

**Parochial Church Council
of Abbeydale and Millhouses
Trustees' Annual Report
and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ending 31 December 2025**

Charity Registration Number: 1142485

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Mission Action Plan 2025

1 Mission of the Church of Abbeydale and Millhouses
LOVING GOD VALUING PEOPLE CARING FOR HIS WORLD
The Church of Abbeydale and Millhouses is Inclusive. We believe we should fulfil the Love of God in whose image everyone is made. All are welcome to our worship, activities and employment regardless of race, colour, national or ethnic origins, age, gender or gender assignment, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, disability, politics, religion, belief or non-belief.

2. Worship is accessible to all the community including online, varied in form, inspiring and led by a team of ministers and lay people including musicians. Preaching is thoughtful and related to daily life. Private prayer is encouraged and church buildings are open for private prayer and reflection each day.

3. We engage with children, young people and their families through All-age Worship, Sunday School, toddlers' group, a day nursery and uniformed groups.

4. The language of discipleship is regularly used and we are encouraged to see how our walk with God impacts our everyday lives and our choices.

5. Lay leaders operate in all areas of our Church and we seek to strengthen the team. Lay leaders are supported in their roles and are encouraged to seek training. We do not have Focal Ministers.

6. We aim to attract new members through our worship particularly at Church Festivals, Occasional Offices, Fresh Expressions including Rehearsal Dinners. We reach out into the community through our free magazine delivery to all homes in the Parish.

7. We have an understanding of the social context of our parish, the wider community and the world. We address the issues of poverty and lack of opportunities through our charitable giving and partnerships with other agencies and churches particularly with the Grace Food Bank, Cathedral Archer Project and Children's Society.

8. We are a welcoming Church that greets everyone to our worship and activities, provide information about our meetings and activities and provide many opportunities to meet socially. We take safeguarding seriously.

9. The PCC provides strong governance and is supported by diligent officers and committees. The PCC, supported by the Finance Committee, develops an annual budget and five-year forecast. We have a Stewardship Sunday and annual campaign to increase regular giving. This is reflected in our full Common Fund Pledge and generous charitable giving.

10. Our five buildings are well adapted and maintained to a high standard for our various Church activities and for use by the wider community. We look to the future of our Mission in assessing the need and potential for improving our facilities. We aim to reach a net zero carbon state by 2030.

The Parish, with a population of 11,000 in 4,600 households, lies in the attractive outer suburbs of South-West Sheffield: Totley Brook and Abbeydale Park in Dore Village, Bradway and Millhouses. The population is overwhelmingly white and 46% declare themselves Christian. The Parish of 1.8 sq. miles features the River Sheaf and includes the public open spaces of Totley Brook Local Green Space, Beauchief Garden, Millhouses Park, Poynton and Ecclesall Woods. Substantial areas are designated Green Belt.

Priest-in-Charge Revd. Nicholas Noble

Revd. Nicholas Noble is our Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses in the Mission Area of Ecclesall.

Associate Priest

Revd. Catherine Staziker our stipendiary Associate Priest. is employed on a 40% stipend. In December she entered hospital for treatment but her health deteriorated and she went into St. Luke's Hospice for palliative care at Christmas.

Self Supporting Minister

Revd. Lady Dr. Angie Lauener renewed her Permission to Officiate in December to support the services.

The Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England in the Diocese of Sheffield and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2022. The Parochial Church Council of Abbeydale and Millhouses is a Registered Charity and ensures that its Mission serves the public benefit. The PCC approves and submits its Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), Sheffield Diocese and the Charity Commission.

The PCC is responsible for promoting in the Parish the whole Mission of the Church for the *advancement of religion for public benefit* by welcoming everyone to worship, prayer and study, through outreach and evangelism, in parish activities and the provision of sustainable facilities for our members and communities. The PCC cooperates in the Mission with the Revd. Nicholas Noble, Associate Priest and Self-supporting Minister. All members of the PCC are Trustees of the registered charity and are made aware of their responsibilities as trustee by receiving a copy of the Charity Commission's 'Essential Trustee' on appointment or election.

