



Church of St John the Evangelist
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CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1187186



Introduction

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of Christian faith within the area of benefit in accordance with the principles and practices of the participating denominations which are the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church, and Baptist Churches.

The activities of the Charity are the celebration of public worship; the teaching of the Christian faith; mission and evangelism; pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and the support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

The Trustees are aware of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 concerning public benefit, the guidance published by the Charity Commission on this subject and the obligation to report on ways in which they believe St John's meets the public benefit requirements established by the Act. Fuller details of the Charity's objectives and activities undertaken in support of these objectives will be found in other sections of this report.

Achievements and Performance

The church is served by a faithful, experienced team of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the church functions safely and legally as a place of welcome, worship and teaching. The church would not be able to function without so many dedicated people giving of their time, talent and energy in so many ways from property and financial management, hospitality, safeguarding, technology, worship and teaching. We still need to recruit to several key roles in the coming year. We give thanks for you all and appreciate your sacrifice of service to us.

During the year we were delighted to welcome Reverend Shena Moray-Evans, who, in the short time since she arrived in June, 'has inspired us to look at how we can shape a realistic mission plan to extend the reach of our core values in our area. The focus of her ministry is very much on 'seeking the lost,' building bridges, and connecting with the community. She, along with our Methodist Deacon Jill Henderson are a powerful combination that will serve as a catalyst to our core mission of advancing the Christian faith in Kingston Park.

Growth in numbers attending worship and other church activities has continued during 2025, with a welcome increase in both the age range of the congregation and the diversity of participants. Such growth brings with it the challenge of ensuring that the needs of all our diverse congregation are met. We have increased our pastoral support for members. Worship is supported by a dedicated team of musicians, and services are often led by Readers and Lay Preachers within the congregation. Occasional visiting preachers help us maintain links with all of our participating denominations, and the involvement by the wider congregation is encouraged through the offering of Bible readings and prayers. We are delighted to now have more children amongst us and are seeking to recruit additional volunteers to support our wonderful Junior Church. In 2026, we will be looking at ways for our younger members to be more involved in our church services.

We are looking at ways to support older children understand and develop their faith and understanding of the Bible.

We are thankful for the prayer ministry that underpins all the work at St John's. There is a prayer team who respond daily to specific prayer requests, monthly prayer meetings and prayer ministry for individuals asking at the end of a Sunday service

We have continued to offer a range of outreach events to the community; these are combined with Messy Church sessions. The Holiday Club summer children's play scheme was a success. Themed around Noah, it involved the building of an Ark! Members have been very active in the collection of shoeboxes from across Northumberland Tyneside and North Durham. We have raised funds for Christian Aid not only during Christian Aid Week but also

through donations to our virtual Christmas Tree initiative. All beneficiaries of our fundraising are detailed later in the report.

A new initiative has been re-invigorating our relationship with Kingston Park Primary school using the 'Open the Book' material. This has been very well received by the school. We are fortunate to have received a grant of £500 from the circuit to purchase props and costumes.

We arranged the delivery of 3450 Christmas cards across the Parish, inviting people to our Christmas services. Our Carol service and Christmas Eve Christingle services were well attended and once again there were some new faces joining us.

We have maintained our provision of 'Small Groups', which offer the opportunity for people to explore the Bible in relaxed and informal settings that suit their needs. The group to support members whose first language is Cantonese has continued to be a successful initiative.

Tiny Tots (toddler group) helps to encourage links with the community and offers a place where parents and carers can find friendship and support. Our Craft Group, which began as an outreach to the isolated in our local community, continues to help the wellbeing of attendees. This group, along with our other projects, the Tuesday Hub (now regrettably ended) and Beacon (coffee drop-in), provided opportunities for church members and those from the wider community to meet and socialise in a relaxed setting during the week.

Flowers remind us of God's beautiful and bountiful gifts to us. Following our Sunday service, they are distributed to one or two households with love. Recipients regularly comment on their deep gratitude that they are being thought of and prayed about by our congregation.

