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growing disciples of Jesus
among the people of Wigan



PARISH OF WIGAN CENTRAL

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wigan Central is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission by statutory instrument. It has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Rector of Wigan to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, missional, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the churches of St Andrew's Springfield, St Anne's Beech Hill, Christ Church Ince, St Mary's Ince and St Catharine's Scholes as well as St Andrew's Parish Centre, St Anne's Community Hall and St Catharine's Parish Hall.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC will ensure that the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wigan Central is governed in accordance with the following governing documents: the *Church Wigan CRR Scheme 2019*, the current *Church Representation Rules* and the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956*.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Parish of Wigan Central is one of seven new parishes formed in January 2020 as part of the establishment of the new ecclesiastical Benefice of Wigan, known as *Church Wigan*, bringing together the former parishes of St Andrew's Springfield, St Anne's Beech Hill, St Catharine's Scholes, Christ Church Ince and St Mary's Ince. St Mary's Parish ceased to be in 2023.

The PCC works in close partnership with the Joint Council that oversees the benefice as a whole. It shares the vision of Church Wigan is to see our congregations refreshed and many new worshipping communities planted. Its prayer and work is to see 'Through Jesus transformed people, transformed places.'

Thus the parish aims and objectives are to:

- Refresh our existing congregations so that they may grow as disciples in love for each other and for the surrounding community;
- Grow new worshipping communities serving the neighbourhoods, networks and communities that exist in the parish (which we call our 'Fresh' strategy);
- Serve our local schools and community partners;
- Embody the vision of Liverpool Diocese in all we do: 'We are praying for a bigger church making a bigger difference, more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world' and reflect the values of Fit for Mission.

The PCC will ensure Wigan Central is a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment that is open to all and which enables all to thrive and flourish in the love of God.

MEMBERS' STATEMENT

When planning our objectives for the year, the Joint Council gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and Performance

A YEAR OF CHANGES AND CHALLENGES

We welcomed Rev David Cosslett – Assistant Curate – to the team this year. He was ordained as a permanent Deacon. He is a Self-Supporting Minister. He works alongside Rev Roland Harvey (Hub Leader), Rev Canon Sam Nicholson (Assistant Hub Leader) and Rev John Keeley (Assistant Curate) in ministering to and supporting the Hub.

This team also supports and ministers to, the Town Centre Hub and much time and prayer has been given to how Central Hub and Town Centre Hub can work more closely together. This work continues.

The Hub Leadership Team (HLT) comprises members of both Hubs and its work has centres on bringing the various worshipping communities and mission groups closer together as well as helping the Hubs to grow in faith, in numbers, in community.

In 2025 the four Worshipping Communities continued their work of Mission and Ministry in the community:

- The Pantry at Christ Church and Annie's Pantry at St Anne's continue their important work of providing lifelines of food and friendship to their local communities. A shared experience of the pantries has been in meeting needs of people beyond that of providing food. The pantries have become a place of welcome, warmth, friendship, a friendly ear and always an opportunity for prayer.
- St Andrew's continues to work with Springfield, Beech Hill and Gidlow Community hosting and running Family craft events at the Parish Centre during school holidays. Also, helping out at the Family Craft Club which is held at St Anne's community centre
- It has been fruitful year of ministry to our local schools. A Schools Ministry Team consisting of members from across the two Hubs – Central and Town Centre. Working together, they have been able to plan and deliver ministry to the schools: An after-school worship club continues at St Andrew's CE School. Not only are children learning about Christian faith and worship but they are also now taking a regular part in Sunday Worship in the Church. Both St Andrew's CE and Ince CE schools took part in Easter and Advent Experiences, hosted by the churches. It was great to see so many children (and teachers) learning afresh the stories of Easter and Christmas. Relationships between Ince CE and Christ Church have improved greatly with the church being much more involved in the worship life of the school. St Catharine's continues its ministry in the CE School. A good foundation has been built and it is on this that weekly collective worship and special events for our Christian festivals are very much a part of the life of the school.
- But added to this is the work being achieved in other schools such as Britannia Bridge and Beech Hill Primary Schools. Both have requested the local churches to help them to celebrate and learn about the Christian faith.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

CHALLENGES.

- The backdrop to all of this is the continuing process of releasing the church buildings of St Catharine's and St Anne's. We still await the decision of the Church Commissioners as to the future of the buildings.
- Sadly, St Catharine's church building was declared unfit and unsafe for any activity as it failed an electrical survey and it was agreed that the cost to remedy this was too high. The congregation has made its home in the Parish Hall connected to the school.
- It is expected that decisions on both church buildings will be made in 2026.

MISSION PLANNING.

