

# **The Parish of St Patrick's Barking**



**Annual Report  
for 2025**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
at 11.30am**

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**AGENDA**

Opening Prayer

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last APCM on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025
3. Matters arising from those Minutes
4. Presentation of the Annual Audited Accounts
  - Questions on the Accounts
  - Acceptance of the Accounts
  - Appointment of External Auditor
5. Church Council Elections
  - Wardens
  - Deanery Synod Representatives
  - PCC Representatives
6. Questions for Clarification on Annual Reports
7. Any Other Business
8. Closing Prayer

**St Patrick's Church Barking**  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11.30am**

**Minutes**

**Opening Prayer**

**Present:-** Matthew Harding (Chair), Marion Hull (Secretary), Patricia Durant, Lorraine Allen, Catherine Harding, Tricia Wilken, Pat Edmund, Robert Lawrence, Monica Kessie, Jamie Hughes, Linda Needham, Aileen Arlotte, Marion Ledger, Bernard William-Barrow, Gladys Coleman, Taolo Tsimako, William Coleman, Mary Coleman, Rizwana Niazi, Anna Yousaf, Carol Dunsdale, Jean Cousins, Sheena Tariq, Sehrish Tariq.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None

**2. Minutes of the last APCM on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Proposed – Aileen Arlotte, seconded Jean Cousins

**3. Matters arising from those Minutes**

The BDAC has closed

**4. Presentation of the Annual Audited Accounts**

Matthew Harding presented the accounts. There is a loss of £7000. Partly because the BDAC closed. Although trying to get even. There is a lot of work to be done on the Church following the Quinquennial report, so there needs to be a bog drive for fund raising.

To remove pigeons from the tower = £6000 + VAT  
Repairs to the Roof = £24,000 + VAT  
Fuse box needs replacing }  
Hot water for kitchen and toilets}. = £2,000 + VAT  
Replace heating = £50,000 + VAT

It was advised by heating experts that the best way to heat the Church was by having a heat pump and fans.

There has been an application to Essex Churches for funding. Linda said that it is looking favourable. London Over the Border is a fund which Churches can apply for money. An application has gone in for the roof.

We also need to raise funds ourselves. The summer fete will be a fund-raising event. Matthew asked people to kindly continue to donate in the white envelopes.

- **Questions on the Accounts** - Timmy (Gladys's son) asked what happens when we get the birds out? Should we start with the smaller cost items. Matthew replied that is exactly what we are going to do. First, the hot water supply to the sink and toilets then it will be getting the pigeons out of the tower and we will work our way up the list.
- **Acceptance of the Accounts** – Trish Wilken and Anna Yousef
- **Appointment of External Auditor** – Matthew Is the treasurer, who said it is a team effort. The accounts are put together by Peter and Iris Chandler. The external auditor is Danny Keech from a Church in Southend. We donate £50 to his Church in lieu of paying him a fee. Matthew Harding proposed and Linda Needham seconded.

## 5. Church Council Elections

- **Wardens** – Linda Needham and Marion Hull continue as Wardens.
- **Deanery Synod Representatives** – Matthew Harding and Marion Hull continue as Deanery Synod representatives.
- **PCC Representatives** – There should be 12 representatives of the PCC. 1 member would be the Vicar (but we are in interregnum) Linda and Marion are automatic as wardens. Matthew is automatic because he is the licensed Lay minister.
- There are 6 nominations – Lorraine Allen, Gladys Coleman, Pat Durant, Sheena Tariq, Anna Yousef, Hina Yousef, Jean Cousins and last minute nomination Sehrish Tariq. All nominations accepted onto the PCC. The next PCC meeting is 7:30pm at St Patrick's Church.
- **Treasurer** – nominated Matthew Harding – proposed by Linda Needham and seconded by Pat Durant.
- **Electoral Roll** – nominated Catherine Harding – proposed by Lorraine Allen and seconded by Hina Yousef.

## 6. Questions for Clarification on Annual Reports –

There were no questions on the annual reports

## 7. Any Other Business –

Process for replacing the Vicar. At each deadline the Archdeacon has missed. Now the timetable is the advert goes into the Church Times 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The short list is 18<sup>th</sup> June, interviews 8<sup>th</sup> July. Linda and Marion along with the Archdeacon Chris Burke and Area Dean Martin Court.

Monica asked why we couldn't advertise before Chris left? – Matthew said we couldn't do anything for 6 months after Chris had left, because of Church of England bureaucracy. Linda said according to CofE rules there needs to be a cooling off period for the congregation before the next Vicar is advertised.

Marion Ledger asked if there was a lot to do in the vicarage. Matthew said it looks lived in. It has got very heavy security on it because it was broken into shortly after Chris left. Linda said we will be given money for 1 room per year and technically it is our responsibility. The garden is in a terrible state, but once we know who is coming into the vicarage, we can get the work done.

### Any Comments –

We have had Holy Communion at least 3 Sundays in a month at the insistence of the Archdeacon. Tricia said we have had great support. Matthew replied "We are the only Church with a vacancy. Lydia is covering in August. Everyone has enjoyed officiating at St Patrick's.