Our choir has attracted new members and during the year several events have been staged, and their contributions to our services have elevated our worship.

Sadly, our bookings and usage by community groups have not been as good in the year as previously.

In January we completed the renewal of our heating boilers. This was largely funded by grants received in 2024 and early 2025 and which these are detailed within the report. We are deeply grateful to all the grant providers for their support. In addition, the Lord spoke to our members who responded and provided the balance of the cost of renewal.

Throughout the year we have completed a programme of draught proofing and a long-term project to convert all our lighting to LED. The works were largely covered by a grant of £2,350 from the Diocese of Newcastle as part of its 'Quick Wins for Net Zero' initiative.

A significant event which will reflect the future finances of the charity is the loss of a significant hirer in November 2025. The impact will be equivalent to 9% of the 2025 rental income. The Trustees are very conscious of the impact on our finances and are planning mitigations to spending into 2026. It is not anticipated that these will have a significant detriment to the core activities of the Charity.

Financial Review 2025

In 2025 the finances of St John's were stretched by having to deal with simultaneous requirements of maintenance and renewal of structures and equipment. This is against the loss of income from two significant hirers in December 2024. This has resulted in an overall deficit of £7,772 across all funds and accounts. The overall deficit reflects the cost of replacing the heating boilers and upgrading of the heating controls which shows in the Restricted Account. However, the response of members of St Johns to the financial challenge was very generous; several of the donations received were eligible for gift aid which resulted in a one-off jump in the Gift Aid claim. The increase of 55% on last year's has more than offset the loss of rental income and is the main reason for the surplus in the General fund in 2025.

Surplus/Deficit on Accounts/Funds Year-on-Year:

	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/Deficit	Last Year
General Account	£115,239.22	£110,490.28	£4,748.94	-£4,071.71
Restricted Fund	£41,817.32	£55,243.40	-£13,426.08	£28,182.85
Reserves	£904.38	£0.00	£904.38	-£6,321.69
Total	£157,960.92	£165,733.68	£7,772.76	

General Account

This is the main transactional account of the Charity, accounting for the balance between annual Total Income and Total Expenditure. It shows a surplus over the past year; the reasons are noted above.

Planned and Unplanned Giving increased on 2024. The increase in the planned portion of income is particularly pleasing. We continue to work on shifting unplanned givers to regular planned giving. We are sincerely grateful to all who continued or even increased their planned giving during the year and for the generous collections, as well as one-off donations at special occasions and social events.

Rental income from users of our premises has reduced significantly following the cancellation of two major regular bookings at the end of 2024. We are endeavouring to replace these users. We continue to welcome a wide scope of organisations and groups, including various musical interests and well-being classes. This is evidence of how important our adaptable facilities play in the life of our local community and the social benefits that accrue.

Total Expenditure on our regular activities was, through concerted effort, down 4.8% on last year and 6.5% below budget. Spending on both maintenance and equipment were, thankfully, significantly reduced compared to 2024. The trustees believe the reduced spending in no way compromised the maintenance of the building.

St John's has long made a commitment as a charity to allocate 10% of its previous year's General Account income to other charities, both religious and secular, and ranging from international aid to local welfare groups. The donations are detailed later in the report.

Restricted Account

The Account holds funds for matters used for specific purposes and the proceeds of fundraising activities on behalf of causes and charities. These are separate from those mentioned above as supported out of General Account income.

Fundraising includes our usual Christmas carol singing in December 2024 at the local Marks & Spencer and Tesco stores, in aid of the West End Refugees Service and Action for Children. We also successfully raised funds for various causes which are detailed in the Analysis of Charitable Donations. In total £2,300 was raised and distributed.

