

# St Robert of Knaresborough Pannal

## Annual Report 2025



## **The Vision and Strategy of the Diocese of Leeds**

The Diocese of Leeds seeks to support and encourage churches across West Yorkshire and the Dales in their worship, mission and service. The diocesan vision is expressed through the words:

**“Confident Christians, Growing Churches, Transforming Communities.”**

This vision reflects a desire to see churches rooted in prayer and worship, confident in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and active in serving the communities in which they are placed.

The Diocese has developed its strategy through the *Barnabas: Encouraging Confidence* programme, which aims to strengthen parish life, encourage sustainable ministry, and equip both clergy and lay people for the future. At the heart of this strategy is the belief that every church, regardless of size or location, has a vital role to play in God’s mission.

The strategy focuses on four key areas:

### **Confidence in Mission**

Encouraging churches to engage meaningfully with their local communities, to be welcoming and outward-looking, and to share the Christian faith with confidence and compassion.

### **Confidence in the Future**

Supporting churches in becoming financially and structurally sustainable, ensuring that parish ministry can continue to flourish for generations to come.

### **Confidence in Leadership**

Nurturing and developing both ordained and lay leadership, encouraging vocations, training, and opportunities for people of all ages to serve within the life of the Church.

### **Confidence in Witness**

Helping Christians to live out and speak about their faith naturally in daily life, particularly through ministry among children, young people and families.

Underlying this work are the diocesan values of:

- **Loving**
- **Living**
- **Learning**

These values encourage churches to grow in faith, deepen discipleship, and continue learning together as part of the wider Church family. As a parish within the Diocese of Leeds, we share in this wider mission and ministry, seeking to be faithful in worship, generous in service, and confident in proclaiming the love of Christ within our own community.

## **Annual Parish Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### Agenda

1. To elect two Churchwardens
- 1.1. Proposed: Stuart Newsome & Claire Pickthall

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

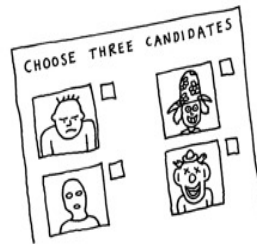
### Agenda

1. Reports: The following reports have been presented to the meeting:
2. Electoral Roll Report
3. Vicar's Annual Report
4. Church Wardens' Annual Report, including the fabric report.
5. Financial Statement
6. Safeguarding Report
7. Deanery Synod Report
8. To elect three PCC representatives
  - 8.1. Proposed
    - Sam Essen
    - Vacant
    - Vacant
9. To elect four Deanery Synod representatives
  - 9.1. Proposed
    - Ann Howard
    - Shirley Clegg
    - Iain Ward-Campbell
    - Jeremy Frearson
10. Independent Examiner:
  - 10.1. Proposed: Jo Thompson
11. Questions: Anyone wishing to raise a subject for discussion, resolution or recommendation at the Annual Meeting must inform the Chairman (the Vicar) in writing before the start of the meeting

# THE ELECTORAL ROLL

REASONS TO JOIN IT

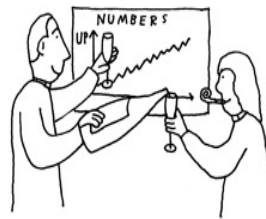
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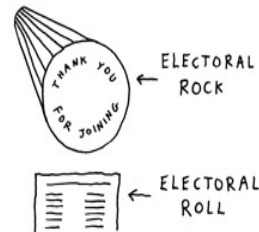
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④ THERE MAY BE A THANK YOU PRESENT – SEASIDE CONFECTIONARY PERHAPS



⑤ YOUR NAME WILL BE EXHIBITED IN CHURCH FOR 14 DAYS



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## Electoral Roll Report

Closing roll for 2025	125
Deletions	0
Additions	1
New roll for 2026	126

The Electoral Roll certificates have been returned to the Diocesan Secretary and to the Harrogate Deanery Secretary.

*Dianne Butterfield*

## VICAR'S COMMENTS

Dear Friends,

This report offers a reflection on the life, worship and ministry of our parish community during the period from January to December 2025.

