

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ARMITAGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1210242

Details

Other names	ARMITAGE ST JOHN
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2024-09-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

Activities: Worship open to all. Provision of sacred space. Pastoral work, visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching Christianity through sermons etc. Religious assemblies in schools. Promotion of Christianity thru events and meetings. Promoting whole mission of Church thru provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers etc. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£46,595	£114,537	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Catherine Mary Alexandra Leighton	Chair	2024-01-01
Ann Elizabeth Sambrook		2025-04-29
Ann Hyden		2025-04-29
Barry Liddle		2024-01-01
Christopher John Rogers		2024-01-01
Daniel John Briggs BA Hons		2024-01-01
Elizabeth Telford Coles		2024-01-01
Lynne Tandy		2026-02-02
Mary Theresa Riley		2024-01-01
Patricia Ann Minshall		2025-04-29
Rev Albert Ekow Danquah		2025-06-26
Rev Julie Michelle Smith		2025-06-29
Susan Ann Howell		2025-04-29
Vivienne Leyland		2025-05-29

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Accounts

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Armitage with Handsacre

For the year ended 31st December 2025

Charity Registration no. 1210242

The Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Armitage with Handsacre Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

Objectives and Activities

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

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Central Wolverhampton. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through non sacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees of the 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 Armitage with Handsacre, 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

Team Rector Report for 2025

I would like to thank everyone for all their efforts and the time given on behalf of the church during the past year on behalf of the church in this parish and benefice both outside and during worship..

During this time we have had to face many challenges together especially the ongoing changes in service patterns and different ways of doing things, conflict between people and spiritual health too.

Some of the decisions that have been made over this time have been very difficult and have had to be very much from the top down as swift measures needed to be taken at times.

The Contemporary prayer and praise held once a month continues to be a space where open prayer, worship songs and fellowship are deepening our relationships with one another and with God.

It was a wonderful privilege to join with Handsacre Methodist and their new Minister Rev'd Liz Dunning for a dramatization of Christ's Passion on Good Friday as well as their Crib service too. We look forward to collaborating in worship in the years to come.

During this year, we have had a wonderful group of laity who have come forward from across our churches to assist with leading services and some to preach too, under the guidance of the Team Rector and members of the ministry team. Their time and gifts have been shared with love and obedience to God's calling on them. Much gratitude must be given to them as they have assisted the ministry team, enabling services to take place across the benefice. Formal training in leading worship will be taking place at the beginning of 2026.

Many thanks must also be given to Stephen Hammersley and Craig Hibbert, two of our licensed readers who continue to faithfully minister across our benefice, despite not living in the area. Thanks too, must be given to Rev'd Geoffrey Staton, who has continued to support St John the Baptist Church, Armitage on a Sunday once a month and during Christmas and Easter too. Their contributions are always given freely and with much love for us all.

The Deanery and retired local priests within the Diocese of Lichfield have continued to support the Benefice, especially with funerals.

It has been wonderful to welcome two new ministers to our benefice and ministry team in June. Rev'd Albert Danquah, our new interim team vicar who has joined us following his curacy and Rev'd Jules Smith, our curate who is now based at St Michael's church. We are looking forward to how both their ministries will continue to blossom and flourish alongside us all, licensed ministers and laity in the year to come.

Members of the PCC, alongside other members of the laity I supporting worship and events through their service to the church family as church wardens, assistant wardens, flower arrangers, cleaners, readers, intercessors and providing refreshments. Special thanks to Chris Rogers who in addition to his role as Parish Warden also took on the role of Parish Treasurer again during 2025.

Further thanks must go to Andy Bebbington who with a little help from Colin Burnyeat has transformed the churchyard across this past year. Many who visit comment on how well the grass and vegetation are being maintained.

My vision for the coming year is far more collaborative with discipleship, Christ-based values and striving for unity and inclusiveness guided and directed by the Holy Spirit being central to our plans for ministry and mission both here in Armitage and Handsacre and across the benefice. This vision is very much in line with both the Diocesan strategy and our area Bishop of Wolverhampton's mission for his flock, where prayer and discipleship are key. Bishop Tim joined us for a benefice wide prayer walk and pilgrimage as well as a Deanery Prayer evening where we hosted all at Church of the Holy Spirit.

Rev'd Cath Leighton
Team Rector

TAR 2025 Treasurers Summary

As a Parish we have a considerable amount of money at our disposal although our regular income did not cover our regular outgoings this year. We recognise that, in future, the generous legacy we received two years ago must be carefully managed. To end December 2025, we have approximately £340K on deposit, £172K invested and £15K in our current account. In total, a sum of just under £531K.

