

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial
Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Meltham,
Christ The King**

Charity registration number: 1195779

For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of Meltham, Christ The King (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also spiritually responsible for the maintenance of the church

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 Meltham. 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, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non-sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Meltham it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Financial Report

This financial report is provided for the PCC of the Parish of Meltham Christ the King (the Parish) for their Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) to be held on 13 May 2026. It provides details of the receipts and payments associated with the Parish for 2025.

The Parish incorporates four churches – Christ Church, St Bartholomew's, St James', St Mary's plus the Church Hall and Church House – the latter's finances managed through St Bartholomew's. Receipts and payments are separated into unrestricted and restricted funds and this report comments on notable receipts and/or payments during the year.

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Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £12,482 (2024 £14,518). It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the year end was £7,226 (2024 £1,130) but there are also numerous designated funds that could be used if the cashflow warranted it.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The method of appointment of the PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. The PCC members receive training from courses run by the Diocese. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meets during the year.

Related Parties

Remuneration paid to Trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the PCC

Expenses paid to Trustees

No Trustee expenses have been incurred during the year

Reference and Administrative details

The Church is situated on Huddersfield Road, Meltham HD9 4AL and is part of the Diocese of Leeds. Registered charity number 1195779.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio Members

The Incumbent	The Reverend John Dracup (Chairman)
Churchwardens	Alistair Storey Peter Pearson Alison Whiteley (Vice Chairman)
Deanery Synod Reps	Patrice Curtis-Storey Jennifer Mathers

Elected Members

Matthew Golton
Michael Still
Susan Priestley (Secretary)
Nigel Priestley
Ruth Murray-Webster (Treasurer)
Anne Halstead
Elizabeth Pearson
Judith Moore
Richard Whiteley
Rev Elizabeth Snowden
Rev Dennis Shields

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank

The Cooperative Bank (Parish, Godfrey Beaumont,
St Bartholomew's, Christ Church)
Santander (St James' and Parish Hall)
HSBC (St Mary's)

Independent Examiner

Mr Stephen Hendy
Data Developments, The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street,
Wolverhampton, WV1 1HT

Financial Report for Annual Parochial Church Meeting 13 May 2026

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Records have been independently examined by Stephen Hendy from Data Developments Ltd.

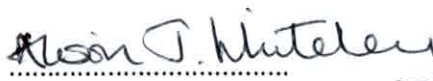


Ruth Murray-Webster
Parish Treasurer

Approved by the PCC on 22nd APRIL 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend John Dracup (Chairman)



Alison Whiteley (Vice Chairman/Secretary etc)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Meltham, Christ The King

Registered charity number: 1195779

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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:

Date: 16th April 2026

Data Developments, The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton, WV1

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Meltham, Christ The King
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	41,337	46,921	23,553	-	111,811	81,207
Income from charitable activities	14,104	30,920	4,513	-	49,537	47,071
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	585	5,329	117	-	6,030	6,242
Other income	-	133	-	-	133	39
Total income	56,026	83,304	28,182	-	167,512	134,559
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	-	900	-	-	900	2,003
Expenditure on charitable activities	49,930	99,713	13,825	-	163,467	152,302
Other expenditure	-	5,261	109	-	5,370	920
Total expenditure	49,930	105,874	13,934	-	169,737	155,226
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	6,096	(22,570)	14,249	-	(2,225)	(20,666)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	22,260	-	-	22,260	6,959
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(22,260)	-	-	(22,260)	(6,959)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	6,096	(22,570)	14,249	-	(2,225)	(20,666)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	1,130	239,236	26,572	-	266,938	287,605
Total funds carried forward	7,226	216,666	40,821	-	264,713	266,938
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	7,226	-	-	-	7,226	1,130
Designated						
Christ Church	-	3,253	-	-	3,253	2,304
Christ Church Development Fund	-	15,364	-	-	15,364	14,062
Church Hall	-	27,596	-	-	27,596	36,177
Hall Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Bartholomew's	-	7,192	-	-	7,192	10,185
St Bartholomew's Church Choir	-	2,338	-	-	2,338	2,542
St Bartholomew's Development Fund	-	103,991	-	-	103,991	115,352
St Bartholomew's Womens Fellowship	-	1,297	-	-	1,297	1,207
St James' Designated Fund	-	32,219	-	-	32,219	28,808
St James' Development Fund	-	4,947	-	-	4,947	6,817
St Mary's	-	3,063	-	-	3,063	4,604
St Mary's Development Fund	-	15,404	-	-	15,404	17,178

Restricted

Christ Church Memorial Fund	-	-	569	-	569	569
Church Hall Roof	-	-	838	-	838	1,168
Crossroads Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gilbert & Sullivan Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall - Fabric Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jigsaw Ministries	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish - Godfrey Beaumont	-	-	33,078	-	33,078	17,662
St Bartholomew's Children's Work	-	-	349	-	349	840
St Bartholomew's Church Roof	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Bartholomew's Mums & Tots	-	-	-	-	-	170
St Bartholomew's Organ	-	-	3,294	-	3,294	3,587
St James' Children Overseas	-	-	-	-	-	-
St James' CRISIS	-	-	-	-	-	-
St James' Grave Upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
St James' Mustard Seed	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Mary's Organ Fund	-	-	2,692	-	2,692	2,575

Endowment

New Building Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
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The Parish had £264,713 cash in the bank or in hand at 31 December 2025, of which £40,821 was restricted for specific purposes, see detailed breakdown below.