The Building Fund comprises monies donated for enhancing specific features of the church that might not be considered for General Account support. 2024 saw the fund grow significantly due to grants and donations toward the cost of renewing the church boilers. During 2025 there were further generous donations totalling £14,796.28 and grants of £23,986 (see below 'Grants Received'). Payments from the fund were significant but represent our commitment to maintaining the building. The sums were £43,081.20 for the replacement heating boilers and controls; £1,140 for a new motor to kitchen shutters; £923.41 for two new laptops; £981.60 for joinery repairs across the building; £1,007.50 for an additional on-site storage container and £3,707.47 for conversion of the lighting to LEDs.

The Hardship Fund exists to provide small gifts to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund. In total, £2,258 was received in donations. Payments from the Fund were higher than at any time in recent memory, likely since the Fund was established. Payments totalled £1,845.

The Mission Fund holds the proceeds of a donation made some years ago to fund mission activities. In the year there were no payments. Receipts included £700 from the sale of speakers that we no longer required. To achieve a better return, the Fund was moved to the Saffron Building Society, which involved transferring funds via the main bank account.

The Children's Work fund is a temporary one set up to process a grant of £500 from the Methodist Circuit Coxlodge Mission Fund to support our 'Open the Book' outreach initiative to Kingston Park Primary School. There is a residual balance of £59.43 which should be spent in 2026.

Reserves

Reserve Funds from past years' surpluses are held to be used appropriately in cases of major structural or equipment problems, and other expenditure challenges that we might face. Amounts in these funds are spread across an instant access saving account and fixed term accounts which pay a higher rate of return. The latter are deposited so that in a rolling six-month period, one will mature and a decision made where to reinvest or whether there is an immediate major need for their application.

Grants Received

We record with deep gratitude the following grants received in the year and acknowledge the time taken by members in completing the applications for them.

Organisation		Purpose
Wesley Orphan House Trust	£3,500	Renewal of heating boilers
The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust	*£3,000	As above
Congregational & General Charitable Trust	*£5,100	As above
Methodist Circuit	£10,000	As above
Diocese of Newcastle Quick Wins for Net Zero	£2,386	Replacement LED lights
Methodist Circuit Coxlodge Mission Fund	£500	Material for Open the Book outreach

* Grant confirmed in 2024 and payment received on completion of works.

We have undertaken the annual exercise of reviewing our financial controls. An omission was noted and the following was added to reflect our standard practice and legal requirement to have these accounts checked by an independent examiner.

'Independent Examiner: The annual accounts, bank statements, invoices, expenses claims and other financial records are examined by an independent examiner and certified. Any feedback on matters arising is reviewed by Finance & Property Group and ECC. Appropriate remedial action will be taken.'

We continue to be thankful to God for all our generous members and supporters, including charitable and other sources, that over recent years have kept St John's in reasonable financial security. Our Total Assets, the aggregate of the different accounts at year-end, stand at £96,526.97. Of these, a total £58,510.13 are unrestricted or general reserve funds and are our buffer against unexpected contingencies as well as anticipated further maintenance and improvements.

Reserves policy

The policy is to maintain a balance in Reserve funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to support cashflow and to meet emergencies. The Trustees can report that the funds held in Reserves reported in the accounts exceed the policy requirement. The sums held are deemed appropriate for the anticipated needs for maintenance of the church building in the next 2 - 4 years and to support the Charity through 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was established under the constitution adopted on the 25 July 1996 as a Charitable Unincorporated Association, constituted on 6 July 1996 (amended on 3 November 2013), to give effect to a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

The sponsoring body is North East Churches Acting Together.

The Charity is administered and managed by a body of Trustees consisting of:

- a) ex officio Trustees, being the minister(s) of the LEP;
- b) up to eight Elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- c) not more than eight Co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees meet formally on a bi-monthly basis and have delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the Ecumenical Church Council. The Trustees have appointed a Treasurer to administer the financial policies of the Charity. There are two permanent established sub-committees of the Ecumenical Church Council, accountable to the Trustees for the matters delegated to them: 'Finance & Property Group' and 'Planning Group.' Other Groups, which have a significant bearing on the Charity's governance and which report to the Ecumenical Church Council, are Worship Planning, Safeguarding and Core Prayer Team.