In 2026 the Hubs are being asked to formulate Mission Plans. In preparation for this Central Hub along with Town Centre Hub spent time together. In 2025 members of the churches of Central and Town Centre Hubs met together to discern a vision for their future ministry. It was a celebration of so much good that was happening in our Hubs in terms of mission and ministry.

Six areas were identified: Discipleship, Small Group ministry, Schools ministry, Baptism Ministry and Community Outreach. Added to these was Worship.

The Hub Leadership Team will take the findings of the Vision Days and propose a Mission Plan to present to the PCCs in 2026.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

All the above means that Mission and ministry in our communities will continue to face challenge and change as we move into the coming years.

How and where our congregations worship will need to be explored as the prospect of buildings being released becomes reality along with a certainty that there will be no increase in ordained ministry. New lay leadership needs to be found and opportunities for members of our congregations to grow in faith and fellowship both within their worshipping communities and across the Hub established. This will become more important as we move into the future.

The PCC shares the vision and mission of Church Wigan of working with Jesus to see transformed people and transformed places within the Parish of Wigan Central. It understands its role of nurturing a culture in the parish which is hopeful, safe and centred on the kingdom of God,¹ and which actively encourages a focus on refreshing existing members and worshipping communities and growing fresh new ones.

¹ This is the term used by Jesus Christ to describe God's activity in the world which produces goodness and love, justice for the oppressed and marginalised, and peace and hope for all.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
of Wigan Central
Financial statements for the year ended
31-Dec-25**

**Incumbent
Rev Roland Harvey
Rev Sam Nicholson**

**Church Wardens
Jean Davies
David Wilde**

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Wigan Central (Charity Reg. No. 1209175) Statement of Financial Activities For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	440,089.09 -	-	-	440,089.09	93,349.28
Income from charitable activities	24,018.55 -	-	-	24,018.55	17,193.74
Other trading activities	20,061.29 -	-	-	20,061.29	21,723.87
Investments	5,941.50 -	-	-	5,941.50	2,165.12
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	490,110.43 -	-	-	490,110.43	134,432.01
Payments					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	98.80
Expenditure on charitable activities	169,713.77 -	-	-	169,713.77	152,745.55
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	169,713.77 -	-	-	169,713.77	152,844.35
Net income / (expenditure) resources before	320,396.66 -	-	-	320,396.66	-18,412.34
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	6,087.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-6,087.00
Gains/losses on investment assets use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	320,396.66 -	-	-	320,396.66	-18,412.34
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	132,804.27 -	-	-	132,804.27	151,216.61
Total funds carried forward	453,200.93 -	-	-	453,200.93	132,804.27

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Wigan Central (Charity Reg. No. 1209175)

Balance Sheet (Summary)

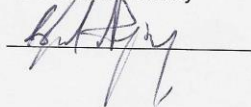
	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	30,000.02	30,000.02
	30,000.02	30,000.02
Current assets		
Debtors	13,215.40	
Cash At Bank And In Hand	411,800.38	103,458.25
	425,015.78	103,458.25
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	1,814.87	654
	1,814.87	654
Net current assets less current liabilities	423,200.91	102,804.25
Total assets less current liabilities	453,200.93	132,804.27
Liabilities		
Total net assets less liabilities	453,200.93	132,804.27
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Designated		
Designated - Christ Church IIM: General	43,285.57	25,613.39
Designated - St Andrew: General	20,076.74	18,450.18
Designated - St Andrew: Parish Centre	9,452.05	8,892.44
Designated - St Anne BH: General	23,768.57	11,628.62
Designated - St Catharine: Fixed Assets	30,000.00	30,000.00
Designated - St Catharine: General	304,586.46	14,488.91
Designated - St Catharine: Kirkless		
Street	11,289.66	10,800.86
Designated - St Mary IIM: General	5,388.74	5,388.74
Designated - Wigan Central: General	5,353.14	7,541.13
Restricted		
Fund Totals	453,200.93	132,804.27

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on

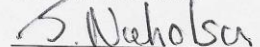
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and signed on its behalf by

Rev Roland Harvey



Rev Sam Nicholson



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Accounting policies

Basis of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. 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.

This is the first year that the accounts have been prepared using the accruals accounting method.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments that is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, (we have not received any Endowment income) and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds that are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for future use.

Project funds are designated for specific projects and for administrative purposes only. Funds designated as invested in fixed assets for the PCC's own use are abated in line with those assets' annual depreciation charges in the SOFA. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

INCOME RESOURCES

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Dividends are accounted for when declared receivable, interest as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

RESOURCES EXPENDITURE

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 expected to be paid over is accounted for when churches are to pay. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

FIXED ASSETS

The premises of Sure Start Ince, referenced within the Parish statement, refer to Christ Church, and St Catharine's Parish Hall is listed with a value of £30,000. There are also two other buildings operated by the PCC, which are separate from our churches: St Anne's Community Centre and St Andrew's Parish Centre.

