



ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST GABRIEL'S
GREYSTONES, SHEFFIELD
Charity Commission Registration Number 1205179**

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1. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PCC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1.1 Administrative information

- 1.1.1 St Gabriel's Church is situated in Dobbin Hill, Greystones, Sheffield S11 7JB. It is part of the Diocese of Sheffield within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Dobbin Hill, Sheffield S11 7JB.
- 1.1.2 The Parochial Church Council (**PCC**) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales with registered number 1205179.
- 1.1.3 PCC members who have served from 1 January 2025 until the date on which this report was approved are:

Incumbent	The Revd Alistair Philip Stevenson (until 26 August 2025)	Chair (until 23 July 2025)
Assistant Curate	The Revd Peter Gaunt	Chair (from 23 July 2025)
Wardens	Martin Clow (until 25 May 2025)	
	Peter Andrew Smithers	
	Julian William Ellis Tilley (from 25 May 2025)	
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Stephen Thomas Dewey	
	Christine Ann Carney (from 25 May 2025)	
Lay Elected Members	Jacqui Bailey	
	Linda Chambers	
	Chiru Darby	
	Martha Dewey	

	Roger Kenneth Dyson – Treasurer (until 25 May 2025)	
	Thomas Janzen	
	David George Lawson (from 25 May 2025)	
	Paula Mary Smithers (until 25 May 2025)	
	David Thomas Stout (from 25 May 2025)	
	Howard Vaughan (until 25 May 2025)	
	Sarah Lucy Withers (from 25 May 2025)	
Co-Opted	Gordon Keith Mallon (from 1 June 2025)	
	Stephen Thomas Pendlebury	PCC Secretary
Appointed by PCC pursuant to Rule M18(2) of the Church Representation Rules 2025	Lois Goodson (from 10 December 2025)	

1.1.4 Stephen Thomas Pendlebury acts as PCC Secretary.

1.1.5 Roger Kenneth Dyson has been appointed by the PCC to act as Treasurer.

1.2 **Structure, governance and management**

1.2.1 The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956.

1.2.2 The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2025.

1.2.3 All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

- 1.2.4 The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including decisions on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.
- 1.2.5 On 31 December 2025, the PCC had the following Sub-Groups:
 - 1.2.5.1 Children and Young People;
 - 1.2.5.2 Environmental and Social Justice;
 - 1.2.5.3 Property (which also reports to the PCC on Health and Safety matters);
 - 1.2.5.4 Ministry Leadership Team;
 - 1.2.5.5 Mission Support;
 - 1.2.5.6 Pastoral, Prayer and Wholeness Ministry; and
 - 1.2.5.7 Worship Services Support.

1.3 **Objectives and activities**

- 1.3.1 St Gabriel's PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Hall Buildings.
- 1.3.2 When planning its activities for the year, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Accordingly, the PCC tries to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:
 - 1.3.2.1 Worship and Prayer;
 - 1.3.2.2 Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and Church members;
 - 1.3.2.3 Community engagement activities (including "Playmates" (a group for under-5s), Cuppa and Cake, the Bless Greystones initiative, school assemblies, Nativity and carols in the Greystones pub and Epic Explorers (an after-school club));
 - 1.3.2.4 Use of the Church and Hall buildings by community groups; and
 - 1.3.2.5 Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that the PCC maintains the fabric of the building of St Gabriel's and the Church Hall.

1.4 Achievements and performance

1.4.1 Church attendance

In 2025 there were 75 people on the Church Electoral Roll (2024: 68), 30 of whom are resident within the parish (2024: 25). The average weekly "in person" attendance, counted during October 2025, was 72 adults (2024: 65) and 25 children (2024: 24). In addition, the weekly service has also been streamed on Zoom, the average weekly attendance at which was 4 in October 2025 (2024: 4).

1.4.2 Review of the year

1.4.2.1 Due to our incumbent, the Revd. Alistair Stevenson, leaving in July, this year has been quite different to previous years. Time in normal PCC meetings (seven during the year) has had to be given to ensuring that everything was covered during the ensuing vacancy, and four extra PCC meetings have had to be held to deal with the recruitment process for a new incumbent. By the beginning of December, the PCC had appointed our two Parish Representatives to sit on the Interview Panel, produced our Parish Profile and the Role Description & Person Specification, and were hoping that the post would be advertised by the Diocese in early January 2026.

1.4.2.2 Following Alistair's departure, the congregation with the help of our Curate (Pete Gaunt) has really stepped up and pulled together to enable the church to keep running smoothly.

1.4.2.3 A significant amount of time had also to be spent in normal PCCs dealing with the discovery of dry rot in the ladies' toilets and rectifying the problem. Although not quite finished, the refitted toilet facilities were back in use in time for Christmas at a total cost up to 31 December 2025 of £47057.