Linda gave a vote of thanks to Matthew for his support and dedication during the interregnum. Matthew said it is a team effort and thanked everyone who has stepped up for the rota.

## 8. Closing Prayer –

Linda said the closing prayer.

## **LICENSED LAY MINISTER'S REPORT 2025**

This report covers January to December 2025 which was a period of interregnum for the entire year. This meant that we had to continue to work through the various processes needed to appoint a new Vicar. I was the acting chair of the PCC, and may I take this opportunity to thank all members of the PCC for their support during the interregnum which was most gratefully received. Interregnums are normally not easy times in the life of a church, but I feel we navigated our way through this one better than most. Of course, Revd. Sade Barnes was installed as Vicar of St Patrick's in January 2026, and we are very glad to welcome her here.

Most weeks I managed to arrange for a visiting member of clergy to come and lead our Family Communion services. We are very grateful to Archdeacon Chris Burke, Sam Pollard, Liz Brown, and Tony Hurle for their time that they gave generously to St Patrick's. But a very special thank you must go to Lydia Hurle who was the most regular visiting priest to St Patrick's to lead our services. We even had a visit from the Bishop of Barking, Lynne Cullens, who led a family communion service in February. One of the advantages of interregnum is that we got to experience many different styles of churchmanship from our guest service leaders.

I wear many hats – Licensed Lay Minister, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Treasurer, and Community Payback co-ordinator. As PSO I had to organise some face-to-face safeguarding training in January – with the extra reward of cake for those who preferred attending in person rather than doing their training online. We completed two modules – Basic Awareness and Foundations – and the face-to-face environment seemed to work well, so thank you to those of you who attended. Safeguarding is a key component of our work with children, and grateful thanks must go to Linda, Lorraine, Gladys, Pat Edmund, Anna and Ashi who have faithfully served in the Sunday School during the year. It is always a pleasure when the children come forward at the end of the service to show us what they have been working on.

My Treasurer's and PSO reports follow later. In addition, St Patrick's is a registered charity, PCC members serve as trustees, and our 2024 submission to the Charities Commission was made during the year.

We had our first full year of the Community Payback team working in the garden, and they also performed small maintenance jobs in the church from time to time. They have also been invaluable in helping set out the church for various social functions and major services. They come every other Wednesday throughout most of the year, and we are very grateful to them and their leaders Abul and Lee.

In late 2024 we received our Quinquennial Inspection report regarding the condition of our church building, and this revealed much maintenance work that needed to be done. We began with the most urgent items on the list – the biggest of which was repairs to the church roof for which we applied and received a grant of £10,000 from London Over The Border. These works were completed over the summer. Also, we received £5,000 from Friends of Essex Churches towards removing the pigeons from the church tower which was completed in September. Other urgent works to kitchen hot water, fuse-board etc were also undertaken. We continue to work through the list depending on urgency and funding.

Another cold winter reiterated that we need to do something about our church heating sooner rather than later.

In May we met on a Saturday morning at church to carry out some of the more minor tasks identified by the Quinquennial Inspection report. And in October we held a work-day at the vacant Vicarage in Sparsholt Road to make sure that was properly maintained. Many thanks to all of you who attended one or both of these events.

Thank you to the members of the Worship Group who sing at our All-Age services once a month, and who also give up their time to do midweek rehearsals. And a big thank you to Gladys, Taolo and Bernard for all they do on our AV. Timmy now regularly plays the piano for the Worship Group, and his siblings are soon to be involved musically as well!

During the year we were required to refresh our Electoral Roll, and many thanks to Catherine for ensuring this was done. If you wish to be on the Electoral Roll for St Patrick's then please let us know.

Christmas 2025 was a joyful celebration with some great services. We also welcomed over 200 children from Eastbury and Ripple Primary schools in December, spread over a week, which gave us the opportunity to share what we believe about Christmas and what it means to us.

Thanks to everyone who appeared on a rota in 2025. Churches are famous for their rotas, and through various influencing techniques and arm-twisting we now have a lot more people involved on our Intercessions, Bible Reading and Prayer Ministry rotas. Many thanks for your service.

Special thanks to Marion Hull for the great work she does on our social and community outreach work (more of which in her report), and also for her work as PCC Secretary. During the year we had some great social events including a St Patrick's Day Quiz Evening, VE Day celebrations, St Patrick's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete, Afternoon Tea to raise funds for Breast Cancer Now, Open House in September, and a Christmas Fair. Also, thanks to Aileen and Marion Ledger for their contribution to the Craft and Natter Group that continues to meet on Tuesdays.

And the last thank you must go to our fantastic churchwardens Linda Needham and Marion Hull for their tireless efforts and their continued dedicated service to the life of our church. We really are blessed to have them.