As spring returns each year with its signs of renewal and growth, we are reminded of the faithfulness of God seen throughout creation. In many ways, that same sense of renewal and hope can be seen within the life of our churches. Looking back over the past year, there is much for which we give thanks to God.



The ministry and mission of our parish depend upon the generosity, dedication and faithfulness of so many people, and I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributes their time, gifts and energy to the life of the church in Pannal and the surrounding communities.

I am deeply thankful to all the clergy who have supported the ministry of the parish during the past year, especially John Carter and John Carr for their help in leading services and supporting worship. My thanks also go to Stuart Newsome, Susan House, Jacqui Wallace and Adrian Cook for their valued ministries in leading worship and serving our congregations so faithfully.

We are especially grateful to our Churchwardens, Stuart Newsome and Joan Adams, together with our Deputy Warden, Ted Collings, for the tremendous care and commitment they show in ensuring that our worship can take place week by week and that our buildings remain safe, welcoming and well cared for. As Joan Adams steps down after six years as Churchwarden, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for her faithful service, support and kindness throughout those years. It has been a privilege to work alongside you, and I am deeply grateful for all you have given to the parish.

I would also like to thank Ted Collings as he concludes his service as Deputy Warden and Chair of the Fabric Committee. Your dedication, attention to detail and willingness to serve faithfully, often in challenging circumstances, have made an enormous difference to the life of the church over many years.

We are deeply grateful to Kevin Payne, our Director of Music, to Sarah Payne for her dedicated work with our junior choristers and for so often accompanying our anthems on the piano, to Nigel Duce, our faithful church organist, and to all the members of our church choir. Through their commitment, skill and generosity of time, the music of our church continues to enrich our worship week by week, lifting our hearts and helping us to offer praise and glory to God. Their ministry among us is greatly valued and deeply appreciated by the whole church family.

Special thanks must also go to the Junior Church team, whose quiet and faithful ministry to our young people each week is greatly appreciated. Your care, encouragement and commitment are an important part of the church's life and witness.

I am also very grateful to all members of the PCC for their wisdom, support and thoughtful contributions throughout the year as together we have sought to discern God's direction for our churches.

There is one particularly significant thank you I would like to make this year to Anita Hawker, who steps down after twenty-two years of dedicated service as Treasurer. Anita has provided careful stewardship, wisdom and professionalism in overseeing the parish finances, and her work has always enabled the PCC to make informed and confident decisions. The preparation and presentation of the accounts has reflected not simply accuracy and diligence, but a deep commitment to the well-being of the parish. Anita, thank you sincerely for all that you have given over so many years.

Beyond those named individually, there are countless others who contribute quietly and faithfully to the life of the church in ways both seen and unseen. Whether through hospitality, administration, cleaning, music, pastoral care, flower arranging, refreshments, fundraising or prayer, every contribution matters and is deeply valued. I remain profoundly thankful for all who share in the ministry of our parish, and I pray that God will continue to bless and sustain you in all that you do.

Looking back over 2025, we recognise many signs of encouragement and growth. Sunday worship regularly welcomes over one hundred people across our services, with a similar number attending during the week, ranging from young children to those in their nineties. It has also been encouraging to welcome new people into the life of the church, whether occasionally or more regularly.

Our occasional offices continue to form a central and important part of our ministry and pastoral care. During the past year we celebrated an increased number of weddings, supported many families through funerals and bereavement, and welcomed around thirty people into the church family through baptism.

Our relationships with local schools remain strong and valued, and we continue to work closely with them throughout the year. Across the benefice, monthly services continue to be held in three care homes, supported by faithful teams who assist in leading worship, taking communion and bringing fellowship, music and companionship to those who are unable to attend church in person.

As a parish, we also continue to support a number of charities and organisations through gifts, prayer and financial giving, including Meeting Point Armley, Harrogate Food Bank, Otley Christian Resource Centre, Wellspring Therapy & Training, USPG, Compassion UK, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Mission to Seafarers and the DEC Appeal.

Among the many highlights of the year have been:

- Our annual Beer Festival and Family Fun Day.
- A visit from our mission partners from Meeting Point Armley.
- The choir's Good Friday performance of Last words of love – a

devotion of readings, prayers, hymns, and anthems.