1.4.3 At each normal meeting of the PCC, consideration was given to reports from the sub-groups of the PCC (see paragraph 1.2.5) plus reports on Safeguarding and Deanery Synod. PCC policies, risk assessments, sub-group terms of reference, and role descriptions are also regularly reviewed either annually or on a three year cycle.

1.4.4 In addition to the vacancy cover, recruitment process, and dry rot mentioned above, other specific topics discussed during regular PCC meetings included:

1.4.4.1 The co-option of additional PCC members and appointment of a PCC member to fill a casual vacancy;

1.4.4.2 Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and the members of the Standing Committee;

1.4.4.3 Term of Office of elected lay PCC members;

- 1.4.4.4 The 2025 APCM and reports to be produced to the APCM;
- 1.4.4.5 Changes to the Sunday service patterns;
- 1.4.4.6 Community engagement and mission activities generally;
- 1.4.4.7 Support and Pastoral Care for the incumbent and curate;
- 1.4.4.8 Eco-Church and environmental matters;
- 1.4.4.9 Arrangements for the Parish Weekend Away in May 2025;
- 1.4.4.10 Donations to be made by the PCC to missions and charities;
- 1.4.4.11 Budget for 2026; and
- 1.4.4.12 Youth and Children's work – including changes to teams, meeting times and format.

1.5 Financial review

- 1.5.1 Full details of the financial activities in the year to 31 December 2025 can be found in the Financial Statements in paragraphs 3 and 4, together with the notes to the Financial Statements in paragraph 5 of this report.
- 1.5.2 Total income received in the year amounted to £191674 (2024: £153984) of which unrestricted income received into the General Fund during the year was £186424 (2024: £150409), unrestricted income received into the Legacy Fund was £1250 (2024: £0) and a sum of £4000 (2024: £3574) was received by way of restricted income.
- 1.5.3 Overall expenses totalled £217199 (2024: £144354) of which £216353 (2024: £143523) related to the General Fund.
- 1.5.4 There was therefore an overall deficit in the year of £25525 (2024: £9630 surplus), including a deficit of £22345 (2024: £2352 surplus) in respect of the General Fund (after transfers of £7584 to the General Fund from other funds held by the PCC).
- 1.5.5 Both income and expenditure for the year to 31 December 2025 show significant increases from the figures in 2024. Overall income increased by 24% and expenses by 50%. The factors leading to these increases included:
 - 1.5.5.1 Continuing growth of the Church, reflected in increased attendance at services, the number of activities undertaken and increased donations to the funds of the Church.
 - 1.5.5.2 In particular, regular giving by members of the Church has increased during the period under review and the generosity of the members of the Church to fund the growth of the Church is greatly appreciated.
 - 1.5.5.3 Income and related costs and expenses in connection with a parish weekend away held in May 2025.

1.5.5.4 Increases in hall running costs, particularly in relation to electricity and gas prices.

1.5.5.5 In addition, the cost of repairs has increased significantly, including, in particular, the sum of £47057 in respect of the cost of treating dry rot in the ladies' toilet area in the Hall together with the refurbishment of the ladies' toilet.

1.5.6 The PCC made a contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund (formerly called Quota) in accordance with the pledge made at the start of 2025. The amount contributed to the Common Fund was £75000 (2024: £69996).

1.5.7 Details of the amounts held in Restricted and Designated Funds can be found in notes 2 to 9 to the Financial Statements in paragraph 5 of this Report.

1.6 Reserves Policy

1.6.1 It is PCC policy to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds that equates to three months of unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Based upon the budgeted expenses for 2026, the amount of unrestricted funds required to comply with the reserves policy is currently equivalent to £41000 (2024: 43000).

1.6.2 The balance standing to the credit of the General Fund on 31 December 2025 in the sum of £28128 is less than the target reserves amount referred to in paragraph 1.6.1.

1.6.3 The PCC will continue to monitor the amount of the unrestricted balance of the General Fund to ensure that the target level of reserves can be maintained.

1.6.4 In addition, however, the PCC has resolved to keep a sum within the Legacy Fund available to ensure that the PCC is able to comply with its reserves policy even if the balance of the General Fund is below the target reserves level.

1.7 Investment Policy

It is the PCC's policy to invest funds not immediately required for the day-to day operations of the PCC with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

1.8 Donations in kind

The PCC did not receive any donations in kind during the year.

1.9 Connected Party Transactions

1.9.1 During 2025, the following transactions involved connected parties:

1.9.1.1 SIM

- (a) a grant of £3,000 (payable in monthly instalments of £250) was made directly to support David and Helen

Smithers' work through SIM and a similar sum has been pledged to support this work during 2026. Please also refer to note 9 to the Financial Statements.

