

Christ the King Church Annual Report 2025

presented at the Annual Parochial Council Meeting on 12th April 2026

Lay chair of the PCC

Last year, when in the absence of an Incumbent, it fell upon me to write the Annual Report for 2024 – little I thought that over twelve months later I would be again writing the report for 2025.

I think we can all look back on 2025, in this period of "Vacancy" with a great deal of pride and satisfaction. This is due to firstly to a lot of the Church Family here at Christ the King stepping-up and giving generously of their time and talents to CtK. Secondly the Standing Committee, comprising of John and Barbara, John C, John B, Helen and Ian and myself (having the privilege of being Chairman), all working hard and pulling-together and thirdly our very hard-working PCC - once again steering Ctk in the right direction.

Throughout 2025 we have maintained a Eucharistic Service every Sunday and Wednesday, plus an 8.00am service once a month - a big "thank you" to Helen and Ian for arranging cover so well, from retired priests and visiting clergy. We have ensured the Light of Christ has shone brightly in Battyeferd and beyond.

Looking back on 2025, one of the highlights for me was having Archdeacon Bill lead us on Palm Sunday/Holy Week/Easter Day service - a true blessing. And many other memorable services and events took place too. We have continued to maintain strong links with Battyeferd C.E Primary School. They have visited church for several services during the year. Also, we do have two church members - Meriel Pearmain and John Castledine who both sit on Battyeferd School Governing Body.

The Church of England rightly places a great deal of importance on safeguarding, and we are extremely fortunate in having Meriel Pearmain and Anne Lockwood taking responsibility for this important matter. Whilst we can never be complacent, I do feel that we have measures in place to ensure that everyone who attends CtK can be sure that adults and children alike are safe and protected. Please remember that safeguarding is about everyone playing their part.

Once again in 2025 there was a great deal of pressure on our Church Finances. I do feel that in John Castledine we have a very competent treasurer; and a PCC that is diligent and prudent in caring for our finances.

In 2025 we sadly lost several church members who died. We remember fondly The Rev. Rachel Cave, Peter Westerby, Linda Sinkinson, Margaret Campbell Heath and others - thanking them for their valuable work at CtK. May they RIP.

Alan Stephens has handed me his resignation letter as Parish Environment Officer to take effect from the APCM. I would like to thank Alan for his valuable work as PEO. We can be justly proud of our strong connection with A Rocha and our Bronze and Silver Awards. Anyone who is interested in taking over from Alan in this important part of church life - please speak to either of the churchwardens or myself

I commend to you the reports that follow. They provide a wonderful overview of the people and groups that make up the community of our church family here at CtK.

This new year brings with it lots of challenges; not least the fact that we still do not have an Incumbent. Let us hope and pray that there is someone out there who will answer the call to put themselves forward to be our new Priest-in-Charge and lead us through 2026 and beyond.

Derek Garner

Churchwardens' Report

Churchwarden's Report 2025

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the churchwardens over the past twelve months. Many people work under the radar. It is these church members, who along with more visible members, help to keep our church to the standard it is.

Particularly this year the wardens would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep our church functioning throughout the vacancy, your contribution is much appreciated.

As churchwardens we are required to report annually on the condition of the church and the grounds.

Work completed in 2025.

- General maintenance included new emergency lighting in various rooms and fire exits.
- A new camera and laptop were purchased for live streaming our services.
- The heating boiler has been repaired with the hope of keeping it working as long as possible.
- A new V board was fitted in the churchyard to enable us to continue to advertise happenings in church.
- The lights in the community room were all replaced with low energy fittings due to us being unable to get bulbs for the old lights.
- A new ride-on lawnmower was purchased for the graveyard due to the old mower being unable to be repaired. This was funded by donations.

Priorities for 2026

To try and move the boiler replacement forward.

Paint the Narthex

To revisit the sound panel problem in the community room

The cross and bell tower haven't been painted for a while, also the lychgate may need attention this year.

The quinquennial is due in 2026.

John Hornby – John Beevers

Dewsbury and Birstall Deanery Synod Report for 2025

The synod is made up of parish clergy (who serve ex-officio), other clergy working in the deanery, and lay representatives from each benefice. CtK currently has only 2 reps: Ian Grange and Richard Bland. (There are also 2 other deanery synod lay rep vacancies.) The Revd Dr Erik Peeters, incumbent of CtK, moved posts the beginning of 2025 and left deanery synod. This created a vacancy for a member to diocesan synod (house of clergy).

During the year there were 3 meetings of synod.