RESERVES

The PCC's aim is to retain within its unrestricted funds, as free reserves, a sum not greater than an amount equivalent to four months of the year's annual expenditure, and to increase these reserves wherever possible within these parameters.

Its unrestricted funds comprised of fixed assets of £30,000 refer solely to St Catharine's Parish Hall and there are combined church reserves across multiple bank accounts with balances carried forward of £453,200.93

RISK

An annual budget is prepared to help the PCC identify areas of significant financial risk. During each financial year, the PCC also receives and is able to examine bimonthly financial reports showing actual against budget comparison reports.

Investments and reserves are only held in low-risk Church of England, Central Board of Finance funds. Bank accounts are maintained at those amounts required for operational purposes only. All assets are insured, with insurance levels periodically reviewed in conjunction with the insurance provider's team. Wigan Central's insurance provider is Kingdom Insurance. The PCC has agreed on internal controls for the handling of cash and cheques, both as receipts and as payments.

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Wigan Central (Charity Reg. No. 1209175)

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

		Total	
	Designated	This year	Last year
Receipts			
Donations and legacies			
0101 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	10792.13	10792.13	8703.45
0102 - Gift Aid - Bank (Standing Order)	1695.00	1695.00	1650.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	12397.65	12397.65	17127.90
0201 - Other planned giving - Parish Giving Scheme	7731.57	7731.57	8502.10
0202 - Other planned giving - Bank (Standing Order)	1320.00	1320.00	780.00
0210 - Other planned giving - Envelopes	12879.05	12879.05	9704.33
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS eligible)	15377.89	15377.89	15507.32
0305 - Loose plate collections (not GASDS eligible)	1332.80	1332.80	1533.10
0310 - Retiring collections			
0320 - One-off Gift Aid donations (declaration on envelope)	278.66	278.66	302.82
0401 - Gift days	30.00	30.00	200.00
0405 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (GASDS eligible)	5591.66	5591.66	3623.23
0410 - Giving through church boxes			
0415 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (not GASDS eligible)	1142.37	1142.37	4366.57
0420 - One-off Gift Aid donations			20.00
0450 - Special or specific appeals etc	325.99	325.99	50.54
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	21711.75	21711.75	5228.29
0610 - GASDS Tax relief	776.59	776.59	2922.27
0701 - Legacies	319399.48	319399.48	
0801 - Recurring grants			
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	13800.00	13800.00	350.00
0901 - Fundraising (general)	13506.50	13506.50	12777.36
Donations and legacies Totals	440089.09	440089.09	93349.28
1101 - Parish fee for wedding or funeral	10,962.55	10,962.55	12,281.74
1110 - Churchyard maintenance fee			
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives			
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	13,016.00	13,016.00	4,912.00
1280 - Church event income	40.00	40.00	
1290 - Branch organisations - receipts			
Income from charitable activities Totals	24,018.55	24,018.55	17,193.74

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0910 - Fundraising (Attic, Car Boot, Table top, Rummage sales etc)			90.00
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising			
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	8469.00	8469.00	19,004.50
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	452.50	452.50	
1260 - Parish magazine sales	116.00	116.00	72.94
1270 - Other funds generated	11023.79	11023.79	2,556.43
Other trading activities Totals	20061.29	20061.29	21,723.87
1001 - Dividends from shares			
1020 - Bank and building society interest	107.71	107.71	36.31
1025 - CBF Deposit account interest	2,021.29	2,021.29	2,128.81
1030 - Rent from leased lands or buildings	3,812.50	3,812.50	
Investments Totals	5,941.50	5,941.50	2,165.12
1310 - Insurance claims			
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets			
Other income Totals			
Receipts Grand totals	490,110.43	490,110.43	134,432.01

1701 - Fees paid to fundraisers			
1710 - Costs of applying for grants			
1720 - Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns			98.80
1730 - Costs of fundraising events			
1740 - Investment management costs			
Raising funds Totals			98.80
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	243.98	243.98	
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	1,152.00	1,152.00	1,152.00
1850 - Home mission	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,175.09
1870 - Secular charities			
1910 - Deanery Share	72,997.08	72,997.08	55,793.20
2001 - Assistant staff salary (Lay/Youth Workers etc.)			32.00
2010 - Salary of organist/musicians	4315.01	4315.01	5520.00
2050 - Salary of parish/deanery administrators			64.00
2055 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	40.00	40.00	40.00
2060 - Cleaner wage (church building)			
2070 - Administration Support	21,975.15	21,975.15	10,920.00
2101 - Clergy working expenses	1,046.91	1,046.91	
2120 - Council tax (clergy housing)			
2125 - Clergy costs (Joint Council)	6,011.75	6,011.75	9,965.00
2130 - Housing expenses (clergy)			350.00
2140 - Water rates (clergy housing)	-356.39	-356.39	286.61

