

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Longton Hall St Paul's

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1207384

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's (the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Rev Dave Street, 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.

We continue to focus on the strategic plan for St Paul's, with the aim of continuing to grow God's kingdom here in the parish of Longton Hall and making new disciples. We aim to build a thriving and sustainable church which contributes to the Diocesan Strategic Framework for 2024-2030.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of both the church and the hall.

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Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity 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 Longton, 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.

Achievements and Performance

Worship & Prayer

In 2025 we are pleased to report that the worshipping community grew through the work of the Incumbent and Lay Ministry Team. Faithful members have gathered weekly to pray and support all areas of ministry in prayer. We have welcomed a broader range of nationalities and the congregation is becoming more diverse and representative of our local community.

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services and activities, not only on Sundays, but also during the week that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Wednesdays is a busy day with 'Open House' (community coffee morning), 'Reading Friends' (Library initiative facilitated by a church volunteer) and 'Seated Exercise' (gentle exercise led by our partners at Stoke City Foundation).

The use of the digital screens and technology supports our Sunday services and helps to engage our congregation. There is the facility to catch up online via YouTube.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at significant milestones of the journey through life. We have walked alongside families to offer baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. There is a Pastoral Team of volunteers who offer Holy Communion at home.

The parish was pleased to welcome Rev Katie Delamere as Curate in 2025. Rev Katie was licensed on 28th June and joined us shortly after that.

Church Fabric

We are thankful that the church is in a general good state of repair and throughout the year some minor repairs have been completed, including the rebuilding of a weathered wall, replacement cladding above the office entrance, some minor electrical repairs and some deep cleans throughout.

It's great to recognise the work of the volunteers in cleaning and maintaining the church and hall and tending the Garden of Hope (community garden at the back of the church).

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Stoke-upon-Trent Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod. Amongst the items discussed at meetings in 2025 have been sexuality and marriage and growth culture in churches.

Mission, Evangelism & Outreach

St Paul's Church has continued to have a great relationship with our church primary school throughout the last year. We have continued to connect in many ways which include:

- Reading buddies (our volunteers listen to the children read)
- Pen pals (exchange of letters between church volunteers and class groups)
- Choir showcases at Open House
- Replenishing the school food bank as and when needed
- Providing school governor volunteers
- Help at various school activities including the Christmas and summer fairs
- A church volunteer led ukulele group in school for pupils
- Regular prayer times for the school in our own weekly prayer meetings.
- Easter, Christmas and end of term services
- Regular school assemblies.

Supertots continued to thrive throughout the year. Supertots is our term time, play group for little ones from birth through to reception age and their carers. It is led by church volunteers. There is no charge for those attending, but carers can make a donation if they wish. Sessions have been well attended and community projects were well supported by the group.

Superkids launched in September 2025. Superkids is a term time kids club for those aged 5 to 11. It includes activities, crafts, music and games. This group is also led by church volunteers and there is no charge for those attending, but any donations made are used towards the running of the sessions.

We have continued to regularly host meetings of the Longton Hall Community Association.

At our Harvest Service this year our donations of non-perishable food were given to Affordable Food Stoke for emergency food parcels. Affordable Food was just one of the venues for our Community Carol Singing in 2025, with others being St Paul's Primary School and our local community shops.

In 2025 we held 3 community quiz nights which were very well attended by both church and community members and were a great success. The second of these was run as a fundraiser to buy pigs for home farms in Uganda. We raised the money to buy 12 pigs for these deprived families, this was done through Compassion UK.

Open House, Reading Friends and Seated Exercise continue to thrive and we welcome new members regularly.

Financial Review

St Paul's Church ended the year 2025 in a stable financial position. We were able to pay all our outstanding bills on time and in full. This included the Common Fund (Parish Share) of £33,792

Our thanks go to the continued, faithful giving of the congregation. We have benefited from the Gift Aid scheme again this year to claim tax relief on the donations that we receive. We have continued to benefit from the payments made with the contactless payment machine too.

During 2025 we received £8,142 in funding, which all went towards supporting our community activities. We are grateful to the Irene Harrison Legacy Fund, Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, Community Foundation for Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Family Focus for their funding support as well as funding from the ward budget of two local councillors.