In April synod met at St James' Church, Heckmondwike. The main talk was by the deanery lay chair, David Ashton MBE on the process to replace the Bishop of Leeds. Further progress updates would be given during the year. A general synod report was circulated.

In July, synod met at St Luke's Church, Cleckheaton where the talk was given by Sue Sowden (LLM in Batley) on her work as part time volunteer prison chaplain.

In August, a tree, sponsored by the Dewsbury and Birstall Deanery Synod, was dedicated in the Jo Cox Community Wood. Members of synod attended the dedication.

In October, synod met at St John's Church, Upper Hopton. The talk was on the work of the Branch FM radio station based in Dewsbury by Steve Hodgson. At the meeting an election of a clergy member for Diocesan Synod (House of Clergy) was taken. The Revd. Caroline Greenwood, team rector of Dewsbury team parish, was duly elected to replace Rev. Erik Peeters.

Richard Bland

Pastoral Care Team Report

Pastoral care happens every day through the small acts of kindness we do for one another such as the telephone call we make, the trip to the shops or pharmacy we carry out for someone who is unable to get out. CtK pastoral care team are here to try to make sure we all get the pastoral care we need, and no one is forgotten.

Home communions are continuing to be provided to those who wish to receive it including the monthly communion service at Fieldhead and we visit individuals at the Radcliffe. 12 Joys of Christmas booklets were available in church at Christmas and given to those on our home communion list.

Our aim is that pastoral care is available to everyone and if you think of anyone who may be in need, please get in touch with myself or anyone else in our pastoral team. My special thanks to the team of Val, Dorothy, Meriel, Ian, Mildred and Stephen.

Richard Bland

Tuesday Café

During this last year Tuesday Café has continued to flourish as a welcoming space where people of all ages come and socialise in a friendly and relaxed setting.

Our customers tell us they enjoy the company and really appreciate the very good food we serve. Over the last year an average of 33 people came along for coffee or a light lunch – in most cases both! During 2025 we've welcomed quite a few new faces, some of whom have become regulars ... Once again, this last winter, we have offered a 'warm space'.

We see Tuesday Café as part of CtK's mission and outreach to our community and we make no charge. Nevertheless, the customers make generous voluntary contributions meaning Tuesday Café more than pays its way. Figures in the church annual accounts reflect this.

Carol Kaye, our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer), visited Tuesday Café on several occasions. She chatted with customers, gave out information leaflets about crime prevention & home and personal security. Customers also told Carol about their own concerns.

Once again, just before the Christmas holidays, pupils and staff from Battyford CE (VC) Primary School came to sing carols and Christmas songs. Everyone really enjoyed seeing and listening to the children.

Each week, the café is run by a facilitator and 4 other people drawn from a pool of willing volunteers. They work together to set up, prepare food, serve, and socialise. We would very much like a few more people to help out. If you can come, say once a month, for 2 or 3 hours your help would be very welcome.

The continuing commitment and enthusiasm of all our facilitators and helpers ensure Tuesday Café goes from strength to strength.

CtK Tuesday Café - 11am to 1pm. Open to all. No booking necessary.

Helen Grange

Choir and Music Report

In 2025/2026 the choir has continued its endeavour to enhance our Sunday worship with a wide variety of anthems and songs. Whatever its members have sung, they have brought to it a musicality, skill and dedication which has, I hope, beautified the liturgy. Thank you to those members of the congregation who across the year have offered words of encouragement and appreciation for their efforts: they are always gratefully received!

A regular highlight for our choir is the Carols by Candlelight service in December. This year we adopted a traditional Nine Lessons and Carols format, but the music attempted, was once again, challenging and beautiful; those pieces, interspersed with congregational carols, made for a lovely act of seasonal worship and a fitting culmination to all the weeks of hard practice. I hope those who attended enjoyed the service with its blend of the familiar and the fresh.

Our choir members are a loyal and dedicated bunch, and I thank them for everything they have done over the year. The two or three minutes they occupy of each Sunday service is the tiny tip of an enormous iceberg of hard work, and the good humour with which they fall to it every Thursday evening makes the task of choosing music and “leading” them a constant pleasure. Their numbers, however, remain small, and I would invite anyone who enjoys a good sing to consider joining them; you would be most welcome!