- Continued growth in the midweek communion congregation.
- More than 100 children are attending Crumpet Church and Junior Church, as well as What's the story about Easter and Christmas.
- The ongoing success of our Lunch Club.
- The many regular groups and organisations which meet within the parish, including Mothers' Union, Music Circle and numerous community groups.

As many of you will know, this year will also mark an important personal milestone, as I retire from parish ministry in September 2026. Although there is still much to do and enjoy together before then, I want to express my deep gratitude for the kindness, support and friendship I have received during my time here. It has been a privilege to share in the life of this parish through moments of joy and sorrow, worship and fellowship, and I will always give thanks for all that we have shared together in Christ.

As we look to the future, I invite you to continue praying for this parish and community, that it may remain a place of faithful worship, generous service and loving witness for many years to come. May you continue to "serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4.10), trusting in God's guidance and grace for the journey ahead.

With every blessing in Christ

John

## **CHURCH WARDENS' ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

Over the course of the year, we sought to support Revd. John in the spiritual and practical leadership of the parish, ensuring that the church remains a welcoming place of worship, prayer, and community. It was encouraging to see continued faithfulness in regular services, as well as strong attendance at major festivals such as Christmas and Easter. We are grateful to all who contribute to the richness of our worship, including readers, intercessors, servers, musicians, and those who work behind the scenes.

Among the various duties assigned to Wardens is to report to the Annual Meeting concerning the church building, its ornaments and chattels. We confirm that the church inventory was inspected by the Wardens in the run up to this APCM meeting and was found to be in order. Regarding maintenance and care of the church building and grounds, some significant works were required.

The year began with repair of one of the corbels and reinforcement of the others. This necessitated closure of church whilst scaffolding was in place: The work was carried out within the predicted timescale. A small working party then dusted and removed cobwebs from the upper reaches of the building before the scaffolding was removed and we were soon able to return to worship in church.



During February 2025 a 2.5 metre section of the Clark Beck boundary wall collapsed into the churchyard. Further examination of the wall meant that other substantial lengths of the wall needed repair. A successful application was submitted to NYCC for the provision of commuted sums to cover the cost and the work was carried out.

It was evident that the Boiler House roof required replacement and the work was carried out in May. That month also saw replacement of the flooring in the Chapter House and the worn carpet in the corridor was later similarly replaced.

2025 was the first year of the rewilding of the southeast area of the church yard behind St Roberts. This involved the mowing of the area and then the raking and removal of the cut grass making the area poorer in nutrients to encourage more wild flowers. This was achieved with the help of several volunteers and much hard work. The area was then left until earlier autumn before resuming normal cutting. The process has been repeated this year, so we wait to see what new flowers appear over the summer.

Our maintenance plan outlines the routine inspections and repairs to ensure that the building remains safe, accessible, and fit for purpose. We extend our thanks to all who have given their time and expertise to this ongoing work. We are deeply grateful to Ted Collings and Tim Wilson of the Fabric Committee for their tireless work, to the churchyard maintenance team and to many volunteers whose efforts helped sustain the life of the church in so many ways.

Safeguarding continues to be a priority within the parish. We are committed to ensuring that our church is a safe environment for all, especially children and vulnerable adults.

Policies are regularly reviewed, and training requirements are being met in accordance with diocesan guidelines.