There is a constitutional requirement for an Annual Congregational Meeting, the business of which is to:

- a) receive the report of the Trustees on the Charity's activities since the previous Annual Congregational Meeting;
- b) review the life and witness of the Charity;
- c) elect Trustees from among the Members by processes that are clear and open;
- d) receive the accounts of the Charity for the previous financial year;
- e) appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the Charity; and
- f) consider any other business put before it by the Trustees.

We additionally facilitate governance related requirements specific to our participating denominations, for example by maintaining an Electoral Roll for and on behalf of the Church of England and incorporating any denominational meetings within our meeting schedules.

The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) and Parochial Church Council (PCC) comprise largely the same membership and met together as one body six times during 2025 in alternate months from January. The July and September meetings were held in person and the remainder of the meetings were held on Zoom.

In January the Church Council agreed St John's charitable giving, the recipients of Harvest and Christmas donations and recipients of donations received from social events.

In March, St John's Annual Report to the Charity Commission was agreed.

Following the AGM, the Church Council approved various appointments, group memberships and bank signatories at its May meeting.

At our July meeting we welcomed our new Anglican Minister, Rev Shena Moray-Evans, to her first Church Council meeting. Also in July, the Church Council re-approved St John's Child Protection Policy and Guidelines and those working with our young people as well as approval of regular and occasional activities organised by St John's for adults and children.

In September, the Church Council discussed plans for the Congregational Meeting and Children's Work.

In November there was discussion about the draft budget and approval was deferred until the meeting in January 2026 to allow some revisions to be made.

Throughout the year regular reports (verbal or written) have been received from the Treasurer, Children's Worker, Finance & Property Group, Planning Group, Parish Safeguarding Group, Prayer Co-ordination Group, Worship Planning Group, Eco Group, Website Development and Publicity Group, Events Team as well as reports from our

partner denominations. The Finance & Property Group have kept the Church Council informed about all building maintenance issues and plans throughout the year.

Any church member can raise an issue for discussion under Any Other Business at a Church Council meeting by informing the Secretary in writing before the day of the meeting. Minutes of Church Council meetings are displayed on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Safeguarding

During 2025, safeguarding procedures at St John's continued to follow Anglican procedures. The Church Council (Trustees of the Charity and Parochial Church Council (PCC) for Anglican matters) are responsible for Safeguarding. The Church Council appoints a Safeguarding Officer (Tim Rogers) to have day to day responsibility and report to the Council; the Church Secretary provides administrative support and is responsible for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service). There is a small group who support the Safeguarding officer; this group includes the Incumbent, which is the Anglican Priest appointed to the Parish, who under Anglican procedures has joint responsibilities with the PCC for safeguarding. A new Incumbent (Rev. Shena Moray-Evans) was appointed in 2025.

There were no serious incidents during 2025. There were, however, a number of incidences of concern that those involved may well have found serious, and of course all were treated seriously. Often these matters overlap with pastoral matters, and the Ministers (sometimes together with the Safeguarding Officer) were usually the persons who responded directly. There were also notifications from our partner denominations relating to persons of concern potentially coming to St John's. In only one case did we have dealings with such a person (in fact before the notification was given) but the nature of the engagement was not considered a safeguarding concern. In all cases the Safeguarding Officer keeps a confidential record (that is not to be disclosed to unauthorised parties, but it is clearly explained that the record is not confidential in respect of the appropriate authorities).

There was, unfortunately, a significant incident involving a data breach relating to safeguarding. The company that undertook DBS checks on behalf of the diocese had a serious data breach involving data of volunteers at St John's. As data controller, we reported the incident and provided support for those concerned.