Once again, though, I must pay special tribute to our Director of Music, Nic Bell. All our attempts to bring music to CtK would come to nothing were it not for her enthusiasm and loving work. Her accompanying of our worship and the choir is only a tiny fraction of what she contributes, and she does it all with good humour, a willingness to oblige and superb musical knowledge. She is a treasure to CtK – one which must be cherished – and we must remember that she does all her work for us while holding down a phenomenally demanding and time-consuming job with Kirklees Musica. She thoroughly deserves her regular Sunday off which has allowed David Horsman to treat us to hearing our organ every fourth Sunday in the month. I thank David for all his efforts and help, too, especially during Nic’s absence during January of this year!

In addition to piano, organ and choir, Sunday worship is sometimes enhanced by a small band of instrumentalists - The Music Group. They often play at the monthly Family @ 10 All-Together Family Eucharist and other special services. Regular worshippers and visitors really appreciate their contribution.

But my biggest debt of gratitude is, of course, owed to Nic, without whom my job would be impossible. Once again, as always, thanks, lovey!

Nigel Day

Environmental Report

Church heating and the Zero Carbon Strategy

Throughout 2025 we have been in consultation with the Diocese regarding replacement heating, initially thinking we could replace our cracked and aging gas boiler with a more energy efficient gas boiler.

In May 2025 James Wild, conducted a Zero Carbon Audit and systems options appraisal.

In October 2025 we received the audit report which stated:

The church and community room building is very well used and has a good effective heating system at present and high-quality services installation. Because of the use an all-electric solution is not going to be economic to operate and a central heating system based on heat pumps will be proposed.

Energy reduction options to take further.

Insulation improvements should be considered alongside phased introduction of new glazing to reduce energy demands, improve comfort and reduce operating costs.

De-stratification fans will be recommended to improve the effectiveness of the heating system when on and reduce running costs.

Remove wasteful hot water system and replace with more efficient low storage or instantaneous heater at points of use.

Zero Carbon Strategy

The heating load is estimated to be less than 60kW and therefore switching to heat pump is going to be feasible and easier alongside energy saving measures. There is already a three-phase supply that would enable this.

Roof space for PV was identified and could provide all or a large contribution to expected energy use very likely enabling a net zero church.

There is a problem to resolve with the existing boiler that has been identified as having cracks in. Installing a heat pump would be a more expensive option than replacing with suitably sized gas boiler, but heat pumps should prove more economic in the long run.

We are currently in consultation with the DAC regarding heating options and have been for the past sixteen months.

Let us hope that given the precariousness of our gas boiler it can last a little while longer until a decision is made.

Thank you to Alan Stephens and the environmental group for all their hard work to date. We are looking for a person to take over the role of environmental officer. If you are interested, please speak to Derek or a member of the PCC.

A Rocha Award Scheme

In terms of the A Rocha Award Programme, we currently hold a silver award.

Our bird boxes, hedgehog and insect homes are still showing signs of successful habitation.

Barbara Hornby

Disability and Inclusion Report

The disability and inclusion committee still have a registered an interest in the church becoming a pilot parish for the Disability Friendly Church Award. The Diocesan Disability Strategy is currently under review, and a new Disability lead has been appointed. Once the new criteria are published, we will begin to work towards this award. Please share ideas and feedback, we are always happy to hear from members of the congregation.

Work to date:

- We subscribe to: Through the Roof, a Christian disability charity, and Torch who provide access training, advice, and resources for people with sight loss in every aspect of church life as well as the Diocese Disability training programme.
- A Facebook Group called "Diocese of Leeds Disability Network", which is open to Parish Representatives and the wider congregations. This notifies people of events, as well as shares relevant articles and news stories.
- The resource pack, 'A Welcoming Church', is used for our disability audit.
- A new resource pack to help churches better support people with disabilities has recently been produced by the Diocese and churches across the British Isles.

- PCC members have completed disability awareness training and courses run by the Diocese and other agencies. They are new courses now being offered by the Diocese.
- Improvements in the layout of the slides and to the projection of the service which includes a new laptop with a dedicated graphics output and new camera.
- More sound-absorbing panels for the community hall. It is hoped that these will mitigate background noise and reduce the reverberation and echo in the space.
- Continued defined spaces in the worship area for those who have access needs.

Future work:

To fit motion sensor lighting in the toilets and outside near the path leading to the main door.

To complete the installation of sound panels and monitor the effect.

To continue to look at ways in how we can continue to be a welcoming and inclusive church.

To work towards becoming a pilot parish for the Disability Friendly Church Award.

Any further comments/ideas as to how we can make our church more inclusive can be directed to Barbara Hornby or Meg Willard (PCC representatives).

Barbara Hornby

Social Committee Report

Social Committee report 2025

The social committee have, once again, worked hard to put on different social events, with mixed success.