Balance Sheet

Class and code	Description	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets			
6401	Shares	-	-
6433	Computer software	-	-
	Total Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets			
3010	Bank Current account - St James	37,151	35,612
3020	CCLA Deposit Account - St James	-	-
3050	Cash in hand - St James	16	13
3110	Bank Current Account - St Bartholomews	8,250	23,492
3120	Deposit Account (COIF) - St Bartholomew's	130,000	130,000
3130	Cash in Hand - St Bartholomew's	206	206
3150	Bank Account - Womens Fellowship	-	-
3155	Cash in Hand - Womens Fellowship	7	7
3160	Bank Account - St B Choir	-	-
3165	Cash Account - St B Choir	-	-
3210	Bank current Account - St Marys	9,457	12,772
3220	CCLA Deposit Account - St Mary's	11,702	11,586
3230	Cash in hand - St Marys	-	-
3330	Cash in Hand - Christ Church	-	-
3410	Bank Current Account - Church Hall	22,860	32,440
3420	Savings Account - Church Hall	5,574	4,905
3430	Cash in Hand - Church Hall	-	-
3440	Building Society A/C (200 Club)	-	-
3450	Cash (200 Club)	-	-
3510	Bank current account - Parish	39,491	15,906
3520	CCLA deposit account - Parish	-	-
3530	Cash in hand - Parish	-	-
	Total Current assets	264,713	266,938
Liabilities			
Z04	Accounts Payable	-	-
	Total Liabilities	-	-
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	264,713	266,938

Reeserves

	Excess/(deficit) to date	(2,205)	148,168
Z01	Starting balances	266,938	118,771
	Total Reserves	264,733	266,938
Represented by Funds			
	General (Unrestricted)	7,226	1,130
	Designated	216,666	239,236
	Restricted	40,821	26,572
	Endowment	-	-
	Total	264,713	266,938

Approved by the PCC on 22ND APRIL 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
Bank Current account - St James	-	37,151	-	-	37,151	35,612
Cash in hand - St James	-	16	-	-	16	13
Bank Current Account - St Bartholomews	-	4,606	3,644	-	8,250	23,492
Deposit Account (COIF) - St Bartholomew's	-	110,000	20,000	-	130,000	130,000
Cash in Hand - St Bartholomew's	-	206	-	-	206	206
Cash in Hand - Womens Fellowship	-	7	-	-	7	7
Bank current Account - St Marys	-	9,457	-	-	9,457	12,772
CCLA Deposit Account - St Mary's	-	9,010	2,692	-	11,702	11,586
Bank Current Account - Church Hall	-	22,860	-	-	22,860	32,440
Savings Account - Church Hall	-	4,736	838	-	5,574	4,905
Bank current account - Parish	7,226	18,618	13,648	-	39,491	15,906
Total	7,226	216,666	40,821	-	264,713	266,938
Net total assets	7,226	216,666	40,821	-	264,713	266,938

Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
General							
Unrestricted	1,130	56,026	49,930	-	-	-	7,226
Sub-totals	1,130	56,026	49,930	-	-	-	7,226
GB							
Restricted	17,662	23,000	7,584	-	-	-	33,078
Sub-totals	17,662	23,000	7,584	-	-	-	33,078
St B							
Designated	10,185	35,539	38,532	-	-	-	7,192
Sub-totals	10,185	35,539	38,532	-	-	-	7,192
St B - Choir							
Designated	2,542	-	204	-	-	-	2,338
Sub-totals	2,542	-	204	-	-	-	2,338

St B - WF							
Designated	1,207	90	-	-	-	-	1,297
Sub-totals	1,207	90	-	-	-	-	1,297
St B - Children							
Restricted	840	170	661	-	-	-	349
Sub-totals	840	170	661	-	-	-	349
St B - Development							
Designated	115,352	-	11,361	-	-	-	103,991
Sub-totals	115,352	-	11,361	-	-	-	103,991
St B - M&T							
Restricted	170	-	170	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	170	-	170	-	-	-	-
St B - Organ							
Restricted	3,587	-	293	-	-	-	3,294
Sub-totals	3,587	-	293	-	-	-	3,294
Hall							
Designated	36,177	26,142	34,723	-	-	-	27,596
Sub-totals	36,177	26,142	34,723	-	-	-	27,596
Hall - Roof							
Restricted	1,168	-	330	-	-	-	838
Sub-totals	1,168	-	330	-	-	-	838
St J							
Designated	28,808	43,504	40,093	-	-	-	32,219
Sub-totals	28,808	43,504	40,093	-	-	-	32,219
St J - Development							
Designated	6,817	1,302	3,172	-	-	-	4,947
Sub-totals	6,817	1,302	3,172	-	-	-	4,947
St J - CRISIS							
Restricted	-	5,066	5,066	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	5,066	5,066	-	-	-	-
St M							
Designated	4,604	8,231	9,532	(240)	-	-	3,063
Sub-totals	4,604	8,231	9,532	(240)	-	-	3,063
St M - Development							
Designated	17,178	1,302	3,316	240	-	-	15,404
Sub-totals	17,178	1,302	3,316	240	-	-	15,404
St M - Organ							
Restricted	2,575	117	-	-	-	-	2,692
Sub-totals	2,575	117	-	-	-	-	2,692
CC							
Designated	2,304	7,534	6,585	-	-	-	3,253
Sub-totals	2,304	7,534	6,585	-	-	-	3,253
CC - Development							
Designated	14,062	1,302	-	-	-	-	15,364
Sub-totals	14,062	1,302	-	-	-	-	15,364

