



ANNUAL REPORT 2025
St Luke's Parochial Church Council

registered with the Charity Commission as *The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Luke, Gamston and Bridgford* charity number 1132547

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- A The PCC is the governing body of St Luke's. The following persons served on PCC for all or part of the calendar year 2025:

Name	Role	Elected	Term Ends
Revd Mark Fraser	Vicar & Chair (ex-officio)		
Mrs Lynne Miles	Church Warden	2025	2026
Mrs Christine Holden	Church Warden	2025	2026
Mr Mark Picken	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
Mrs Maureen Cameron	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
Mrs Denise Whitehead	Deanery Synod	2025	2026
Mrs Claie Meese	PCC Secretary Operations Manager		
Mr Mike Jones		2025	2026
Mr Mel Cryer		2023	2026
Mrs Catrin Chandy		2024	2027
Mr Alan Smith		2024	2027
Mr Tom Judge	Associate Pastor	2024	2027
Mrs Rachel Vandermark		2025	2028
Mrs Clare Allen		2025	2028
Mrs Rachel Jessop		2025	2028

The PCC has been running for the last year with one ordinary member vacancy. At the Annual Meeting there will be four vacancies for PCC lay members as Mrs Rachel Vandermark is stepping down. Three vacancies will be for 3 years and one vacancy for two years. There will also be three vacancies for Deanery Synod and two church wardens will be elected.

B Proceedings of the PCC

St Luke's PCC has responsibility along with the vicar, for promoting the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the parish church of St Luke's on Leahurst Road.

The **PCC** held eight full meetings during 2025 with an additional short meeting after the APCM to elect officers. An Away Day was held in November, and this opportunity was used to review the life of the congregations at Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston and consider how they are operating as **one church with two doors**. Time was also spent considering two areas of focus from the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham vision statement – **inspiring worship and enabling diversity**. These are to be priorities for St. Luke's in 2026.

The duties of the PCC Treasurer were undertaken by the Vicar for most of the year supported by the finance team in the church office. A new Treasurer Mr Mel Cryer came forward in the autumn. Mr Cary Bourque a member of St. Luke's Church also gave some support to the management of the church finances in particular helping with the year-end procedures including the preparation of the annual accounts.

In November 2025 the Vicar, Rev. Mark Fraser announced that he would be resigning as the incumbent of St. Luke's in 2026 as he would be moving on to a new parish – St. Leonard's Wollaton also in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

For 2025, the PCC was constituted with nine elected members, completing a reduction in the number of members from 12 to 9 over a three-year period which was approved by the APCM back in 2022.

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C Objectives and Activities

To further the objects of the Charity, the PCC continued to hold regular services of Christian worship in the parish.

In addition to "in person" services the church continued to stream the Sunday morning services at Leahurst Road via the St. Luke's Facebook page. This means anyone can watch the service

irrespective of whether they are a church member. This is particularly valuable for those unable to attend church, allowing them to watch the service live or to “catch up” on it later. It also provides an “easy way in” for anyone who may be hesitant about coming along in person.

The church continued to make use of other online technology, particularly Zoom, and ran some online small groups and prayer meetings.

A range of activities to advance the Christian faith were also offered for all age groups. These were all open to any person in the community whether or not they were regular worshipping members of St. Luke’s.

2025 was in the main a settled year for Connect Gamston, the congregation that meets in Pierrepont Gamston School. Sarah Sharpe continued to lead this congregation, and her hours were adjusted so she could spend more time focusing on its vision and ministry. Sarah is supported by a strong core team of leaders responsible for overseeing Connect and its vision to reach new people with the Gospel. Additionally new people have come forward and have started serving in leading worship, preaching and leading services. Connect weekly services are often intergenerational, but also some services offer Connect Kids sessions.

By careful planning and targeted use of the budget and funds the Trustees ensure that they use the income and the capital of the Charity to promote its objects. 2025 also saw new wireless lighting systems installed in the worship area with LED fittings thanks to a generous donation from a church member and new tables and chairs were purchased for the church hall and meeting room.

The range of methods that people use to donate / give money to the church includes monthly standing orders / bank transfers, giving online via the church website, a card machine and QR codes.

The church continues to be outward looking in its focus to serve its local community and, in its endeavours, to share Christian faith with people currently outside of the church. During 2025, the Annual Outreach Calendar under-pinned the activities held during the year.

The PCC aims to embed its vision and values in the life of the church. In 2025 it continued to promote the Diocesan vision: **“Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage.”** There was a particular focus on nurturing prayer, reaching younger and growing leaders and open meetings were held where church members were invited to contribute their ideas of how these aspects of church life could be grown and further developed. The PCC considered how the services, activities, and events that take place could align with these.

All services and events are open to members of the public and are mostly free of charge at the point of delivery. Where events are charged at cost this is advertised in publicity material.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The activities of St. Luke's are planned and led by clergy and lay people appointed by the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham along with paid staff employed by the Trustees.

The church also benefits from many volunteers whose contribution is a tremendous asset to the church and is estimated to amount to hundreds of hours per week.

The PCC is responsible for the fabric of the building and various works and maintenance tasks were carried out in the period under review to ensure that the building continues to be well maintained and fit for purpose. Major work was carried out to the church hall as the floor was taken up and replaced. Details of other works can be found in a separate PCC Fabric Report.

During 2025, the PCC continued to monitor and review its safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that the church's activities and the groups it hosts are run safely.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer role continued to be carried out extremely diligently by Mrs Sheila Street. Her leadership in this area enabled us to move forward with implementing new requirements. Through regular reports the PCC continues to monitor the implementation of new developments and the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and Safeguarding Action plan. The PCC set up a new Safeguarding Steering Group to support the PSO with the implementation of the new Church of England Safeguarding Standards. This comprised PSO, Vicar, Operations Manager and Mike Jones as a representative from the PCC. Chris Gunnell stepped back from supporting in areas related to vulnerable adults. A new church e mail account was set up for the PSO to ensure appropriate handling and storage of records and so the account is managed under official data protection policies including GDPR.

These measures mean that the PCC complied with its duties under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

There were 181 people on the electoral roll of the church in 2025.