**Matthew Harding**  
**Licensed Lay Minister**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2025**

During 2025 we managed to stabilise our church finances after a very difficult year in 2024. Our General Fund had a surplus of just over £1,000 in 2025. This was partly due to very close liaison with TACCI church, who rent our premises on Sunday afternoons, to ensure they were up to date with their payments.

The Quinquennial Inspection of our church building which took place in 2024 identified a number of maintenance issues that need to be addressed and we began work on this in 2025. We secured grant funding from London Over the Border of £10,000 to repair our leaky roofs and renew the solar paint. We also secured funding of £5,000 from Friends of Essex Churches to remove the pigeons from the church tower, do a thorough clean-up, and secure the tower with new wire mesh.

We also self-funded works to our electrical fuse-board, provided hot water to the kitchen, and repaired lighting in the toilets. Despite all these calls on our finances, we still managed to grow our Buildings Projects Fund by over £2,000 to £4,347.20 which is largely earmarked towards replacing the church heating. Thanks to everyone who generously donated to the buildings project fund, and to those who organised and supported fundraising events.

As usual we fully met our Parish Share contribution of £12,663 which was significantly lower than the prior year (£16,838 in 2024).

In terms of Mission Giving, we continued to support children around the world via Compassion UK, through whom we sponsor Ben in Ghana, Taniska in Bangladesh, and Florentin in Burkina Faso. During the year we also financially supported the Barking Foodbank, Breast Cancer Now, and Barking Churches Unite.

We have ambitious plans to improve the facilities at St Patrick's, including the heating, and therefore we need to imagine new ways of raising funds. "Easyfundraising" is an easy way to generate funds for the church via your online shopping – please contact Matthew for details.

Thanks once again to all the people involved making sure our banking and accounting processes run smoothly. Thanks especially to Aileen Arlotte, Pat Durant, Pat Edmund, Catherine Harding, Marion Ledger, and Linda Needham.

Thanks also to Gladys Coleman for setting up the GoFundMe page for St Patrick's fundraising towards the new heating.

Thanks to Peter and Enid Chandler who continued to provide an excellent accounting service to St Patrick's. The audited 2025 accounts will be presented for approval at the APCM.

And thanks to you for supporting St Patrick's financially, and for your generosity.

**Matthew Harding**  
**Treasurer**

## **PCC REPORT 2025/26**

### **Introduction**

Throughout the year, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has shown steadfast commitment to preserving both the spiritual wellbeing and the physical upkeep of St Patrick's. Their efforts have ensured that the church remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all members of the community.

### **PCC Achievements During Interregnum**

Despite the challenges presented by the interregnum, St Patrick's has continued to flourish, a testament to the dedication and hard work of the PCC. The council's ability to maintain momentum during this period has been crucial to the ongoing success of the church.

### **Commitment and Skills of PCC Members**

Serving on the PCC demands a high level of dedication, and it is worthy of note that every member has consistently risen to this challenge. The team brings together a wide array of expertise, which has enabled the council to embrace modern technology and progressive approaches at St Patrick's. We even have a Church mobile phone. These innovations are expected to enhance the visibility of the church and raise awareness of its presence within the wider community.

### **Attendance at PCC meetings from May 2025 – April 2026**

PCC meetings are held approximately every 6-8 weeks in Church, from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. There have been seven PCC meetings since the last APCM. Absences are often due to work commitments, holidays or being unwell.

Attendance was as follows:

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Lorraine Allen  | 6                      |
| Sade Barnes     | 2 (from February 2026) |
| Gladys Coleman  | 7                      |
| Jean Cousins    | 6                      |
| Pat Durant      | 6                      |
| Matthew Harding | 7                      |
| Marion Hull     | 7                      |
| Linda Needham   | 7                      |
| Sheena Tariq    | 2                      |
| Anna Yousaf     | 3                      |
| Hina Yousaf     | 1                      |

### **Administration and Risk Management**

Administrative matters are handled efficiently, thanks to Linda's meticulous attention to detail. Every event hosted at St Patrick's undergoes a thorough risk assessment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants.

### **Vicar Selection Process**

This year, Linda and I were involved in the process of selecting the next Vicar for St Patrick's, marking an important milestone for the church's future leadership.



## **Repairs**

This year has been challenging due to the extensive repairs required after the quinquennial inspection. Thanks to generous contributions from London over the Border, Essex Churches, and fundraising by the St Patrick's family, we managed to raise enough money to address several key issues. These included finally clearing pigeons from the tower, repainting the lightning protection on the roof, and replacing the hot water boiler, among other repairs. We are steadily checking off items from our repair list. However, one major issue remains unresolved: the heating system.

We anticipate beginning the replacement of the heating system this summer to ensure it is operational by winter. Year-round heating will support our church's ongoing role as a valued presence within the community.

## **The Year so Far**

The start of the year has been full of activity. In January, Bishop Lynne, (Bishop of Barking) installed Rev Sade Barnes as the new Vicar of St Patrick's. Bishop Guli (Bishop of Chelmsford) led the confirmation of 18 young people at St Patrick's in Barking and visited the church during her pastoral walk in Barking. We organised a fundraising silent auction, along with a special celebration for the opening of Kennedy Footbridge, an event sponsored by Network Rail and attended by Bishop Lynne, Councillor Dominic Twomey, and MP Nesil Caliskan.