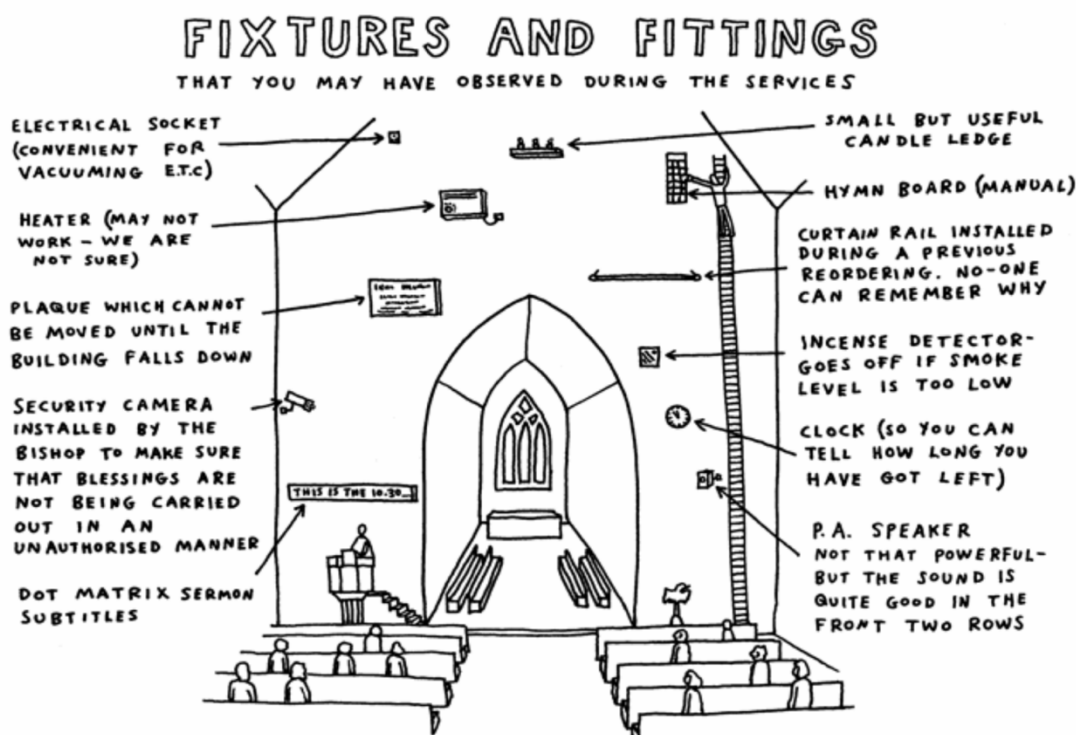
Financially, we are mindful of the challenges facing many churches. We are grateful for the continued generosity of the congregation through giving and fundraising efforts, which enable the ministry and mission of the church to continue. We encourage all members to consider how they can support the parish both financially and through their time and talents.

The church's mission within the wider community remained central to our calling. We have valued opportunities to engage with local groups, schools, and organisations. For example, children from Pannal School visited to hear the Christmas story and then again at Easter. Such outreach initiatives and social events helped strengthen our connection with the community and with one another.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to John, Graham, Stuart, Susan and Adrian for their leadership, care, and dedication, and to all members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for their commitment and service.

Finally, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness and look forward with hope to the years ahead. We pray that we may continue to grow in faith, serve our community, and bear witness to the love of Christ in all that we do.

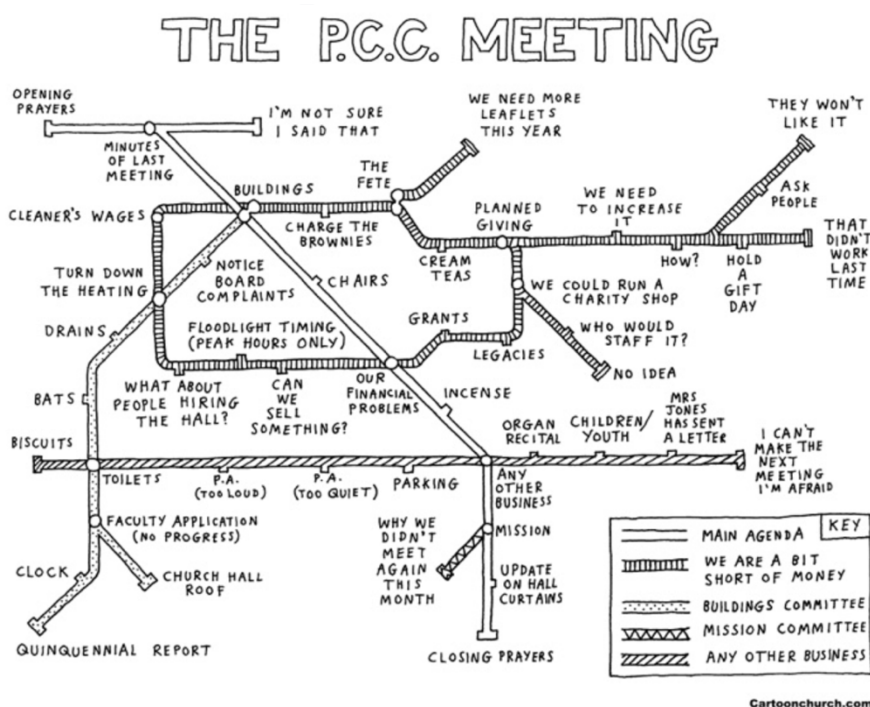
**Joan and Stuart.**  
**Churchwardens**





## THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The aim of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish 'the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. This includes oversight of the church finances and maintenance of our church buildings, grounds and other properties. Membership of the PCC consists of clergy, churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and up to 6 lay members, elected for three-year terms at the APCM. To ensure the smooth functioning of the committee, lay members' terms of office start and finish in different years, so that we have a mixture of new and experienced lay representatives. During 2025 the PCC met on a total of 6 occasions.



The PCC discharges its duties with the help of committees, which report back to the full PCC, with minutes of their decisions discussed further as necessary. Those committees are the Finance Committee, the Fabric Committee and the Mission & Ministry Committee. A Standing Committee no longer reports formally to PCC as it has proved more expedient for any matters that would normally come before the committee to be dealt with in informal discussions between the clergy and wardens.

Over the years, apart from looking after the fabric of the buildings, we have revisited the possibility of employing a Families and Children's worker, Safeguarding provision and how we embed the importance of safeguarding into our culture. We have looked at our governance and started a process on how we want to shape our Benefice for the future, looking towards becoming a single parish.

## **Financial Summary for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Thank you for the generosity of all who contribute to St Robert's, and through planned giving, either by standing order, or through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).**

Our income for the year was £151,686, and our expenditure was £161,752.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net outgoing resources of £10,066.

We underpaid our Parish Share by £21,897. If the Parish Share had been paid in full, we would be showing a deficit of £31963.

Our investments decreased by 1.2%, or £1,026, to £86,920.

We had £20,010 in the bank accounts at the year end. This is higher than normal as we needed to keep enough working capital in our account to be able to pay for the upcoming Quinquennial works in early 2026.

### **Income £151,700**

Main items of income

- Planned giving £79,000, gift aid reclaimed from HMRC £22,100 - we currently have 133 donors giving regularly, either by direct debit in the Parish Giving Scheme or by standing order, giving an average of £44 a month
- Other giving £19,800
- Grants £11736
- Fundraising (net) £6100 - includes Beer Festival £4800, Christmas Hampers £776, 100 Club £113 and Music Circle £250. In addition, the Lunch Club donated £1800 which paid for the new digital piano
- Chapter House lettings £6300

### **Expenditure £161,700**

Main items of expenditure

- Parish Share paid £87700
- Energy costs £6860 and insurance £2900
- Church maintenance £3900 - includes £450 to protect the organ whilst building works were going on, £500 for a new window in the Chapter House, clock repair £325 and Chapter House curtain tracks £1020

- Major Repairs and Replacements £26970 - includes £16729 for repairs to the corbels in the nave (partially offset by grants of £8100, see incoming resources), £3300 for repairs to the churchyard wall, £2250 for repairs to the boiler house roof and £4000 for the Chapter House floor

### To summarise

We are currently running at a deficit. To be able to fund our clergy, maintain our beautiful church and continue our weekly services and outreach, we need to increase our income.