C1 Worship and Prayer

During 2025, the service pattern was much the same as the previous year. At Leahurst Road there was a weekly 10am service on a Sunday morning and a midweek service at 11am on a Thursday morning. Connect Gamston held a weekly service at 3pm on a Sunday afternoon in Pierrepont Gamston Primary School. "Praise and Prayer" services took place on Sunday evenings at Leahurst Road for the first part of the year.

There was a monthly pattern to the Sunday morning services which included communion services, Explore services and morning worship. Carefully structured teaching programmes continued to be a feature of this service, and these were very much valued by church members. The Service Leaders and Planners Team continued to meet and consider ways of opening up opportunities in worship for personal encounter with God and for people to respond to God, thus, building people's faith. Prayer ministry is also regularly provided in this service.

Once a month, at 10am, an Explore Service took place. This was a different style of service and was designed to be accessible to children as well as adults. The congregation came together for the first part of the service then split part way through and people chose between an intergenerational / interactive exploration of the theme in the church hall or staying in the worship area for a more personal teaching and response time. This gave an opportunity for people to engage in a way that suited their learning style.

In 2025, Connect Gamston continued to offer a pattern of services alternating between **intergenerational worship** and **mixed provision**, with groups for children and young people known as *Connect Kids*. Connect Kids is divided into older and younger age groups. The current pattern of worship is now well established, and those who attend Connect Gamston have found it both helpful and life-giving.

Over the past year Connect also continued with its "**Connect Does...**" services, which intentionally focus on reaching new people and extending the fringe of its community. These invitational services have included *Connect Does Watery Experiments* and *Connect Does Kite Flying*, both of which provided accessible opportunities for families and newcomers to engage with church in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

2025 saw a more united and collaborative approach to shared life across Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston. This was particularly evident in the joint sermon series, developed by Mark Fraser, Tom Judge, and Sarah Sharpe, which helped create greater alignment in teaching across both congregations.

Thursday morning midweek services are simple in style and provide an opportunity for people to lift their eyes to God, consider His word and pray for the world together. Numbers tend to be lower at this service, which means they have been particularly valued by older and more vulnerable members of the church.

During the month of August at Leahurst Road a different "Summer Sundays" style was adopted for the 10am services. They were shorter and more informal in style with all ages worshipping together and there was an opportunity each week to respond to the message by engaging with prayer stations. Over this period, Connect Gamston returned to their "God is in this story" series of hearing the testimonies of church members. These were interactive services for all ages with opportunity for people to share their story, answer questions and receive prayer.

A range of different services and events were offered to mark the major festivals in the Christian calendar. Connect Gamston provided a number of outward facing services and events at different times of the year and have now developed their own cycle of services and events that they take out into the community at these times, making them highly visible. These included a Donkey Walk through Gamston on Palm Sunday which attracted around 120 adults and children and prayer for the start of the new school year. a big Christmas outreach with the giving out of Advent candles and hot chocolates along the canal path and at a Gamston Parish Council Christmas event.

A special invitational event was put on in Holy Week when the Lamps Theatre Company came to St Luke's and put on a performance of *The Passion*. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus were recreated in a moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter story. Many church members brought guests along to see this contemporary drama which took them through the events of Holy Week to the cross and beyond.

At Easter a joint Maundy Meal brought together people of all ages from across the congregations and provided a time to explore and reflect together on the events of the Last Supper. There were craft activities for children before hand and people found the range of activities a meaningful way of remembering and entering into this part of the Easter story.

Explore Easter, a family Easter Event took place on Good Friday and there were opportunities to explore the Easter story through craft activities, storytelling and outdoor activities.

On Good Friday evening a special service planned around the Stations of the Cross provided a powerful way of reflecting on the events of the first Good Friday through drama, participation, pictures and images. This proved to be a deeply moving experience for those who attended.

A number of other joint Easter activities took place with the Church of the Holy Rood at Edwalton as well. These included a quiet reflective service on Good Friday, an outdoor service in the Edwalton Garden on Holy Saturday and a sunrise service on Easter Day.

A memorial service was held in November. People within the church and beyond valued this as an opportunity to mark the death of a loved one and seek prayer and spiritual help for themselves.

Christmas Services followed the established pattern for Leahurst Road with a carols by candlelight service, two Christingle services, a midnight communion service and a morning communion service on Christmas Day. It was good to be able to welcome many people from

outside the church at the carol service and the Christingle services. In addition, Connect Gamston held a nativity service.

Throughout the year members of the St. Luke's staff team also go into Pierrepont Gamston school fortnightly to lead collective worship for the staff and children. The school also held services in St. Luke's Church at Easter and Harvest.

As a local parish church, serving the people of Gamston and Bridgford, the church also offers the Occasional Offices of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals to people within the parish and local area. These provide great opportunities for connecting with people and helping them to celebrate or mark significant milestones in their lives. In June 2025 Connect Gamston held a very special baptism service with four adults and four children being baptised. Mark Fraser, Sarah Sharpe, Carolyn Blainey and Monique Davis prepared those being baptised and the celebration service in school was well attended with families and friends present for this public declaration of faith in Jesus. Two people were also baptised by immersion at Leahurst Road.

Further details of the Occasional Offices conducted in 2025 can be found at the end of this report.

Prayer is regarded as a foundational aspect of church life and times of prayer were held at the beginning of each month. "Prayer and a Pint" took place at the beginning of the year. This gathering provided an opportunity for people from the Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston congregations to meet together and pray for the life and ministry of the whole church. It was further developed into a joint worship and prayer evening event called "Hunger" in September.

Once a month, Connect Gamston bring their "Connect Groups" together for an evening of prayer and in 2025 a new Friday morning prayer group was established, led by Carolyn Blainey, providing a regular opportunity to gather and pray together. Prayer was also offered more visibly within the community through "Prayer on the Path," which took place on a number of occasions. Through this, Connect continued to seek opportunities to reach people in Gamston by offering prayer and conversation in an accessible and welcoming way.

Between Easter and Pentecost a Quiet Morning was held. This was planned by a group of people including Sue Morris and Rachel Vandermark, supported by a team of creative people drawn from across Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston. Reflective talks were given by Mark Fraser at various points during the morning with space for personal encounter with God using prayer stations, journalling and other meditative activities.

In 2025, churches from across West Bridgford gathered together at St. Gile's for an evening of prayer for the town at Pentecost. Some church members also went to the West Bridgford World Day of Prayer Service.