St Patrick's has been truly blessed.

**Marion Hull**

**PCC Secretary St Patrick's**

## **WARDEN'S REPORT 2025**

With thanks to everyone who helps with the upkeep and running of the Church. Wardens would be lost without the support of members and every ounce of help is much appreciated.

An update on progress following the 2024 Quinquennial Report recommendations, and essential repairs to the fabric of the building, have been covered in the LLM Report. Replacing the inefficient and expensive heating system remains our highest priority. Quotes for both gas and electric heating systems are actively being sought. Fundraising continues apace but it will be necessary to seek external grants before such work can be commissioned. The Community Pay-back team has helped enormously with keeping the church grounds looking attractive and well-kept.

All legal and statutory checks and inspections of gas and electrical appliances, including fire extinguishers, were completed. Annual music/AV licences have been renewed. Annual Accounts were audited for 2025, in compliance with legal and CofE regulations, and are being presented for your approval at the APCM. In July, we renewed our Insurance Policy Cover with Ecclesiastical Insurance for a further three years.

#### LETTINGS:

It was necessary to enforce the financial terms and conditions of our Agreement with TACCI and payment of all fees for 2025 were received before the year end. The Barking Photographic Society continues to meet fortnightly and that also generates formal income. The Craft and Natter Group kindly make regular voluntary contributions to church funds.

Please continue with your prayers for God's guidance and blessings upon our church building and family life at St Patrick's, together with prayer for the next incumbent, Revd Sade Barnes and her husband Arthur.

**Marion Hull and Linda Needham**  
**Wardens**

#### **ELECTORAL ROLL 2025**

You can go on the Electoral Roll if you are over 16 and have been baptised. Please ask for a form if you would like to go onto it. At the time of writing there are 47 on roll and nothing further to report.

**Catherine Harding**  
**Electoral Roll Officer**

#### **SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2025**

At St Patrick's we are committed to safeguarding children, young people, vulnerable adults, and victims of domestic abuse.

Everyone who serves on our PCC, and in our Sunday School, has to undergo Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks every three years, and also has to undertake training on safeguarding Basic Awareness and Foundations. Those who work with children also have to undertake training in Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse (optional for PCC members). We offer online training and also face-to-face training for those who are not so comfortable doing it online. Those in leadership roles in the church have to undertake additional training. We have also implemented the Safer Recruitment process for all eligible roles.

We make use of the Safeguarding Dashboards which are facilitated nationally, and these are useful in tracking our progress against the various safeguarding requirements including risk assessments and policy adoption. We have also begun to make use of the newly launched Safeguarding Hub which helps track who needs to do what.

As the Parish Safeguarding Officer, I continue to work closely with the incumbent (when in post), PCC, and diocesan safeguarding team to ensure compliance with national and diocesan policies. Safeguarding is an agenda item at every one of our PCC meetings.

As a church we have formally adopted the national “Promoting a Safer Church” policy. No safeguarding concerns were raised in 2025. Priorities for the coming year include ensuring training compliance.

The PCC confirms that St Patrick’s has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding. Safeguarding remains an ongoing commitment, and we will continue to strive for best practice in creating a safe and welcoming environment for all.

**Matthew Harding**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer**

### **CHURCH AUDIO VISUAL REPORT 2025**

We are pleased to report positive developments within the church AV team. We have been blessed with an increase in volunteers, strengthening our capacity to support services and events. The current team now includes Bernard, Arthur, Taolo, and Gladys, whose contributions have been greatly appreciated.

There have also been several updates made to the AV system. These improvements carried out by Matthew and Taolo, have enhanced overall performance, and the system has been working fairly well so far. In addition, we have recently introduced a new church computer, which will support our operations and efficiency.

While there have been a few minor challenges along the way, we remain optimistic that these issues will be resolved soon. Overall, the progress made is encouraging, and we look forward to continued improvement and stability in the system.

**Gladys Coleman**  
**AV Team Leader**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 2025**

From conversations with all the volunteers, being a Sunday School teacher can be challenging, fun and very rewarding. It is great when all is going well. The children are focused and enjoying the class and the age-related materials we have provided. Most weeks we have between 4 and 10 children per session.

We have been trying to recruit more volunteers, to help especially with the older children, and are pleased to report that we have been very fortunate that both Matthew and Taola will be taking up this position going forward which will be a great help. The protection of children is of paramount importance and all volunteers are required to complete Safeguarding courses and an Awareness of Domestic Violence course. We are again very grateful to Matthew for running these courses at his home, it especially helps those who do not have a computer or smartphone.

Participating in children's ministry, to help young people to grow in their own personal journey of faith, is a wonderful experience. We continue to pray for further volunteers to join the team – either as leaders or assistants – which could lead to more frequent sessions.

May the Lord continue to bless and empower us as we continue to do His work.