The planned Harvest Supper Ceilidh with St Mary's had to be cancelled due to lack of support from both churches.

We held our afternoon tea in May to celebrate V E Day. This was well attended and was enjoyed by everyone.

Our equally successful 'Country themed' evenings continue. This year was our French Night, with food and entertainment provided by Stephen and Linda Carden.

A fashion show was held in September. This was run by Lasting Beauty of Wakefield. Once again, the attendance was low in numbers. This was a shame because this is a well-run event and Lasting Beauty donate a percentage of their takings to church funds.

The Christmas Market continues to be our main fund raiser. This well supported event not only contributes to our funds but is a great social event both for the community and our connection with Battyeford C of E Primary School.

Selling tickets continues to be difficult and the committee wonder whether in the future raising money by asking for donations for specific items is the way forward.

Thank you to everyone who has helped or supported our events in 2025.

John Hornby and the social committee

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. (Church of England Safeguarding Policy Statement)

The PCC of Christ the King Church has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding.

Safeguarding roles

Parish Safeguarding Officer – Meriel Pearmain

Deputy Parish Safeguarding Officer – Anne Lockwood

Policies and Procedures

All required policies and procedures regarding safeguarding have been adopted and will be re-adopted / reviewed when required.

Activities

Church Activities and Non-Church Activities held on church premises have been authorised by the PCC.

Safeguarding Policy Promotion

Christ the King Church continues to meet the requirements regarding Safeguarding Policy promotion. The House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy is clearly displayed on noticeboards and the church website. A poster showing the new national safeguarding standards is also displayed.

PCC Meetings

Safeguarding is a standing item on the agenda of all PCC meetings, and an update is given at each meeting by Anne Lockwood. Meetings have also taken place during the year between Meriel Pearmain and Anne Lockwood to update information.

Parish Safeguarding Dashboards

We continue to use the online Dashboard to help with administration and to track safeguarding compliance, with national safeguarding standards.

DBS Checks

Checks are in place for all roles which require them and are all up to date.

Safeguarding Training

46 people have completed the training required for their volunteer roles, which is excellent and much appreciated.

Group training sessions were held in church for Foundation level training in July 2025 and for Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse in September 2025. Interesting questions were asked, there was a good discussion and positive feedback given from those taking part.

Safeguarding Sunday was marked in November.

There have not been any safeguarding incidents to report this year.

Many thanks to Anne Lockwood (Deputy Safeguarding Officer), Derek Garner (Lay Chair of PCC) and Barbara Hornby (Parish Administrator) for their support and reassurance with safeguarding matters especially during the vacancy.

Meriel Pearmain (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

CTK Kids and Youth

During the 10am Sunday morning services we continue to offer the CTK Kids group which meets in the community room during the main part of the service, before joining the congregation for communion. We continue to have a small group of primary school aged children, and we are always happy to welcome visiting children too. We are pleased that families of the training clergy have joined us recently and are a real asset to the CTK Kids. The group follows seasonal themes for the sessions and adapted ideas from the readings in the main service. The children are always enthusiastic to learn about Jesus and think about how to be kind and helpful through creativity, singing and prayers. We enjoyed the prizegiving service at the end of the academic year in July, celebrating over 40 children who have been involved with family worship at CTK; and the Nativity play was enjoyed by all in December. We very much appreciate the adult help to make the sessions happen and we are extremely grateful that two new volunteers have joined the team this year.

The CTK Youth group for young people in Year 7 upwards has continued to meet socially throughout the year; we are pleased that we have had some new children joining, as well as friends of existing members. Everyone gets along with each other well; and it has been an added bonus that some of the parents have been able to catch up at the events too. Some activities the young people have enjoyed recently are roller skating and mini golf, with more events planned for the near future.

Ruth James

Family@4

Family @4 provides a welcoming and interactive worship environment for families with younger children. Until the autumn of 2025 the group met on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm and started by exploring a biblical theme via crafts and activities in the hall. Worship took place in church, with a bible story and talk, songs and prayers and then a meal together.

What is important are the conversations that go on around the tables; deep conversations about faith issues with both children and adults are commonplace. Parents told us it is worship that they feel is accessible and valuable to them and their children.

Thank you to Alison Grant, Revd Graeme Blackwell, curate at Mirfield Team Parish and all the willing volunteers who gave of their time.

This is now in abeyance until the appointment of the new vicar.

Barbara Hornby

Caterpillars toddler group

Caterpillars is a group for children 0-5, their parents and carers and meets in the Community room on Friday afternoons during term time, 1.30-2.45pm.