PCC members who served during the year:

Ex-Officio members:

Priest-in-Charge:	Revd. Nicholas Noble (Chairman)
Associate Priest:	Revd. Catherine Staziker
Lay Reader:	Michael Morton-Thorpe (until Sept.)
Wardens:	Vanessa Boddy Elizabeth Frost Nigel Harwood (until November) Lynda Tulley
Pastoral Worker:	Pat Gregory
Deanery Synod:	Valerie Smith (Deputy Warden)
Deanery & Diocesan Synods	Juanita Haigh Brian Wrigley

Elected members:

Until 2025	Gail Crosby (until May) Andrew Horsfield (until May)
Until 2026	Nikki Macdonald-Bell (Deputy Warden) Josephine Hutcheson John Savournin Jean White
Until 2027	Joan Davis (Deputy Warden) Jenny Paddock
Until 2028	Catherine Hill Rachel Burton
Co-opted	David Crosby (Treasurer)

Katie Harwood (Until May)
Andrew Horsfield (May)
Dorothy Clarkson (June)
(Safeguarding Officer)

The PCC appoints and is supported in its Mission by several committees: Standing Committee, Finance Committee, Charitable Giving Committee, Trio Magazine Committee, Fabric and Grounds Committees at St. John's and Holy Trinity, Halls and Parish Centre Committee. Committee reports are considered by the Standing Committee and reported to and relevant issues considered by the PCC.

The PCC met six times, to promote the Parish Mission, develop worship provision, prayer and study opportunities and outreach ministry, plan parish activities, approve and monitor the budget, agree the Common Fund pledge and charitable giving allocation, allocate funds to committees, approve financial expenditure and financial reserves and plan the annual stewardship campaign.

Electoral Roll

In 2025 the Electoral Roll was fully revised. The Parish Electoral Roll has 101 members of whom 54 are not resident within the Parish.

Parish Safeguarding

The Parish supports being a Safe Church and has a Safeguarding Policy. All employees, PCC members and volunteers who support children's and vulnerable adults' activities undertake safeguarding training and are DBS checked. On Katie Harwood's resignation Dorothy Clarkson was appointed our Safeguarding Officer. Our Social Media Policy promotes open and friendly contact and prevents offensive, indecent or illegal content.

General Data Protection Regulations May 2018

The Policy is on the church web site. A continuing audit of personal data collected is undertaken.

Parish Administration

Our Parish Administrator Emma Foster worked in the Parish Office weekdays Tuesday to Friday assisting our Priest-in-Charge and making bookings for the hire of all five parish buildings.

The Wardens maintained the Church Terriers, Logbooks and PCC policy documents and supervised the church buildings for worship. New Wardens are being encouraged to volunteer.

The Treasurer, David Crosby, managed the General Fund and advised the PCC on the annual budget and budget forecast. Richard Frost managed the Parish Centre Fund and Andrew Horsfield managed the Church Halls Fund. Neil Bridgwater continued as Gift Aid Secretary. Chartered Accountants, Hebblethwaites, provided accountancy services and helped prepare the Annual Financial Statements for independent examination. Hebblethwaites were re-appointed as Accountants and Richard Murdoch FCA as Independent Examiner.

Deanery Synod

Juanita Haigh, Valerie Smith and Brian Wrigley are members of the Attercliffe and Ecclesall Deanery Synods Partnership.

Diocesan Synod

Brian Wrigley and Juanita Haigh are elected by the Deanery Synod to the Diocesan Synod. The Diocese pattern of ministry includes mission areas, stipendiary ordained oversight ministers, focal ministers, together with mission, pastoral, financial, buildings and energy advisors at Church House.

Achievements and Performance

Worship

Sunday services and Morning Prayer were streamed live on-line via 'Zoom'.

A diverse programme of worship including 'Fresh Expressions' provided in two church buildings, St. John's Abbeydale and Holy Trinity Millhouses, is intended to fulfil the spiritual needs of our Parish. Revd. Nicholas Noble was supported in leading worship by our Associate Priest Revd. Catherine Staziker, visiting priests and our licensed lay reader; Michael Morton-Thorpe. Lay worship leader, Nigel Harwood, the Church Wardens, Deputy Wardens, sacristans, lay communion administrators, intercessors, Directors of Music, choir and musicians, vergers and sound assistants also undertook valued duties in supporting our services.

- Parish Communion Sunday 10.00 am: alternated between St. John's and Holy Trinity. Sunday School is held for children during the service. We generally used specially prepared service books based on Common Worship, supplemented by weekly pew sheets. Large print versions of service orders and music settings were available. Separate forms of liturgy were used for occasions such as Advent, Mothering Sunday, Pentecost, Harvest. Everyone was invited to refreshments after Sunday morning services and, on occasion, members celebrated birthdays and significant anniversaries with shared cake and wine.
- All-Age Worship Sunday 10.00 am was held once a month in both churches where we especially welcomed families to a less formal form of worship encouraging the interaction of children. Parents are encouraged to prepare their children to receive communion. Candlemas was celebrated at Holy Trinity with parents and children recently baptised. A creche is available at Holy Trinity during the service.
- Sunday 4pm Rehearsal Dinner: First Sunday in the month at St. John's is a means of welcoming new and younger members to explore their faith.
- Sunday Evenings 4pm: A sung evensong was held occasionally at St John's and Holy Trinity Churches. A Choral Evensong was sung at St. John's on June 9 to celebrate Music Sunday with an augmented choir and at Holy Trinity on July 6 with the Steel City Choristers
- Taize Services Sunday Evenings: were held occasionally in either church.

