

HOLY APOSTLES PARISH CHURCH, LEICESTER

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

AIMS AND PURPOSES

Holy Apostles Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working together with the Priest-in-Charge, Curate, associate minister, the wardens and staff in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of Holy Apostles, at the junction of Fosse Road South and Imperial Avenue, Leicester.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We seek to build up the congregation through:-

- worship, prayer and teaching
- pastoral care
- outreach to the community
- responding to the needs of the church and community through the occasional services
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To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of Holy Apostles Church and hall.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We minister to our congregation through our Sunday services. Throughout 2025 we held a weekly 10:30 service in the church with groups for children now known as HAL's kids. We held café style church services in the hall when there was a 5th Sunday in a month.

Prayer is encouraged through the monthly Prayer Diary and seasonal prayer bulletin. As a church we supported the Global prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come' and have prayer gatherings once a month. Personal prayer for specific needs is offered in church on Sundays as well as via our WhatsApp group.

Our discipleship groups continued meeting in the church hall, and at Wyggestons for mutual encouragement in bible study and everyday faith. Daily Bible reading material was circulated with the monthly prayer pointers.

There were 43 people on the Electoral Roll (as at 31.12.25) of whom 13 are resident in the parish. The Sunday attendance counted during October, was 31 adults and 8 under 16 yrs

Attendance is usually increased considerably for festivals. In 2025 we held our usual events and services for Christmas. The Christmas Café and tree festival was very well attended and led to over 600 children and young people come to the building on

school visits and for the scouts Christingle service. Our own Christingle service was attended by 88 adults and 35 under 16s.

The connections with the two primary schools in the parish continued to grow through 2025 with assemblies being taken by the clergy once a month in each school, as well as support for RE lessons both in school and in the church. Imperial Avenue infant school came to church for a special assembly at Easter, harvest and Christmas accompanied by staff and parents. St Mary's School year 4 children also held their carol service in church with 65 children and 50 adults.

During 2025 we have celebrated 0 marriage and 3 funerals, 1 baptism and 7 confirmations

Pastoral Care is an important feature of the church's ministry, with visits to the sick and housebound. Ashley Prince continues to support this ministry as pastoral assistant with PTO (permission to officiate).

Safeguarding is taken seriously by the PCC and the Promoting a Safer Church document has been adopted. The church has policies for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. All roles are recruited according to the safer recruitment guidelines. DBS checks are carried out as required and safeguarding training undertaken at the level appropriate for each role. Safeguarding is regularly brought to the attention of the whole church. In so doing, the PCC has complied with its duty to act according to the House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC uses the Safeguarding dashboard to support compliance with regulations.

The parish safeguarding officer is Dawn Clements, Ian Newcombe; leads the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

Mission and outreach is strategic and multi-faceted. We have reached out to our community through making links with local schools and community groups. These include long running groups such as Tiddlywinks; our parents and toddler group and Soup-er Group, a monthly lunch for older people. In 2025 Welcome Place continued to provide a warm friendly space for people to drop in. It includes refreshments, an opportunity to pray together and lunch. In the warmer months a gardening group forms part of this welcome place. The monthly community café has continued to be successful in creating a space for church and non-church families and individuals to enjoy each other's company, good food and drink.

During 2025 the youth group for young people aged 11-16 continued to grow. The aim is to provide a safe space to come and meet with friends after school, to have fun, eat together and begin to explore aspects of faith and spirituality together.

Manor House foodbank is a focus for our support for the poor in the community. The church supports

Christian partners In Mission In 2025 The church supported Andrew Fanstone in his work with Iris Ministries in Brazil, the Gaza Appeal, Christian Aid and Open Doors as well as local charities, One Roof Leicester, Kings Church Foodbank and Sound

Café Leicester. The offering from the Christingle Service went to support the work of the Children's Society.

Our buildings are a vital resource in our mission. In 2025 they were used for church events, most notably, the Good Friday café and the harvest supper. Brownies, and other community groups as well as New Covenant Church and Reach Leicester Church also make use of our buildings.

West Leicester Mission Partnership

Holy Apostles is part of the West Leicester Mission Partnership. In 2025 This Partnership encompassed the churches of St. Anne, St. Paul & St. Augustine, The Martyrs, Holy Apostles, St. Peter's Braunstone Park, St Margaret's and Wyggestons.