- (b) Peter Smithers (Warden and ex-officio PCC Member) and Paula Smithers (PCC Member up to 25 May 2025) are the parents of David Smithers. However, neither was involved in any decision making relating to this grant and did not participate in the part of the PCC meeting where the possibility of making a donation to SIM to support the work of David and Helen Smithers was discussed.

1.9.1.2 Christians and Sheffield Schools (**CaSS**)

- (a) A donation of £500 was made by the PCC to the CaSS, a charity of which Linda Chambers (PCC Member) is a trustee.
- (b) However, Linda Chambers was not involved in any decision making relating to this grant and did not participate in the part of the PCC meeting where the possibility of making a donation to CaSS was discussed.

1.9.2 Save as set out in paragraphs 1.9.1, the PCC is not aware of any transactions which took place during the relevant period between the PCC and either a member of the PCC or a person connected to a member of the PCC.

Approved by the PCC on 15 April 2026.



On behalf of the PCC

2. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 9 to 19 following which show an overall deficit for the year ended on 31 December 2025 of £25525 (2024: *Surplus £9630*) and total funds on 31 December 2025 of £81948 (2024: £107473) (**Accounts**).

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('**Act**') and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('**Regulations**').

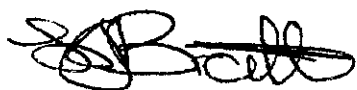
I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. The accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



STEPHANIE JANE BRATT
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

16 April 2026

3. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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		2025					2024			
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
Note		General Fund (Note 3)	Publicity Fund (Note 4)	Legacy Fund (Note 5)	Fabric Fund (Note 6)	Bless Greystones (Note 7)	Diocesan Grant Fund (Note 8)	Small Sparks Grant Fund (Note 9)	Total 2025	Total 2024
Payments										
	Church administration (including employee costs)	16873							16873	6312
	Church Running Costs	10698							10698	13522
	Clergy Expenses	3605							3605	2478
	Worship Expenses/Cost of Services	6536	21						6557	5395
	Common Fund Contribution	75000							75000	69996
11	Donations to Charities	11754							11754	12406
	Hall Running Costs	69599				214			69813	23634
	Mission and Evangelism Costs	5104	226			350			5681	1685
	Training Courses	350							350	300
12	Other Expenses	16833	34						16868	8626
										0
Total expenditure		216353	282	0	0	564	0	0	217199	144354

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		<u>2025</u>					<u>2024</u>	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Note		General Fund (Note 3)	Publicity Fund (Note 4)	Legacy Fund (Note 5)	Fabric Fund (Note 6)	Bless Greystones (Note 7)	Diocesan Grant Fund (Note 8)	Small Sparks Grant Fund (Note 9)
	Excess/Deficit of Income over Expenditure	(29929)	-282	1250	0	(564)	4000	0
	Transfers between funds	7584		(3448)			(4136)	0
								9630
								0
	Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(22345)	(282)	(2198)	0	(564)	(136)	0
	Balance on 31.12.2024	50473	474	50677	0	1726	3336	787
								107473
	Balance at 31.12.2025	28128	193	48479	0	1162	3200	787
								81948
								107473

Approved by the PCC on 15 April 2026.


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On behalf of the PCC

4. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Bank Accounts and Cash/Undeposited Receipts

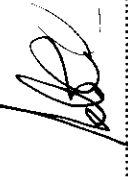
	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash		0	0
NatWest Bank Current Account		6969	19868
NatWest Bank Current Account No.2		1221	275
NatWest Reserve Account		0	0
CBF Deposit Account		70986	87330
Stripe		0	0
SumUp Business Account		2647	0
Stewardship UKET		125	0
		81948	107473

Represented by:

General Fund – Unrestricted fund	28.3	28128	50473
Publicity Fund – Restricted fund	28.4	192	474
Legacy Fund – Designated Fund	28.5	48479	50677
Fabric Fund – Restricted Fund	28.6	0	0
Bless Greystones Fund –Restricted Fund	28.7	1162	1726
Diocesan Grant Fund - Restricted Fund	28.8	3200	3336
Small Sparks Fund -- Restricted Fund	28.9	787	787
		81948	107473

Total Funds

Approved by the PCC on 15 April 2026.

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On behalf of the PCC

5. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note

- 1 The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Method.
- 2 Summary of Movement in Funds during period to 31 December 2025

	<u>31/12/24</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>31/12/25</u>
<u>RESTRICTED FUNDS</u>					
Publicity Fund	474	0	(282)	0	192
Fabric Fund (Terminated from 01/01/2025)	0	0	0	0	0
Bless Greystones Fund	1726	0	(564)	0	1162
Diocesan Grant Fund	3336	4000	0	(4136)	3200
Small Sparks Diocesan Grant Fund	787	0	0	0	787
Total Restricted Funds	6323	4000	(846)	(4136)	5341
<u>UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED FUNDS</u>					
Legacy Fund	50677	1250	0	(3448)	47479
Total Designated Funds	50677	1250	0	(3448)	48479
<u>UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS</u>					
	50473	186424	(216353)	7584	28128
TOTAL FUNDS	107473	191674	(217199)	0	81948

Note

3 General Fund - Unrestricted Fund

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund and is used by the PCC for the day-to-day financial management of the charity and for the usual financial operations of the PCC.