**Lorraine Allen**  
**Sunday School Co-ordinator**

### **CRAFT AND NATTER GROUP REPORT 2025**

The Craft and Natter Group met throughout 2025, with sessions held generally on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. Eight to ten ladies enjoy a variety of crafts, from making cards, knitting, crossstitch and crocheting. It has to be said that there is sometimes more Natter than Craft! Food is a main feature too. There is regular Tea and Biscuits and during the year we enjoyed Cream Teas, a Harvest Lunch, an Easter celebration including Hot Cross Buns and Eggs, and a Christmas gathering with nibbles, crackers and traditional fayre.

Members thoroughly enjoy their time together and, through their generosity, the Group has made a number of donations to church funds. Should you know of anyone who might enjoy being part of the group, please do not hesitate to let us know. The more the merrier!

**Aileen Arlotte and Marion Ledger**  
**Craft and Natter Leaders**

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTREACH JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2025** **AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**

Throughout 2025, St Patrick's has organised several community events that have contributed to increasing the church's visibility and engagement within the local area.

The year commenced with a fundraising quiz night on 15th March in celebration of St Patrick's Day. The event attracted significant participation from the community, and Barking Football Club generously donated tickets for their final home game of the season, along with other prizes. Quiz masters Matthew and Marion facilitated the evening.

On 6th May, the church marked the anniversary of VE Day. To support the event financially, St Patrick's received a £500 grant from LBBD. Volunteers from Roding Rubbish collaborated with the parish for a litter pick preceding the celebration lunch. The afternoon featured traditional tea and archival footage from VE Day 1945, enhancing the nostalgic atmosphere. Melissa assisted with photography and children's activities.

June saw collaboration with St Margaret's Church, Christ Church, Church at Barking Riverside, St Cedds, and St Erkenwalds for the Pentecost Open Air Service. Led by Bishop Guli, the Bishop of Chelmsford, the service was enriched by her address regarding the Holy

Spirit in Barking, accompanied by a notable breeze. Entertainment was provided by a Christian juggler, engaging attendees of all ages, and complimentary ice cream was offered.

In July, St Patrick's commemorated 85 years of ministry in Eastbury with a summer fete. The event included a barbecue prepared by parish resident and volunteer Terry Tompkins, there was candy floss, a plant stall, tombola, nearly new items, and children's games to name a few. This successful event raised £900 for the heating fund.

Also in July, St Patrick's hosted the Deanery Synod and invested in community well-being through a First Aid Course led by the British Red Cross. The course was open to all and received positive feedback from participants outside St Patrick's.

August featured Afternoon Tea for Breast Cancer, raising £245 for charity. Demonstrating the generosity of the St Patrick's Church Family.

In September, St Patrick's participated in the annual Open House Festival alongside Eastbury Manor, hosting exhibitions from the Barking Photographic Society, Barking Historical Society, Roding Rubbish B&D Community Litter Pickers, and Thames Life. The event attracted visitors such as members of Essex Chase Heritage Walkers, prompting a return visit with an expanded group in February 2026.

For October and November, St Patrick's observed All Saints Day with an autumn bonfire and firework display, offering an alternative seasonal celebration. Attendees enjoyed warm food and entertainment despite inclement weather.

December, traditionally a busy month, began with the Christmas Bazaar. Fundraising efforts throughout the year have supported ongoing repairs to St Patrick's Church, addressing both scheduled and unforeseen maintenance needs.

These accomplishments were made possible by the dedication and contributions of volunteers who consistently support St Patrick's events. Their commitment is greatly appreciated and has fostered greater community spirit within the parish.

Sincere thanks are extended to all volunteers whose efforts have enabled St Patrick's Church to positively impact the wider Parish and community.

**Marion Hull**  
**Church and Community Events Organiser**

### **RESCUE AND CARE IN GHANA 2025**

I have recently returned from a visit to Ghana, where our mission work amongst prisoners continues.

Colleagues and I had lunch with Ahinsan Prisons on 31st January 2026 to mark the 70th birthday of our Facilitator.

Winniba Prisons in the Central Region in Ghana had contacted us for help and we paid them a visit during my trip. We have made a commitment to donate drinking water sachets to inmates every month since June 2025.

We supported Akuse Female Prisons with financial assistance in 2025. We still need sponsors for individual inmates. As RCTF is self-funded we were not able to accomplish much in 2025.

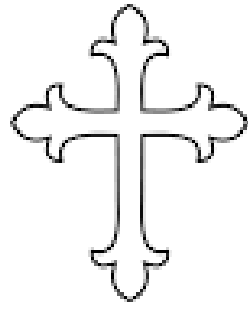
One prison release in March 2026 is back with his family and we engaging with him and his family.

The website remains a work-in-progress focus and we will also need help to test the website when it is up and running. Meanwhile anyone can check it out and comment or provide support at <http://rctf.in-gh.com>.