The safeguarding policy and list of authorised workers were reviewed in July 2025 and were approved for the year 2025-2026.

Training and DBS requirements have been kept under review, with both a number of new appointments requiring them and several refresher training and re-applications for DBS being undertaken as they became due, including for members of the Church Council who are required to do at least the Basic and Foundation Training and Domestic Abuse Awareness training.

Several activities were authorised. The regular activities (and known about events that occur from time to time, e.g. Messy Church) have been approved on an ongoing basis by the Church Council and only require updates to risk assessments where appropriate, and safer recruiting when there are new helpers (or new leadership). Other one-off activities were approved at the appropriate time. Non-Church activities (hirers of our building) that are primarily (or significantly) for Children or vulnerable Adults are required to provide evidence of their safeguarding policies and procedures and are approved by the Church Council.

The Safeguarding Officer attended meetings with members of the Diocesan Safeguarding team during the year; these were a mixture of training, information giving and sharing local experience with other Safeguarding Officers.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees

Ex-officio Trustees

Reverend Shena Moray-Evans. Appointed July 2025. Appointed Chair of Trustees.
Deacon Jill Henderson. Appointed September 2024.

Elected Trustees

Timothy Rogers (Trustee Responsible for Safeguarding). Re-elected April 2025. Vice Chair of Trustees
Julie Horton. Resigned April 2025, co-opted as trustee upon appointment as Church Warden
Robin Wallace. Re-elected May 2025
Jackie Collins. Re-elected May 2025
John Dawson. Re-elected May 2025
Ruth Dawson. Elected May 2025

Co-opted Trustees

Irene Hatton (Secretary). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2025.
Ivan Weir (Treasurer). Co-opted since April 2019 re-confirmed May 2025.
Paula Rogers (Church Warden). Co-opted since 2020 re-confirmed May 2025.
Julie Horton (Church Warden). Co-opted May 2025.

Changes in Trustees:

Ruth Dawson (co-opted trustee) resigned as Church Warden May 2025, elected as trustee May 2025.
Julie Horton resigned as a trustee but co-opted as trustee upon election as Church Warden.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025

RECEIPTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
GENERAL ACCOUNT	115,239.22	114,067.83
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	41,817.32	27,650.42
RESERVE ACCOUNT	904.38	1,040.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>157,960.92</u>	<u>142,759.05</u>

PAYMENTS

GENERAL ACCOUNT	110,490.28	117,889.54
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	55,243.40	4,438.90
RESERVE ACCOUNT	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>165,733.68</u>	<u>122,328.44</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	<u>- 7,772.76</u>	<u>20,430.61</u>

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Account	16,557.56	15,784.77
Reserves	41,952.57	41,048.28
Restricted Account	38,016.84	47,466.75
TOTAL	<u>96,526.97</u>	<u>104,299.80</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Planned Giving		
Standing Orders with Gift Aid	52,955.00	50,337.00
Standing Orders without Gift Aid	6,069.00	5,162.00
Donations		
Donations with Gift Aid	422.00	450.00
Donations without Gift Aid	1,016.00	768.00
	60,462.00	56,717.00
Collections at Services	4,067.44	3,779.30
Rental Income	21,658.20	32,156.30
Grants	-	250.00
Miscellaneous Income		
Smart Export Guarantee Receipts	534.69	224.03
Photocopying	32.70	47.85
Gift Aid Claim	21,681.23	13,989.84
Fees	113.00	-
Literature Income	-	190.00
Social Events	-	1,315.11
Holiday Club Income	38.00	50.07
Sundry items	6,651.96	5,348.33
	29,051.58	21,165.23
	115,239.22	114,067.83
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	38,215.64	7,502.09