During 2025 we have withdrawn £90K from our deposit account to pay for various outgoings during the year. These outgoings include our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese of over £30,000 and support to other churches within the Benefice, the Deanery and the Diocese itself to the tune of £14K – a not inconsiderable amount.

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We receive about £21K of interest each year on our deposits and investments. But the more we draw on reserves, the less interest we get. A point to remember.

My overall message is the same as always. We must not squander the benefits that our predecessors have bequeathed us.

Chris Rogers
Parish Treasurer

Mission and Ministry Report 2025

Report from Rev'd Albert Danquah Interim Team Vicar: Community and Schools ministry

Schools:

Links with the schools across the benefice have been maintained over the year and there are plans in place to increase engagement by offering more chaplaincy services at the school gates, playground and staff room. Some members of the ministry team have been involved in leading of worship and assemblies in Churchfield CE Primary Academy, Etching Hill CE Primary School, Hob Hill Methodist and CE primary school and Chancel primary school. John Bamford school and Etching Hill school have had various services at Church of the Holy Spirit. Churchfield school and Chancel School have had a number of services at St Augustine's church, Rugeley and the Croft primary and Hayes Meadow schools had their Christingle service at the St John the Baptist church, Armitage. Redbrook Hayes primary school held their carol service at St Michael's church. Some members of the ministry team engaged students at The Hart School (Secondary) during a coffee morning and during their Christmas Fayre, a prayer stall was mounted where services offered by the church were showcased. Members of the school community had opportunities to write up and hang some prayers on a prayer tree.

Community:

A new initiative to engage with the community has been started at the Village Hall in Slitting Mill. A space for prayer, reflection and opportunities for pastoral conversations will continue to be offered as the church discerns with the community an effective way of possibly building a new worshipping community. Some members of the ministry team held a carol service which was very much enjoyed by attendees. A Christingle service held at the Church of the Good shepherd was well attended by members of the community.

Report from Reverend Jules Smith – July to December 2025 (Armitage with Handsacre)

I have been involved in planning and ministering in a variety of ways since beginning my curacy here in the Brereton, Rugeley and Armitage Benefice. These include:

Ministering in two local care homes – running a singing and craft group as well as leading worship services.

Leading regular Sunday worship and occasional offices including a wedding blessing, a wedding, baptisms, Remembrance Sunday as well as Armistice day at the village memorial and funerals.

We have made links with The Croft Primary School and the Hart School. The Croft Primary attended our Remembrance service on Armistice Day and read poetry. All primary schools received a card and a box of chocolates at the beginning of the Autumn term and we have been praying for all schools across our benefice on a weekly basis via our bulletin. This has and remains answers to prayer.

Church Mice Report 2025

Church Mice is an activity for 0-4 year olds, based in the church room St John The Baptist Church Armitage. It takes place during term time on Wednesday mornings from 10.30-11.30am.

Volunteers

Anita Sammons

June Smith

Edda Harvey

Patricia Minton

St John the Baptist Craft Club

Craft Club met every Friday morning during September to December making Christmas decorations for St John's Church

A project was also launched by the Craft Club for the residents to get involved in together for a Remembrance Day project within Armitage with Handsacre and the surrounding areas. Everyone was invited to knit or Crochet Red Poppies for a display within the grounds of the church.

September 2025 the Craft Club ran another community-based project but this time for Purple Poppies in honour of all animals involved in conflict of wars.

Men from the local community and businesses came together and built an Arch for the church Door and provided all the materials. The Armitage British Legion helped to sponsor the cost of the project

A silhouette of a horse was made and also a soldier, that stood proud in the churchyard.

A local artist from Armitage painted on the arch-way above the church doors the dates of the second world war. What a spectacular sight for all to see.

Some of the craft ladies were invited to the Local Primary School to make felt poppies with the children of year 6

The Craft Club invited all who took part in the making of this wonderful tribute to afternoon tea at St John's church. Very well attended.

The Craft Club have been heavily involved with the Table For a Nation which is an exhibition within Lichfield Cathedral for the whole community to be involved. St John the Baptist is being represented by 5 separate groups within the church.

Sing For Joy Community Choir

Sing For Joy Community Choir turned a year old on 9th September 2025.

We have a sing-along for a Dementia Lunch Club at St Pauls Rugeley. On a monthly basis.

We visit Wilson Keyes Assisted Living, home in Rugeley for a regular meet up for a sing-along.

We were involved in VE Day Celebrations Proms at St Michaels in Brereton

VJ Celebrations at the Armitage British Legion Club.

Musicathon at St Augustines. Raising money for church funds.