- Morning Prayer was normally said on weekdays in both churches.
- Wednesday Holy Communion 10.00am: first Wednesday in the month with the Mothers' Union at St. John's, the remainder at Holy Trinity. Ash Wednesday was celebrated at Holy Trinity.
- Holy Week: A Celtic Eucharist was held at Holy Trinity. On Good Friday the Walk of Witness took place and a joint service was held at the Roman Catholic Mother of God Church. Stations of the Cross were held at Holy Trinity and Stainer's Crucifixion was sung at St. John's with an augmented choir.
- Easter Sunday: Holy Communion was held at St. John's and Holy Trinity.
- St. John's Patronal Festival was held on May 11.
- Ascension Day was celebrated at St John's including refreshments and fireworks!
- Holy Trinity Patronal Festival was held on 15 June and witnessed the Scout troop renew their Promises.
- Harvest Festival Communion and lunch was held at both churches. A Festal Evensong was held at 4 pm at St John's with an augmented choir.
- Remembrance Sunday was celebrated at Holy Trinity and at St. John's including the last post, two minutes silence and laying of wreaths around the war memorial.
- Advent Sunday carol service 4 pm was held at Holy Trinity with an augmented choir.
- Christmas: Christingle services were held at both churches with distribution of Children's Society collection boxes and envelopes. A service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held at St. John's. A well-attended service of 'Yorkshire Carols' was held at the Castle Inn. Children joined the well-attended Pop-Up Nativity Service held at Holy Trinity and the Christingle Service at St. John's on Christmas Eve. Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning Communion were celebrated at both churches. Crib figures formed tableaux to help focus worship on the Christmas Story. A large Christmas tree with lights added to the sense of wonder and celebration in both churches.
- Music: we appreciate the high standard of music maintained by our professional Directors of Music, Mary Cobbold and Alan Eost and all our dedicated musicians. A robed choir and organ at both churches and also a small music group at Holy Trinity accompanied the singing. New singers are welcome to join Choir Practices on Fridays at 7.30 pm at St. John's and Sundays at 9.30 am at Holy Trinity and musicians are invited to join the Music Group at Holy Trinity on the first Sunday of the month. Occasionally the Handbell Team played during communion administration. The Handbell Team welcome new members to practice at St. John's 94 Room on Monday mornings.
- Public address, hearing loop systems and streaming services by Zoom were operated at each church. TV screens were available for occasional presentations at Holy Trinity.
- Weekly pew sheets were published providing supplementary worship material, readings, objects for private prayer and notices of Parish activities and events.
- Displays of flowers were co-ordinated by Margaret Minns at St. John's and at Easter, Harvest and

Christmas additional volunteers helped with seasonal decoration at both church buildings.

- Seasonal wall hangings were prepared by a small creative team for the east wall and Christmas banners at Holy Trinity.

Church Attendance

The average weekly combined Church attendance including by Zoom and at Henleigh Hall, counted in October, was 120.

Life Events: Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

The Parish promotes these Occasional Services as an important part of our Ministry. We welcomed families to seven Baptisms throughout the year and families of baptised children on their first four anniversaries had cards delivered with verses and prayers for the child as we believe it is important to keep in touch as part of the Church family. Eight funeral services were held at church and/or the crematorium that provided support to family members and friends in their bereavement and in thanksgiving for lives lived in God's Love. The interment of ashes is available in memorial gardens at both churchyards.

'Community of the Cross of Nails'

The Cross of Nails is displayed in each church on alternate months. The 'Cross of Nails Litany' was said by members led by Michael Morton-Thorpe outside St. John's Church regularly during the year.

Ecumenical Relationships

The Parish continues its strong relationship with Millhouses Methodist Church that contributed regular editorial to the 'Trio' magazine. Services were held during the Week of Christian Unity. The Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service together with members of St. Peter's and St. Oswald's Parish, the Methodist Churches of Millhouses and Carterknowle and The Mother of God took place as usual. The annual Sheffield and District Cambrian Society Service was hosted at Christmas in St. John's church.

Bible Study and Study Courses

Bible Reading Fellowship's 'Guidelines' were available three times a year by subscription, organised by John Shortland for members of the congregation.

