

2025 Reports & Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of
the Parish Church of St Luke & St Peter

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Annual Report

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Aim and purposes

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Annie McCabe (retired June 2025), in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Centre complex of St. Luke's, Greetham Street, Portsmouth.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Luke’s. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Luke’s and the Church Centre complex.

Achievements and performance

2025 has been a year of development in mission.

The summer community celebration and Christmas Community Fair plus other social events strengthened relationships both within the church family and with the wider community of which we are a part. One in particular has been the deepening of our work and relationships with Ark Charter.

It has been a challenging year as Reverend Annie McCabe retired on 30 June 2025. St Luke’s was then in a Vacancy. On 22 October 2025 we successfully interviewed for the vacant position and an offer was made to Daniela Eisentraeger, which was accepted. She will be licensed in 2026.

Our Ministry Team was further depleted after the sad death of Reverend Canon Sarah Chapman in September (funeral 07/10/25 with a service of thanksgiving at St Luke’s). Rev Jan Fuller has been on placement in Hayling Island but is still licensed at St Luke’s until 2026.

It has been a year to welcome and develop greater stability as a church family. Those with no previous experience of church have come and stayed. We have continued to reflect and pray as we move forward on the three priorities that we believe God is calling us to focus on in the coming three years.

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Priorities: 2023-2025

By the end of 2025

St Luke's will be a community who love Jesus and each other more

What will have changed?

- Time invested in rebuilding our existing church family relationships
- More participation in discipleship and prayer opportunities
- Worship that equips and inspires to live our faith in the week
- Language that is accessible, simple but not superficial
- Worship times and style that fit our local community better
- A stronger more stable base of Christian believers
- In spite of the changes to the Ministry Team, family worship has continued, including the Rooted and Healing Services. Wednesday Communion services have continued and these have been streamed for the on-line services on a Sunday. Sunday evening services have stopped with the exception of Sustenance which has continued on the 3rd Sunday in the month.
- The Summer and Christmas Fairs were both successful and the Advent programme engaged with the community with the Christingle, Scratch Nativity and Let It Snow services were all well received. Reverend Teresa held a quiet, contemplative mid-night mass.

St Luke's will be community with local families and young adults participating

What will have changed?

- Families will have come to St Luke's primarily through Just Sing community choir, and the launch of Superstars, a joint venture with Homestart.
- Families will be living their faith at home and sharing it with others
- Local parents will be more involved
- Diddy Disciples changed their name to Rock Solid and the children aged over 4 now hold a separate class in the small hall. Under 3's still play at the back of the church.

St Luke's will be a community with an inviting campus, distinct in the inner city that will speak more clearly of the welcome, acceptance and deep hospitality of St Luke's and attract those who don't usually enter a church to come and see

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What will have changed?

- The space outside the front of church.
- The garden
- The main hall outside and in (with a new missional community café)
- The Host space continues to grow and some of the regular users have assisted in monitoring the church when St Luke's support team is low in numbers.
- Liz continues to increase the Volunteers who now work regularly in the cafe and church.
- Use of the church space, the hall and the cafe has increased and Liz has done a sterling job finding new users.
- The Host Cafe now opens 5 days a week from 08:00-14:00. These hours will continue to be reviewed. There has been a slow but steady increase in customers but the café is not yet breaking even and is continually monitored by the PCC.

The resilience, prayerfulness, and willingness of the church to continue to embrace change with courage, humility and prayerfulness has continued. This has meant we end 2025 with a shared vision, lived values, and explicit priorities as a worshipping community.

All are welcome to attend our regular services in person or online. This has been possible by recording Wednesday Communion to stream on Sundays. This is hugely due to the work of Nigel Wheatley and the AV team.

Build deeper sustainable missional relationships

This has come in part through:

- serving the community with our food larder, supermarket vouchers
- partnering with Portsmouth City of Sanctuary to offer a welcoming space to refugees and asylum seekers.
- Building relationships with Unite Students and relevant local agencies in the community. Unite provided people to help with the Fairs. Unfortunately they were unable to fund anything for the Student Bar-B-Que but this still went ahead funded by the church.
- The Host community café continues to grow slowly and provides training for young adults looking to gain hospitality and barista skills.
- The Host Co-worker space continues to open Monday to Thursday and offers a gentle introduction to church as it continues to serve a community of co-workers.
- reaching our local and wider community continues to bear fruit. The "Community and Cake" morning each month continues, offering an open welcoming and warm church. Throughout the week, thoughtful use of social media, develops the potential of the church as a music venue, building trusted relationships with local people and agencies. We have been particularly grateful for the visible support of our local councillors and the Hive.
- taking the opportunity to consolidate worship services to 10am and 5 pm and see a revitalised Midweek Lunchtime Communion.