The Mission Partnership leaders continued to meet weekly for morning prayer on zoom until November 2025.

Deanery Synod

The APCM is entitled to elect two people to the Deanery Synod who are ex-officio on the PCC. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. In 2025 we had one such representative.

2025 STAFFING

Rev'd Jenny Ridge (Priest in Charge) continued to lead the church forward with the support and encouragement Rev'd Andrew Micklethwaite (assistant minister) until his retirement in May 2025, and Rev'd Dr Nick Henwood as curate.

Margo Henry continues to work in the office as our church administrator.

Francis Hruszka continued in the role of Church cleaner.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review of 2025

In 2025 we saw a significant (14%) reduction in total receipts on unrestricted funds which were down from £72,252 to £61,977. There were 3 main causes for this, the largest being a reduction of approx. £5,000 in donations. There was also a significant reduction of over £2,000 received from both bank interest and hall income. While it is possible we may see hall income recover the bank interest will continue to reduce as interest rates decline and as we draw down on the balance on deposit. Giving income may of course rise but we need to recognise reversing the long-term decline has not been achieved by many churches.

Expenditure within the general fund was down by approx. £2,000 which means that the net deficit (after mission giving fund transfers) increased from £1,065 to £8,979. It is worth noting that sometimes we have some receipts or payments for the year that fall after the 31st December cutoff used for the accounts but this year we had a significant amount for the church and hall gas that would normally would have been paid in 2025 which was invoiced late due to the switch to the new gas supplier in the autumn; given the significance of this it has been noted in the church accounts. We

also received the Parish Giving Gift Aid payment for December in January though this was a smaller amount (£453) and the timing of this payment does vary significantly from month to month.

During the year the PCC closed the account held by the Diocese on our behalf and the funds were paid into our CCLA account. This was simply an administration simplification because of the additional paperwork in maintaining a separate account via third party, delays in getting statements and because accessing them took weeks rather than the 3 days for our CCLA account. The funds held at the diocese were for “ecclesiastical purposes” (in other words unrestricted) but in the past the PCC had designated them for the Building Development (BD) Fund and that has not been changed by this move.

In our restricted funds the main expenditure was the replacement of the hall heaters and the church carpet (although some donations to that cost reduced the net impact to the fund). Additionally an amount of £3,444 was spent on the concrete survey of the main church. We also invested in our Children and Youth work by heavily subsidising attendance at the Youth Weekend Away and funding training for Children and Youth Team leaders. We receive monthly donations to both the Building Vision (BV) and Children and Youth (CYP) funds. We also hold a modest amount (£668) in our Hardship fund.

We continue to give away 10% of the amount received in the “Donations and Legacies” section minus the grants received (which are usually for a specific purpose). Our reserves policy is unchanged (an amount sufficient to maintain normal ongoing operations for a 4-month period) and so based on the 2025 accounts approx. £22,000 of the funds in the General Fund are for this purpose.

In 2025 the PCC held the Parish Share offer for 2026 at the same amount as in 2025.

In 2025 the PCC purchased a CollecTin Card Reader to aid gifts by bank card which has been possible for some time on request but now can be done without assistance).

David Ridge, Treasurer, Holy Apostles PCC

VOLUNTEERS

We are extremely grateful to all who volunteer in whatever capacity to enable the ministry of the church to progress. Thanks go particularly to those who have cleaned the church, maintained the church garden's and kept the carpark tidy as well as those who serve in a variety of ways on a Sunday.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.

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

The PCC met on 7 occasions during the year (January, April, May, June, August, October, November)

The PCC has a Standing Committee which has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any directions given by the Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The parish church of Holy Apostles is located in the West End area of the city of Leicester, at the junction of Fosse Road South and Imperial Avenue. It is part of the Diocese of Leicester within the Church of England. Correspondence should be addressed to Holy Apostles Church, Fosse Road South, Leicester LE3 1AD.

The PCC is a corporate body (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2023) and Charity Registration was completed in January 2021. Holy Apostles, Leicester is a Registered Charity in England and Wales No: 1192946

Holy Apostles has a Priest-in-Charge; Rev'd Jenny Ridge and had associate priest Rev'd Andrew Micklethwaite (until May 2025) and curate Rev'd Dr Nick Henwood.