A number of changes have been made throughout 2025 to help us achieve value for money, these have included changes to our online platforms.

As a church we continue to tithe (give away 10% of our income) to a combination of local and national charities and ministries. During 2025 these have included Christian Aid, City Vision Ministries, Donna Louise Trust via the Dougie Mac, North Staffs Mind, New Era, Voice of Hope and North Staffs YMCA.

Every year brings fresh financial challenges and 2025 has been no exception. Therefore, we continue to monitor closely all that God has given us stewardship of and thank Him for his faithfulness.

Financial Review

PCC of Longton Hall, St Paul's

Net Total Assets: £68,027_2025 [£63,339 2024]

Excess: £4,687_2025 – Unrestricted Excess: £8,185 Restricted Deficit: (£3,498)

[Deficit: (£7,714) 2024]

This looks like a good year for Longton Hall. The unrestricted excess is £4,687. The Restricted deficit will be due to spending grants that were received in 2024.

Overall income has increased from £70,032_2024 to £88,376_2025. The most notable differences are: 0101 Gift Aid Collections, 0201 Other planned giving, 0601 Tax recoverable on Gift aid and other funds generated.

Expenditure has also increased from £77,746_2024 to £83,688_2025. The most notable differences are 2201 Parish training and mission, 2440 Church running-Heating and Lighting and 2590 Hall running-Heating and Lighting.

Thanks go to Fiona Priest and Sue Mountford for their hard work, support and impeccable paperwork throughout 2025.

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 for the following reasons:

- To manage cash flow and contractual obligations.
- In case of significant building maintenance being required; and
- Against loss of income whilst buildings are not available for rental.

This is equivalent to £18,237 [£13,361 2024]. 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 £46,810_2025 [£39,795 2024] which is considerably higher than this target. The Trustees feel that a higher reserve is prudent in these uncertain times.

The PCC will agree a budget for 2026, and this will be reviewed regularly.

Investment Policy

The charity is granted power to invest in suitable investments under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Trustees Act 2000. As a charity, the Trustees have a duty of care to take such advice as is appropriate before investments are undertaken. This advice is sought from the Central Board of Finance (CCLA) in London. AFH Wealth Management and EFG Harris Allday

The charity's investment policies are based on two key principles: -

- Ethical Investment – this includes ensuring that investments are held in companies which have high standards of corporate governance and act in a responsible way towards stakeholders.
- Long-term responsibilities – the trustees are aware of their long-term responsibilities in respect of the Restricted and Unrestricted reserves and as a result follow a prudent approach to investment decisions.

Investment policy for long-term funds is aimed primarily at generating a sustainable income, with due regard to the need for the preservation of capital value, and the possible need to realise investments to meet operational needs. The charity does not have a policy of generating income at excessive or high risk – known as “purchasing income”, where high returns are guaranteed at the expense of capital.

In summary, the charity has an overall policy to maximise income while preserving the real value of its funds. Due to the nature of the charity, an ethical investment policy is taken into consideration when investments are made:

The charity follows the Ethical Investment Advisory policy as recommended by the Lichfield Diocese which includes the following:

“We aim to invest in companies that:

- * will develop their business in the interests of shareholders;
- * demonstrate responsible employment practices;
- * are conscientious concerning issues of corporate governance, the environment and human rights;
- * are sensitive to the community in which they operate.”

Planned giving, collections and donations are the main sources of fund raising along with tax recoverable.

Safeguarding

The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

As a minimum we ensure that our safeguarding policy is updated regularly and is treated as a living document, all front facing volunteers are up to date with safeguarding training, DBS checks are carried out at the appropriate time, safeguarding is a standing agenda item at all PCC meetings and we clearly communicate to our church and community that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Reporting Serious Incidents

A Serious Incident is an adverse event, whether actual or alleged, which results in or risks significant harm to the charity's beneficiaries, employees, office holders, volunteers or to others who come into contact with the charity through its work, loss of the charity's money or assets, damage to the charity's property or harm to the charity's work or reputation.