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- Engaging local families again through Just Sing Community Choir and Rock Solid.
- Deepening ties with the leadership team at Charter School including involvement as a School Governor with focus on developing the Christian culture through SIAM’s implementation and offering chaplaincy support to the staff and students. After Rev Annie’s retirement Bradley Albuery kindly supported the school as an Interim Governor until the new Vicar starts in January.
- Embedding ministry to older members of the community including community and cake, craft days, pastoral visits and the sharing of Home Communion. This is due to the ministry lead given by Rev Jan Fuller who is a trained Anna Chaplain.

Grow and nurture disciples including

- A small Connect group has continued led by Chris Wincott.
- Welcoming Christians from other nations during the year has been a delight and added depth and diversity in discipleship.
- Ministry team now serving in the parish has changed during this year. Rev Jan Fuller Curate at St Luke’s until her Licensing elsewhere during 2026. Rev Julie Jackson, Assistant Priest (leaving January 2026), Rev Philippa Mills (PTO), Rev Dom Jones (PTO). Sandra Rampton (LLM). Elena Aghasi in training as a Licensed Lay Minister currently on placement at St Faith’s in Havant and will return to St Luke’s early 2026.
- Regular pastoral support has continued this year, particularly with the elderly and infirm.

Highlights of the year were:

The Lord’s provision, protection, and patience with us throughout this year

The joy of the church family living together in faith and diversity.

Practical development of the building and the response of the church family to change

The welcome of new seekers and worshippers in the community

Working towards an award of Eco Church Silver.

We are still standing (!) And by God’s grace growing in stability, depth and number.

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Financial review

The PCC is responsible for all parish finance, its management and control. Whilst accounting duties are delegated to the Treasurer, this does not remove its legal responsibilities.

The total incoming resources report a decrease as a result of the cessation of The Host & Bridgeway reporting £30k in 2024. The Host Space introduced £10k, the Car Park & Hall Partnerships both increased in comparison to 2024. The café increased its income by 100%, reporting an annual income of £50k. The total income reports £192,752.

The total resources expended for 2025 report a decrease; Bridgeway & Co-Worker ceased. The café did not report a surplus & continues to be a challenging venture. A new manager is started in February 2025, who has introduced a breakfast menu that is a positive outcome. The PCC are continually monitoring trends and review the finances at each meeting. There are several changes commencing in early 2026.

Parish share payments to contribute to Clergy stipends, pensions and living accommodation for 2025 to Portsmouth Diocese were paid.

At the financial year-end, the church had total bank and deposit balances of £130,102. This compares to previous year of £120,668.

The accounts for 2025 report a deficit of £5,302. The cost of the café is greater than the surplus by £10.6k (the café loss totals ££15,936). The PCC agreed a budget for 2026 that continues to support the proactive strategy towards ministry and mission and yet is aware of the financial challenges of increased costs.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of St Luke’s to hold in reserves the equivalent of three months general running costs. It is the policy of St Luke’s to donate 10% of non-reserved income to charitable causes.

Volunteers

The PCC thanks all volunteers who, collectively, have worked hard throughout the year to make our church a lively, vibrant and growing community.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England and operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The PCC is a registered charity: registration number: 1178416

Charity name: THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST LUKE

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent.

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average attendance of 80%

Administrative information

St Luke’s Church, situated in Somerstown is part of the Diocese of Portsmouth within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Luke’s Church, Greetham Street, Southsea PO5 4LH.