4 Publicity Fund

The Publicity Fund is a Restricted Fund, which was originally established in 2005 after receipt of a donation which was restricted for use in connection with promotion of the Church in the Greystones area and to provide funds in connection with the publicising of the Church and its mission.

5 Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund is a designated fund.

The income for the year ended 31 December 2020 included 2 legacies generously bequeathed to the Church totalling £57,067. The PCC decided to transfer those legacies from the General Fund to the Legacy Fund.

The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to provide funds for specific projects in furtherance of the objectives of the Church including:

- Major repairs which cannot be easily funded out of the General Fund.
- Promoting the mission of the Church including the funding of specific costs to further the Church's mission.

The Legacy Fund also provides reserves in case any unexpected expenses arise which cannot be funded out of the General Fund, subject to the PCC agreeing to utilise such funds for that purpose.

During 2024 the PCC also agreed to use funds from the Legacy Fund to fund part of the salary costs of a Children's Worker.

Additions to the Legacy Fund during the year to 31 December 2025 were specific unrestricted donations which the PCC resolved to add to the Legacy Fund to be used for the purposes set out above.

Note

6 Fabric Fund

The Fabric Fund was a Restricted Fund.

It was originally established many years ago to provide a fund for major repairs to the Church. Subsequently in approximately 1995, it was used as the fund to manage the major rebuilding project undertaken at that time. In the period leading up to the refurbishment of the kitchen in the Church Hall, it was used as the fund to collect donations and grants for that project and out of which to expend the costs of the refurbishment.

The Fabric Fund did not have a balance on 1 January 2025 and PCC resolved to terminate the Fabric Fund with effect from 1 January 2025.

7 Bless Greystones

The Bless Greystones Fund is a Restricted Fund.

In November 2020, the Church launched a project for mission and outreach in the local area of Greystones under the title of the Fund. The fund received donations restricted to use in connection to the project.

8 Diocesan Grant received

The sum of £4000 was received from the Diocese of Sheffield during the year which was the second instalment of a grant awarded in 2024 by the Diocese of Sheffield from the Church in Action Fund. The grant was made to provide funding towards the cost of employing a Children's Worker and the second instalment covers a period of 12 months from 1 September 2025. This grant has been credited to the existing Restricted Fund called the "**Diocesan Grant Fund**" and transfers are made from this fund to contribute towards the cost of employing a Children's Worker.

9 Small Sparks Diocesan Grant Fund

The Small Sparks Diocesan Grant Fund is a Restricted Fund.

During the year ended on 31 December 2024, the PCC applied to the Diocese of Sheffield for a grant to provide equipment and to enable the PCC to carry out actions pursuant to a neurodiversity project which was being undertaken. A grant of £1520 was made by the Diocese of Sheffield to fund certain aspects of this project.

Note

10 Other income includes:

	£
Holiday Club Subscriptions	1350
Cuppa and Cake	531
Donations for Refreshments at Services	289
Playmates	1545
Christmas Fair	168
Christmas Wreath Making Fees	885
Parish Weekend Away Receipts	12539
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	17307
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11 The following donations to charities were made during the period to 31 December 2025:

Charity Beneficiary

	£
Agape Ministries (Andrew and Lyn Griffin)	1000
Arise, Together for Sheffield	500

Note

12	Baby Basics UK being the balance of the proceeds of the 2024 Christmas Fair	54
	Christians and Sheffield Schools (CaSS)	500
	Church Army (Ruby Project)	500
	Datic Trust/Galeed House	500
	Golddigger Trust	500
	Kids Club Kampala	500
	Open Hands Project	1600
	Operational Mobilisation	1100
	People International	2000
	SIM (David and Helen Smithers)	3000
	Total	11754
	Other Expenses include:	
		£
	Holiday Club Expenses	1048
	Playmates Expenses	975
	Parish Weekend Away Deposit Payments (Please note that deposits of £5604 were paid and reflected in the Accounts to 31 December 2024)	12515

Note

Christmas Wreath Making Expenses	900
Other Expenses	1395
	16833

13 Transfers Between Funds

In addition, the following transfers between funds of the PCC were undertaken during 2025 to cover the costs of employing a Children's Worker:

From	To	Amount - £
Diocesan Grant Fund	General Fund	4136
Legacy Fund	General Fund	3448

13 The PCC does not own any freehold or leasehold property nor any material fixed assets.