Each session follows a similar pattern with lots of play activities, a snack time and concludes with songs and rhymes. There is a weekly theme with a craft activity linked to this.

There is a great atmosphere, and we have welcomed many families during this year. There has also been the baptism of 2 children from our caterpillar family. We average around 10 children per session and have a what's app group for parents to help with advertising which is also achieved through Facebook.

A group of 9 volunteers run caterpillars on a rota basis and the many tasks such as preparing rotas, buying snacks, preparing craft activities, social media, printing, organising of equipment etc are shared by these enthusiastic and friendly ladies.

We are always on the lookout for others to share this load and if you are interested in helping please ask a church warden who will put you in touch.

On a much sadder note, the report would not be complete without mentioning Linda Sinkinson who very sadly and suddenly passed away this year. She was a devoted volunteer since caterpillars first began almost 20 years ago and her welcome to anyone who joined was a delight. She had a smile for all, a welcome ear and a genuine interest in people, old and new. She is missed by us all and we thank her for her loyal service and great friendship.

Anne Lockwood

1st Mirfield Rainbows

It's been another fantastic year at 1st Mirfield Rainbows. Our unit continues to thrive, with a growing waiting list of girls keen to join, which is wonderful to see and really highlights how much the Rainbows unit is valued within the community. The girls have taken part in a wide range of engaging, hands-on activities throughout the year. Our planting sessions last spring were a lovely opportunity for the girls to learn about nature, responsibility, and patience as they planted seeds, talked about what plants need to grow, and checked on their progress week by week.

Working towards the Ice Cream badge was, unsurprisingly, a firm favourite. The girls enjoyed designing their own ice cream creations, choosing flavours and toppings, and creating ice-cream themed necklaces. There were lots of smiles — and sticky fingers — all round!

Fix It Night encouraged problem-solving and teamwork, as the girls had a go at repairing, building, and figuring out how things work. It was lovely to see their confidence grow as they realised, they didn't have to get things perfect, just have a go and keep trying.

Our Squishmallows party was the complete opposite pace, offering a relaxed and joyful evening of games, stories, and sharing favourite cuddly friends, helping friendships flourish and making everyone feel included.

Our Mini Boffin science sessions sparked huge curiosity. The girls loved experimenting, making predictions, and discovering how science can be fun, messy, and exciting. These activities linked brilliantly with questioning, observation, and teamwork skills, and many of the girls proudly talked about continuing experiments at home.

We were very lucky to enjoy several memorable visits. A trip to the fire station was particularly exciting, giving the girls a chance to explore a fire engine, try on helmets, and learn important fire safety messages in a fun, age-appropriate way. The visit from a sweet shop was also a big hit, as the girls learned about different sweets, traditional treats, and the importance of moderation, with plenty of games, excitement and chatter throughout the evening.

As Christmas approached, we enjoyed slowing down and getting creative with Christmas crafts. The girls made decorations, cards, and small gifts, taking great care and pride in their work while chatting and enjoying the festive atmosphere.

One of the most talked-about visits so far in the new year was our reptile visit. The girls learned about different reptiles, their habitats, and how to treat animals with respect. Some girls showed amazing courage by holding or touching a reptile for the first time, while others were happy to observe closely and ask lots of thoughtful questions.

Throughout the year, Rainbows have continued to develop their confidence, creativity, and friendships through games, songs, crafts, and challenges. Making their Rainbow promise remains a very special moment, and it's always lovely to see how proud and excited the girls are to become a "proper" Rainbow and gain badges each week.

We are incredibly proud of everything the girls have achieved this year and are very much looking forward to many more adventures together.

7TH Mirfield Brownies

7th Mirfield brownies continue to welcome girls each week to learn new skills, complete badges, make crafts and share friendship and adventure.

Along with myself, who has been here since I was a brownie, we have super volunteers Helen, Diane and Rebecca along with a great parent rota and 4 young leaders.

We continue to have a very full unit and often have a waiting list. It's never too early to register a child. Please see www.girlguiding.org.uk

So, what have we been up to....

We enjoyed a super pack holiday at Fan Wood with a stitch theme and 28 girls grass sledging, bouldering and archery as well lots of crafts.

We also enjoyed an amazing sleepover at Gulliver's Theme Park when we slept over in the castle and not only got to go on the rides but got the run of the place on scooters when the park was shut. It was the hottest day of the year, but a fantastic time was had by all.