The church distributed special prayer resources on social media as part of the global prayer initiative "Thy Kingdom Come" and some people took part in TKC events organised by Nottingham City Prayer. Some individuals also attended monthly Diocesan Days of Prayer.

During the summer holidays a group from across Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston enjoyed attending the New Wine Festival, joining thousands of others for a week of worship, teaching, and fellowship. It was an encouraging opportunity to grow in faith together and to bring back fresh inspiration. On their return many attended a "Watch Party" evening in the church with opportunity to listen to one of the talks heard at New Wine.

In September a day pilgrimage was held. A group of 25 people joined a pilgrimage from Thurgarton to Southwell Minster and appreciated the time it offered for discussions about faith as people journeyed together.

In Advent a series of three Advent Candlelit Contemplations were held at Leahurst Road. These were led by Rachel Jessop and provided space for reflection and prayer in the build up to Christmas.

There were some encouraging developments in the women's ministry during 2025 through the close collaboration of Rachel Jessop and Sarah Sharpe. A strong spirit of partnership was a hallmark of a number of evenings organised which offered a blend of fellowship, testimony, and teaching. An event at Jaspers in Ruddington drew a large number of women and a "Summer Stories" evening held in Edwalton Church Garden was equally popular. This growing sense of community culminated in fifteen women attending the Orchard Women's Conference in Birmingham together in October. These shared events are planned to continue in 2026.

C2 Learning about the Gospel and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus

St Luke's continued to run a range of courses and provide a range of small groups during 2025.

At the beginning of the year two "Hope Explore" courses ran. One at Connect Gamston in their usual service slot and one at Leahurst Road on a Tuesday evening. These were an opportunity to explore the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

During Lent a course introducing "Practising The Way" took place. It comprised six teaching sessions which included guided conversations and spiritual exercises designed to lay a

foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. It introduced the spiritual practices and the concept of adopting a "Rule of Life." It was attended by around 65 people.

Another Alpha course took place in 2025 under the banner of "Stay Curious" It was led by Janet and David Brydon supported by a dedicated kitchen team. It provided a safe place for participants to meet and discuss some of the big questions of life and find out how they could encounter the person of Jesus for themselves. Some participants also attended an Alpha Away Day and received teaching on the Holy Spirit.

A Believing and Belonging Course was held as a follow up course to the Alpha course.

During the autumn term the "Start Course" was run by the Vicar, this course is an introduction to the Christian faith for those starting from scratch. A small number attended.

A couple of sessions of prayer ministry training were held over the course of the year.

For the majority of 2025, there were eleven small groups meeting across Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston over the course of a week. Seven of these were linked to Leahurst Road and four known as "Connect Groups" were linked to Connect Gamston. The newest Connect Group is a Cantonese speaking group led by Patsy Tang.

The total number of people attending small groups were Leahurst Road 60 and Connect Gamston 40. Most groups meet in person but one was online and another a hybrid of online and in person. In addition to these formal groups there are a number of informal groups meeting and many prayer triplets.

All the small groups within the church are led and hosted by lay volunteers from within the church. They provide regular opportunities for bible study, discussion and prayer and play a vital part in nurturing and deepening Christian faith and strengthening relationships among church members.

The co-ordination of groups is undertaken by Tom Judge as Associate Pastor, under his leadership a writer's team with 5 people write studies that follow the sermon series which most of the small groups follow.

At some points in the year, groups are encouraged to follow a particular course or set of studies. In the autumn term, "Talking Jesus" materials were used as both the basis of the sermon series and as materials for small groups to study. This is a course to encourage and train Christians to share their faith. It is based on current research into the state of faith in the UK. An extra central group was led by the Vicar for those not in a small group. Anecdotally, church members spoke of how this had prompted them to be more open and confident about sharing their faith.

C3 Children's and Youth Work Activities

St Luke's continued to offer a range of activities for children and young people during 2025.

Groups for different age groups of children continued to be provided on Sunday mornings at Leahurst Rod. Increasingly over the year the Bounce and Elevate groups combined and worked together to provide provision for pre-schoolers and primary aged children.

A dedicated team of leaders and helpers worked hard to run the groups, helping the children to feel settled and enjoy their time together. Sunday morning sessions were based on biblical themes and were delivered in a lively interactive style which combined games, stories, videos, craft and play activities designed to help the children grow and develop on their faith journey.

At Connect Gamston, the numbers of children regularly attending Connect Kids grew in 2025 with most sessions having over 20 children present. It is now divided into older and younger age ranges.

A notable highlight in the year for the 7-11 year olds from Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston was a residential visit to the Oakes Christian Holiday Centre near Sheffield. Thirteen children and four leaders attended. The children enjoyed a fun and faith filled weekend with a varied programme of outdoor activities along with bible activities and Christian teaching. It was a significant time for their faith formation and relationship building. We have booked for 2026!

Building on 2024's "Activate" events more of these were run in 2025. These were holiday club days / praise parties that were organised jointly by St. Luke's, St. Giles, St. Paul's Boundary Road, Edwalton and All Hallows Lady Bay. They were put on for primary aged children and proved to be a great way of inspiring, growing and giving space for children's faith to come alive. A few young people from St. Luke's served on the team that organised these events.

The monthly Connect Youth session was paused in 2025 and instead Connect focussed on taking those in Year 6 and above to Fuel South. This is held at Wilford Church and is a worship, teaching and prayer gathering for young people who live in the south of the city. This has become a valued addition to the offering for young people and they are starting to invite their friends from school along to this.

During 2025 two young people's groups ran at Leahurst Road. Lyft, mostly for those in school years 7-9 and Inspire for those in school years 10- 13. Lyft ran alongside the morning service on a Sunday morning and Inspire ran on a Sunday evening. Tom and Sarah Street stepped down from leading Inspire so the venue changed from their home to church. Tim Harness joined the Inspire Team alongside Claire Meese and sessions became fortnightly. Both groups ran programmes enabling the young people to discuss faith and explore various topics aimed at helping them grow in their faith and relate it to everyday life.

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At Christmas Inspire ably helped to host the Leahurst Road Carols by Candlelight Service and a few helped with the Christingle Services.

On Tuesday 8th July, Sarah Sharpe was invited to a special reception at Lambeth Palace. It was a beautiful occasion to recognise and appreciate the dedication of youth and children's ministers across the country. Each attendee also received a letter from the King thanking them for their work with children, young people and families in the church.