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2150 - Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)			
2160 - Sermon preparation materials and resources	185.00	185.00	240.60
2170 - Clergy training courses and education materials			
2180 - Reader expenses and subscriptions	200.00	200.00	210.00
2190 - Visiting speakers / locums			
2201 - Parish mission and evangelism costs			51.80
2210 - Alpha course costs etc.			
2220 - Sunday School & Junior Church costs	73.08	73.08	41.52
2230 - Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations			
2250 - General Mission/Support activities	2593.56	2593.56	600.00
2270 - Food Ministry			
2301 - Insurance premiums (church building)	9085.00	9085.00	11339.40
2310 - Telephone (church building/parish office)			46.90
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	670.00	670.00	420.00
2330 - Church building maintenance (routine)	5774.13	5774.13	8989.68
2331 - Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	647.00	647.00	201.93
2335 - Church equipment	89.96	89.96	409.37
2340 - Upkeep of services	854.73	854.73	1102.60
2345 - Church consumable items	412.48	412.48	363.21
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	1782.50	1782.50	374.00
2360 - Administration costs for parish	2142.20	2142.20	442.36
2361 - Governance costs & examination/audit fee			
2362 - Banking charges	161.00	161.00	237.56
2363 - Software licenses & subscriptions	20.00	20.00	
2364 - Photocopier & printing costs	84.00	84.00	
2371 - Lay staff/volunteer expenses			
2372 - Lay staff/volunteer training			
2401 - Church building - electric	4308.52	4308.52	5135.96
2410 - Church building - gas	10278.96	10278.96	14693.42
2420 - Church building - water	1193.97	1193.97	1230.09
2430 - Church building - oil (heating system)			
2501 - Magazine expenses including printing costs			
2502 - Communications & website costs			
2510 - Bookstall costs including new stock			
2515 - Other Funds Expenses	3127.50	3127.50	485.60
2518 - Church event expenditure	13.75	13.75	
2520 - Hall/Other building - oil (heating system)			
2530 - Hall/Other building - electricity	4211.93	4211.93	5144.42
2540 - Hall/Other building - gas	4134.59	4134.59	4679.07
2550 - Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	166.87	166.87	574.79
2560 - Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	2161.28	2161.28	2247.81
2570 - Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband			
2580 - Hall/Other building - water rates	648.30	648.30	2287.03

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2585 - Hall/Other building - consumables	289.97	289.97	702.59
2590 - Hall/Other building - cleaning costs			
2595 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Hall/Community centre staff			
2599 - Branch Organisation - payments			
2701 - Church building major repairs - structure	1450.00	1450.00	
2710 - Church building major repairs - installation			
2720 - Church building interior and exterior decorating	480.00	480.00	
2801 - Hall/Other building major repairs - structure			
2820 - Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	3048.00	3048.00	2871.60
2830 - Hall/Other building interior and exterior decorating			
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep			1324.34
2910 - New building - house for clergy			
2920 - New building Church			
2930 - New building Hall			
9940 - Contribution to parish			
9950 - Inter-parish transfers			
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	169,713.77	169,713.77	152,745.55
Other expenditure Totals			
Payments Grand totals	169,713.77	169,713.77	152,844.35

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CENTRAL FINANCE STATEMENT 2025 Notes

Income this year 2025 is £440,089.09, which is significantly higher than last year 2024, £93,349.28, which is due to a large legacy of £319,399.48, a one-off Grant of £13,800.00, a one-off payment of £3,812.50 for Ground Rent and Tax recovered on Gift Aid was significantly higher at £21,711.75 as opposed to £5228.29 in 2024. When you take all that into account, there was an increase in Income.

There was an increase in the Parish Giving Scheme, and a decrease in envelope giving. The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has shown itself to be the most cost-effective and safest method to give to our respective church communities. While the PGS ensures that gifts are allocated to the correct funds, it also reduces the time burden from those who have to open giving envelopes, count and record the contents and then get that money to the bank. Similarly, PGS also reduces the workload of our church Gift Aid Secretaries by reducing the number of records they need to maintain, while also increasing the frequency of Gift Aid reclaim payouts.