The PCC Is a Registered Charity no 1178416

Parochial Church council of St Luke & St Peter

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Parochial Church Council of St Luke & St Peter

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	Reverend Canon Annie McCabe to 30/06/2025
Assistant Priest:	Reverend Julie Jackson (from 1/09/2024)
Curate:	Reverend Jan Fuller (from 24/6/2023)
Permission to Officiate:	Reverend Dom Jones (2017 onwards) Reverend Philippa Mills (2023 onwards) Reverend Canon Sarah Chapman (17/03/2024 to Oct 2025. Deceased)
Churchwardens:	Mrs Paula Thomas (from 2018) Mrs Lorraine Hepburn (from 2023)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Paula Thomas (24/04/2022)
Representatives:	Mrs Jennifer Albuery (2023-2026) Ms Vicky Bell (2023-2025) Ms Penny Simpson (2023-2026) Ms Zoe Ramsbottom (2023-2026) Mr Mark Dell (2024-2027) Mr Mark Hoskins (2024-2027) Mrs Vicky Barnes (2025-2028) Mr Bradley Albuery (2025 co-opted)
PCC Secretary:	Reverend Canon Annie McCabe (to 30/06/2025) Interim: Ms Penny Simpson (2025-)
PCC Treasurer	Reverend Jan Fuller (to 30 th April 2025) Mark Dell (from 1 st May 2025)

Approved by the PCC on 26th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by Mrs Paula Thomas (Chairman)

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

Fixed assets		As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
	CCLA Investment Shares 129001106S		12,433
	CCLA Beresford Fund 129001007F	8,745	7,930
	CCLA St Peter's River Street	27,824	27,346
	CCLA St Peter's Graveyard Restricted	2,258	2,257
	Projector	608	1,126
	Total Fixed assets	39,434	51,094
Current assets			
	Lloyds Bank	26,116	9,182
	The Host Lloyds Bank		702
	Lloyds- Beresford Fund	98,346	108,766
	Lloyds - Cafe	2,269	2,016
	Accounts Receivable	3,372	
	Total Current assets	130,102	120,668
Liabilities			
	Charity Giving 10%	17,872	14,552
	Accounts Payable	2,445	4,211
	Total Liabilities	20,317	18,764
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	149,220	152,997

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Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(5,302)	(31,640)
	Starting balances	152,988	184.638
	Other gains/ (losses)	1,524	
	Total Reserves	149,220	152,997

Represented by Funds			
	Unrestricted	55,514	66,331
	Designated	26,175	(11,225)
	Restricted	15,164	46,815
	Endowment	52,367	51,074
	Total	149,220	152,997

1.Accounting policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statements of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Fund accounting

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants 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 yearend must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

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

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for specific projects for administration purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC’s own use are abated in line with assets’ annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted, and the PCC will move any surplus to general funds.

Risk Management

Reserves are held by the Church to provide for future activities and initiatives which cannot be funded from income in a single year. They are also required to cover unforeseen expenditure. The PCC reviewed the level of reserves during the year.

Incoming resources

Planned Giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

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Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accountable for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. 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 church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Investments are valued at market value as at 31 December 2025.

Current assets

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit at the bank.

Financial risks

Believing in God’s care and provision for his people, the PCC has undertaken no further financial risk assessments.

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Statement of Financial Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
2. <i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	43,768			43,768	47,752
Income from charitable activities	72,010			72,010	70,293
Other trading activities					16,448
Investments	3,995			3,995	2,368
Other income	67,693	5,016		72,979	63,291
Total income and endowments from:	187,737	5,015		192,752	200,154
3, <i>Resources Expended:</i>					
Raising funds	1,089			1,089	2,595
Expenditure on charitable activities	192,606	3,841		196,448	227,878
Other expenditure	518			518	1,321
Total expenditure on:	194,213	3,841		198,055	231,794
Net income / (expenditure)	(6,477)	1,174		(5,303)	(31,641)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	40,437	7,611		48,048	26,651
Gross transfers between funds - out	(7,611)	(40,437)		(48,048)	(26,651)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	232		1,292	1,524	
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, and charities own use					
Net movement in funds	26,581	(31,651)	1,292	(3,778)	(31,640)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	55,107	46,816	51,075	152,998	184,638
Total funds carried forward	81,689	15,164	52,367	149,220	152,998

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Incoming Resources 2.

