

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
Green and Forest Fields**
(Registered charity, number 1132850)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

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**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

Full name The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields

Other names by which the charity is known

St Stephen with St Paul PCC

PCC of St Stephen with St Paul Hyson Green (working name)

Registered charity number 1132850

Principal address

St Stephen's Church, Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5GZ

Trustees

Rev Clive Burrows, Vicar

Rev Lesley Silcock, Curate

Sharon Bravo, Minute Secretary

Jean McCloughry, Warden

Stephen Paget, Warden

Sandra Brailsford, Reader

Jenny Lewin, Reader

Folasade Sowunmi, Reader

Graham Lewin

Tamim Fetrat

Babatunde Olajuyigbe, Treasurer, from 27/04/25

Mohammed Ashtari

Karen Burrows

Peter Dixon

Jonathan Julian, from 27/04/25

Aleena David, from 27/04/25

Carron Gawthorn, from 27/04/25

Albert Gill, until 09/01/26

Deirdre Dixon, until 30/07/25

Linford Grant, until 27/04/25

Arash Shayegan, until 27/04/25

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

We are governed in our operation and formulation by the Canons of the Church of England and Pastoral measures. Members are elected and appointed at AGM. The membership of the PCC lasts three years before stepping down for a year. Officers are excluded.

Trustees are elected at APCM.

Objectives and activities

The principal aims of the PCC are to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, to spread the word of Jesus Christ in the area of Hyson Green and Forest Fields and minister to the people who live there.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

2025 has been another busy year in the life of our vibrant, multicultural, inner urban city church. We continue to pursue our aim of 'Crossing Cultures with Christ'. Our leadership and participation in church life expresses that desire.

This year more people have chosen to attend church in person but a few still join us using Zoom.

As a way of reaching out to the people in our parish, letting them know that we exist and that we care about them, we once again delivered Christmas cards to many homes in our parish. Our Christmas services this year had more visitors than for many years.

This year we continued with our Church Without Walls programme: offering free tea and coffee near a supermarket in our parish as an opportunity to meet people and get to know them. It has proved very successful. We meet fortnightly on Saturday morning and find that people are surprised and delighted that we are offering something new and a chance to chat. Although building numbers of those who come on Sunday morning to our services is not the real aim several have started to do so. We also offered the same service at Christmas at the switch on of the Christmas tree lights.

On Tuesday evenings we hold an online Al Massira course for people from a Muslim background. The course takes about 6 months to complete and has about 15 members. When the course has been completed members move to our group that used to meet online on Thursday evenings. After several years meeting online, we are now meeting in person and that has greatly helped us to relate more closely with each other.

We have continued to serve the most vulnerable with deliveries of hygiene products, kindly given to us by another voluntary sector organisation, the Hygiene Bank.

This year community tensions have been quite taught over immigration, but we have attended meetings to try to address the issues that people are raising.

In June we had a national conference for churches that have large numbers of Iranians. Guli Dehghani Tafti, the bishop of Chelmsford, our own Bishop Andy and the Archbishop of York, Steven Cottrell, attended. There was a wonderful feeling of support and shared resources and experiences.

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Lesley Silcock, one of our longest standing members, was ordained deacon and is serving her curacy in our parish. She has brought a huge amount of ideas, pastoral care and new initiatives. One of those new ideas is a monthly Sunday evening 'Open to God' service in which we spend time in silence listening to God and sharing together what he has said.

Several leaders attended a 'Cultural Bridge' course to help foreign national church leaders understand British culture better.

Children, young people and families have always been an important part of the life of our church. During this year we have tried different ways of supporting and including them during services with special children's activities, involvement in all age worship, including leading the service, and a summer programme. We have a monthly Youth Group for secondary school age children. We take regular assemblies at our local schools, including a private Muslim Primary School, and they visit the church for Experience Easter and Christingle and concerts. Once a month on Saturday mornings we hold Messy Church for families which attracts about 40 people. We have a large team of about 20 people that help facilitate the event, which includes lunch afterwards.