Expenditure, we saw an increase £169,713.77 as opposed to £152,844.35 in the previous year. There was an increase in Administration Support paid. We were able to pay £72,997.08 Parish Share this year, £17,203.88 more than last year. Still a short fall in the total amount asked, but all church communities are committed to paying what they can.

Utility costs and Joint Council costs were slightly down.

During the year, no PCC members were paid expenses in relation to their duties as Charity Trustees.

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Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Fund balances Carried forward
ABHGen - St Anne BH: General	11,628.62	43,612.55	31,472.60	23,768.57
AWWCentre - St Andrew: Parish Centre	8,892.44	11,377.63	10,818.02	9,452.05
AWWGen - St Andrew: General	18,450.18	55,044.72	53,418.16	20,076.74
CCIGen - Christ Church IIM: General	25,613.39	50,181.06	32,508.88	43,285.57
CEWFXAsset - St Catharine: Fixed Assets	30,000.00			30,000.00
CEWGen - St Catharine: General	14,488.91	327,093.78	36,996.23	304,586.46
CEWKirkless - St Catharine: Kirkless AStreet	10,800.86	488.8		11,289.66
CLGeneral - Wigan Central: General	7,541.13	2,311.89	4,499.88	5,353.14
MIMGen - St Mary IIM: General	5,388.74			5,388.74
Totals	132,804.27	490,110.43	169,713.77	453,200.93

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WIGAN CENTRAL

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wigan Central on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 as set out on pages 3 to 12 of the Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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 general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 PCC 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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable 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 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.

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Date: *21 May 2026*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, Governance and Management

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

- Church Wigan Church Representation Rules Scheme 2019
- Church Representation Rules (which are part of the Synodical Government Measure 1969)
- PCCs (Powers) Measure 1959

APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates according to the measures above and is a charity currently excepted by order from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC, including mandatory safeguarding training.

Members defined by the governing documents are:

- Team Rector, Benefice of Wigan
- The Team Vicars licensed as Hub Leader or Associate Hub Leader of the parish
- All Team Vicars licensed to the Benefice of Wigan
- Two Churchwardens elected each year by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (sometimes referred to as the Vestry Meeting)
- Twelve Members directly elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting serving three year terms
- Five Deanery Synod representatives who hold an ex-officio position on the PCC

QUORUM

Quorum is one third of members. For decision making there must be a lay majority in attendance.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Day to Day management of the church is exercised by the Standing Committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the parish.

Members of the Standing Committee are appointed each year by the PCC immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting and must have a lay majority for decision making. In 2025 it comprised: Rev Roland Harvey, Jean Davies, Susan Gaskell (To APCM 2025), David Wilde (From APCM 2025) Jean Kinsey and Brenda Seddon.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

LIST OF PCC MEMBERS NAME	OFFICE	TERM OF OFFICE
Rev Roland Harvey	Team Vicar (Hub Leader) PCC Chair	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Canon Sam Nicholson	Team Vicar (Associate Hub Leader)	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev John Keeley	Assistant Curate	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev David Cosslett	Assistant Curate	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Jean Davies	Churchwarden	2025-2026
David Wilde	Churchwarden	2025-2026
Michael Gaskell	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
Marjorie Johnson	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
Brenda Seddon	Deanery Synod Rep	2023-2026
Sandra Cullen	Elected member; Treasurer	2024-2027
Jean Kinsey	Elected member; Secretary, Electoral Roll Off	2023-2026
Wendy Fry	Elected member	2025-2028
Susan Gaskell	Elected member	2025-2028
Diane Harris-Bolton	Elected member	2025-2028
Cath Knowles	Elected member	2025-2028
Elinor Sharrock	Elected member	2025-2028
Anne Sharples	Elected Member	2023-2026
Stewart Sharples	Elected Member	2023-2026
Tracy Sink	Elected Member; Parish Safeguarding Officer	2023-2026
Rev Canon Neil Cook	Team Rector	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Catherine Cosslett	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Clive Doran	Interim Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Dot Gosling	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Steve Beck	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Sue Fulford	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Stan Higginson	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Fran Humphreys	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Sandra Jones	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)
Rev Frances Shoesmith	Team Vicar	Ex-officio (CRR 2019)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name | **The Parochial Church Council of Wigan Central** (Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission)

Principal address | **Church Wigan Office, Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, WN3 5BA**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

DECLARATIONS

The members declare that they have approved the Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the members of the PCC by:

SIGNATURE		
	NEIL COOK	JEAN KINSEY
Full Name	Rev Canon Neil Cook	Jean Kinsey
Position	Team Rector	Secretary
Date	21/05/2026	21/05/26