments, craft stall and raffles, a net income of just over £11,000 was raised.

The freewill offer to the Diocese – which helps towards the cost of stipends and housing costs for the clergy – was increased by 3.9% for 2025. The PCC feels strongly that the parish should honour its offer in full and now pays monthly by standing order. This can only be achieved by regular contributions and PGS monthly gift aid recovery.

We are very fortunate that we have people who give their time willingly to raise money for other charities. The PCC have approved these activities and therefore all gift aid money can be included with the donation. These are identified in the accounts and total £7,878. The church also supports Sprouts with food and household items; the monetary value of the gift is considerable as a full cage of goods is regularly emptied. The fiscal governance arrangements were reviewed in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance on Internal financial controls for charities, November 2024 and CC20 Charity fundraising: a guide to trustee duties, October 2022. All money is counted by two people daily into tamper proof bags before placing in the safe. A record of all money is kept.

The church relies on regular givers and at the end of the financial period we have 64 regular donations of which 62 gift aid. 39 contribute monthly via the Parish Giving Scheme and 20 increase their offer by inflation. 23 contribute monthly by standing order and 21 gift aid their donation. 2 give weekly in a green envelope.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has resolved to maintain a balance on our General (unrestricted) Fund, which equates to at least three months' payments of free will offer (£17,000) and to cover emergencies. The Fabric Fund has its own reserve and the PCC resolved to retain £5,000 to cover the cost of emergency repairs. It is our policy to invest reserves with CCLA, through the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, their Investment Fund units, and their Property Fund units. This way, our reserves should increase with inflationary costs. The café aims to reserve £2,000 per annum in a 95 day deposit account linked to the Co-op business account to pay for planned replacement of capital assets which are devalued in the accounts over 5 years. This year the sum of £2,000 was assigned.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to comply with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our especial thanks go to our hard working subcommittees.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, assistant clergy, the Churchwardens, Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met six times during the year. The average level of attendance was 75%. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Events, Mission and Outreach (GOLD), Fabric, Café,

Health and Safety and Wild care. Each report to the full PCC, with the notes of their meetings and seek approval for any spending.

Administrative Information


The Church is situated at West Street, Yarm, TS15 9BU and is part of the Deanery of Stokesley, in the Diocese of York. The correspondence address is The Rectory, 6 Westgate, Yarm, TS15 9QT. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.


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

Ex Officio

The Incumbent	The Revd Darren Moore	Chair
Assistant Curate	The Revd Emma Cain	From April 2025
Associate Priest	The Revd Kate Brown	
Reader	Mr David Local	Diocesan synod member Deanery Synod member
Churchwardens	Mr Peter Monck	Until March 2026
	Mrs Beryl Nadin	Until June 2025
Deanery Synod	Mrs Avril Rhodes	
	Dr John Rhodes	Vice chair Treasurer to the PCC from May 2025
Elected Members	Mrs Lynn Allison	Secretary from October 2025
	Mrs Angela Beckwith	Until May 2025 and from October 2025
	Mrs Tanya Brackenbury	
	Mrs Ros Carling	
	Mrs Sue Ellis	Until December 2025
	Mrs Jean Finlay	
	Mrs Wendy Gaitskell	
	Mrs Jayne Gregory	
	Mrs Elaine Huggins	
	Mr Martin Huggins	Treasurer until May 2025
	Mrs Marion Johnston	
	Mrs Valerie Meeking	
	Mrs Beryl Nadin	From October 2025
	Mrs Maggie Nichols	
	Mrs Pam Parker	
	Mr Shaun Sutton	
	Mrs Abbie Telford	
	Mr David Yates	Secretary until September 2025

Approved by the PCC on 14th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


Rev'd Darren Moore (Chair)


Dr John Rhodes (Treasurer)



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of St Mary Magdalene Parochial Church Council, Yarm

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1130683

Set out on pages 6 - 10

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date: 5th March 2026

Name: Philip Sykes

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ACIB.