St. John's Mothers' Union

Margaret Minns, the Branch Coordinator, reports it is now 150 years since our founder, Mary Sumner had a vision of women supporting and encouraging each other in their Faith and families. In her role of wife to a clergyman she became aware that many faced day-to-day difficulties and invited these women to meet in her home for friendship and fellowship. From these humble beginnings our organisation now has a membership of 4 million in 84 countries. Our branch here at St. John's Abbeydale has been witness for over 90 years continuing her vision with her Aims and Objectives to maintain fellowship united in prayer, worship and service.

We had varied and interesting speakers during 2025: topics included HELMED-Air Ambulance, Revd. Angie relating her Pilgrimage experience to Santiago de Compostella, the WRVS by our very own Christine Manby, the work of the Parish Nursing ministries and Kjersti Noble talking about her life in Norway.

We had Fundraising Tea with a difference for A.F.I.A. resulting in a £570 donation towards a holiday for needy families and we supported the Women's Refuge by sending a 'Moving on Basket', knitted blanket, various toiletries and small gifts for Christmas.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely lunch in June at Norton Lees Golf Club organised by our valued Treasurer, Gail.

A branch needs the support and help of all its members to run smoothly, especially a committee to carry out the organisation for day to day running, particularly a Branch Leader, Secretary and Treasurer and we have always been blessed with willing members. I wish to thank all members for their support over the 19 years as Branch Coordinator and before then as Secretary for 10 years. I am particularly grateful when people stepped in to cover for me earlier this year when I was unable to attend. We ask members to seriously consider taking on roles needed to enable the continuation of our branch.

At present our membership stands at 27 including 2 IMPC members.

Pastoral Ministry

Members unable to attend Church because of infirmity or illness were visited and Communion was arranged by one of the Pastoral Team including for members who are living at home, in assisted-living flats or care homes. Members who have been unwell have welcomed a telephone call for a long chat and prayer that has been very much appreciated, and cards have been written to many elderly members.

Support for disadvantaged people

- Luncheon Club Thursdays: Volunteers continue to serve 31 elderly parishioners at St John's Hall and at Christmas over 100 guests attended.
- Grace Food Bank: Together with other churches in South Sheffield we continued to support the Grace Food Bank that operates from Low Edges and serves over 11,000 people, with donations of food in our church buildings and financial contributions. We are grateful for the generous gifts of food and Chris Wrigley's organisation of the collections.
- The Cathedral Archer Project supporting over 1,100 homeless people in Sheffield was our Harvest Appeal including donations of food and other requisites.
- Sheffield Credit Union: £1,042 is deposited with the Sheffield Credit Union to provide low-cost affordable loans to families.

Carbon Footprint

Measures to reduce energy use are being undertaken in each building on an incremental basis, as appropriate. Our electricity is generated by renewable sources. Solar panels are installed at St. John's Hall and provide feed-in

supply to the Grid. We aim to meet the Church of England and Diocesan target of zero net emissions by 2030 which will entail reviewing our central heating systems

Charitable Giving

The PCC has a policy of allocating 10% of planned giving income to charitable giving and allocated £17,000 this year including £7,000 for 2024 and made seasonal and other appeals for several charities.

Charitable Gifts	£
Lent Appeal: World Vision	1,656.25
Christian Aid	362.63
Harvest Appeal: Cathedral Archer Project	2,390.13
Advent Appeal: Children's Society	1,638.68
Smile Train	1,500.00
Nomad	1,000.00
UNICEF	1,500.00
British Heart Foundation	500.00
Open Doors	1,000.00
Bluebell Wood Hospice	1,500.00
Teenage Cancer Trust	1,000.00
MU Away From It All Holidays	1,000.00
Sheffield Young Carers	1,000.00
Sightsavers	1,000.00
Operation Smile UK	1,000.00
Goodwill Children's Homes	1,000.00
Barnabas Aid	1,000.00
Israel/Magen David Adam	112.50
TOTAL including gift aid	20,160.19

Children and Families Outreach Mission

- **Toddlers' Group:** Trinity Tots met in Holy Trinity Hall on Thursday mornings where parents, carers and young children shared fellowship, fun and refreshment with support of parish volunteers.
- **'Croft Corner Forest School Nursery'** was supported in the Parish Centre and a new lease/license agreed to include a temporary building for babies. Rated 'Good' by Ofsted, the 63-place day nursery with 20 childcare staff provides pre-school education for over 100 children Monday to Friday that is much appreciated by local parents.
- **Church-sponsored uniformed groups:** Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers met weekly in the Parish Centre. Rainbows met at Holy Trinity and St John's weekly.