**Monica Kessie**

***Women of Purpose***

***(Equipping Women for Good Works)***



Barking St Patrick Charity No 1291642

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 |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| General      | 20,303.78                     | 35,519.81          | 34,431.67          | 21.99     | -                | -               | 21,413.91                     |
| Unrestricted | 20,303.78                     | 35,519.81          | 34,431.67          | 21.99     | -                | -               | 21,413.91                     |
| Sub-totals   | 20,303.78                     | 35,519.81          | 34,431.67          | 21.99     | -                | -               | 21,413.91                     |
| Buildings    | 2,000.00                      | 20,707.24          | 18,360.04          | -         | -                | -               | 4,347.20                      |
| Restricted   | 2,000.00                      | 20,707.24          | 18,360.04          | -         | -                | -               | 4,347.20                      |
| Sub-totals   | 2,000.00                      | 20,707.24          | 18,360.04          | -         | -                | -               | 4,347.20                      |
| Gardening    | 712.97                        | 375.00             | 120.00             | -         | -                | -               | 967.97                        |
| Restricted   | 712.97                        | 375.00             | 120.00             | -         | -                | -               | 967.97                        |
| Sub-totals   | 712.97                        | 375.00             | 120.00             | -         | -                | -               | 967.97                        |
| BDAC         | 21.91                         | 0.09               | -                  | (21.99)   | -                | -               | 0.01                          |
| Restricted   | 21.91                         | 0.09               | -                  | (21.99)   | -                | -               | 0.01                          |
| Sub-totals   | 21.91                         | 0.09               | -                  | (21.99)   | -                | -               | 0.01                          |
| Hailldepos   | 500.00                        | -                  | -                  | -         | -                | -               | 500.00                        |
| Restricted   | 500.00                        | -                  | -                  | -         | -                | -               | 500.00                        |
| Sub-totals   | 500.00                        | -                  | -                  | -         | -                | -               | 500.00                        |
| Totals       | 23,538.66                     | 56,602.14          | 52,911.71          | -         | -                | -               | 27,229.09                     |

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## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Barking St Patrick**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are attached.

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

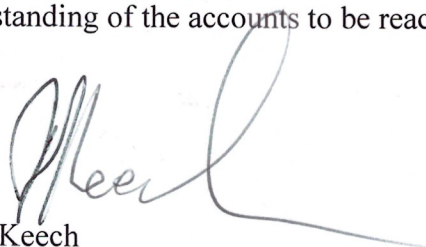
### **Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.**

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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.




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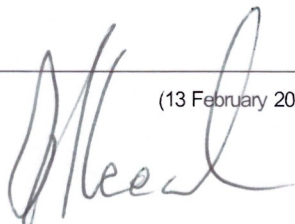
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)  
As at: 31 December 2025

|                                           |                                 | Balance          | Previous<br>balance |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>           |                                 |                  |                     |
| <b>6501: Barclays 207289 80052221</b>     |                                 |                  |                     |
| General fund                              | Unrestricted                    | 10,748.81        | 9,782.08            |
| Building Projects Fund                    | Restricted                      | 4,347.20         | 2,000.00            |
| Gardening Fund                            | Restricted                      | 967.97           | 712.97              |
|                                           |                                 | <b>16,063.98</b> | <b>12,495.05</b>    |
| <b>6505: Barclays BP 207289 60833657</b>  |                                 |                  |                     |
| General fund                              | Unrestricted                    | 10,658.49        | 10,513.54           |
| Hall deposit                              | Restricted                      | 500.00           | 500.00              |
|                                           |                                 | <b>11,158.49</b> | <b>11,013.54</b>    |
| <b>6506: Barclays BDAC 202519 2057619</b> |                                 |                  |                     |
| Barking Debt Advice Centre Project Fund   | Restricted                      | 0.01             | 21.91               |
|                                           |                                 | <b>0.01</b>      | <b>21.91</b>        |
| <b>6590: Petty cash</b>                   |                                 |                  |                     |
| General fund                              | Unrestricted                    | 6.61             | 8.16                |
|                                           |                                 | <b>6.61</b>      | <b>8.16</b>         |
|                                           | <b>Cash At Bank And In Hand</b> | <b>27,229.09</b> | <b>23,538.66</b>    |
|                                           | <b>Grand Total</b>              | <b>27,229.09</b> | <b>23,538.66</b>    |