Address: Three Winds, Picton, North Yorkshire TS15 0AG

St Mary Magdalene, Yarm

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments a/c

	Note	Unrestricted General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies	1	£86,939	£134	£10,764	£97,837	£98,691
Income from charitable activities	2	£11,662	£8,139	£2,961	£22,762	£14,131
Other trading activities	3	£2,235	£20,757	0	£22,992	£23,840
Investments	4	£853	0	£207	£1,059	£846
Other income	5	0	0	£180	£180	£0
Total income		£101,689	£29,029	£14,112	£144,830	£137,508
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds	6	£1,901	£143	0	£2,044	£2,306
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	£99,954	£22,750	£9,477	£132,181	£128,857
Other expenditure	8	£906	0	0	£906	£868
Total expenditure		£102,761	£22,893	£9,477	£135,131	£132,031
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		(£1,072)	£6,136	£4,635	£9,699	£5,477
TRANSFERS						
Gross transfers between funds - in		£1,500	£2,367	£2,000	£5,867	£1,200
Gross transfers between funds - out		0	(£3,500)	(£2,367)	(£5,867)	(£1,200)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		0	0	0	0	0
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		0	£7,291	0	£7,291	0
Net movement in funds (after transfers)		£428	£12,294	£4,268	£16,990	£5,477
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		£29,731	£1,595	£7,070	£38,396	£32,919
Total funds carried forward		£30,159	£13,889	£11,338	£55,385	£38,396

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Note	Unrestricted General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
1 Donations and legacies						
Planned giving		£52,701	0	0	£52,701	£51,644
Collections at services		£7,022	£69	£200	£7,291	£8,874
Other donations and grants		£13,695	£65	£10,564	£24,324	£16,669
Legacy		0	0	0	0	0
Income tax		£13,520	0	0	£13,520	£21,504
Total		£86,939	£134	£10,764	£97,837	£98,691
2 Income from charitable activities						
Non-recurring donations and appeals		£3,452	0	£990	£4,442	£3,007
Charity collections		0	£7,731	0	£7,731	£6,636
Bee project		0	£408	£1,971	£2,379	£797
Occasional office fees and charges	9	£8,210	0	0	£8,210	£3,371
Total		£11,662	£8,139	£2,961	£22,762	£13,811
3 Other trading activities						
Café Magdalene turnover		0	£18,688	0	£18,688	£19,012
Magda Music turnover		0	£2,069	0	£2,069	£2,817
Magazine income - advertising		£1,578	0	0	£1,578	£2,011
Magazine sales		£657	0	0	£657	
Total		£2,235	£20,757	0	£22,992	£23,840
4 Income from investments						
Dividends and Investment income		£748	0	£207	£954	£1,045
Interest received		£105	0	0	£105	£121
Total		£853	0	£207	£1,059	£1,166
5 Other income						
Insurance claim		0	0	£180	£180	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	£180	0
Total Income		£101,689	£29,029	£14,112	£144,860	£137,508

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Notes to the Financial Statements

	Unrestricted General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
6 Cost of generating funds					
Cost of Fairs and other events	£1,284	£143	0	£1,427	£2,306
Craft group expenses	£617	0	0	£617	0
Cash only club payments	0	0	0	0	0
Total costs	£1,901	£143	0	£2,044	£2,306
7 Church activities					
Mission giving and donations	0	£7,878	0	£7,878	£6,636
Diocesan free will offer	£64,200	0	0	£64,200	£61,800
Fees (verger, organist, choir, locum etc.)	£8,486	0	0	£8,486	£5,760
Clergy and staff expenses	£4,140	0	0	£4,140	£4,515
Church expenses: mission and deanery	£187	0	0	£187	£150
Church running expenses	£12,843	0	£4,576	£17,419	£15,822
Insurance, service books, maintenance, refreshments	0	0	0	0	0
Examination of annual accounts	£8,369	0	0	£8,369	£6,495
Church utility costs	£1,729	0	0	£1,729	£1,644
Expenses on parish magazine	0	£10,615	0	£10,615	£10,047
Café Magdalene expenses	0	£1,483	0	£1,483	£2,106
Magda Music Costs	0	0	0	0	£13,668
Major repairs to the church building	0	0	0	0	0
New building work to the church	0	£2,774	£1,889	£4,663	£214
Bee project	0	0	£3,012	£3,012	0
Audio project	0	0	£3,012	£3,012	0
Total Expenditure	£99,954	£22,750	£9,477	£132,181	£128,857
8 Other costs					
Curates water rates	£391	0	0	£391	0
Flowers	£187	0	0	£187	£214
Church consumables	£328	0	0	£328	£654
Total costs	£906	0	0	£906	£868
Total Payments	£102,761	£22,893	£9,477	£135,131	£132,031

