

## **Parochial Church Council of Poulton-le-Fylde (St Chad)**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025**

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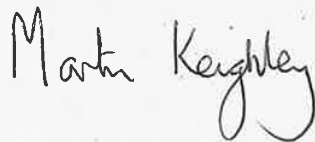
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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>INCOME &amp; ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>							
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	126,620	2,110	<b>128,730</b>	104,261	351	<b>104,612</b>
Charitable Activities	2(b)	25,732	1,124	<b>26,856</b>	23,679	659	<b>24,338</b>
Other trading activities	2(c)			-			-
Investments	2(d)	14,906	1,442	<b>16,348</b>	17,527	2,748	<b>20,275</b>
Other	2(e)	60	2,100	<b>2,160</b>	60	1,799	<b>1,859</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>167,318</b>	<b>6,775</b>	<b>174,093</b>	<b>145,527</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>151,084</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>							
Raising Funds		100		<b>100</b>	234	-	<b>234</b>
Charitable Activities	3(a)	176,311	18,099	<b>194,410</b>	156,962	11,818	<b>168,780</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>176,411</b>	<b>18,099</b>	<b>194,510</b>	<b>157,196</b>	<b>11,818</b>	<b>169,014</b>
<b>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets</b>			(1,290)	(1,290)	-	924	<b>924</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		-9,093	(12,614)	(21,707)	(11,669)	(5,337)	(17,006)
<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		3,967	(3,967)	-	541	(541)	-
<b>Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets</b>		-	24,950	<b>24,950</b>	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		(5,126)	8,369	<b>3,243</b>	(11,128)	(5,878)	(17,006)
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>							
<b>Total Funds Brought Forward 2025</b>		932,529	351,510	<b>1,284,039</b>	943,657	358,518	<b>1,302,175</b>
accounting error from 2023/24 acc's						-1,130	-1,130
<b>Total funds Carried Forward 2026</b>		<b>927,403</b>	<b>359,879</b>	<b>1,287,282</b>	<b>932,529</b>	<b>351,510</b>	<b>1,284,039</b>

No Endowment funds are held

# **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF POULTON-LE-FYLDE, ST CHAD**

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	Note	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	5(a)		
Investment assets - property		972,250	947,300
Investment assets - CBF/Gov. Stocks 5(b)		11,282	12,572
		<u>983,532</u>	<u>959,872</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors & Payments in Advance	7	8,421	7,283
Short Term Deposits		275,486	291,541
Cash at Bank and in hand		21,141	26,516
		<u>305,048</u>	<u>325,340</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>(1,176)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>303,748</u>	<u>324,164</u>
<b>Total Assets less current Liabilities</b>		<u>1,287,280</u>	<u>1,284,036</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>1,287,280</u>	<u>1,284,036</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
	6		
Unrestricted		924,073	929,377
Designated		3,327	3,151
Restricted		359,880	351,509
		<u>1,287,280</u>	<u>1,284,037</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on  
DATE on its behalf by:

24th March 2026

*Martin Keighley*

Rev Martin Keighley (Chairman)

*L. Brackpool*

Lynne Brackpool (ChurchWarden)

The notes on pages 10 - 16 form part of these accounts

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF POULTON-LE-FYLDE, ST CHAD

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 2011, together with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from October 2019.

Parochial Church Council of Poulton-Le-Fylde, St Chad meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a “true and fair” view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to give a “true and fair” view. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church Groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

### Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

### Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted. Restricted Funds are those funds that may be used only for certain purposes, as prescribed by the donor of the funds.

### Income and Endowments

#### *Donations and Legacies*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aided donations is apportioned over financial years on the basis of the planned giving to which it relates.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its receipt by the PCC is probable.

#### *Charitable Activities*

Fees due to the PCC in respect of Weddings and Funerals are recognized when due. Income from the sale of books is accounted for gross. Income from magazine box in church is now under donations due to the magazine now being free of charge.

#### *Other Trading Activities*

Income from Fund Raising Activities is accounted for gross where it has been possible to do so. However, in practice it has often only been possible to record the net amount after expenses have been deducted.

#### *Income from Investments*

Interest and dividends are accountable for when receivable.

#### *Gains and Losses on investments*

Unrealised gains or losses on investments are included based on the change in the market value year on year.

#### **Expenditure**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. Collections taken in Church for specific external charities are not included in the figures but are detailed in note 10. The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for when falling due. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

#### **Fixed Assets**

##### *Consecrated Land and Buildings and Movable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected by prior arrangement. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvements, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA, and separately disclosed.

##### *Other fixtures, fittings and Office Equipment*

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £5,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired (i.e. not depreciated).