**PLEASE....if you don't already give to St Robert's on a regular basis, we encourage you to join the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask for details.**

<b>Statement of Financial Activities</b>								
<b>For the year ended 31 December 2025</b>								
					Unrestricted	Restricted		
			Notes	Funds	Funds		Total Funds	
							2025	2024
<b>Incoming resources</b>								
Voluntary income			2a	118891	13761		132652	166678
Activities for generating funds			2b	7692	0		7692	13341
Income from investment			2c	80	0		80	82
Income from church activities			2d	11262	0		11262	11556
<b>Total incoming resources</b>					137925	13761	151686	191657
<b>Resources expended</b>								
Church activities			3a	145570	14556		160126	174731
Raising funds			3b	1626	0		1626	2834
<b>Total resources expended</b>					147196	14556	161752	177565
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>					-9271	-795	-10066	14092
Unrealised loss on investments			6	-1026	0		-1026	4271
<b>Net movement in funds</b>					-10297	-795	-11092	18363
<b>Balances brought forward at 1 January</b>					118072	3741	121813	103450
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 December</b>					11	107775	2946	110721
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## **SAFEGUARDING REPORT - MAY 2025**

**“ Carry each other’s burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ “ Galatians 6**

Amid a wider context in which the C of E continues to face the consequences of past failings and negligence of safeguarding we give thanks for another positive and safe year across our parishes. Whilst acknowledging that mistakes have been made within the wider church, we are all called to respond with grace, humility and compassion - placing ourselves alongside those who have been hurt, and seeking always to listen, learn and act justly.

**“The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. “ Psalm 9**

As followers of Christ, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to care for one another, to protect the vulnerable, and to give a voice to those who may otherwise go unheard. Safeguarding is not solely the responsibility of clergy or C of E staff, it belongs to us all and we must own it. It depends on a community that is attentive, informed and willing to act with care and integrity. Safeguarding remains a central priority within the life and ministry of our churches.....I am always delighted and encouraged to report that this priority , and commitment to it , are deeply embedded within the life and culture of our churches, St. Michael’s and St. Robert’s, and evident in so many aspects of parish life. As churches , we remain firmly committed to working within the C of E’s guidance and governance. Our core principles and focus continue to be:

- To provide a welcoming, safe, and nurturing church environment where everyone is valued and where the welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount.
- To promote a culture of informed vigilance.
- To ensure a leadership which operates through an “ open door “ policy, that is transparent, accountable and committed to the active management of its safeguarding responsibilities.
- To regularly review and evaluate our policies and practices in order to maintain the highest standards of safeguarding.
- From the past year our safeguarding highlights include:
  - . The raising of awareness through a dedicated and successful “ Safeguarding Sunday “ service, engaging with both adults and children. Safeguarding themes are regularly reinforced through sermons, reflections, teaching, drama and creative activities.

- Mandatory C of E safeguarding training remains ongoing making certain that all those in relevant roles are equipped, informed and confident in their responsibilities. We continue to work at 100% diocesan safeguarding compliance across both parishes to ensure we deliver the very best safeguarding practices.
- Following safer recruitment requirements to include the completion of DBS checks at the appropriate level, use of confidential declarations where required , making certain that mandatory safeguarding training is completed before roles are undertaken and taking up references for new staff.....all of which reflect our commitment to act with integrity and care.
- After adopting our Safeguarding Mission Statement we continue to work within it , reaffirming our shared vision and pledge.
- All volunteers in a dedicated safeguarding role wear ID badges helping to ensure clarity, visibility and reassurance to all.
- Our Parochial Church Councils ( PCCs ) continue to meet 6 times a year, at which they receive safeguarding updates and review safeguarding action plans at each meeting, assuring that safeguarding remains a standing priority.
- An inspection last month from our Archdeacon , James Theodosius, where one of the areas he looked at was safeguarding. I am pleased to report that he was very satisfied and encouraged by the robust safeguarding we have in place and the safeguarding ministry we deliver across our churches. Concluding, he said that “ what is happening within your churches is an example of how safeguarding should look across the diocese.”

Overall this has been a very encouraging and positive year. I would personally like to thank all those who contribute and commit, without question, to the vital part that safeguarding holds in our church life.