9 Statutory Fees

	2025 £
Income for Occasional Offices	£12,430
Fees paid to Diocese	£4,220
PCC fees	£4,671
Fees paid to vergers, organist, sexton etc	£1,440
PCC other charges and unclaimed fees	£2,099
Total	£12,430

10	Mission Giving and Donations	2025 £
	Children's Society	£24
	Red Cross	£370
	Oxfam	£370
	Solar Aid	£196
	Big Kids	£885
	Stroke Association	£236
	Great North Air Ambulance	£585
	Diabetes UK	£689
	Welsh Corgi Rescue	£161
	Harbour Support	£125
	Alzheimer's Society	£385
	MS Society	£574
	RNLI	£405
	No to dog meat	£349
	British Heart Foundation	£144
	Macmillan	£652
	Christian Aid	£93
	Children in Need	£467
	Teesside Hospice	£572
	Women for Women International	£596
		£7,878

St Mary Magdalene, Yarm: Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2025

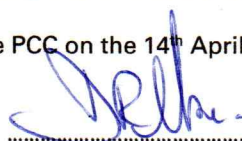
	Unrestricted General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Current Asset Investments					
CCLA (Investment general Fund)	£17,272	0	0	£17,272	£16,524
CCLA (Investment fabric Fund)	0	0	£4,771	£4,771	£4,564
	£17,272	0	£4,771	£22,043	£21,088
Current Asset Cash Funds					
Barclays business current account	£9,802	£5	0	£9,807	£4,825
Lloyds business account	£2,847	0	0	£2,847	£4,523
Lloyds restoration current account	0	0	£6,458	£6,458	£291
Co-op Magda Music business account	0	£207	0	£207	£5,534
Darlington building society treasurers account	£1,351	0	0	£1,351	£1,325
Co-op Café Magdalene account	0	£6,992	0	£6,992	£5,647
Café Magdalene cash till	0	£251	0	£251	£237
	£14,005	£7,450	£6,458	£27,913	£22,382
Total Current Assets	£31,277	£7,450	£11,229	£49,956	£43,470
Liabilities					
Loan received	0	0	0	0	£5,000
Agency collections	0	0	0	0	£75
Total liabilities	0	0	0	0	£5,075
Current assets less liabilities	£31,277	£7,450	£11,229	£49,956	£38,396
Fixed Assets					
Café Magdalene current assets	0	£5,429	0	£5,429	£7,291
	0	£5,429	0	£5,429	£7,291
Net Asset less liabilities surplus (deficit)	£31,277	£12,879	£11,229	£55,385	£45,687


The designated fund relates to funds set aside by the PCC for charity donations and collections for specific funds such as the bee fund, Café fund and Magda Music.

The restricted fund relates to the Church Fabric fund and includes grants for specified projects that must be spent only on that project. £1,971 was received in 2025 from the Co-op community fund and Co-op funeral care for the bee project.

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The Café Magdalene fixed capital assets are recognised in 2025 accounts and depreciated at 20% per annum.
3. During the year the PCC paid off the remaining half (£5,000) of an interest free loan to start Café Magdalene.
4. All investments are re-valued each year, with the latest valuation date being 31 December 2025.
5. The trading activity amounted to 15.88% of the total annual turnover. This complies with the small trading tax exception.
6. £1,500 was transferred from the café designated account to the Barclays current account to cover utilities when the café is open. £2,000 from the café account to restoration fund as per café constitution and £2,367 from the bee restricted grant fund to the bee designated fund to pay for the hives.

Approved by the PCC on the 14th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


 Rev'd Darren Moore (Chair)


 Dr John Rhodes (Treasurer)