#### **Investment Property**

The Church Hall reopened in 2019. It is now let under the terms of an Albemarle Scheme to the Poulton-Le-Fylde Community Hall, a registered charity, whose objective is to repair the Hall and bring it back to Community. Its book value (£147,300) has been left unchanged after the revaluation in 2021. The valuation of the land occupied by the Tennis Club under a short term non-renewable lease, which was introduced into the accounts in 2007 at £650,000 has been left unchanged. The clergy house at 24 Roylen Avenue, Carleton has now been let to private tenants through Fylde coast Lettings Limited and a monthly rental income is received. The property was revalued in the year ended 31 December 2025 at market value of £174,950. The valuations included in the accounts are considered by the Trustees to represent a fair value for the properties.

#### *Investments*

Investments are valued at market value on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. The value of the investments appears in restricted funds, although the income from some passes through the PCC general account. (For example, some are held for the provision of assistant clergy, and it could be held that the income from these goes towards the payment of Parish Share, which pays for our clergy).

#### *Current Assets*

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31<sup>st</sup> December in respect of fees, rents, or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible. Short-term deposits include cash held with the Church of England Deposit Funds operated by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

#### **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors. The main estimates and areas of judgement included in the accounts are those relating to the valuation of the investment properties. The policy with regards to these is disclosed above. The Trustees consider the valuation included and whether there is any indication of an impairment of that valuation.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2. Income and Endowments from</b>						
<b>2(a) Donations and Legacies</b>						
Planned Giving:						
Stewardship (Standing Orders & Annual Payments)	58,084		58,084	54,923		54,923
Stewardship (Envelopes)	6,397		6,397	7,142	-	7,142
Tax recoverable	13,983		13,983	14,005	-	14,005
Collections (Open Plate) at all Services	22,179		22,179	14,507	105	14,612
Donations	14,033	2,110	16,143	10,684	246	10,930
Legacies	9,916		9,916	1,000	-	1,000
Contributions from Singleton	2,029		2,029	2,000	-	2,000
Grant received from Blackburn diocese		-			-	
	<b>126,620</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>128,730</b>	<b>104,261</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>104,612</b>
<b>2(b) Charitable Activities</b>						
Fees	16,197		16,197	15,639	-	15,639
Church Wedding Flowers		1,124	1,124		659	659
Rent from Roylen Avenue House, private rental	9,535		9,535	8,040	-	8,040
	<b>25,732</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>26,856</b>	<b>23,679</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>24,338</b>
<b>2(c) Other Trading Activities</b>						
Fund Raising Events	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2 (d) Investments</b>						
Interest on Deposits and investments	13,406	1,442	14,848	16,027	2,748	18,775
Rent from Tennis Club	1,500		1,500	1,500		1,500
	<b>14,906</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>16,348</b>	<b>17,527</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>20,275</b>
<b>2(e) Other Income</b>						
Repayment of insurance premium	-	2,100	2,100	-	1,799	1,799
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
CCTV	60		60	60		60
	<b>60</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>1,859</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167,318</b>	<b>6,775</b>	<b>174,093</b>	<b>145,527</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>151,084</b>
<b>3. Expenditure on</b>						
<b>Raising Funds</b>						
Stewardship and Gift Aid stationery	100	-	100	234	-	234
	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>3 (a) Charitable Activities</b>						
Grants made in furtherance of the PCC's Objectives						
Church Overseas: Missionary Soc & Diocesan Associations	2,625			2,600	-	2,600
Church Overseas: Relief & Development Agencies	500			500	-	500
Home Missions and other Church Societies	2,912			2,812	-	2,812
Secular Charities	920			1,100	-	1,100
Barchester Scheme for Church Schools	5,291			5,291	-	5,291
Poulton Le Fylde Community Hall from reserve funds					7,500	7,500
	<b>12,248</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,248</b>	<b>12,303</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>19,803</b>
Ministry - Diocesan Parish Share	84,568		84,568	82,592	-	82,592
Churches together		200	200		-	
Clergy Accommodation Costs	4,053		4,053	3,745	-	3,745
Clergy Expenses	1,227		1,227	1,479	-	1,479
St Hilda's expenses			0	200	-	200
Church Running Expenses	21,768		21,768	16,867	-	16,867
Church Maintenance	7,823	7,514	15,337	2,421	888	3,309
Upkeep of Services	5,298		5,298	4,174	-	4,174
Outreach Costs	2,547		2,547	653	-	653
Printing, Stationery and Postage Costs	2,127		2,127	1,929	-	1,929
Education - Jnr Church, Lt Gang, Conf cand.	1,565		1,565	1,798	-	1,798
Flower Guild Costs	478	1,124	1,602	970	659	1,629
Major repairs and Improvements - structure		7,162	7,162	-	960	960
Repairs replacements and additions - inc equipment			-			
Church Hall Running Costs and Insurance		2,100	2,100	-	1,799	1,799
Other Property Upkeep (Roylen Avenue)			0	180	-	180
Wages and Honoraria - Verger, Organists, Asst. Treasurer,	30,222		30,222	25,978	-	25,978
			-	0	-	0
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,260		1,260	1,176	-	1,176
Bank Charges				-	12	12
German link	696		696		-	
IT Costs	431		431	496	-	496
	<b>164,063</b>	<b>18,099</b>	<b>182,162</b>	<b>144,658</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>148,976</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>176,411</b>	<b>18,099</b>	<b>194,510</b>	<b>157,195</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>161,513</b>