Community Outreach Mission

- **Open-Church Ministry:** the church buildings were open to the community daily for private prayer and reflection.
- **Trio Parish Magazine:** Kjersti Noble became editor following Pat Jackson's magnificent 20 years in the role. Volunteers edited, bundled and delivered Trio free to 4,800 homes each quarter until May when we commenced employment of a professional delivery company. We held a reception to thank all the volunteer deliverers for their longstanding support.

The 24-page A4 format full-colour publication is designed as outreach to be attractive, informative, educational and entertaining for members of the Church and the community. Advertisements supporting local businesses help defray the cost of production and delivery.

- **Community Support:** we welcomed regular meetings of adult and children's groups, and family parties to our church buildings, church halls and Parish Centre.
- **Coffee after Church** was held in the 94 Room on the first Wednesday of the month at St. John's and in the hall on remaining Wednesday mornings at Holy Trinity.
- **St. John's Luncheon Club** provided lunch weekly to 31 elderly members of the local community supported by volunteers. New volunteers are welcome.
- **Parish Social Events** held this year to which all parishioners were invited, including a regular coffee morning held in members' homes. A Beetle Drive was held in February and the Shrove Tuesday Lent Appeal meeting in March with refreshments and speaker about 'World Vision' at Holy Trinity. A bring and share picnic celebration of 10 years as a joint parish was held at St John's on 27 July. A Quiz was held at Holy Trinity on 12 September. A Wine and Cheese evening, Crafty Kids Session, 'Churches Together in Abbeydale Ceilidh' and Harvest Lunches at both churches were held in support of the Cathedral Archer Project. The Badminton, Snooker, Indoor Bowls and Table Tennis Clubs met weekly in St. John's Hall.
- **'Christmas is Coming'** 30 November: The Parish community event was successfully held at Holy Trinity raising £2,211 for Parish and Charitable objects.
- **Choirs, orchestras and other music performances** including audiences from the parish and wider afield were welcomed to enjoy the hospitality, beauty and acoustic qualities of both church buildings.
- **Publicity:** In addition to Trio, leaflets publicising Parish and Diocesan news, information about services, appropriate charities, concerts and events are maintained in both church buildings, halls and Parish Centre. This year we agreed to adopt a new corporate style for our publicity.
- **www.amchurchsheffield.co.uk:** The Parish website provides links to on-line worship and prayer and information on the Parish Mission, including, activities and forthcoming events and is maintained by our Parish Administrator.

Parish Volunteers

The Annual Report demonstrates the scope and scale of our Parish Mission and contribution to the public benefit. The PCC is grateful for the diligent work of the Committees and the considerable support of all our members that give their time and talents. This represents many hours of prayerful effort by Church members without whom the whole Parish Mission would not be undertaken.

Financial Review

Financial Statements

We prepared our Financial Statements in accordance with Church of England regulations and the Charities Act 2011 using the accrual method.

General Fund

Of the total receipts in 2025 of £234,794 planned giving donations were £90,182, the majority of which were tax efficient and Gift-Aid Tax of £22,948 was reclaimed. The PCC expressed its gratitude for the regular generous giving of our members and the response to the Stewardship Appeal following which there was some increase in giving. *However, we need to increase our planned giving annually to meet the Diocesan Common Fund Pledge, Parish Ministry and Mission costs including our commitment to employ an Associate Priest.*

The remainder of General Fund income was received in open-plate collections, contactless payments through newly installed digital machines, one-off donations, a bequest, charitable appeals, parish activities, investment interest and dividends and the hire of St John's and Holy Trinity church buildings.

General Fund expenditure of £331,409 supported the Parish Mission which included paying £77,508 to the Diocesan Common Fund for Ministry. Expenditure included the PCC allocation of £17,000 (including £7,000 for the year 2024) to charitable giving, based on 10% of our estimated planned giving and a further £3,160 including gift aid tax, raised by special appeals, for several charities.

The Parish Administrator's salaries national insurance and pensions were paid. The Directors of Music fees were paid, based on the Royal School of Church Music's guidance. Expenses were paid to the Priest-in-Charge and Associate Priest including housing support.

Trio Parish Magazine printing and delivery costs were £9,463 and advertising income was £4,430. Increasing advertisers and advertising fees aims to recover more of the costs.

£8,220 was expended on regular maintenance and repair of church buildings and grounds. £19,500 was expended on rainwater goods refurbishment. General Fund expenditure also included £18,431 on other church running costs including insurance, upkeep of services, music, printing, telephone and licences. Energy costs for the two church buildings were £25,877.

Church Halls Fund

Our two church halls received hire charges this year from regular and one off hirers totalling £40,256. The regular cost of maintenance and repair to both hall buildings to a high standard was £49,732 including insurance, energy, utilities and cleaning. St. John's Hall commenced receipt of Feed-in Tariff.