The trustees are not aware of any Serious Incidents in the last year

Fundraising

The PCC takes its fundraising responsibilities seriously and is very grateful to all donors – whether regular or occasional – for their support of the church and church events. PCC supporters are never taken for granted. The PCC take full responsibility for fundraising and do not use commercial organisations or professional fundraisers. All money raised is either by donations, fundraising events, special appeals or legacies for which the PCC are most grateful.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the 45 volunteers who work so hard to make our Church a lively and vibrant community.

Risk Management

The Church Wardens carry out regular Health and Safety Reviews and regularly inspect premises for potential hazards. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. An informal review of any new risks which may impact the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing.

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 under registration number 1207384. 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, a representative of the Readers, 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 met 9 times in 2025. There was one sub committee of the PCC in 2025 and that was the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee consisted of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Secretary and two PCC representatives. This is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction of the council. The Standing Committee was not required to meet in 2025.

Related Parties

Fiona Priest is employed as Parish Administrator and continues as Trustee of the PCC. This has been discussed by the PCC without Fiona present and the PCC agreed unanimously that they wanted Fiona to continue in both roles.

Ian Priest who is married to Fiona Priest has been paid £170 for gardening on a Self-employed basis. This contract was discussed by the PCC without Fiona Priest present. No other Trustee or their family are employed or offered contracts to carry out work for the PCC.

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from 16 related parties during the year totalled £18,325_2025 [£11,820 2024]. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

One of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the Charity. Fiona Priest is employed as the Parish Administrator. The PCC discussed the reason for employment and continuing as a Trustee without Fiona present. They decided that because of her years of experience working as the Administrator [prior to being registered with Charity Commission] and her years of attending St Paul's Church, they wanted her to continue in both roles. The remuneration was £16,224_2025 with £300 Employer pension contributions 2025. [£16,224 2024 and £300 Employer pension contributions 2024]. Fiona does not receive any other benefits.

Expenses paid to Trustees

Two trustees were reimbursed £506_2025[£NIL 2024] for travel and subsistence during the year.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Longton Hall St Paul

Other names the charity is known by: N/A

Registered Charity Number: 1207384

Charity's principal address: Longton Hall Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

Correspondence address: 131 Longton Hall Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST2 2EL

Website address: www.achurchnearyou.co.uk

PCC Members: Who Served from 1 January 2025 to the date this report was approved

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
	Ex-Officio		
	Rev David Street	Chairperson	
	Rev Katie Delamere	Curate	Joined July 2025
	Wendy Edwards	Deanery Synod	
	**Fiona Priest	Deanery Synod/Treasurer	
	Mo Trudel	Deanery Synod	
	Alex Povey	Churchwarden	Elected 06.04.25
	John Ash	Churchwarden	
	Alison Hopley	Secretary	
	Elected members		
	Sue Mountford		Elected 06.04.25
	Angela Ward		
	Barbara Burton		
	Joan Stanway		
	Paul Jones		
	Sue Rushton		
	Alan Thorley		
	Gill Ash		

****Employed by the PCC**

Bank	Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 WN8 6WT
Investment Managers	CCLA 1 Angel Ln London EC4R 3AB
Independent Examiner	Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Approved by the PCC on 09.03.26 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Dave Street

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's

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: 24/03/2026.

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul's
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2025

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Cashflow Statement

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that the income does not exceed £500,000.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting Estimates and Prior Year Errors

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.
No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period

Description of Funds

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

An explanation of purpose of each Designated fund are as follows:

Quinquennial fund -	Fund set aside towards the quinquennial held locally
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Restricted funds comprise of two elements :-

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

An explanation of purpose of each Restricted fund are as follows:

Christmas fund -	For expenditure on Christmas items. Fund is at Nil and will be closed
Community Foundation	For work with the community.
Decoration fund -	For the internal decoration of the vicarage held with LDBF
Gift (Anon) fund -	Anonymous Gift no specific restrictions advised that this is transferred to general funds
Hamper fund -	For Hampers for the community
Irene Burdett fund -	Historical legacy from Irene Burdett
Land fund -	For projects on the land behind the Church
Quinquennial fund -	For the quinquennial costs held with LDBF
School Food-	For providing food to local schools
Social Activities -	For social activities
Warm Space fund -	For providing a Warm space.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