Following a successful application to the diocese for Church of England Church Growth Programme, Resource Church Capacity Funding the PCC recruited a new Youth and Children's Minister who will start in February 2026.

C4 Provision of Pastoral Care

During 2025 this area of church life came under the oversight of Tom Judge the Associate Pastor.

The underpinning approach to pastoral care is that it is the responsibility of all church members to care for one another. This means pastoral care happens in a range of different ways both informally and formally across the church through various groups and the deepening of relationships in many ways. Small Groups are a key building block in this structure as they provide an environment where church members can get to know each other better.

As part of his role, Tom co-ordinated the pastoral care. This dedicated team make pastoral visits and faithfully follow up many of the most vulnerable people and those who find themselves in particular need. This includes the elderly, the housebound, the bereaved and those suffering with longer term illness or injury. Home Communion is also taken to people who request it by members of the team who are licensed.

Sheila Street as Parish Safeguarding officer has attended some pastoral care team meetings to ensure that members of the team are appropriately briefed about safe practices when working with vulnerable people and to ensure that the team is fully aware of new requirements and revisions to church policies and procedures.

C5 Missionary and Outreach Work

Underpinning this area of church life was the framework of the Annual Outreach Calendar. This calendar contained four different kinds of events each with a different purpose. Some were "gospel lite" with no specific content about the Christian faith but designed to serve and

connect with the wider community, some were gospel sharing events, some were faith exploring courses and events and some were held as a way of building up relationships between church members as a way of developing the healthy core.

Events held at Leahurst Road included, a Board Games evening that attracted around 80 people with a large number of people from outside church, a Bring and Share Lunch with a theme of Foods From Around the World, a quiz plus fish and chip supper and an evangelistic breakfast called, "Breakfast with James Naish."

The quiz plus fish and chip supper acted as a fund raiser for Phoebe Bird one of the St Luke's young people who as part of a year out, went to work at Bless Church Caen in France.

"Breakfast with James Naish" was a gospel sharing event held in the autumn at The Willow Tree pub. It included a talk from the MP for Rushcliffe James Naish which was informative and enlightening and highlighted the difference Christian faith can make to public. It proved very popular with around 100 people attending and attracted people who were not regular members of St. Luke's. It also enabled the church to build a relationship with its local MP.

Another notable event was a "Service Weekend" held jointly between Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston. On the Sunday groups of people were involved in providing a free car wash, visiting elderly residents at Leawood Manor, tidying some gardens, weeding an orchard on Abbey Park Estate and writing thank you cards to group organisers both within and outside of the church. The Community Café was also open and was enjoyed by those having their car washed. Meanwhile, Connect Gamston partnered with the Pierrepont Gamston PTA to run a "Love Your School" event where jobs were completed around the school site with parents, staff from Hickory's Gastro Pub and members of the wider community.

Connect Gamston held their weekend at Stathern Lodge in Leicestershire, which was attended by over 80 people, many staying overnight. People enjoyed a very varied programme of activities with highlights being talks from Rev. George White (St Wilfrid's Church), kite building and flying, late night worship with all ages and the now much-loved bonfire. They have booked to return in September 2026 when they will be joined by speaker Rachel Turner, author of Parenting for a Life of Faith.

Three regular activities that link with people on the fringe or outside of the church also continued:

Tinies & Toddlers ran on Thursday mornings. Sarah Sharpe as Families Minister continued to oversee this, with a volunteer team headed up by Rachel Vandermark. A full programme of play, crafts, singing and story time for the children along with socialising for their parents happened. There were special events at Easter and Christmas and a visit in the summer from a petting zoo.

The community café "*Coffee Cake and Chat*" continued to thrive and develop. It opened weekly on Tuesday afternoons. A small team of enthusiastic and committed volunteers under the leadership of Jayne Dunajko and Maureen Cameron provided homemade cake and served refreshments. The café attracts members of the local community who are not currently members of the church. On average 30 to 40 adults come along each week, Members of the church who pop in, chat with whoever is around and this helps to build a sense of community, especially for the elderly and more vulnerable.

The cafe is a place for all ages and every week roughly 50 - 70 students from Rushcliffe Spencer Academy come in for a drink and cake on their way home from school. Meryl and Phil Davies worked hard to create a welcoming area for these young people, making use of power points and videos

Stay and Play A monthly a drop-in toddler group takes place in Pierrepont Gamston Primary School. Sarah Sharpe and Zoe Walker support the school in this venture to reach parents in the community.

Very close partnership work continued with our linked church primary school, Pierrepont Gamston. The formally known "Faith and Values Group" became "Explorers" with Sarah Sharpe working alongside Teaching Assistant Anna San Jose to find ways in which children can become Bible Explorers, Prayer Explorers and Worship Explorers. In the Autumn term a Year 6 student asked us to start a Youth Alpha Course for those in Years 5 & 6. This was run in partnership with school, and All Hallows, Lady Bay. The next step will be exploring the start of a discipleship group.

Several projects took place in the life of the church that provided resources or raised money for various charities and Christian mission organisations.

"Sock Sunday" was well supported by church members and caught the imagination of people beyond the church in the local community and those visiting the building for lettings

joined in too. Hundreds of pairs of socks were donated to "Sharewear" who distributed them to those in need through their clothes bank.

A coffee morning was organised by Monique Davis for the people of Myanmar.

As part of our Harvest celebration a collection of non-perishable food and household items was made for The Friary a local Christian homeless charity. Members of St Luke's contributed several hundred Christian books for sending abroad to Africa through Book Aid; shoeboxes were also filled with small gifts and essentials for children through the charity "T4U" and these were sent to Ukraine and some surrounding countries.

Great fun was had at the Tearfund Big Quiz which also raised £1,500 for Tearfund.

St Luke's also continued to build relationships with and provide financial support to regular Mission Partners locally, nationally, and internationally. Following a PCC review of mission partners in 2024, there were some changes to the organisations we supported in 2025 and money was given for the first time to The Oakes Christian Holiday Centre (Wayne Moore) and Five Talents whose mission it is to unlock sustainable transformation in some of the most fragile communities in rural Africa. In autumn 2025 David and Maureen Cole along with Phil and Meryl Davies went on a supporters visit to Mombasa, Kenya to see first-hand the valuable work being done.

The church partnered again with Teams 4 U to send shoeboxes to vulnerable children in Moldova, Bosnia, Georgia and Romania.