In the unit we've had visits from the mobile police museum, candlelighters, when we held a pink night and raised over £300 for them.

Two dads' came in and ran a tool school session making doorsteps with us and wood buddies and showing us how to use different tools.

We had a visit from the wise owls and got up close with our feathered friends. For earth day we held a swap shop, girls brought old toys and clothes and swapped between them.

We held a time travel night with food and activities from the 50s onwards the girls weren't impressed with some of the old school favourites.

We had a visit from Agnes the lamb which proved popular and some baby chicks.

We also tried a new craft of jesmonite, making our own coin trays for Father's Day, this was a huge hit so we've re booked for Christmas

Our summer party was a festival in the park with the ice cream van at the end, we also visiting the light one night to go bowling

Laura came and showed us how to do some science experiments which was great fun. We also had a visit from a traditional sweet shop that told us about the history of sweets brought samples and played games.

Woods dental visited to teach us about looking after our teeth and we learnt the vital skill of first aid with a first aid night complete with fake wound making.

At Christmas we visited the Radcliffe care home for some carol singing and finished the year with a slime Christmas party and a fun session at church after the toy service too.

We get up to far more but thought I best limit this report, so these were our top adventures along with lots of badges and crafts we've enjoyed.

Fancy joining the fun? www.girlguiding.org.uk

Tracey and the leaders

7TH Mirfield Guides

Currently we have a large unit with six great leaders and have had another year of learning whilst having fun.

March to April 2025

The Unit hired a Zumba teacher and along with the nation we had a VE party and went to Fan wood – camp site in Cleckheaton. We enjoyed archery and grass sledging. At our last meeting prior to Easter, we went Roller blading. No broken bones!!

Summer 2025

We went to Dewsbury Town Hall to see Dewsbury Collegian's production of the Wizard of Oz which was enjoyed by all. We joined in the Mirfield District Camp at Midgeley in Wakefield, altogether there were 41 Guides and 9 leaders, and enjoyed a night of Taskmaster and a Penny Hike in Hopton Woods, concluding with a visit to the Chippy. The summer term ended at the Bowling Alley in Huddersfield.

September to December 25

We joined in the Mirfield Remembrance Parade and did "Skills for my future": Interior Designer Badge – thanks to Winsor's shoes for supplying 24 shoe boxes in which we created our designer rooms.

The Unit didn't meet on Bonfire night, as it was a Wednesday but enjoyed a Bonfire Theme the week after.

We entered the Trinity Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival along with 10th Guides who meet at St Andrew's Church and for the third-year running won the first prize in the Junior section. Again, we entertained the residents at Field Head where we switched on their Christmas Tree lights and sang Carols. Our year ended with a brilliant Christmas Party, with a "come in whatever you chose." Clothes wise Pyjamas are still favourite

January to February 26

For our Guiding syllabus theme for this we chose "Be Well." We hired a Yoga instructor and the week after a First Aid instructor. Then it is the Mixology Badge when we will be inventing Mocktails, we have celebrated Chinese New Year and will end the half term with a Carnival Night.

Dixie, Clare, Rachel, Helen, Carole and Chelsie.

Statistics from the Mission Dashboard

Attendance Summary 2025

Christmas – 237 Easter - 139

Average week Oct - 99

Usual Sunday - 76

Worshipping Community (2015- 2025)

2025 Total - 107

Aged 0 - 17: 12 people Aged 18 - 69: 38 people Aged 70+: 57 people.

Joiners – 14

Leavers - 6

Usual Sunday Attendance (2015-2025)

2025 Adults - 70 Children - 6

Average Weekly Attendance (2015 - 2025)

2025 Adults – 93 Children – 7

Adults school - 7 Children school - 89

Percentage children (2015 – 2024)

2025 Usual Sunday – 8%

Average week October Excluding school – 7%

Worshipping Community – 11%

Baptisms – 5

Marriages – 1

Funerals – 6

Electoral Roll

2025 – 111

Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battyeferd

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Christ the King, Battyeferd

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.42(2) of the act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees considering any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the as trustees considering any such matters.