An explanation of purpose of each Endowment fund are as follows:

The PCC does not hold any Endowment Funds

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received or when the PCC becomes entitled to the resource and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs should be allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the PCC and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources eg by allocating staff costs by time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything

acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Investments

Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end. Investments held for re-sale are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount. Subsequently they are measured as cash expected to be received

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts. Accruals are measured on best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

The Parish of Longton Hall St Paul year ending 2025

Receipts and Payments Account 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025	2024
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	57,914	-	7,159	-	65,074	46,736
Income from charitable activities	21,234	-	-	-	21,234	21,366
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	1,984	-	82	-	2,067	1,929
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	81,134	-	7,242	-	88,376	70,032
Payments						
Raising funds	336	-	2,652	-	2,989	729
Expenditure on charitable activities	72,611	-	8,087	-	80,699	77,016
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	72,948	-	10,739	-	83,688	77,746
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	8,185	-	(3,498)	-	4,687	(7,714)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,230	600	4,800	-	9,630	43,576
Gross transfers between funds - out	(5,401)	-	(4,230)	-	(9,631)	(43,577)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	3,081
Net movement in funds	7,015	600	(2,928)	-	4,687	(4,633)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971
Total funds carried forward	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	63,339

Statement of assets and liabilities 2025

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
65271625: Bank current account	16,011	1,200	4,043	-	21,255	22,903
6590: Cash in hand	100	-	-	-	100	100
CB3028117: CCLA St Paul's Longton Hall	30,678	1,674	13,023	-	45,375	43,410
IDEDEN011: IDS Decoration Account	-	-	656	-	656	343
QFLONG071: Quinquennial Account	20	-	620	-	640	400
Total	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	67,157
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	-	-	-	3,818
Total	-	-	-	-	-	3,818
Net total assets	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	63,339

Approved by the PCC on 09.03.26

and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Dave Street

Statement of assets and liabilities 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
Bank current account	15,211	600	7,092	-	22,903	26,328
Cash in hand	100	-	-	-	100	100
CCLA St Paul's Longton Hall	24,484	1,674	17,253	-	43,411	-
IDS Decoration Account	-	-	344	-	344	-
Quinquennial Account	-	-	400	-	400	-
CCLA - St Paul's Longton Special funds	-	-	-	-	-	41,544
Total	39,795	2,274	25,088	-	67,158	67,971
Liability - Agency Accounts						
Agency collections	-	-	3,818	-	3,818	-
Total	-	-	3,818	-	3,818	-
Net total assets	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971

Analysis of receipts and payments 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid Collections	37,772	-	-	-	37,772	31,278
0201 - Other planned giving	1,425	-	-	-	1,425	510
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,647	-	-	-	2,647	4,112
0303 - Contactless	2,223	-	-	-	2,223	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	895	-	-	-	895	591
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,857	-	-	-	8,857	3,411
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	983	-	7,159	-	8,142	6,480
0901 - Other funds generated	3,111	-	-	-	3,111	353
Donations and legacies Totals	57,914	-	7,159	-	65,074	46,736
Income from charitable activities						
0902 - Heating - Weddings&Funerals	420	-	-	-	420	600
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,002	-	-	-	1,002	1,191
1230 - Church hall lettings	19,812	-	-	-	19,812	19,575
Income from charitable activities Totals	21,234	-	-	-	21,234	21,366
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,984	-	82	-	2,067	1,929
Investments Totals	1,984	-	82	-	2,067	1,929
Receipts Grand totals	81,134	-	7,242	-	88,376	70,032
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	336	-	2,652	-	2,989	729
Raising funds Totals	336	-	2,652	-	2,989	729
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	3,585	-	-	-	3,585	3,425
1910 - LDBF Common Fund	33,792	-	-	-	33,792	33,131
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	17,551	-	-	-	17,551	17,431
2060 - Music Staff payments	-	-	-	-	-	60
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	506	-	-	-	506	-
2150 - Vicar's telephone	104	-	-	-	104	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	1,757	-	8,087	-	9,845	3,533
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,793	-	-	-	1,793	2,925
2310 - Church office - telephone	499	-	-	-	499	708
2330 - Church maintenance	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	2,347
2331 - Cleaning	261	-	-	-	261	254
2340 - Upkeep of services	515	-	-	-	515	887
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	919	-	-	-	919	390
2360 - Administration	2,094	-	-	-	2,094	3,827
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	581
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	3,776	-	-	-	3,776	2,387
2550 - Hall running - insurance	1,214	-	-	-	1,214	-
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	99	-	-	-	99	-
2570 - Hall running - telephone	360	-	-	-	360	328
2580 - Hall running - water	344	-	-	-	344	196
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	2,205	-	-	-	2,205	1,194
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	130	-	-	-	130	3,407
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	72,611	-	8,087	-	80,699	77,016
Payments Grand totals	72,948	-	10,739	-	83,688	77,746