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**Barking St Patrick Charity No 1291642**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

|                                                                  | Unrestricted<br>funds | Designated<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Endowment<br>funds | Total<br>funds   | Prior year<br>total funds |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                  |                       |                     |                     |                    |                  |                           |
| Donations and legacies                                           | 22,542.35             | -                   | 20,256.90           | -                  | 42,799.25        | 23,189.59                 |
| Income from charitable activities                                | 12,549.00             | -                   | -                   | -                  | 12,549.00        | 12,809.80                 |
| Other trading activities                                         | 153.51                | -                   | 825.34              | -                  | 978.85           | 234.49                    |
| Investments                                                      | 144.95                | -                   | 0.09                | -                  | 145.04           | 184.18                    |
| Other income                                                     | 130.00                | -                   | -                   | -                  | 130.00           | -                         |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                                            | <b>35,519.81</b>      | <b>-</b>            | <b>21,082.33</b>    | <b>-</b>           | <b>56,602.14</b> | <b>36,418.06</b>          |
| <b>Payments</b>                                                  |                       |                     |                     |                    |                  |                           |
| Raising funds                                                    | 551.02                | -                   | -                   | -                  | 551.02           | 261.62                    |
| Expenditure on charitable activities                             | 33,880.65             | -                   | 18,480.04           | -                  | 52,360.69        | 44,292.68                 |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                                            | <b>34,431.67</b>      | <b>-</b>            | <b>18,480.04</b>    | <b>-</b>           | <b>52,911.71</b> | <b>44,554.30</b>          |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>          | <b>1,088.14</b>       | <b>-</b>            | <b>2,602.29</b>     | <b>-</b>           | <b>3,690.43</b>  | <b>(8,136.24)</b>         |
| <b>Transfers:</b>                                                |                       |                     |                     |                    |                  |                           |
| Gross transfers between funds - in                               | 301.99                | -                   | 280.00              | -                  | 581.99           | 669.17                    |
| Gross transfers between funds - out                              | (280.00)              | -                   | (301.99)            | -                  | (581.99)         | (669.17)                  |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>       | <b>1,110.13</b>       | <b>-</b>            | <b>2,580.30</b>     | <b>-</b>           | <b>3,690.43</b>  | <b>(8,136.24)</b>         |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                     | <b>1,110.13</b>       | <b>-</b>            | <b>2,580.30</b>     | <b>-</b>           | <b>3,690.43</b>  | <b>(8,136.24)</b>         |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>                                   |                       |                     |                     |                    |                  |                           |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b> | <b>20,303.78</b>      | <b>-</b>            | <b>3,234.88</b>     | <b>-</b>           | <b>23,538.66</b> | <b>31,674.90</b>          |
| <b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>             | <b>21,413.91</b>      | <b>-</b>            | <b>5,815.18</b>     | <b>-</b>           | <b>27,229.09</b> | <b>23,538.66</b>          |
| <b>Represented by</b>                                            |                       |                     |                     |                    |                  |                           |
| Unrestricted                                                     |                       |                     |                     |                    |                  |                           |
| General fund                                                     | 21,413.91             | -                   | -                   | -                  | 21,413.91        | 20,303.78                 |
| Restricted                                                       |                       |                     |                     |                    |                  |                           |
| Barking Debt Advice Centre Project Fund                          | -                     | -                   | 0.01                | -                  | 0.01             | 21.91                     |
| Building Projects Fund                                           | -                     | -                   | 4,347.20            | -                  | 4,347.20         | 2,000.00                  |
| Gardening Fund                                                   | -                     | -                   | 967.97              | -                  | 967.97           | 712.97                    |
| Hall deposit                                                     | -                     | -                   | 500.00              | -                  | 500.00           | 500.00                    |

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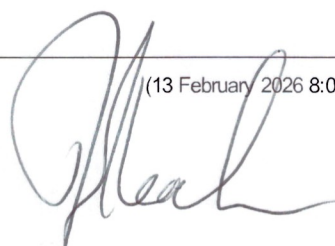
**Analysis of Receipts and Payments**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