If you would like to learn more about safeguarding or if you have any safeguarding concerns or questions , please do not hesitate to contact , in confidence, either

Jane Newsome ( PSO ) 07803601112 or 01423 873398

John Smith ( Incumbent ) 01423 391514

Safeguarding is our shared responsibility but if in doubt remember the 3Rs of safeguarding .....**Recognise, Respond , Report**

**“ Learn to do right, seek justice, defend the oppressed” Isaiah 1**



## **“ Our Safeguarding Mission Statement.”**

“ Within our church community we are committed to providing and promoting a happy, welcoming, compassionate, safe and secure environment and culture where everyone is nurtured, valued, respected and protected, whilst practising fully and positively Christ’s ministry to love and care for each other “

**We endorse and uphold this unconditionally**



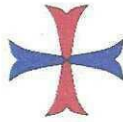
**“ Above all, love each other deeply “ Peter 4**

### **Deanery Synod Report**

During 2025, Deanery Synod met three times at St John's Church, Knaresborough (January), All Saints' Church, Kirkby Overblow (March), and St Oswald's Church, Collingham (November).

The year’s programme focused on three key themes. In January, Dr Stewart Davies spoke about sustainability and the Church’s responsibility in caring for creation. In March, Sean Robertshaw encouraged parishes to nurture vocations to both lay and ordained ministry. In November, Gayle Bryon and Dr Davies reflected on the importance of developing and supporting lay ministry.

Taken together, these meetings highlighted the importance of recognising vocation, strengthening lay leadership, and responding faithfully to contemporary challenges such as environmental responsibility. These remain key areas for the deanery’s ongoing work.



**St Robert of Knaresborough, Pannal  
Accounts of the PCC  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Incumbent**

The Reverend John Smith  
St Robert's Vicarage  
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**Independent Examiner**

Mrs Jo Thompson

**Treasurer**

Mrs Anita Hawker



# Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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## Balance Sheet

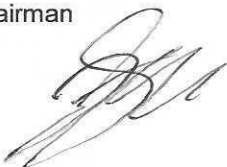
At 31 December 2025

	Note	2025	2024
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investment assets	6	86920	87946
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>86920</b>	<b>87946</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	7	5413	8235
Cash at bank	8	20010	25632
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>25423</b>	<b>33867</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	9	1622	0
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>23801</b>	<b>33867</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>110721</b>	<b>121813</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
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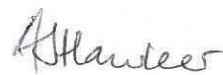
The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Rev John Smith  
Chairman



Mrs Anita Hawker  
Treasurer





## 1 Accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standard and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102)).

### Funds

*Unrestricted funds* represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

*Restricted funds* are those funds that are collected for a stated purpose, the use of which is restricted to that purpose.

*Designated funds* are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

### Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer.

### Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share expected to be paid over is accounted for when paid.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 5 –10 years, as recommended by the Finance Sub-Committee. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of less than £5000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

### Investment assets

Investments are stated at market value at 31 December.

### Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit with the Church of England Central Board of Finance Funds.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 cont.

## 2 Incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
			2025	2024
<b>2a Voluntary income</b>				
Planned Giving	78967	0	78967	79808
Income tax recoverable	22101	0	22101	21072
Collections (open plate) at services	10152	0	10152	9304
Grants	0	11736	11736	9236
Donations	7671	2025	9696	6225
Other income	0	0	0	41033
<b>Total</b>	<b>118891</b>	<b>13761</b>	<b>132652</b>	<b>166678</b>
<b>2b Activities for generating funds</b>				
Fundraising events (gross)	7692	0	7692	13341
<b>Total</b>	<b>7692</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7692</b>	<b>13341</b>
<b>2c Income from investment</b>				
Bank interest	80	0	80	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>2d Income from church activities</b>				
Fees (weddings and funerals)	4934	0	4934	4732
Chapter House lettings	6328	0	6328	6824
<b>Total</b>	<b>11262</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11262</b>	<b>11556</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>137925</b>	<b>13761</b>	<b>151686</b>	<b>191657</b>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 cont.