RESTRICTED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable Fundraising inc. Carol Singing	1,675.00	1,394.00
Donations to Hardship Fund	2,060.00	1,390.00
Donations to Building Fund	14,976.28	17,418.71
Grants for Building Fund	21,600.00	7,300.00
Grant for Childrens Work Mission Fund	500.00	-
Interest	306.04	147.71
Sale of Speakers	700.00	
RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TOTAL RECEIPTS	41,817.32	27,650.42
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	34,721.57	8,719.04

RESERVE ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS YEAR ENDED: 31 DECEMBER 2025

Interest	904.38	1,040.80
	904.38	1,040.80
RESERVE ACCOUNTS TOTAL RECEIPTS	904.38	1,040.80
Transfers from Other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	45,825.24	18,827.51

GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Payments to the denominations		
Anglican Share	23,940.00	18,120.00
Methodist Assessment	34,530.00	37,500.00
URC Mission & Ministry	5,100.00	4,500.00
Baptist Church	5,936.00	7,741.75
	69,506.00	67,861.75
Management & Administration		
Minister Expenses	72.79	18.00
Council Tax - Vicarage	2,000.06	
Water Rates - Vicarage	139.00	
Gas	2,987.28	3,198.55
Electricity	2,453.05	1,800.31
Telephone	468.68	429.45
Water Rates - Church	629.14	513.14
Insurance	1,526.52	1,726.14
Maintenance	2,586.40	7,606.41
Maintenance - Grounds	1,482.00	1,206.00
Equipment	281.75	7,654.65
Secretary	1,638.00	1,560.00
Stationery	56.13	71.82
Photocopier	513.17	591.19
Bookings Secretary	120.00	120.00
Flowers	34.00	73.50
Cleaner	2,292.00	2,184.00
Window Cleaner	172.80	168.00
Cleaning Materials	405.18	504.29
Fees & Licences	1,280.14	2,083.29
Refreshment - Tea, Coffee etc	359.84	147.08
Worship Requisites	331.56	160.34
Literature & Promotion Costs	1,504.45	2,170.00
	23,333.94	33,986.16
Other Expenditure/Projects		
Children's Worker	3,276.00	3,120.00
Children's Worker Expenses	-	-
Choir	107.35	262.28
Sundry Costs	2,359.99	367.00
	5,743.34	3,749.28
Church Groups		
Outreach	270.38	1,116.40
Junior Church	97.95	146.30
Holiday Club	120.34	150.36
Social Events	120.33	469.29
	609.00	1,882.35
Donations		
Charitable Giving	10,900.00	10,410.00
Charitable Donations	398.00	-
	11,298.00	10,410.00
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	110,490.28	117,889.54
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	42,191.79	12,581.44

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
AV Upgrade	-	1,294.90
Charitable Donations from Fundraising Activities	1,924.00	1,904.00
Boiler Installation & New Control Panel	43,081.20	
Other Building Works	7,759.48	
Payment from Hardship Fund	1,845.00	1,240.00
Childrens Work	633.72	
Mission Fund		
New Sound System Mixer	-	285.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	55,243.40	4,438.90
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	30,745.42	139.60

RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025

	-	-
	-	-
TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNT PAYMENTS	-	-
Transfers to other Accounts/Reserves/Funds	45,825.24	18,867.20

STATEMENT OF MONETARY ASSETS YEAR ENDING: 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Current Account	Restricted Account	Reserve Account	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	15,784.77	47,466.75	41,048.28	104,299.80
Prior Year Adjustments				
Receipts	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Balances Brought Forward	15,784.77	47,466.77	41,048.28	104,299.82
Plus				
Receipts	115,239.22	41,817.32	904.38	157,960.92
Credit Transfers	38,215.64	34,721.57	45,825.24	118,762.45
Less				
Payments	110,490.28	55,243.40	0.00	165,733.68
Debit Transfers	42,191.79	30,745.42	45,825.24	118,762.45
Notional Carried Forward Balance	16,557.56	38,016.84	41,952.66	96,527.06
Uncleared Effects:				
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.09
Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleared Balance at Year End	16,557.56	38,016.84	41,952.57	96,526.97