Fund movement by type 2025

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Christmas							
Restricted	161	700	850	120	-	-	131
Sub-totals	161	700	850	120	-	-	131
Decoration							
Restricted	343	62	-	250	-	-	656
Sub-totals	343	62	-	250	-	-	656
Gift [Anon]							
Restricted	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Sub-totals	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Hampers							
Restricted	1,216	-	1,123	-	-	-	92
Sub-totals	1,216	-	1,123	-	-	-	92
Irene Burdett							
Restricted	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Sub-totals	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Land							
Restricted	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Sub-totals	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Quinquennial							
Designated	2,274	-	-	600	-	-	2,874
Restricted	400	20	-	200	-	-	620
Sub-totals	2,674	20	-	800	-	-	3,494
School Food							
Restricted	-	2,800	978	-	-	-	1,821
Sub-totals	-	2,800	978	-	-	-	1,821
Social Activities							
Restricted	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Sub-totals	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Warm Space							
Restricted	6,126	1,000	5,128	-	-	-	1,998
Sub-totals	6,126	1,000	5,128	-	-	-	1,998
ZZCommunity Foundation							
Restricted	-	2,659	2,659	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	-	2,659	2,659	-	-	-	-
General							
Unrestricted	39,795	81,134	72,948	(1,171)	-	-	46,810
Sub-totals	39,795	81,134	72,948	(1,171)	-	-	46,810
Totals	63,339	88,376	83,688	-	-	-	68,027

Fund movement by type 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Christmas							
Restricted	-	550	389	-	-	-	161
Sub-totals	-	550	389	-	-	-	161
Decoration							
Restricted	-	63	3,050	3,331	-	-	344
Sub-totals	-	63	3,050	3,331	-	-	344
Gift [Anon]							
Restricted	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Sub-totals	12,211	-	-	-	-	-	12,211
Hampers							
Restricted	1,216	-	-	-	-	-	1,216
Sub-totals	1,216	-	-	-	-	-	1,216
Irene Burdett							
Restricted	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Sub-totals	263	-	-	-	-	-	263
Land							
Restricted	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Sub-totals	485	-	-	-	-	-	485
Quinquennial							
Designated	-	-	-	2,274	-	-	2,274
Restricted	1,674	-	-	(1,274)	-	-	400
Sub-totals	1,674	-	-	1,000	-	-	2,674
Social Activities							
Restricted	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Sub-totals	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Warm Space							
Restricted	2,123	5,430	1,427	-	-	-	6,126
Sub-totals	2,123	5,430	1,427	-	-	-	6,126
ZZ Affordable Foods							
Restricted	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	100	-	100	-	-	-	-
ZZ Community							
Restricted	7,783	-	6,747	(1,036)	-	-	-
Sub-totals	7,783	-	6,747	(1,036)	-	-	-
ZZ Grounds							
Restricted	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
ZZ Hall							
Restricted	306	-	388	82	-	-	-
Sub-totals	306	-	388	82	-	-	-
ZZ Heating							
Restricted	761	-	761	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	761	-	761	-	-	-	-
ZZ Wages							

Restricted	9,466	-	11,411	1,945	-	-	-
Sub-totals	9,466	-	11,411	1,945	-	-	-
General							
Unrestricted	31,490	63,990	53,444	(5,322)	3,081	-	39,795
Sub-totals	31,490	63,990	53,444	(5,322)	3,081	-	39,795
Totals	67,971	70,032	77,746	-	3,081	-	63,339

Staff Costs

	2025	2024
Wages & Salaries	£16,224	£16,224
Social Security Costs	£1,028	£544
Average number of Employees	1	1

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator and payments attracted social security costs.