Ministry at Apostles is supported by the Associate minister Ian Newcombe and the authorised Pastoral Assistant, Ashley Prince (PTO). Susan Brownsword is a locally authorised minister.

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

Ex-Officio members:

<i>Priest-in-Charge:</i>	Revd Jenny Ridge
Associate Minister	Rev'd Andrew Micklethwaite (until May 2025)
Curate	Rev'd Dr Nick Henwood

<i>Wardens:</i>	Elizabeth Gooderham (until May 2025)
	Melanie Carter (from May 2025)
	Elaine Swanson (from May 2024)

Co -opted members	<i>Associate Minister:</i> Ian Newcombe
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<i>Deanery Representative:</i>	Ashley Prince
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Elected Members:

David Ridge (2022-2025)(2025-2028)

Ashley Prince (2023-2026)

Sue Brownsword (2023-2026) (lay chair)

Carole Dagley (2023- Sept 2025)

Mark Wigston (2024-2027)

Nwachuckwu Nwabufu (2024-2027)

PCC Secretary:

Margo Henry (as part of her role as church administrator not as a member of PCC)

Treasurer

David Ridge

Approved by the PCC on 22/3/26 and signed on their behalf by

MENNIE CARTER
church
warden
M Carter

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Apostles, Leicester
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	£41,040	-	£1,484	£42,524	£48,602
Income from charitable activities	£6,445	-	-	£6,445	£8,877
Other trading activities	£2,755	-	-	£2,755	£2,962
Investments	£11,736	-	-	£11,736	£14,009
Total Receipts	£61,977	-	£1,484	£63,461	£74,450
Payments					
Raising funds	£360	-	-	£360	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	£63,246	£3,394	£10,844	£77,483	£78,042
Other expenditure	£3,285	-	-	£3,285	£2,929
Total Payments	£66,891	£3,394	£10,844	£81,128	£80,971
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	(£4,914)	(£3,394)	(£9,359)	(£17,667)	(£6,521)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	£13,292	£5,357	£12,000	£30,648	£22,081
Gross transfers between funds - out	(£17,357)	(£1,292)	(£12,000)	(£30,648)	(£22,081)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	(£8,979)	£672	(£9,359)	(£17,667)	(£6,521)
Net movement in funds	(£8,979)	£672	(£9,359)	(£17,667)	(£6,521)
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	£52,325	£159,015	£65,347	£276,686	£283,207
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	£43,345	£159,687	£55,987	£259,019	£276,686

Notes to the accounts:

- 1) No payments were made to trustees during the year other than for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses
- 2) The parish moved to a new gas supplier in October and delays in the first billing led to approximately £1030 of gas costs being payable in 2026.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2025

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6431: Office Laptop	£256	-	-	-	£256	£512
Total	£256	-	-	-	£256	£512
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Bank current account Nat west	£1,333	£1,661	£3,939	-	£6,933	£3,537
6505: CCLA deposit account (Held at SMH)	-	-	-	-	-	£26,292
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	£41,626	£158,026	£52,210	-	£251,862	£246,126
6590: Cash in hand	£130	-	-	-	£130	£220
Total	£43,089	£159,687	£56,149	-	£258,925	£276,174
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	£162	-	£162	-
Total	-	-	£162	-	£162	-
Net total assets	£43,345	£159,687	£55,987	-	£259,019	£276,686
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	£43,345	-	-	-	£43,345	£52,325
Designated - BD	-	£155,621	-	-	£155,621	£155,621
Designated - Mission	-	£4,065	-	-	£4,065	£3,394
Restricted - BV	-	-	£54,632	-	£54,632	£64,241
Restricted - CYP	-	-	£688	-	£688	£438
Restricted - Hardship	-	-	£668	-	£668	£668
Total	£43,345	£159,687	£55,987	-	£259,019	£276,686