Our leadership training programme is helping new people to come forward to help lead. One of our members is training to be a Reader on our diocesan training programme.

We bought a new industrial cooker for our community centre, which has enabled us to offer more hospitality.

Despite a year of spending more than income, the church has given away over £11,000 including to those less fortunate in our own community and those in other parts of the world.

Fola Sowunmi, one of our Readers started a new monthly group, 'Mizpah', which works with women and has proved very popular. The women attending come from various parts of Nottingham and have appreciated the pastoral support and prayer ministry.

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Financial review

We have spent more than we have had come in, this shortfall has been covered by legacy money.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity aims to keep 3 months running costs as reserves.

Financial risks

The financial risk that the charity faces is an ageing long standing congregation and newcomers with little money.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Clive R. Burrows, Date 29.03.26
Rev Clive Burrows, Vicar, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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for the year ended 31 December 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

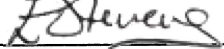
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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.

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.

Signed  Date 09/04/2026
Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

2024			Unrestricted	Restricted	2025
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	Receipts				
69308	Grants & donations	2	60355	17765	78120
25584	Gift aid		15041	-	15041
196	Fundraising		109	-	109
2674	Bank interest		2350	-	2350
1868	Sales & fees		800	-	800
145	Loan repaid		94	-	94
<u>99775</u>	Total receipts		<u>78749</u>	<u>17765</u>	<u>96514</u>
	Payments				
17	Bank charges		18	-	18
333	Children & young people costs		251	270	521
16737	Church		23995	-	23995
10456	Giving		9427	2625	12052
964	Hospitality & activities		341	-	341
1227	Incumbent, Curate & Priest expenses		1094	-	1094
612	Legal & professional fees		636	-	636
11518	Major repairs & redecoration		5806	-	5806
13288	Office		13448	-	13448
42120	Parish share		44328	-	44328
2986	Service expenses		2143	3450	5593
<u>100258</u>	Total payments		<u>101487</u>	<u>6345</u>	<u>107832</u>
(483)	Net receipts/(payments)		(22738)	11420	(11318)
<u>233516</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>224992</u>	<u>8041</u>	<u>233033</u>
<u>233033</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>202254</u>	<u>19461</u>	<u>221715</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hyson
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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2025**

2024		2025
£	Cash assets	£
<u>233033</u>	Bank accounts	<u>221715</u>
<u>233033</u>		<u>221715</u>
	Other monetary assets	
235	Debtors - Loan	141
75	Debtors - Bank interest receivable	67
<u>517</u>	Prepayments - Service expenses - CCLI	<u>531</u>
<u>827</u>		<u>739</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Laptop purchased October 2020, cost £799.	
	CCTV system purchased April 2022, cost £2,659.	
	Alarm system purchased September 2022, cost £1,109.	
	Liabilities	
<u>(636)</u>	Creditors - Independent Examination	<u>(714)</u>
<u>(636)</u>		<u>(714)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Lesley Silcock Date 29/3/26
Lesley Silcock, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
CAF/UKET Vouchers	1000	-	1000
Church collections	3419	-	3419
Covenanted giving	48042	-	48042
Gift Day and other donations	5296	17765	23061
Pledge envelopes	1036	-	1036
SumUp donations	1562	-	1562
	60355	17765	78120

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds				
Church general fund	104992	78749	(101487)	82254
Designated development fund	120000	-	-	120000
	224992	78749	(101487)	202254
Restricted funds				
Roof fund	6995	11420	-	18415
Sound desk fund	1046	-	-	1046
Persian conference	-	3000	(3000)	-
Messy church	-	270	(270)	-
Coach journey	-	450	(450)	-
Special collections	-	2625	(2625)	-
	8041	17765	(6345)	19461

Roof fund – funds raised for the restoration of the roof.

Sound desk fund – fund for a sound desk.

Persian conference – funds raised for a Persian conference.

Messy church – funds for Messy Church costs.

Coach journey – funds specifically for a coach journey.

Special collections – funds raised for giving to other causes. This year comprised £375 for Tearfund and £2,250 for Unicef.

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4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

6. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.