### 3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
			2025	2024
<b>3a Church activities</b>				
PCC Charitable giving (see note 5)	5500	0	5500	5500
Charitable giving from fundraising (note 5)			0	0
Ministry				
Diocesan parish share	87700	0	87700	80800
Clergy expenses & costs	2966	0	2966	2614
Church running expenses				
Cleaner's wages and equipment	3157	0	3157	2975
Heating and lighting	6864	0	6864	6276
Insurance	2912	0	2912	2448
Water	528	0	528	740
Church maintenance				
(incl minor repairs and replacements)	2871	1020	3891	2487
Major repairs & replacements	15234	11736	26970	10185
Major repairs and replacements - chancel roof	0	0	0	41033
Church services				
(incl books, wine, wafers, candles etc)	1493	0	1493	1804
Equipment - additions	181	1800	1981	1780
Organists' payment for services (excl. fees)	3395	0	3395	3660
Office and administration costs	12769	0	12769	12429
<b>Total</b>	<b>145570</b>	<b>14556</b>	<b>160126</b>	<b>174731</b>
<b>3b Raising Funds</b>				
Fundraising costs	1626	0	1626	2834
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>147196</b>	<b>14556</b>	<b>161752</b>	<b>177565</b>

### 4 Staff costs

During the year the PCC employed organists, an office administrator and a cleaner, whose combined payments amounted to £12602. Other roles within the church which might ordinarily attract payment are being undertaken on a voluntary basis.



## 5 Grants – charitable giving

<b>PCC CHARITIES FOR 2025</b>	
Armley Mission Partners (CCACP Ltd)	1300
Wellspring Therapy & Training	1000
DEC Appeal	750
Otley Christian Resource Centre (OCRC)	250
USPG	500
Compassion UK	500
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	500
Mission to Seafarers	450
Turbota - Ukraine Charity	250
<b>Total PCC charitable giving (unrestricted)</b>	<b>5500</b>
<b>Agency collections</b>	
The Children's Society	456

## 6 Fixed assets

### Investment assets

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 the PCC held 1401.26 accumulation shares in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund at 6276.22 pence per share. As at 31 December 2025 the PCC held 1401.26 shares at 6202.96 pence per share, an decrease of 1.2%.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Market value at 1 January	87946	83675
Book value at disposal	0	0
Market value at 31 December	86920	87946
<b>Unrealised loss</b>	<b>-1026</b>	<b>4271</b>

## 7 Debtors

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
VAT grant	0	7169
HMRC - Gift Aid	1163	1066
Pre-payment Parish Share	4000	0
St Michael's Beckwithshaw	250	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5413</b>	<b>8235</b>

All debtors have since been settled.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 cont.

## 8 Short term deposits & cash at bank

The PCC has two bank accounts with the National Westminster Bank (General Account and Planned Giving Account) and one with CAF Bank (General Account). The balances in these accounts at 31 December 2025 were £773, £1233 and £18004 respectively, a total of £20010.

## 9 Creditors

There was a payment outstanding to Corona Gas for £383.94, £988 due to the Diocese for wedding fees, and £250 due to HMRC for National Insurance costs, giving a total of £1622. These have all since been settled.

The Parish Share for 2025 was underpaid by £21897, giving the PCC a total 'historic share' of £96661. This is not reflected in the Balance Sheet as we do not anticipate paying it in the next year.

## 10 Gifts in kind & intangible income

The PCC receives, and gratefully acknowledges, substantial voluntary help. In accordance with s.8.48 of the CBF Church of England Guidance and Regulations this intangible benefit is not accounted for in the SOFA.

## 11 Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
Investment assets	86920	0	86920	87946
Current assets	22477	2946	25423	33867
Current liabilities	1622	0	1622	0
<b>Fund balance</b>	<b>107775</b>	<b>2946</b>	<b>110721</b>	<b>121813</b>

## 12 Restricted fund details

	2025	2024
Fabric Fund	1840	2860
Flower Fund	613	388
Music Fund	493	493
<b>Total</b>	<b>2946</b>	<b>3741</b>

In addition, the Diocesan Board of Finance holds a deposit fund on behalf of St Robert's for the following gift:

Churchyard maintenance            £500

The capital from this cannot be used but the interest is paid quarterly into St Robert's General Account.

The Diocese also holds an endowment fund of £7697.44 in trust for St Robert's. This capital sum cannot be used and the interest from it is paid into the Diocese Stipend Fund.





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It is my responsibility to

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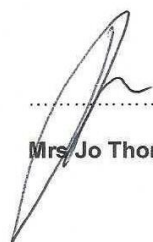
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