There were no employee benefits to key management personnel in the previous or current year.

The PCC uses the National Employment Savings Trust [Nest] via the Diocesan Payroll Scheme, for its pension payments £299_2025 [£300 2024]

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

One of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the Charity. Fiona Priest is employed as the Parish Administrator. The PCC discussed the reason for employment and continuing as a Trustee without Fiona present. They decided that because of her years' experience working as the Administrator [prior to being registered with Charity Commission] and her years of attending St Paul's Church, they wanted her to continue in both roles. The remuneration was £16,224_2025 with £299 Employer pension contributions 2025. [£16,224 2024 and £300 Employer pension contributions 2024]. Fiona does not receive any other benefits.

Two Trustees have been reimbursed £506_2025 [£NIL 2024] for travel and subsistence during the year

Related Parties

Ian Priest who is married to Fiona Priest has been paid £170 for gardening on a Self-employed basis. This contract was discussed by the PCC without Fiona Priest present. No other Trustee or their family are employed or offered contracts to carry out work for the PCC.

Donations from 16 related parties [PCC members] totalled £18,325_2025 [£11,820 2024].

Fees for the examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	210	150
Other fees - Bookkeeping	910	570
Total	1,120	720

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2025

Debit	Credit	Description	Fund	Fund Type
-	200	Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071	General	Unr
-	250	Tfr from current account to IDS	General	Unr
-	120.45	Tfr from General to Christmas to bring to nil and close as per email 02.06.25	General	Unr
120.45	-	Tfr from General to Christmas to bring to nil and close as per email 02.06.25	Christmas	Res
-	600	Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	General	Unr
600	-	Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	Quinquennial	Des
-	1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
-	-1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
-	1,216.00	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
1,216.00	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
-	2,123.00	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
2,123.00	-	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Warm Space	Res
-	100	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
100	-	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Affordable Foods	Res
-	30	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
30	-	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Grounds	Res
-	761	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
761	-	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Heating	Res
-	1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	-1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
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-1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	1,123.37	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
1,123.37	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	1,216.00	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Hampers	Res
1,216.00	-	Tfr from General to Hampers in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	2,123.00	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	Warm Space	Res
2,123.00	-	General to Warm space in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	100	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Affordable Foods	Res
100	-	General to Affordable Foods in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	30	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Grounds	Res
30	-	General to Grounds Maintenance in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
-	761	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	ZZ Heating	Res
761	-	General to Heating in 65271625_contra posted to CB3028117	General	Unr
250	-	Tfr from current account to IDS	Decoration	Res
200	-	Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071	Quinquennial	Res

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2024

Reference	Debit	Credit	Fund
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	-	500	General
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	500	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from General to IDS to tidy up SOAL	-	250	General
Tfr from General to IDS to tidy up SOAL	250	-	Decoration
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	-	200	General
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	-	200	General
Tfr from community to wages as per email 16.12.24	-	1,389.89	Community
Tfr from community to wages as per email 16.12.24	1,389.89	-	Wages
Tfr from General to Community to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy	-	7,783.00	General