SUMMARY OF MONETARY ASSETS

	Opening Balance £	Closing Balance £
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Co-operative Bank	15,784.77	16,557.56
RESTRICTED FUNDS ACCOUNT		
Individual Funds		
Proceeds of Fundraising Awaiting Distribution	0.00	0.00
Hardship	591.00	1,304.02
Building Fund	35,983.82	24,805.42
Outreach Event	0.00	0.00
Children's Activities	50.00	59.43
Mission Fund held in separate account to above funds		
Virgin Money Instant Access	10,841.91	0.00
Saffron Building Society	0.00	11,847.95
	<u>47,466.73</u>	<u>38,016.82</u>
RESERVES ACCOUNT		
Virgin Money Instant Access	12,220.77	12,423.50
Cambridge & Counties	10,000.00	14,764.58
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Cooperative Bank	18,827.51	0.00
	<u>41,048.28</u>	<u>41,952.66</u>
TOTAL OF MONETARY ASSETS AT YEAR-END	104,299.78	96,527.04

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCH OF ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST, KINGSTON PARK, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1187186

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

 FCPFA

Mr G Clark FCPFA
7 Teesdale Gardens
High Heaton
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE7 7RB

Date:

30/1/26

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) General Fund

This is an Unrestricted Fund. The monies are available for use, at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity provided they have not been received for a restricted purpose or been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds form part of unrestricted funds and have been identified as being for a particular purpose by the Trustees. They are not restricted and can be transferred to general funds at the discretion of the Trustees. Currently, the following are designated funds.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors, or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are:

The Hardship Fund

Is available to provide small gifts mainly to people known to church leaders to be in temporary financial distress. There were numerous donations in the year. We are blessed that our members have been generous in their donations to maintain the fund meaning we can still offer vital support.

Building Fund

Holds proceeds of donations, and legacies, given for maintenance of the church building. Also held in this fund are grants received for building works. In 2025, receipts included grants and significant donations

This fund had expenditure in support of our investment in improving the technology within the building and the eco-initiatives.

Mission Fund

This is held on deposit and is from a donation. The monies are available, subject to approval of the Trustees and ECC for projects and schemes to further the mission of St John's church, as set out in its Vision Statement, and fund, in part, the children's work of the church.

Fundraising

Holds monies raised in support of various causes before they are distributed. In the year all monies raised were distributed. The residual fund balance was £0. See below for causes supported.

2. Analysis of Charitable Donations

Each year we donate 10% of our General Account income, subject to adjustments, to charities and other causes. Of this sum, 25% is donated, in turn, to the mission society of each of our constituent denominations. In 2025, this fell to the BMS World Mission.

Members of the congregation make nominations in respect of deserving causes which are decided upon by the Church Council. This year, the following nominations were approved:

Organisation	2025	2024
BMS World Mission	£2700	
Council for World Mission		£2610
Tearfund	£800	£780
Compassion UK	£800	£780
Open Doors UK	£800	£780
Kenton Food Bank	£800	£780
The People's Kitchen	£800	£780
Rainforest Trust UK	£800	£780
Daft as a Brush	£800	
Video Bible Talks	£800	
Owl Tree Café	£800	
NE Legion	£200	
Freedom from Torture	£800	
	£10,900	£10,140

We also supported the following from Fundraising activities:

West End Refugees	£355
Christian Aid	£859
MacMillan Cancer	£371
Action for Children	£355
Children's Society (Christingle)	£120
Salvation Army	£112
Partnership in Community Action (Inauguration collection)	£102
Royal British Legion	£38
Operation Christmas Child	£27

St John's continues to be a caring, compassionate and above all charitable church.

3. Staffing Costs

The Charity had no employees in the period under review. No Trustee expenses or remuneration were recorded in the period under review. The Independent Examiner fee was £200.00.

4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.