Parish Centre Fund

A new license/lease was agreed with the Croft Corner Forest Nursey including for a new temporary building and received income including building repair and service charges and hire charges from the Scouts and other hirers totalling £41,127. The cost of maintaining the building and grounds to a high standard including insurance, energy, utilities, cleaning, building repairs, improvements and grounds maintenance was £37,241. £20,000 was transferred to the General Fund.

Capital Expenditure

£100,000 was transferred from the Investment Fund to support capital works including repairs and painting the rainwater goods at Holy Trinity church, emergency lighting and additional power points installed at St. John's church and rewiring and new heating provision at St. John's Hall.

Restricted Funds

The rent deposit of £3,470 for the Croft Corner Forest Nursery is held in the Church of England Investment Fund to maintain its value. Donations for charitable appeals were paid to the relevant charities together with the appropriate Gift Aid.

Designated Funds

The Investment Fund is designated to raise dividends towards the parish ministry and capital growth to support capital works.

Financial Balances

We ended the year with a balance of £333,018. Current account balances are £83,694 and the balance of debtors and creditors amounted to a net debtor of £7,767. £5,595 is held in the Church of England Deposit Fund and £234,910 is invested in the Church of England Investment Fund. £1,052 is deposited with the Sheffield Credit Union.

Budget and Budget Forecast

The PCC approved the budget for 2026 and budget forecast for the period to 2031 to support the ongoing Parish Mission.

Risk Assessment

Assessed risks to the operation of the Parish Mission are mitigated:

- **Fund Raising:** about 50% dependant on church members' voluntary contributions, are maintained by an annual stewardship campaign appealing to church members to review and renew their planned-giving pledges including gift-aid declarations. We claim tax relief on gift-aided planned giving and on cash donations of £30 or less up to £8,000 for each church building. Changes in gift aid taxation law are monitored. About 33% of income is raised through the hire of buildings that is maintained by an annual review of hire charges. We also receive approximately £2,000 feed-in tariff. 14% is raised through parish activities, grants, bequests, PCC fees and 'Trio' advertising revenue and 2.5% is raised through managed investments. The CCLA Deposit Fund provides interest and the CCLA Investment Fund provide dividend income and real growth in capital and both are subject to control by the Financial Conduct Authority.
- **Ethical Investments:** The Church of England's Deposit, Investment and Pension Board Funds are managed on behalf of the Church of England's Board of Finance by CCLA and all funds are advised by the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group.
- **Bank Deposit Safeguards:** The current account bank balances of the General Fund, Halls and Parish Centre Funds and the Sheffield Credit Union deposit are each safeguarded up to £85,000 by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The CCLA Deposit Fund provides security for a proportion of operational reserves.
- **Financial Controls:** Expenditure payments are controlled by the approved annual budget. Collections are counted, recorded on vestry forms and signed by two members. Cheque payments and bank mandates require two approved signatories.
- **Procurement Controls:** The PCC requires goods, services and works to be subject to competitive quotations and any costing over £1,000 are subject to PCC approval. Church buildings' and St. John's hall's energy contracts are procured on the advice of our energy broker Annex Solutions Ltd. in order to obtain beneficial tariffs.
- **Employer Responsibilities:** The PCC employs an Associate Priest and Parish Administrator, pays over the statutory minimum wage and has enrolled them in Church of England pension schemes.
- **Safeguarding:** The Parish has a Safeguarding Officer, an approved Safeguarding Policy and Action Plan. Employees and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults and all PCC members are DBS checked and monitored under the supervision of the Parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Officers.
- **Buildings:** both church buildings are cared for by the Church Wardens, surveyed by our appointed architect every five years and recommended repairs undertaken. Regular surveys and maintenance are undertaken on lightning

conductors, fire extinguishers and electrical and gas installations. Works on church buildings requiring a Faculty and other major works are supervised by our architect, and recommendations implemented. The church halls and Parish Centre are inspected regularly by the relevant Committees. Qualified professional advice is obtained when substantial improvement or maintenance works are required.

- **Health and Safety:** There is a comprehensive Health and Safety Policy managed by the wardens. Maintenance, repair and new works on parish buildings are managed in accordance with the Construction, Design and Management Regulations 2015. The PCC has a duty to provide adequate information under Health and Safety Regulations when appointing professional advisors or contractors for building works. A report in 2022 assessed the safe capacity of St John's Church building as 303. External defibrillators are installed at St. John's, Holy Trinity and Parish Centre sites.
- **Insurance:** The five parish buildings are separately and fully insured against all normal risks and the PCC is insured against employer's, public and products liability and trustee indemnity by Ecclesiastical Insurance. Trustee indemnity was reviewed by the PCC in 2025 and concluded the cover was adequate.
- **Financial Reserves:** Adequate financial reserves are maintained in accordance with PCC policies.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has a policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months 'at risk' expenditure currently estimated at £50,000. The unrestricted reserves currently stand at £78,072 providing for adequate cash-flow and emergency expenditure to be met.