Two editions of the church publication *Outlook* were delivered to every house in the parish during 2025 with news stories, testimonies and articles about Christian faith and the life of the church. At Christmas, a church Christmas card was produced which also went to every household in the parish. This advertised the Christmas services and events that were happening at Leahurst Road and Connect Gamston.

The church building is hired out regularly to various groups within the local community. 2025 was a stable year in terms of the range of hirers who use the church facilities and buildings with a couple of new regular hirers. These bring a wide range of people through the church doors. Positive relationships exist with all our new hirers (currently around 20 in number) and many are keen to support church activities. The income lost when preschool closed in

2023 is now recovered. In addition to our regular hirers a range of private hirers made use of the building for one off events and courses. For many of our users, it makes the church building an important hub within the community.

D Our Vision

During 2025 the PCC was committed to pursuing the diocesan vision of “Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence and Courage.” In particular it focussed on developing three of the seven areas of focus from the vision - Reaching Younger, Growing Leaders and Nurturing Prayer. It endeavoured to channel time , energy and resources into these.

E Occasional Offices

E1 WEDDINGS

None in 2025

E2 BANNS OF MARRIAGE READ (weddings elsewhere)

<i>Name of Couple</i>	<i>Date of 3rd Reading</i>
Benjamin Michael Brownlie & Jessica Louise Northfield	20 th April 2025
Thomas Aiden Heath & Grace Harriet Fox	20 th April 2025
Paul George Clarke & Laura Jane Cushnie	1 st June 2025
Joseph Samuel Coyle & Caihong He	20 th July 2025

E3 BAPTISMS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Baptism</i>
Tabitha Alice Sharpe	8 th June 2025
Maryam Anderson	8 th June 2025
Jerome Paul Anderson	8 th June 2025
Arabelle Rose Anderson	8 th June 2025
Gabriel Paul Anderson	8 th June 2025
Siu Wing Pang	8 th June 2025
Chuen Yee Chan	8 th June 2025
Tin Long Pang	8 th June 2025
Emily Girton	31 st August 2025
Naomi Eleanor Burrows	31 st August 2025

E4 CONFIRMATIONS

None in 2025

E5 FUNERALS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Funeral</i>
Pamela Anne Gregory	7 th February 2025
Joan Millband	16 th September 2025



St Luke's Parochial Church Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2025

"Who are we that we should be able to give generously? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what first comes from your hand." 1 Chronicles 29 v 14
(This quoted by Mark Fraser our previous vicar when presenting the 2024 accounts last year).

So much happens in a year and I'm reminded of how fortunate we have been to have shared fellowship with the Fraser family over many years, Mark, Catherine Milly, Joel and Cam all played a significant part in our worshipping community and we remember their service and contributions with gratitude, and the lasting impact of Mark's ministry and management of our finances.

Again in 2025 we continue to witness God's constant generosity and faithfulness. God has more than met our needs as so many people have allowed his generosity to flow through in contributing financially to support the mission and ministry of St Luke's in 2025. Thanks be to God and thanks be to your generosity in support of the Church in St Luke's in 2025.

The annual accounts for 2025 have been prepared on a prepayments and accruals basis.

(NB: As previously, the grant funding we receive from the Diocese appears in our accounts. As a restricted grant it is received and then paid out in full within each calendar year).

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

a) Income (Note 4 of the accounts)

Overall income from activities at St Luke's increased from £293k in 2024 to £310k in 2025. These figures do not include the diocesan grant funding received by the church of 49.9k in 2024 & 49.1k in 2025 to support our Associate Pastor,

This year saw our regular giving increase once again and we remain grateful for the generosity of all concerned, such that total income increased from £343k to £359k in 2025. The full benefit of which will be seen over the coming year.

A continuing major challenge during 2025 was to increase rental income to cover previous historic losses in revenue. Thanks to sterling work by office team of Joanne and Claire to attract and manage an increased number of regular and one-off lettings we have again seen an increase in rental income from £28.8 in 2024, to £34.5 in 2025.

In 2024 we also received a one-off gift of £12.5k (including Gift Aid) to be put toward the cost of replacing our lighting in the worship area. This work was carried out during 2025 and that restricted fund money has been used to great effect.

Our income from investments also benefited from the £100k moved into the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund in 2024 and as a result we attracted an additional 5.4k income from this and our earlier investments.

b) Expenditure - General Fund (Note 5 of the accounts)

Total operational expenditure has increased from £321k in 2024 to £339k in 2025.

A large part of this is due to an increase in our parish share payment for the running of the diocese, up from £123k in 2024 to £130k in 2025.

Following a recent review the diocese arrived at a more equitable parish share system in which every parish has now been allocated a figure that they are expected to pay in the run up to 2035 and a trajectory of how payments will need to increase from current levels to meet that target over the next ten years, which is now incorporated into our St Luke's budget setting moving forwards. I anticipate that St Luke's, with God's continued blessing, will be on track with Diocese expectations in this area.

Ministry costs were offset during 2025 by significant income from Tinies & Toddlers, Coffee Cake & Chat - Café and also other events such as 'The Passion' play held in spring 2025.

Gas and Electricity costs remained roughly the same during 2025 as in 2024, £9.3k in 2024 to £8.2k in 2025. It is however anticipated that this cost will rise during 2026, largely due to the current volatile world energy market.

Church repairs equally remained the same when compared to 2024, £4.7k in 2024 to £4.5k in 2025. This cost will also likely increase unfortunately during 2026. Whilst our building is relatively new and in good condition it is over 25 years since the major development works were completed and an increasing number of minor repairs for wear and tear are becoming necessary. We are also aware that we may have to provision for more substantial repairs in the future to remedy staining on the external brickwork, and leaks to the glass roof in the worship area. We also have our Quinquennial inspection in 2026, and I am sure that this survey will identify further ongoing repairs that are required.

The PCC implemented a 3.1% pay increase to staff from April 2025, and the good news is that the PCC during 2025 appointed our new full time youth and children's minister Ethan who we are already worshipping with and working alongside.