Tfr from General to Community to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy	7,783.00	-	Community
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy up	-	9,466.00	General
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil in 65271625 contra in CB3028117 KB tidy up	9,466.00	-	Wages
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil and close	-	595.55	General
Tfr from General to Wages to bring to nil and close	595.55	-	Wages
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	-	100	General
Tfr from General to Quinquennial as per email 30.10.24	100	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil	-	40	Wages
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil	40	-	General
Tfr from General to National Lottery to bring to nil	-	353.81	General
Tfr from General to National Lottery to bring to nil	353.81	-	Community
Tfr from General to Hall to bring to nil 65271625	-	387.62	General
Tfr from General to Hall to bring to nil 65271625	387.62	-	Hall
Tfr from Community to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy	-	7,783.00	Community
Tfr from Community to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy	7,783.00	-	General
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy up	-	9,466.00	Wages
Tfr from Wages to General to bring to nil in CB3028117 contra in 65271625 KB tidy up	9,466.00	-	General
Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil CB3028117	-	306	Hall
Tfr from Hall to General to bring to nil CB3028117	306	-	General
Tfr from Quinquennial Restricted to Quinquennial designated to correct	-	1,674.00	Quinquennial
Tfr from Quinquennial Restricted to Quinquennial designated to correct	1,674.00	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from General to IDS to correct	-	3,081.23	General
Tfr from General to IDS to correct	3,081.23	-	Decoration
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	200	-	Quinquennial
Tfr from 65271625 to QFLONG071 General to Quinquennial	200	-	Quinquennial

Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

The PCC does not hold any Tangible Fixed Assets

b) Fixed Asset Investments

The PCC does not hold any Fixed Asset Investments

Liabilities

Liabilities due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Agency	-	3,818
Total	-	3,818

Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Agency	-	-
Total	-	-

Summary of Assets by Fund 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
General (Unrestricted)	46,810	-	-	-	46,810	39,795
Designated - Quinquennial	-	2,874	-	-	2,874	2,274
Restricted - Christmas	-	-	131	-	131	161
Restricted - Decoration	-	-	656	-	656	343
Restricted - Gift [Anon]	-	-	12,211	-	12,211	12,211
Restricted - Hampers	-	-	92	-	92	1,216
Restricted - Irene Burdett	-	-	263	-	263	263
Restricted - Land	-	-	485	-	485	485
Restricted - Quinquennial	-	-	620	-	620	400
Restricted - School Food	-	-	1,821	-	1,821	-
Restricted - Social Activities	-	-	64	-	64	64
Restricted - Warm Space	-	-	1,998	-	1,998	6,126
Total	46,810	2,874	18,342	-	68,027	63,339

Summary of Assets by Fund 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
General (Unrestricted)	39,795	-	-	-	39,795	31,489
Designated - Quinquennial	-	2,274	-	-	2,274	-
Restricted - Christmas	-	-	161	-	161	-
Restricted - Decoration	-	-	344	-	344	-
Restricted - Gift [Anon]	-	-	12,211	-	12,211	12,211
Restricted - Hampers	-	-	1,216	-	1,216	1,216
Restricted - Irene Burdett	-	-	263	-	263	263
Restricted - Land	-	-	485	-	485	485
Restricted - Quinquennial	-	-	400	-	400	1,674
Restricted - Social Activities	-	-	64	-	64	64
Restricted - Warm Space	-	-	6,126	-	6,126	2,123
Restricted - ZZ Affordable Foods	-	-	-	-	-	100
Restricted - ZZ Community	-	-	-	-	-	7,783
Restricted - ZZ Grounds	-	-	-	-	-	30
Restricted - ZZ Hall	-	-	-	-	-	306
Restricted - ZZ Heating	-	-	-	-	-	761
Restricted - ZZ Wages	-	-	-	-	-	9,466
Total	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339	67,971

Receipts & Payments Comparatives
Previous Year 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024
Donations and legacies	40,757	-	5,980	-	46,737
Income from charitable activities	21,366	-	-	-	21,366
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	1,867	-	62	-	1,929
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	63,990	-	6,042	-	70,032
Raising funds	407	-	322	-	729
Expenditure on charitable activities	53,036	-	23,980	-	77,016
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	53,444	-	24,302	-	77,746
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,546	-	(18,260)	-	(7,714)
Gross transfers between funds - in	17,595	2,274	23,707	-	43,576
Gross transfers between funds - out	(22,917)	-	(20,659)	-	(43,576)
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	3,081	-	-	-	3,081
Net movement in funds	8,305	2,274	(15,212)	-	(4,632)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	31,489	-	36,482	-	67,971
Total funds carried forward	39,795	2,274	21,270	-	63,339