Signed:

Rev'd. Nicholas Noble

Chairman:

18 March 2026



Parochial Church Council of Abbeydale and Millhouses

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Parochial Church Council of Abbeydale and Millhouses

Year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of Abbeydale and Millhouses ('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 financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

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23 March 2026

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Parochial Church Council of Abbeydale and Millhouses

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Note				
Income					
Donations and legacies	4	131,551	3,160	134,711	129,036
Charitable activities	5	90,537	–	90,537	81,392
Investment income	6	9,478	68	9,546	10,678
Total income		<u>231,566</u>	<u>3,228</u>	<u>234,794</u>	<u>221,106</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Ministry expenses	7	(232,453)	(3,160)	(235,613)	(227,765)
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	(98,956)	–	(98,956)	(67,628)
Total expenditure		<u>(331,409)</u>	<u>(3,160)</u>	<u>(334,569)</u>	<u>(295,393)</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	10	(12,837)	–	(12,837)	9,062
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(112,680)</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>(112,612)</u>	<u>(65,225)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		442,228	3,402	445,630	510,855
Total funds carried forward		<u>329,548</u>	<u>3,470</u>	<u>333,018</u>	<u>445,630</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	14	17,113	12,986
Investments	15	241,557	354,394
Cash at bank and in hand		83,694	89,496
		<u>342,364</u>	<u>456,876</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	9,346	11,246
Net current assets		<u>333,018</u>	<u>445,630</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>333,018</u>	<u>445,630</u>
Net assets		<u>333,018</u>	<u>445,630</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	17	3,470	3,402
Unrestricted funds	17	329,548	442,228
Total charity funds		<u>333,018</u>	<u>445,630</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18 March 2026 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Chair and Trustee
Revd. Nicholas Noble

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net expenditure	(112,612)	(65,225)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Net losses/(gains) on investments	12,837	(9,062)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(9,546)	(10,678)
Accrued expenses	(1,900)	2,405
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Prepayments and accrued income	(4,127)	2,162
Cash generated from operations	(115,348)	(80,398)
Interest received	9,546	10,678
Net cash used in operating activities	(105,802)	(69,720)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Transfer from investments	100,000	70,000
Net cash from investing activities	100,000	70,000
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,802)	280
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	89,496	89,216
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	83,694	89,496

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Vicarage, 80 Millhouses Lane, Sheffield, S7 2HB.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The trustees consider that the going concern basis is appropriate and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the opinion of the trustees, there are no areas of judgement or key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the financial statements, other than the policies shown below.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Pension contributions

During the year Abbeydale and Millhouses PCC participated in the Church Workers Pension Fund, administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, for lay staff. The pensions contributions were accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. The amount charged to the SoFA during this year was £1,813 (2024: £335).

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts by s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Planned giving	90,182	—	90,182
Collections - ordinary	2,287	—	2,287
Collections - charity	—	2,530	2,530
Gift Aid recoverable	22,318	630	22,948
Other donations and legacies			
Bequests and donations in memory	2,000	—	2,000
Other donations and income	445	—	445
Grants and donations receivable	11,175	—	11,175
Church activities	3,144	—	3,144
	<u>131,551</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>134,711</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Planned giving	93,508	—	93,508
Collections - ordinary	1,023	—	1,023
Collections - charity	—	1,370	1,370
Gift Aid recoverable	23,177	662	23,839
Other donations and legacies			
Bequests and donations in memory	—	—	—
Other donations and income	5,786	—	5,786
Grants receivable	—	—	—
Church activities	3,510	—	3,510
	<u>127,004</u>	<u>2,032</u>	<u>129,036</u>

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5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Parish ministry (including PCC fees)	3,183	3,183	4,864	4,864
Church hire income	1,541	1,541	2,644	2,644
Parish Centre - Lettings income	41,127	41,127	27,863	27,863
Church Halls - Lettings income	40,256	40,256	41,426	41,426
TRIO - Advertising revenue	4,430	4,430	4,595	4,595
	<u>90,537</u>	<u>90,537</u>	<u>81,392</u>	<u>81,392</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Interest receivable	181	68	249
Dividends on CBF investment Fund - income shares	9,297	—	9,297
	<u>9,478</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>9,546</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	291	—	291
Dividends on CBF investment Fund - income shares	10,135	252	10,387
	<u>10,426</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>10,678</u>