Reserves and cash holdings

Our general reserves has risen to £201k which provides operational expenditure cover of around 8 months (including parish share as part of operational expenditure). The PCC recognise that this exceeds the current reserves policy. Some of these reserves are set aside to cover the impact of additional staffing (for youth and children) and to provide for larger scale building maintenance projects. As in previous years The PCC will explore further ways of investing any excess reserves in mission and ministry during 2025

c) Designated funds (Notes 6)

Designated funds are set up by the PCC when it wishes to set aside money for a specific purpose. Whilst it is the PCC's intention to use it for this purpose it does not have to do so.

- i) The Freehold, Land and Buildings Fund and the Equipment Fund show the various assets held by St Lukes and any additions, disposals or depreciation over the course of the year.
- ii) The Mission Partner Fund includes the payments that we make to our various current Mission Partners. During 2025 we paid £25k to those organisations we support. .
- iii) The Mission Support Fund allows up to £2k per year to be made available to support young people conducting significant mission trips overseas or in the UK. During 2025, one application was received and a support amount of £500 was given.
- iv) The Grace Fund was established to support church members who might be experiencing any particular financial challenge or require assistance. It is administered by the vicar and wardens and £100 was given away during 2025.
- v) The Connect Gamston Fund shows the transfer from the General Fund to cover salary costs and any other relevant expenditure. (NB: Giving from those who worship at Connect Gamston is included in the General Fund.)

d) Restricted Funds (Notes 6)

Restricted funds are set up when money is given to the church for a specific purpose and can only be used for that purpose.

- i) The Mission and Ministry at Home/Overseas Fund contains the remaining monies originally restricted for supporting young people on mission trips. When this money is exhausted the PCC intend to top up the designated fund for Mission Support so that at least £2k is available each year.
- ii) The Refurbishment Fund comprises gifts from church members for the specific purpose of making improvements to the fixtures and fittings of the church including AV equipment, refurbishing the kitchen, providing new seating and lighting. During 2025 just under £11.4k was spent on new LED lighting in the worship area.
- iii) The New Worshipping Community Fund simply contained the annual grants from the Diocese for Connect Gamston. These payments were spread over 5 years and we received our final payment early in 2025. This fund is now closed.

LOOKING FORWARD

*...my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4 v 19*

As we look forward to 2026 and beyond we can see a challenging but exciting future ahead. Living obediently to Jesus should challenge and stretch us as we learn to rely on him and release ourselves more and more fully into his plans and purposes.

In comparison to many churches we are blessed to have a strong financial platform from which to move forward albeit we know that things can change quickly and we must not be complacent. As previously mentioned we are aware of a few potential problems with the fabric of our building that require investigation and rectification in the near future. These include the solution to the problem causing leaching on the north external wall of the church, (adjacent to the corridor to the meeting room). We are also aware of the desire to consider the environmental impact of our building and in doing so make any necessary changes to reduce our carbon footprint,

Growing in financial generosity and wise stewardship is an important aspect of our discipleship as we practice the way of Jesus with Compassion, Confidence and Courage. However it is only one aspect! God is actually inviting us to offer him the whole of our lives; our time, our gifts, our experience. That's when he can do more than we could possibly ask or imagine in our homes, our workplaces, and our community as well as within our church family.

THANKS

We are so fortunate to have the team we have at St Luke's who administer and manage our finances. Joanne Pillkington takes care of our bookkeeping, banking and managing gift aid claims with calm efficiency and good humour. Claire Meese runs the church operationally and both Joanne and Claire produce and check through the regular management reports that enable the PCC to monitor and oversee our financial position. They have also worked tirelessly to source new people to hire our facilities and administer the lettings which are so important to us.

Catrin Evans and David Brydon authorise our internet banking payments and Cary Bourque has invested time in helping me to draw together these final audited accounts, as have Claire and Joanne who I have worked closely with along with our Independent Examiner, Mike Paterson. Mike reviews the accounts to ensure that they accurately reflect a true and correct picture of our financial activity for 2025.

To Joanne, Claire, Catrin, Cary and Mike - WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND WORK ON OUR BEHALF!

The final thankyou as always is to all those who contribute to our life and work at St Luke's in so many different ways.

I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1 v 5,6

Melvyn Cryer

Treasurer (on behalf of the wardens)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE GAMSTON & BRIDGFORD PCC OF ST LUKE'S CHURCH, GAMSTON AND BRIDGFORD

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner:

As the Church's Leadership Team, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that: an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed; the charity is preparing accounts on an accruals basis; and I am qualified to undertake the examination.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- 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 Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 you, as the Leadership Team concerning 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been met:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Michael Paterson. CA
15A Burleigh Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham

Date:

24/3/2026

St Luke's Gamston & Bridgford
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

		2025				2024
	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from donors	4(a)	264,261	5,000		269,261	260,736
Other voluntary incoming resources	4(b)	49,122			49,122	49,942
Incoming resources from charitable & ancillary trading	4(c)	34,826			34,826	29,446
Income from investments - Interest	4(d)	5,474			5,474	2,228
Other ordinary incoming resources	4(e)	25			25	504
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		353,708	5,000		358,708	342,856
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Missionary and charitable giving	5(a)		25,600		25,600	22,997
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	5(b)	278,837	16,615	11,467	306,918	291,796
Fund raising and publicity	5(c)	2,199	1,954		4,153	3,781
Church management & administration	5(d)	1,918	294		2,212	2,009
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		282,953	44,463	11,467	338,883	320,584
NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES		70,755	(39,463)	(11,467)	19,825	22,272
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	6a	(50,703)	50,703			
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		20,052	11,240	(11,467)	19,825	22,272
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 1st January	6b	181,493	746,861	15,953	944,307	922,035
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	6a	201,545	758,101	4,486	964,133	944,307

St Luke's Church, Gamston & Bridgford
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

		2025			2024
	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
ASSETS					
Fixed Assets					
Freehold property at cost	7		683,731		683,731
Office equipment	7		298		521
Fixtures and fittings	7		64,312		52,198
Intangibles - Software	7				
Subtotal			748,341		736,450
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments		13,477			8,291
Cash in bank and in Hand		205,350	9,760	4,486	202,781
		218,827	9,760	4,486	233,073
Creditors amounts falling due within one year		(17,280)			(3,214)
Total Net Assets		201,547	758,101	4,486	944,309
PARISH FUNDS					
General Fund	6a	201,547			181,494
Capital Reserve (Land & Buildings)	6a		683,731		683,731
Equipment Fund including Gamston Connect	6a		64,610		52,719
Grace Fund	6a		3,343		3,443
New Worshipping Community - Gamston Connect	6a		1,193		1,243
2018 Refurbishment	6a			3,736	15,203
Mission & Ministry Restricted	6a			750	750
Mission Partners - Designated	6a		4,475		4,475
Mission Support - Designated	6a		750		1,250
Total Parish Funds		201,547	758,101	4,486	944,309