CC - Memorial						
Restricted	569	-	-	- -	-	569
Sub-totals	569	-	-	- -	-	569
Adj						
Designated	-	(41,643)	(41,643)	- -	-	-
Restricted	-	(170)	(170)	- -	-	-
Sub-totals	-	(41,813)	(41,813)	- -	-	-
Totals	266,938	167,512	169,737	- -	-	264,713

Noteworthy points are:

- Giving show some increase on budget. Growth in numbers and spiritual commitment has not yet realised significantly greater giving but there are green shoots.
- We have started using the Parish Giving Scheme as well as offering contactless options but we need to keep experimenting on how best to capture occasional giving.
- Diocesan Parish Contribution has been maintained at £64K (78% of the ask).
- Continued delays in progressing planned fabric schemes. These are budgeted again in 2025.
- Disappointing that the sale of Church House fell through in 2025.
- Going forward our vision to share spaces and grow in partnership as a Parish is starting to take shape.

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
Gift aid giving	5,638	52,410	-	-	58,048	50,924
Freewill Envelopes (non Gift Aid)	-	1,296	-	-	1,296	2,165
Freewill Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	510
Donations	2,618	2,734	553	-	5,905	3,545
Church collections	-	6,080	-	-	6,080	6,447
Gift Aid Recovered	1,448	9,444	-	-	10,891	13,909
GASDS	-	1,085	-	-	1,085	228
Legacies	1,000	3,906	-	-	4,906	2,449
Grant Income	600	-	23,000	-	23,600	1,030
Parish Contribution from Churches	30,034	(30,034)	-	-	-	-
Totals	41,337	46,921	23,553	-	111,811	81,207
Income from charitable activities						
Fundraising	-	5,533	4,513	-	10,046	12,752
Coffee Mornings	-	3,507	-	-	3,507	4,699
Rent - Church Hall	-	20,385	-	-	20,385	19,294
Rental Income - Other	-	2,755	-	-	2,755	2,869
Fees - weddings etc	2,566	9,857	-	-	12,423	6,311
Church magazine income	384	37	-	-	421	1,146
Insurance Claims	11,154	(11,154)	-	-	-	-
Totals	14,104	30,920	4,513	-	49,537	47,071

Investments

Interest received	585	5,329	117 -	6,030	6,242
Investments Totals	585	5,329	117 -	6,030	6,242

Other income

Sundry Income	-	133	- -	133	39
Totals	-	133	- -	133	39
Grand totals	56,026	83,304	28,182 -	167,512	134,559

EXPENDITURE ON:**Raising funds**

Fundraising costs	-	900	- -	900	2,003
Totals	-	900	- -	900	2,003

Expenditure on charitable activities

Utilities	-	14,711	- -	14,711	23,964
Diocesan Parish Contribution	32,296	31,758	- -	64,054	64,142
Cost of Parish Magazine	-	-	1,671 -	1,671	1,687
Maintenance, repairs and consumables	-	9,688	623 -	10,310	12,125
Maintenance - church house	-	-	- -	-	290
Development Projects	-	28,933	402 -	29,335	5,030
Cleaning Materials	-	113	- -	113	273
Upkeep of Churchyard	-	-	- -	-	167
Charitable Giving	-	2,000	5,066 -	7,066	8,668
Mission & Outreach (including youthwork)	2,322	213	4,052 -	6,587	6,772
Insurance	11,766	-	750 -	12,516	10,340
Office Expenses	302	-	177 -	479	463
Books, Training and Course Fees	-	-	74 -	74	-
Altar requisites, candles and other costs of services	-	95	1,010 -	1,106	1,842
Staff Costs - Organist / Choirmaster	-	-	- -	-	500
Staff Costs - Parish Administrator	334	-	- -	334	4,001
Staff Costs - Cleaner	-	6,654	- -	6,654	5,998
Staff Costs - Others	2,100	598	- -	2,698	2,493
Professional Fees	810	4,949	- -	5,759	3,548
Totals	49,930	99,713	13,825 -	163,467	152,302

Other expenditure

Bank charges	-	132	- -	132	93
Sundry Expenditure	-	5,129	109 -	5,238	827
Other expenditure Totals	-	5,261	109 -	5,370	920
Expenditure Grand totals	49,930	105,874	13,934 -	169,737	155,226