Independent examiners's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirement of the Act and the Regulations, have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Dated 25/03/2026

Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battye ford

Statement of financial activities

For the year ending 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income	2a	47,691	5,519	53,210	57,727
Activities for generating funds	2b	10,533	-	10,533	15,006
Income from investments	2c	3,108	-	3,108	4,587
Church activities	2d	21,732	-	21,732	23,471
Other incoming resources	2e	50	-	50	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		83,114	5,519	88,633	100,791
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Church activities	3a	91,780	5,519	97,299	95,295
Construction of and equipment for Community Centre	3b	-	-	-	-
Fund raising costs	3c	3,309	-	3,309	3,297
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		95,089	5,519	100,608	98,592
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	-	11,975	-	11,975	2,199
BALANCES B/FWD 1st JANUARY		97,409	-	97,409	95,210
BALANCES C/FWD 31st DECEMBER		85,434	-	85,434	97,409

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Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battyeford

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2025

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CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	11,719	761	12,480	13,564
Short-term deposits - CBF		71,270	-	71,270	71,270
Cash at Bank and in hand		5,374	13,003	18,377	29,569
		<u>88,363</u>	<u>13,764</u>	<u>102,127</u>	<u>114,403</u>
LIABILITIES					
Creditors : amounts falling due in one year	5	2,929	13,764	16,693	16,994
Net current assets		<u>85,434</u>	<u>13,764</u>	<u>85,434</u>	<u>97,409</u>
Creditors : amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>85,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,434</u>	<u>97,409</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted	6	85,434	-	85,434	97,409
Restricted	6	-	-	-	-
		<u>85,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,434</u>	<u>97,409</u>

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and signed on its behalf by

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Restricted funds represent (a) income from grant making bodies including The Big Lottery Fund, Kirklees Metropolitan Council and Mirfield Town Council which may only be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the grant, and (b) donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC has invested separately for each major fund.

Unrestricted funds are generated funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collection and 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 legally entitled to the amounts due. Interest is accounted for when receivable, as is all other income. All incoming receipts are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable. 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.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

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 a reasonable time). All such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battyeford
Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ending 31st December 2025

2	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
2a	Voluntary income				
	Planned giving				
	Direct Gift Aid and Envelopes	33,029		33,029	37,785
	Tax recoverable	9,879	500	10,379	11,468
	Collections (open plate)	4,223		4,223	3,881
	Grants			-	2,516
	Donations, appeals etc	560	4,023	4,583	2,077
	Legacies and historic funds		996	996	-
		<u>47,691</u>	<u>5,519</u>	<u>53,210</u>	<u>57,727</u>
2b	Activities for generating funds				
	Social events and other and fund raising	10,533		10,533	15,006
	Sundry sales			-	-
		<u>10,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,533</u>	<u>15,006</u>
2c	Income from investments				
	Interest	<u>3,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,108</u>	<u>4,587</u>
2d	Income from church activities				
	Lettings	16,181	-	16,181	16,358
	Fees	4,320	-	4,320	5,889
	Refreshments	1,231	-	1,231	1,224
		<u>21,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,732</u>	<u>23,471</u>
2e	Other incoming resources	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>
	Total incoming resources	<u>83,114</u>	<u>5,519</u>	<u>88,633</u>	<u>100,791</u>

Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battyeford

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ending 31st December 2025

3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
3a	Church activities				
	Missionary and charitable givings				
	Leeds Diocese		-	-	1,312
	Kirkwood Hospice		1,045	1,045	477
	Forget Me Not Trust		1,045	1,045	
	Children's Society		309	309	186
	Ruby Qwen		224	224	20
	Ministry : Diocesan Parish Share	51,827		51,827	52,290
	: Other ministry costs	4,146	996	5,142	6,926
	Church running and maintenance	35,449	1,900	37,349	30,167
	Churchyard upkeep	358		358	3,917
		<u>91,780</u>	<u>5,519</u>	<u>97,299</u>	<u>95,295</u>
3b	Construction of and equipment for the Community Centre				
	Building costs	-	-	-	-
	Other costs and equipment	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
3c	Fund-raising costs	<u>3,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,309</u>	<u>3,297</u>
	Total resources expended	<u><u>95,089</u></u>	<u><u>5,519</u></u>	<u><u>100,608</u></u>	<u><u>98,592</u></u>