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

- a) Basis of preparation – the financial statement of the Parochial Church Council has been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations on an Accruals basis.
- b) The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Parochial Church Council can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that are an affiliate to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.
- c) Income is recognised in the accounts when either cash has been received or when the Parochial Church Council becomes entitled to receive it. Expenditure is recognised on receipt of goods or services.
- d) Funds – General Funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Council. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the Council. The Capital Reserve represents the carrying value of the freehold property.
- e) Missionary Giving – the Parochial Church Council agreed to follow again its previous policy of giving away a fixed sum that varies from around 6%-12% of total income receipted excluding any money given for specific purposes, e.g. for special Gift Days, Church Weekend Away, Diocesan Grants etc. In 2025 the sum reserved was £25k which equals just under 9.5%
- f) Fixed assets are included in the accounts at the cost of purchase or construction. Only assets with a value over £500 are capitalised. Assets are depreciated as follows:
- Office Equipment – a period of 1 to 3 years
 - Fixtures and Fittings – period of 5 to 10 years
 - Capitalised Software – period of 3 years
- g) The life of the land and building is indefinite and therefore is not a depreciating asset.
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- h) Capital Assets - Accounts prepared on an Accruals basis recognise capital assets on the balance sheet.
- i) It is the policy of the Parochial Church Council to aim to hold a minimum of three months' general running costs and commitments as reserves. This policy is reviewed annually. A continued Trustee agreed assumption remains in place that our contribution to Diocesan overhead costs (Parish Share) as a general running cost is discretionary in nature and would unlikely to be required to be paid in the event of financial difficulty, so this figure is not included in our accounts as a general running cost.

2. Transactions involving Trustees

Many of our Trustees are serving members of the congregation and also donate their time to the ministry and operation of the Church. Out of pocket expenses are paid to these members in the normal course of this activity as they are to any other member of the organisation. During 2025 there were no transactions involving Trustees.

3. Voluntary Payment to our Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner, Mike Paterson, volunteers his time to examine our accounts. This "no fee" arrangement has been custom and practice for many years and is formalised in the letter of engagement. Whilst under no obligation the PCC likes to recognise the examination takes time and has historically sent Mr Paterson an ex-gratia payment as a sign of appreciation. These voluntary payments are intended to continue for the foreseeable future.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
4 INCOMING RESOURCES					
4(a) INCOMING RESOURCES FROM DONORS					
Planned giving	201,997			201,997	195,430
Gift aid on eligible planned giving	44,416			44,416	44,316
One-off gifts	13,659	5,000		18,659	15,860
Gift aid on one-off gifts including prior year reclaims	1,405			1,405	3,978
Cash collections at services including on-line giving	2,785			2,785	1,152
	<u>264,261</u>	<u>5,000</u>		<u>269,261</u>	<u>260,736</u>
4(b) OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOMING RESOURCES					
Diocesan Grants	<u>49,122</u>			<u>49,122</u>	<u>49,942</u>
4(c) INCOME FROM CHARITABLE & ANCILLARY TRADING					
Parochial fees	330			330	636
Room hire	<u>34,496</u>			<u>34,496</u>	<u>28,810</u>
	<u>34,826</u>			<u>34,826</u>	<u>29,446</u>
4(d) INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS					
Interest on funds in deposit	<u>5,474</u>			<u>5,474</u>	<u>2,228</u>
4(e) OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES					
TSB Bank compensation/Sundry sales	<u>25</u>			<u>25</u>	<u>504</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>353,708</u>	<u>5,000</u>		<u>358,708</u>	<u>342,856</u>
5 RESOURCES USED					
5(a) MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE GIVING					
Home Missions & other Church Societies					
West Bridgford and South Nottingham Debt Centre / CAP (2024 Only)					1,025
TearFund Gaza Emergency Appeal (2025)		2,500		2,500	2,000
EuroTrek Ministries (2024 Only)					1,000
Susan Essam & Jos Diocese - Nigeria (2024 Only)					3,200
Renew Wellbeing (2025)		2,500		2,500	2,000
The Friary Drop-In Centre - West Bridgford Nottingham (2025)		4,000		4,000	3,600
Education For Life - Kenya (2025)		4,250		4,250	3,600
Nottingham Arimathea Trust (2024 Only)					2,000
Nottingham Street Pastors (2025)		2,500		2,500	2,000
Jericho Road Project Nottingham (2025)		2,500		2,500	2,000
Five Talents (2025)		4,250		4,250	
The Oakes (Wayne Moore) (2025)		2,500		2,500	
		<u>25,000</u>		<u>25,000</u>	<u>22,425</u>
Non Charitable Giving					
Mission and Ministry Fund - Distribution to P. Bird for Mission Outreach Work Undertaken		500		500	
Grace Fund - Other distributions		100		100	572
		<u>600</u>		<u>600</u>	<u>572</u>
Total MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE GIVING		<u>25,600</u>		<u>25,600</u>	<u>22,997</u>

In 2025 a gift of £100 was given to The Oakes to support church attendance at weekend away activities. The gift was approved by the PCC.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2025