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Standing Orders	£3,060	-	£360	£3,420	£3,520
0115 - Parish Giving Scheme	£27,148	-	£600	£27,748	£33,614
0120 - SumUp / On Line Giving	£2,048	-	£74	£2,122	£477
0201 - Other planned giving	£505	-	£200	£705	£1,478
0301 - Loose plate collections	£988	-	-	£988	£991
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	£297	-	-	£297	£49
0550 - Donations appeals etc	£47	-	-	£47	£186
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	£6,547	-	£250	£6,797	£6,915
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	£400	-	-	£400	£1,000
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	£370
Donations and legacies Totals	£41,040	-	£1,484	£42,524	£48,602
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	£763	-	-	£763	£799
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	£5,682	-	-	£5,682	£8,078
Income from charitable activities Totals	£6,445	-	-	£6,445	£8,877
Other trading activities					
0910 - Fetes / Fayres etc	-	-	-	-	£588
1245 - Car Park Income	£1,325	-	-	£1,325	£1,330
762 - Community Cafes	£1,430	-	-	£1,430	£1,044
Other trading activities Totals	£2,755	-	-	£2,755	£2,962
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	£11,736	-	-	£11,736	£14,009
Investments Totals	£11,736	-	-	£11,736	£14,009
Receipts Grand Totals	£61,977	-	£1,484	£63,461	£74,450

Payments

Raising funds

1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	£360	-	-	£360	-
Raising funds Totals	£360	-	-	£360	-

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	£3,394	-	£3,394	£3,150
1850 - Home mission	£215	-	-	£215	£1,308
1855 - Community Cafes (Home Mission)	£1,594	-	-	£1,594	£611
1860 - HALs Kids (Home Mission)	£702	-	£574	£1,276	£1,480
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	£31,000	-	-	£31,000	£28,000
2001 - Assistant staff costs	£368	-	-	£368	£419

	Total				
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	£8,172	-	-	£8,172	£6,914
2053 - Pension for Staff	£315	-	-	£315	£324
2060 - Ministry Experience Scheme	-	-	-	-	£2,804
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	£948	-	-	£948	£1,250
2150 - Vicar's telephone	£209	-	-	£209	£139
2201 - Parish training and mission	£37	-	-	£37	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	£3,241	-	-	£3,241	£3,159
2310 - Church office - telephone/broadband	£364	-	-	£364	£368
2315 - Church Office - printing	£925	-	-	£925	£657
2330 - Church maintenance	£1,350	-	£876	£2,226	£2,240
2331 - Cleaning	£272	-	-	£272	£210
2340 - Upkeep of services	£1,346	-	-	£1,346	£1,919
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	£1,129	-	-	£1,129	£1,247
2360 - Administration	£1,993	-	-	£1,993	£1,132
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	£10
2401 - Church running - electricity	£2,706	-	-	£2,706	£2,854
2410 - Church running - gas	£4,105	-	-	£4,105	£4,789
2420 - Church running - water	£576	-	-	£576	£601
2540 - Hall running - gas	£402	-	-	£402	£682
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	£1,121	-	£5,950	£7,070	£2,523
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	£156	-	-	£156	£252
2701 - Church major repairs - Design & Build	-	-	£3,444	£3,444	£9,000
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	£63,246	£3,394	£10,844	£77,483	£78,042
Other expenditure					
2055 - Cleaner Wages	£3,285	-	-	£3,285	£2,929
Other expenditure Totals	£3,285	-	-	£3,285	£2,929
Payments Grand Totals	£66,891	£3,394	£10,844	£81,128	£80,971

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Apostles, Leicester
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
BD - Building Development	£155,621	-	-	-	-	-	£155,621
BV - Building Vision	£64,241	£660	£10,270	-	-	-	£54,632
CYP - Children & Youth	£438	£824	£574	-	-	-	£688
Hardship - Hardship Fund	£668	-	-	-	-	-	£668
Mission - Mission Giving Fund	£3,394	-	£3,394	£4,065	-	-	£4,065
General - General Fund	£52,325	£61,977	£66,891	(£4,065)	-	-	£43,345
Totals	£276,686	£63,461	£81,128	-	-	-	£259,019

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Holy Apostles Leicester, is a Registered Charity in England, and Wales: No. 1192946



I have approved the accounts set out on pages 1 to 5 and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed:

Name: Mr David Ridge

Role: Church Treasurer

Date: 22/3/26

Countersigned: M Carter

Name: MEVANIE CARTER

Role: Church Warden

Date: 22/3/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Holy Apostles Church, Leicester LE3 1AD

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1192946

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination

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

Signed:

25th February 2026

Name:

Colin Wood

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.