During the year the PCC employed 2 Organists, a Verger, Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer and a Church Cleaner, (all part time) but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

#### PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

No expenses were reimbursed to PCC members for their duties as Trustees

There were no related party transactions in the year.

## 5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) Tangible Fixed Assets

### GROSS BOOK VALUE

	Investment Assets	In Use by The Church	TOTAL £
At 1 January 2025	947,300	-	947,300
Re-classification	-	-	-
Revaluation	24,950	-	24,950
At 31 December 2025	972,250	-	972,250

### DEPRECIATION

At 1 January 2025	-	-	-
Re-classification	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	-	-

### NET BOOK VALUE

At 1st January 2025	947,300	-	947,300
At 31 December 2025	972,250	-	972,250

The freehold land and buildings held as Investment Assets comprise the Church Hall (as per revaluation 2021) which is let on a long term lease to Poulton Community Hall.  
The land adjoining the Hall occupied by St Chad's Tennis Club is on a short term non-renewable lease.  
In 2025 clergy house at 24 Roylen Avenue, which is let by Fylde Coast Lettings and has private tenants, was revalued.  
The Trustees are satisfied that the valuation still reflect the fair value of the properties.

5(b) Investments

CBF Investment and Fixed Interest Funds - all restricted.	11,282
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## 6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	650,000	-	333,532	-	983,532
Current Assets	275,372	3,327	26,348	-	305,047
Current Liabilities	(1,300)	-	-	-	(1,300)
Fund Balance	924,072	3,327	359,880	-	1,287,279

(Designated Funds are also unrestricted)

## 7 DEBTORS & PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

Tax Recoverable

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 £	2024 £
8,421	-	8,421	7,283
8,421	-	8,421	7,283

## 8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors for Goods and Services

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 £	2024 £
1,300	-	1,300	-1,176
1,300	-	1,300	-1,176

## 9 FUND DETAILS

The Unrestricted Funds comprise the General Fund, the Legacy Fund, the Poulton Flower Guild Fund and a portion of the Fabric fund which is "Designated" rather than restricted.  
The Restricted Funds comprise the General Fund Investments, the Fabric Fund, Church Hall Fund, Hall Redevelopment Fund, Carleton Church Fund, and The Floodlight Maintenance Fund.  
The Choir Fund and the Bellringers Fund are not included  
There are no endowment Funds

## 10 COLLECTIONS TAKEN IN CHURCH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND NOT INCLUDED IN THE ACCOUNTS

At Harvest for the Bishop of Blackburn's Harvest Appeal	360
TOTAL	360

## 11 MOVEMENT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance Brought Fwd £	Total Income £	Total Expenditure £	Transfers and gains £	Balance Carried Fwd £
General Account Restricted Elements	5,036	-	-	(469)	4,567
Flower Guild Restricted Element	-	1,124	(1,124)	-	-
Fabric Account	33,771	2,540	(18,076)	(821)	17,414
Church Hall Fund	150,376	2,100	(2,100)	-	150,376
Hall Redevelopment Restricted Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Carleton Church Fund	160,392	567	(567)	24,950	185,342
Floodlight Maintenance Fund	1,936	108	-	-	2,044
Churches together	-	337	(200)	-	137
Total	351,511	6,775	(22,067)	23,660	359,880

The above income figures include unrealised gains on investment where applicable.  
The above expenditure figures include unrealised losses on investments and depreciation where applicable.

# 11 MOVEMENT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS (CONTINUED)

<b>PRIOR YEAR</b>	<b>Balance Brought</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers and gains</b>	<b>Balance Carried Fwd</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
General Account Restricted Elements	4,912			124	5,036
Flower Guild Restricted Element		659	(659)		-
Fabric Account	33,821	2,269	(3,119)	800	33,771
Church Hall Fund	150,090	1,888	(9,299)	7,697	150,376
Hall Redevelopment Restricted Fund	7,595	102		(7,697)	-
Carleton Church Fund	160,392	541		(541)	160,392
Floodlight Maintenance Fund	1,838	98			1,936
<b>Total</b>	<b>358,648</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>(13,077)</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>351,511</b>