5 RESOURCES USED (CONTINUED)

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE					
5b CHURCH					
Diocesan (Parish) Share	129,780			129,780	123,000
Ministry Expenses (excluding Salaries)					
Youth and children's work	942	220		1,162	616
Church service expenses including music	2,981	325		3,306	3,038
Other ministry (Alpha/Elderly/Tinies & Toddlers/Small Groups)	427			427	(1,081)
	4,349	545		4,894	2,573
Analysis of Income/Cost of Other Ministry					
		Income	Costs	Net Cost	Net Cost
Unrestricted Funds					
Outreach Hospitality - Coffee/Cake and Chat/Food Fellowship and Faith		1,213	1,074	(139)	(944)
Tinies and Toddlers		559	499	(60)	(589)
Other Nurture Ministry			625	625	100
		1,771	2,198	427	(1,433)
Salaries & honoraria					
Wages & salaries	96,180	23,266		119,445	114,429
Employer's pension or NI contributions	12,823	2,437		15,260	16,850
	109,003	25,702		134,705	131,279
Avg number of employees - 3 full time, 2 part time	3.2	0.4		3.6	3.6
In the 2025 accounts, funding from the Diocese to employ Tom Judge, our Associate Pastor, is included as income as a Diocesan Grant. No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 in the financial year and so no disclosure of salary banding is required. During the year one employee was also a Trustee. Tom Judge has remained on the PCC for all of 2025. The average number of employees does not include Clergy employed by the Diocese					
Four employees are included within the Church of England Pension Builder scheme. This is a defined benefit scheme payable at normal retirement ages. Contributions in the year amounted to £12,823 in 2025 and £16,850 in 2024. The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This means that if another employer fails, St Lukes could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities. The scheme is valued every three years with the next valuation due 31/12/2025 but delayed. At the last the scheme was in surplus.					
Church Running Expenses					
Cleaning including materials	854			854	976
Electricity	3,826			3,826	4,277
Gas	4,394			4,394	5,030
Insurance	1,389			1,389	1,362
Water charges	1,456			1,456	440
Rent/Other (Gamston Connect)		1,440		1,440	1,500
Other misc including Waste removal/TV licence	383			383	463
Photocopier, telephone & broadband	2,628			2,628	2,448
	14,930	1,440		16,370	16,496
Church Maintenance					
Servicing	694			694	803
Repairs	4,486			4,486	4,672
Other minor refurbishment/replacement spend					297
	5,179			5,179	5,772
Major Repairs / Replacements including capitalisation					
Replacement Hall Floor Covering	5,454			5,454	13,696
Water Heater Kitchen	522			522	540
Round Tables x 5, Folding Tables x 4, 50 x Chairs	3,579			3,579	670
40 x Folding Chairs, 4 x Chair Trolleys	3,079			3,079	
New Lighting System in Worship Area			11,218	11,218	
LED Bulbs and Starter Kit for Worship Space			249	249	
Plumbing work to Hall Underfloor Heating	1,032			1,032	
Transfers to fixed assets (capitalised)		(23,851)		(23,851)	(14,906)
	13,666	(23,851)	11,467	1,281	0.00
Other Expenses					
Minister & staff expenses	729	88		816	345
Gifts & presentations	29	152		181	32
Training & education	842	579		1,421	895
Card Payment Fees	330			330	
	1,929	819		2,748	1,272
Annual depreciation		11,960		11,960	11,404
TOTAL	278,837	16,615	11,467	306,918	291,796

5 RESOURCES USED (CONTINUED)

5c FUND RAISING & PUBLICITY

Posters, Publicity and Website
Expenditure on Parish Magazine
Cost of Social Events (see below)
TOTAL

2025				2024
Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
382			382	229
1,177			1,177	1,161
640	1,954		2,594	2,392
2,199	1,954		4,153	3,781

Analysis of Cost of 2025 Social Events

Unrestricted Funds

	Income	Costs	Net Cost	Net Cost
The Passion - Play	970	870	(100)	28
Maundy Meal	50	98	48	277
Fish & Chip Quiz	499	467	(32)	1,206
Coffee Cake & Chat	7		(7)	36
James Naish Breakfast	385	800	415	(44)
Tearfund Quiz	605	600	(5)	1,006
Mens Breakfast	52	38	(14)	109
Chilli & Boardgames Night		40	40	
Miscellaneous Event Income		295	295	
Highgate House				
	2,568	3,208	640	2,618

Designated Funds - Gamston Connect Weekend Away/Small Events

1,954 **1,954** **(226)**

5d CHURCH MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Software costs - Accounting/payroll, Governance, MS Office 365
Postage and Stationery
Small Equipment<500/Misc
TOTAL

Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
1,580			1,580	1,094
115			115	339
223	294.05		517	576
1,918	294		2,212	2,009

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

6 ANALYSIS of FUNDS

6a FOR THE YEAR 2025

FOR THE YEAR 2025										
2025	Designated Funds						Restricted Funds			
General Fund	Grace Fund	Freehold Land & Buildings	Mission Partners	Mission Support	Gamston Connect	Equipment Fund	Mission & Ministry at Home /Overseas	Refurbish Fund	New Worshipping Comm. (GC)	
£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	
Balance at 1 January 2025	181,493	3,443	683,731	4,475	1,250	1,243	52,719	750	15,203	0
Income	353,708					5,000				
Payments	(270,320)	(100)		(25,000)	(500)	(30,754)			(249)	
Asset purchase & capitalisation	(12,634)						23,851		(11,218)	
Depreciation							(11,960)			
Transfer between funds	(50,703)			25,000		25,703				
Balance at 31 December 2025	201,545	3,343	683,731	4,475	750	1,162	84,810	750	3,735	0
	(2)					0				

6a FOR THE YEAR 2024

FOR THE YEAR 2024										
	2024	Designated Funds						Restricted Funds		
		General Fund	Grace Fund	Freehold Land & Buildings	Mission Partners	Mission Support	Gamston Connect	Equipment Fund	Mission & Ministry at Home /Overseas	Refurbish Fund
	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2024	159,833	4,015	683,731	4,900	1,250		1,643	49,217	750	16,696
Income	327,024						3,332			12,500
Payments	(263,854)	(572)		(22,425)			(22,232)			(297)
Asset purchase & capitalisation	(1,210)						14,908			(13,696)
Depreciation							(11,404)			
Transfer between funds	(40,500)			22,000			18,500			
Balance at 31 December 2024	161,493	3,443	683,731	4,475	1,250		1,243	52,719	750	15,203

7 Analysis of FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment Fund				Total
	Freehold Land & Buildings	Office Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Intangible Assets (Website)	
Cost					
At 1.1.25	683,731	5,941	143,726	723	834,121
Disposals			(2,509)		(2,509)
Additions			23,851		23,851
At 31.12.25	683,731	5,941	165,069	723	855,464
Depreciation					
At 1.1.25		(5,420)	(91,528)	(723)	(97,671)
Disposals			2,509		2,509
Charge		(223)	(11,737)		(11,960)
At 31.12.25		(5,643)	(100,757)	(723)	(107,123)
Net Book Value					
At 01.01.25	683,731	521	52,198		736,450
At 31.12.25	683,731	298	64,312		748,341