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7. Ministry expenses

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Parish office and secretarial expenses	21,693	—	21,693
Payments to Diocese Common Fund	77,508	—	77,508
Ministry expenses	30,010	—	30,010
Diocesan fees	1,352	—	1,352
Lighting and heating	25,877	—	25,877
Insurance	6,418	—	6,418
Repairs and capital works	27,720	—	27,720
Music Directors, Organists and Music	12,053	—	12,053
Upkeep of Services	3,637	—	3,637
Donations to Charities	17,000	3,160	20,160
Fund-raising expenses	1,460	—	1,460
Printing, stationery and posters	6,278	—	6,278
Licences and other expenses	1,447	—	1,447
	<u>232,453</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>235,613</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Parish office and secretarial expenses	15,688	—	15,688
Payments to Diocese Common Fund	76,500	—	76,500
Ministry expenses	8,539	—	8,539
Diocesan fees	1,733	—	1,733
Lighting and heating	27,017	—	27,017
Insurance	6,316	—	6,316
Repairs and capital works	42,448	—	42,448
Solar Panels – St. John's Church Hall	22,350	—	22,350
Music Directors, Organists and Music	10,711	—	10,711
Upkeep of Services	3,522	—	3,522
Donations to Charities	3,000	2,032	5,032
Fund-raising expenses	1,062	—	1,062
Printing, stationery and posters	4,560	—	4,560
Licences and other expenses	2,287	—	2,287
	<u>225,733</u>	<u>2,032</u>	<u>227,765</u>

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8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Parish Centre expenditure	37,241	—	37,241
Church Halls expenditure	49,732	—	49,732
TRIO expenses	9,463	—	9,463
Support costs	2,520	—	2,520
	<u>98,956</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>98,956</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Parish Centre expenditure	17,290	—	17,290
Church Halls expenditure	41,329	—	41,329
TRIO expenses	6,609	—	6,609
Support costs	2,400	—	2,400
	<u>67,628</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>67,628</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Parish Centre expenditure	37,241	—	37,241	17,290
Church Halls expenditure	49,732	—	49,732	41,329
TRIO expenses	9,463	—	9,463	6,609
Governance costs	—	2,520	2,520	2,400
	<u>96,436</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>98,956</u>	<u>67,628</u>

10. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
(Losses)/gains on revaluation of investment assets	<u>(12,837)</u>	<u>(12,837)</u>	<u>9,062</u>	<u>9,062</u>

11. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,400</u>

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12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>21,693</u>	<u>15,688</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2024: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity were received by the trustees. There were no related party transactions which require disclosure.

14. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>17,113</u>	<u>12,986</u>

15. Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
The CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares	234,910	347,762
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	5,595	5,595
Sheffield Credit Union	1,052	1,037
	<u>241,557</u>	<u>354,394</u>

Movements during the year:

	2025
	£
At 1 January 2025	354,394
Disposal and transfer	(100,000)
Net gains	<u>(12,837)</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u>241,557</u>

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16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>9,346</u>	<u>11,246</u>

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
General funds	45,240	155,938	(123,106)	–	78,072
Designated funds	<u>396,988</u>	<u>75,628</u>	<u>(208,303)</u>	<u>(12,837)</u>	<u>251,476</u>
	<u>442,228</u>	<u>231,566</u>	<u>(331,409)</u>	<u>(12,837)</u>	<u>329,548</u>

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
General funds	64,479	146,087	(165,326)	–	45,240
Designated funds	<u>443,226</u>	<u>72,735</u>	<u>(128,035)</u>	<u>9,062</u>	<u>396,988</u>
	<u>507,705</u>	<u>218,822</u>	<u>(293,361)</u>	<u>9,062</u>	<u>442,228</u>

Designated funds comprise:

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Net Movement £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Church Halls	15,055	(11,285)	3,770
Parish Centre	27,539	(21,390)	6,149
Investments	<u>354,394</u>	<u>(112,837)</u>	<u>241,557</u>
	<u>396,988</u>	<u>(145,512)</u>	<u>251,476</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Restricted funds	<u>3,402</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,470</u>

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Restricted funds	<u>3,150</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,402</u>

Restricted funds comprise:

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Net Movement £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Rent Deposit	<u>3,402</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>3,470</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Current assets	338,894	3,470	342,364
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,346)	–	(9,346)
Net assets	329,548	3,470	333,018

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	453,474	3,402	456,876
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,246)	–	(11,246)
Net assets	442,228	3,402	445,630

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2025 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Dec 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	89,496	(5,802)	83,694
Current asset investments	354,394	(112,837)	241,557
	443,890	(118,639)	325,251