# ANALYSIS BY FUND

Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31st December 2025

## INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM

	GENERAL £	LEGACY £	PTN FLWR £	FABRIC £	GENERAL £	PTN FLWR £	RESTRICTED £	FABRIC £	CH HALL £	HALL REDEV £	FLOODL £	CHUR TOG £	RESTRICTED £	UNR £	TOTAL £	RESTR TO FULL £	TOTAL £
Donations and Legacies	126,095.13		525.00						1,772.90			336.91			126,620.13	2,109.81	128,729.94
Charitable Activities	25,732.00						1,123.50								25,732.00	1,123.50	26,855.50
Other Trading Activities															0.00	0.00	0.00
Investments	6,062.78	8,660.52	4.10	178.70				766.78		566.63	108.14				14,906.10	1,441.55	16,347.65
Other Income	60.00								2,099.97						60.00	2,099.97	2,159.97
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>157,949.91</b>	<b>8,660.52</b>	<b>529.10</b>	<b>178.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,123.50</b>	<b>2,539.68</b>	<b>2,099.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>566.63</b>	<b>108.14</b>	<b>336.91</b>	<b>167,318.23</b>	<b>6,774.83</b>	<b>174,093.06</b>		

## EXPENDITURE ON

Expenditure on Raising Funds	99.97														99.97	-	99.97
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	175,832.71		478.05			1,123.50	14,676.00	2,099.97				200.00			176,310.76	18,099.47	194,410.23
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>175,932.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>478.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,123.50</b>	<b>14,676.00</b>	<b>2,099.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>176,410.73</b>	<b>18,099.47</b>	<b>194,510.20</b>		
<b>NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RES</b>	<b>(17,983)</b>	<b>8,661</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,136)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>136.91</b>	<b>(9,092)</b>	<b>(11,325)</b>	<b>(20,417)</b>		
Transfers Between Funds	23,967	(20,000)					(3,400)			(567)					3,967	(3,967)	-
Gains and losses on investments					(469)											(1,290)	(1,290)
- Unrealised																	
Revaluation on fixed assets															24,950	24,950	24,950
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>5,984</b>	<b>(11,339)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>(469)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,357)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,950</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>(5,125)</b>	<b>8,368</b>	<b>3,243</b>		
Balance Brought Forward 1 Jan 2025	770,670	158,675	33	3,152	5,036		33,771	150,375		160,393	1,936	0	932,530	351,510	1,284,036		
Balance Carried Forward 31 Dec 2025	776,654	147,336	84	3,331	4,567	-	17,414	150,375	-	185,343	2,044	137	927,405	359,878	1,287,279		



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	GENERAL (U)		LEGACY (U)		PTN FLWR (U)		DESIGNATED(U)		GENERAL (R)		PTN FLWR (R)		FABRIC (R)		CH HALL (R)		RESTR @ CLOSED 2025		CARLT (R)		FLOODL (R)		CHUR TOG @ Total (U)		Total (R)		CONTROL TOTAL	
	£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£		£	
FIXED ASSETS																												
Roylen Avenue House	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		174,950.00	
Tennis Cl Land & Ch Hall	650,000.00		-		-		-		-		-		-		147,300.00		-		-		-		650,000.00		-		147,300.00	
Investments			-		-		-		-		-		6,715.08		-		-		-		-		-		-		11,282.07	
Sub Total	650,000.00		-		-		-		4,566.99		-		6,715.08		147,300.00		-		174,950.00		-		650,000.00		-		333,532.07	
CURRENT ASSETS																												
Dabtors & Payments in advance	8,420.97																								8,420.97		-	
Short Term Deposits	103,287.72		147,333.63				3,327.37						9,100.00						10,392.30		2,044.74				253,948.72		21,537.04	
Cash at Bank and in hand	16,244.85				85.30							1,802.04			3,072.18								136.91		16,330.15		4,811.13	
Sub Total	127,953.54		147,333.63		85.30		3,327.37		-		-		10,702.04		3,072.18		-		10,392.30		2,044.74		136.91		278,699.84		26,348.17	
LIABILITIES AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	(1,300.00)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		(1,300.00)		-		(1,300.00)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS																												
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	126,653.64		147,333.63		85.30		3,327.37		-		-		10,702.04		3,072.18		-		10,392.30		2,044.74		136.91		277,399.84		26,348.17	
NET ASSETS	776,653.54		147,333.63		85.30		3,327.37		4,566.99		-		17,417.12		150,372.18		-		185,342.30		2,044.74		136.91		927,399.84		359,880.24	
																											1,287,280.08	

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF POULTON-LE-FYLDE ST CHAD  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 15 appended to this report.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

*Nicola Mason*

**Nicola Mason FCA DChA  
MHA  
Chartered Accountants  
Preston**

**Date: 28 April 2026**