|                                                 | General          | Designated | Restricted       | Endowment | Total            |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                 |                  |            |                  |           | This year        | Last year        |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                 |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>                   |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| 0101 - Gift Aid - Bank                          | 5,400.00         | -          | -                | -         | 5,400.00         | 8,005.00         |
| 0103 - CAF                                      | -                | -          | -                | -         | -                | 200.00           |
| 0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes                     | 5,307.00         | -          | -                | -         | 5,307.00         | 2,937.00         |
| 0201 - Other planned giving - small donations   | 4,136.00         | -          | 3,086.00         | -         | 7,222.00         | 4,484.51         |
| 0301 - Loose plate collections - GASDS          | 506.00           | -          | -                | -         | 506.00           | 523.15           |
| 0302 - Sumup offertory - GASDS                  | 1,118.38         | -          | -                | -         | 1,118.38         | 1,304.76         |
| 0304 - Sumup offertory - Non Gasds              | 380.00           | -          | -                | -         | 380.00           | 968.90           |
| 0550 - Donations appeals etc                    | 205.00           | -          | 102.00           | -         | 307.00           | 113.00           |
| 0553 - Donations - Gardening Fund               | -                | -          | 375.00           | -         | 375.00           | 180.00           |
| 0555 - Donations - Building Projects Fund       | -                | -          | 953.40           | -         | 953.40           | -                |
| 0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid              | 2,529.97         | -          | -                | -         | 2,529.97         | 3,040.05         |
| 0602 - GASDS - Govt Top Up                      | 2,181.00         | -          | -                | -         | 2,181.00         | 1,433.22         |
| 08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants             | 500.00           | -          | 15,000.00        | -         | 15,500.00        | -                |
| 0901 - Other funds generated                    | 279.00           | -          | 740.50           | -         | 1,019.50         | -                |
| <b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>            | <b>22,542.35</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>20,256.90</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>42,799.25</b> | <b>23,189.59</b> |
| <b>Income from charitable activities</b>        |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| 1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals           | 168.00           | -          | -                | -         | 168.00           | 78.00            |
| 1230 - Hall Letting Fees                        | 12,381.00        | -          | -                | -         | 12,381.00        | 12,731.80        |
| <b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b> | <b>12,549.00</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>  | <b>12,549.00</b> | <b>12,809.80</b> |
| <b>Other trading activities</b>                 |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| 0910 - Fundraising                              | 153.51           | -          | 825.34           | -         | 978.85           | 234.49           |
| <b>Other trading activities Totals</b>          | <b>153.51</b>    | <b>-</b>   | <b>825.34</b>    | <b>-</b>  | <b>978.85</b>    | <b>234.49</b>    |
| <b>Investments</b>                              |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| 1020 - Bank and building society interest       | 144.95           | -          | 0.09             | -         | 145.04           | 184.18           |
| <b>Investments Totals</b>                       | <b>144.95</b>    | <b>-</b>   | <b>0.09</b>      | <b>-</b>  | <b>145.04</b>    | <b>184.18</b>    |
| <b>Other income</b>                             |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| 1310 - Insurance claims                         | 130.00           | -          | -                | -         | 130.00           | -                |
| <b>Other income Totals</b>                      | <b>130.00</b>    | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>  | <b>130.00</b>    | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>                    | <b>35,519.81</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>21,082.33</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>56,602.14</b> | <b>36,418.06</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>                                 |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| <b>Raising funds</b>                            |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                  |
| 1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign            | 38.50            | -          | -                | -         | 38.50            | -                |
| 1730 - Costs of fetes & other events            | 512.52           | -          | -                | -         | 512.52           | 261.62           |
| <b>Raising funds Totals</b>                     | <b>551.02</b>    | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>  | <b>551.02</b>    | <b>261.62</b>    |

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|                                                    | General          | Designated | Restricted       | Endowment | This year        | Total<br>Last year |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>        |                  |            |                  |           |                  |                    |
| 1801 - Charitable Giving                           | 1,769.00         | -          | -                | -         | 1,769.00         | 3,814.00           |
| 1910 - Parish share                                | 12,663.12        | -          | -                | -         | 12,663.12        | 16,837.92          |
| 2050 - Salary of BDAC administrator                | -                | -          | -                | -         | -                | 3,241.75           |
| 2101 - Working expenses of incumbent               | 1,133.50         | -          | -                | -         | 1,133.50         | 313.06             |
| 2130 - Vicarage expenses                           | 481.86           | -          | -                | -         | 481.86           | -                  |
| 2201 - Parish training and mission                 | -                | -          | -                | -         | -                | 167.66             |
| 2301 - Church running - insurance                  | 2,111.36         | -          | -                | -         | 2,111.36         | 1,958.98           |
| 2310 - Church office - telephone                   | 788.46           | -          | -                | -         | 788.46           | 736.66             |
| 2330 - Church maintenance                          | 1,757.03         | -          | -                | -         | 1,757.03         | 3,777.45           |
| 2331 - Cleaning                                    | 2,490.00         | -          | -                | -         | 2,490.00         | 2,290.00           |
| 2332 - Cleaning materials                          | -                | -          | -                | -         | -                | 9.00               |
| 2340 - Upkeep of services                          | 1,189.97         | -          | -                | -         | 1,189.97         | 844.35             |
| 2350 - Upkeep of church garden                     | -                | -          | 120.00           | -         | 120.00           | 130.63             |
| 2360 - Administration                              | 1,123.61         | -          | 0.70             | -         | 1,124.31         | 2,057.97           |
| 2362 - Sumup charges                               | 17.44            | -          | 0.34             | -         | 17.78            | 22.97              |
| 2370 - Visiting priests                            | 283.45           | -          | -                | -         | 283.45           | 40.00              |
| 2375 - Sundry expenses                             | 74.85            | -          | -                | -         | 74.85            | 428.44             |
| 2401 - Church running - electric                   | 2,101.94         | -          | -                | -         | 2,101.94         | 1,983.39           |
| 2410 - Church running - gas                        | 4,146.88         | -          | -                | -         | 4,146.88         | 4,915.54           |
| 2420 - Church running - water                      | 1,688.18         | -          | -                | -         | 1,688.18         | 667.91             |
| 2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee      | 60.00            | -          | -                | -         | 60.00            | 55.00              |
| 2701 - Church major repairs - structure            | -                | -          | 17,423.20        | -         | 17,423.20        | -                  |
| 2710 - Church major repairs - installation         | -                | -          | 935.80           | -         | 935.80           | -                  |
| <b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b> | <b>33,880.65</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>18,480.04</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>52,360.69</b> | <b>44,292.68</b>   |
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