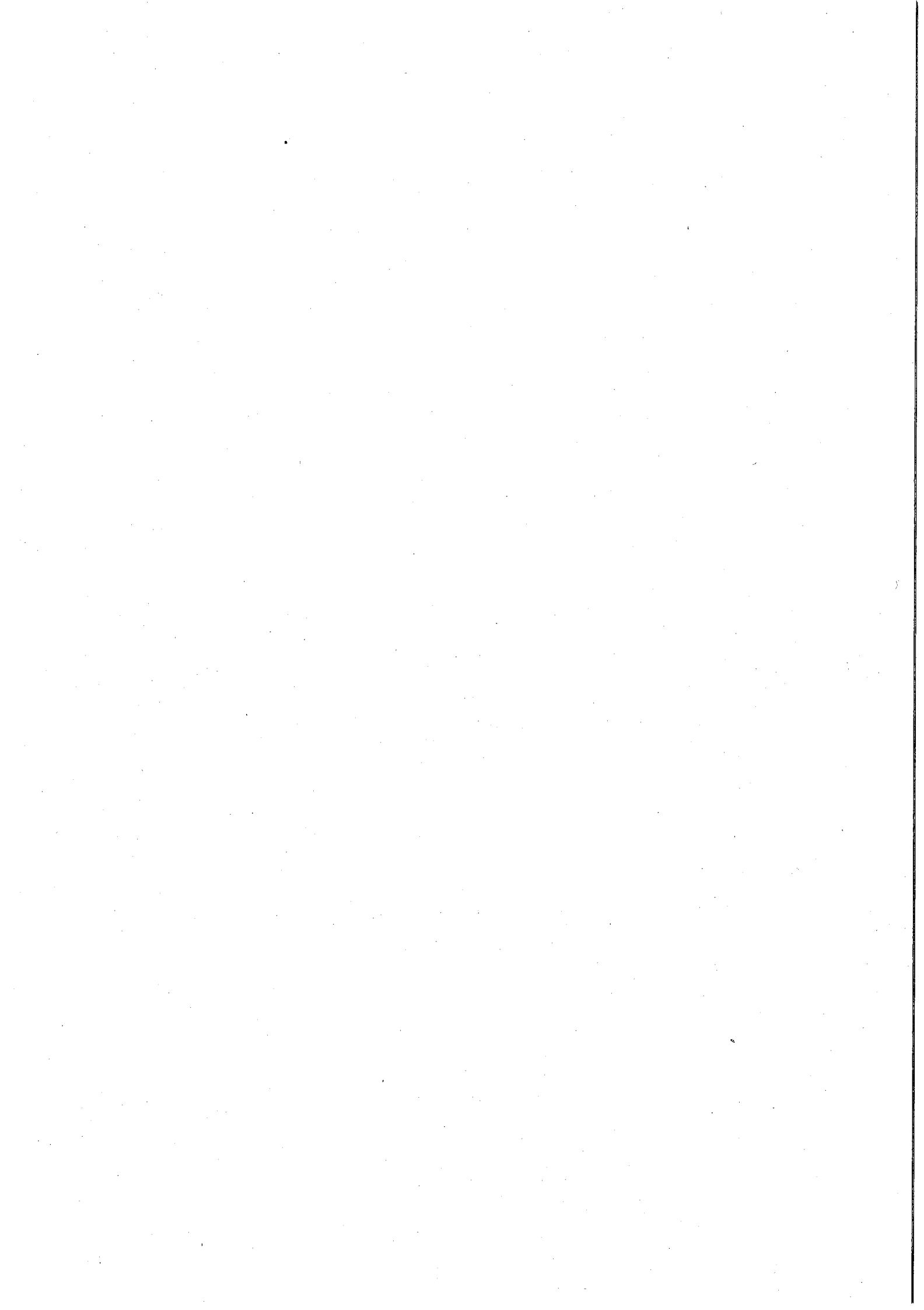
Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battyeford

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For the year ending 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £
4 DEBTORS				
Gift Aid Recoverable	9,879	500	10,379	12,718
Other debtors	1,840	261	2,101	846
	11,719	761	12,480	13,564
5 LIABILITIES				
Amounts falling due in one year				
Accrual for utility costs	2,057		2,057	1,981
Other creditors	872	263	1,135	17
Rev B Wilson Fund		7,251	7,251	8,246
Enviromental Fund		6,250	6,250	6,250
Pathway Maintenance Fund		-	-	500
	2,929	13,764	16,693	16,994
6 FUNDS				
Unrestricted Fund Movement			£	
Balance 1st January 2025			97,409	
 Defecit for the year ending 31st December 2025			 11,975	
 Balance 31st December 2025			 85,434	
7 STAFF COSTS		2025	2024	
		£	£	
Wages and salaries		3,000	2,880	

During the year the cost of various wages and salaries were not large enough to attract Social Security Costs.



Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battysford

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Christ the King, Battysford

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act")

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.42(2) of the act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees considering any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the as trustees considering any such matters.

Independent examiners's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the act and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirement of the Act and the Regulations, have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Dated 25/03/2026

Parochial Church Council of Christ the King, Battye ford

Statement of financial activities

For the year ending 31st December 2025

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