Income and endowments		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
2.1	Donations and legacies						
	Planned Giving	29,969				29,969	29,584
	Collection (open plate)	2,120				2,120	3,620
	Donations and Appeals	3,280				3,280	4,870
	Gift Aid - Tax Refund	7,451				7,451	8,820
	Sum-up & DONATE	949				949	856
	Donations and legacies Totals	43,768				43,768	47,752
2.2	Income from charitable activities						
	Hall Partnerships	31,009				31,009	25,581
	Car Park Income	25,856				25,856	17,432
	Social Events	3,972				3,972	2,782
	Wedding and Funeral Fees	508				508	292
	Co-Worker Project						14,839
	The Host Space	2,493	8,171			10,665	
	Income from charitable activities Totals	63,839	8,171			72,010	70,294
2.3	Other trading activities						
	PDBF Bridgeway Project						16,448
	Other trading activities Totals						16,448
2.4	Investments						
	Interest/Dividends	3,995				3,995	2,368
	Investments Totals	3,995				3,995	2,368
2.5	Other income						
	Grants		5,016	4,516		9,532	17,959
	Sundry Income	12,698				12,698	15,900
	Endowment income						159
	Café	50,249				50,249	25,509
	Memory Café			500		500	1,250
	Apprentice - Restricted						2,513
	Other income Totals	62,947	5,016	5,016		72,979	63,291
	Income and endowments	174,549	13,187	5,016		192,752	200,154
	Grand totals						

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3. Resources Expended	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
3.1 <i>Raising funds</i>						
Events Expenditure	1,089				1,089	2,595
<i>Raising funds Totals</i>	1,089				1,089	2,595
3.2 <i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
Parish Share	18,562				18,562	17,676
Deanery Subscriptions	84				84	84
Donations	1,597				1,597	286
Insurance	3,207				3,207	2,880
Gas & Electric	9,378				9,378	8,005
Water and Sewage	5,623				5,623	7,260
Cleaner's wages	6,975				6,975	6,448
Waste Disposal	3,028				3,028	4,933
General Maintenance	5,862		750		6,612	7,900
Maintenance Winter/Boiler						1,798
Operation Managers Wages	20,947				20,947	9,926
Fire Protection						1,104
Council Rates	1,680				1,680	
Cleaning	938				938	1,309
Accountancy/Bookkeeping	4,109				4,109	2,680
Ministry Team Expenses	2,821				2,821	1,064
Garden & Church Flowers	200				200	2,423
Sunday Services	66				66	572
Children & families Ministry	404		529		932	351
Charity Giving	18,819				18,819	14,552
Hospitality Costs	161				161	615
Parish Administrator						1,774
Communications	1,593				1,593	1,593
Stationery/Office Supplies	2,337				2,337	1,969
Sound System	602				602	1,143
Website Costs	112				112	129
Publicity/Advertising	257				257	549
Copyright Licenses	1,270				1,270	509
Wedding/Funeral Fees	10				10	
Misc. Expenditure						184
Telephone	872				872	1,631
CILS bid expenditure						3,209
Training	1,014				1,014	18
Thanksgiving gifts	1,514				1,514	71
Finance & software	90				90	75
Reordering St Luke's						13,467
Bridgeway Project						16,448
Co Worker Project						14,950
The Host Space Charges						2,514
Quinquennial work	2,520	8,561	1,106		12,187	42,995
Cafe-Misc.	13,230				13,230	7,317
Cafe-Stock	18,499				18,499	10,585
Cafe-Equipment	1,114				1,114	796
Cafe-Wages	33,342				33,342	13,876
Memory Cafe			1,457		1,457	240
<i>Expenditure on charitable Activities Totals</i>	184,046	8,561	3,841		196,448	227,878

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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3.3	Other expenditure				
	Mission				720
	Vicar's Discretionary				169
	Depreciation	518		518	432
	Other expenditure Totals	518		518	1,321
4	Total Resources Expended	185,653	8,561	3,841	198,055
					231,795

4.1 Staff Costs

Wages & Salaries

4.2 During the year the PCC employed Operations Manager, Finance Officer & cleaning Operative who all earnt below £50,000.

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5.Fixed Assets

5.1 Fixed assets

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The allocation will be paid during 2026 following the APCM to the following:

	2025	2024
Local	£	£
Street Pastors	2,110	1,810
Southern Domestic Abuse	2,110	1,810
Roberts Centre	2,110	1,810
Rowans Hospice	2,110	1,843
	8,440	7,273
 National & International		
Tear fund	2,102	1,810
Hope in Action	2,110	1,810
Mary's Meals	2,110	1,810
BRF	2,110	1,850
Comfort & Joy	1,000	
	9,432	7,280
 Total	17,872	14,553