Christmas Carols at Handsacre Methodist Church

Tree of Light concerts at St Augustines and St John the Baptist

The Lichfield Cathedral Light show

Carols by Candlelight at St Augustines

We also have a chosen charity Veterans Afloat. Which is a homeless charity for veterans with PTSD. They are given a narrow boat rent free for a year.

St John the Baptist Churchyard projects 2025

2025 was a productive year in St John the Baptist Churchyard. The perimeter of the lower Churchyard is now landscaped, the path restored, the tarmac at the entrance from the road has been repaired and the path widened to allow wheelchair access. Plus brickwork has been pointed at the entrance of the lower Churchyard and invasive ivy removed.

Finally, a safety issue has been resolved by removing large mounds of earth and debris from the upper Churchyard to uncover existing graves and create space for new ones. Favourable comments have been made by members of the Church and the local Community about this restoration and the general improved appearance of the Churchyard.

Changing Room Counselling Service (CRCS)

The CRCS was set up by David Evans to run out of St Augustine's Rugeley – when he left and Carla Thompson, the chief co-ordinator and counsellor moved away, the set up was moved to Etchinghill at Church of the Holy Spirit and June Hall (Smith) took over the running of it.

We use the Diocesan safeguarding system to put our student counsellors through their DBS checks and safe guarding. This has proved challenging over time and Katie Brown has taken on the liaison for this.

We have had to find additional rooms for the counsellors to work out of and have kindly been hosted by Rugeley community church. This has added a more accessible location for clients.

June is drawing up policies to have 'in our google locker' which will then be readily available.

The CRCS has really taken off – our statistics show that since the re-start in September 2023 7 students have qualified through the CRCS with 46 clients between them. At present we have 11 counsellors – not all students but 52 clients. There are 8 clients on the waiting list. We have a trusty team of volunteers who meet every other month to discuss running of the service.

It's all free and obviously there are needy people out there.

Financial Review

PCC of Armitage with Handsacre

Net Total Assets: £530,805_2025 [£605,933 2024]

Deficit: (£67,943)_2025 – Unrestricted Deficit: (£68,667) Restricted Excess: £723

[Excess: £94,131 2024]

Treasurers Summary

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Treasurer

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £19,425_2025 [£15,420 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 £69,058_2025 [£399,107 2024] which is considerably higher than this target. The Trustees feel that a higher reserve is prudent in these uncertain times. However, there is planned expenditure in the coming years, using the Legacy as the donor would have wished.

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)

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 takes full responsibility for fundraising and does 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 9 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 the premises for potential hazards. In addition, the Incumbent has instituted several new initiatives to cover church maintenance and risk assessment. We have safeguarding policies in place for child protection and for work with vulnerable adults, including rigorous DBS checking of staff and volunteers as well as the completion of Diocesan safeguarding training modules. Our insurances are reviewed annually to ensure adequate cover. A formal review of any new risks which may impact on the work of the Church in the Parish is ongoing together with a formal inventory assessment that has been renewed and will be checked annually. The Fabric and Churchyard Committee along with the help of Church Warden, Chris Rogers, have ensured all the new annual maintenance calendar tasks are followed and any issues reported and dealt with. Many jobs have been completed this year, namely church cleaning throughout inside including the roof space and porch areas, church windows cleaned, and gutters and gullies cleared, new church room windows fitted, a new fire door fitted, the moving of the sink in the kitchen with new work surfaces to replace the old ones like for like. In addition, Bluetooth has been installed, involving the trimming of the Yew trees with permission to enable the installation to take place. The Quinquennial inspection has taken place, and the committee is currently waiting for the report.

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 1130297. 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 6 times in 2025.

Related Parties

There are no related parties employed by the PCC or awarded contracts for work.

Donations from Related Parties

Donations from 4 related parties – PCC members during the year totalled £2,840_2025 [£5,910 2024]. All these donations were received without conditions.

Remuneration paid to Trustees

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

Expenses paid to Trustees

Three trustees were reimbursed £1,389 2025 [£1,339 2024] for travel and subsistence during the year.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Armitage with Handsacre

Other names the charity is known by: N/A

Registered Charity Number: 1210242

Charity's principal address: Church Lane Armitage WS15 4BA

Correspondence address: 14 Peakes Road Rugeley WS15 2LY

Website address: www.achurchnearyou.com/armitage-st-john-the-baptist and <https://rugeleycofechurches.org>

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

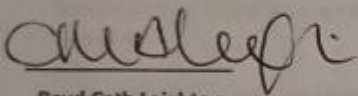
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period
Ex-Officio		
Revd Cath Leighton	Incumbent	
Chris Rogers	Parish Church Warden/Parish Treasurer	
Danny Briggs	Parish Church Warden/Deanery Synod	
Julie Smith	Curate	From 29/06/25 (Licensing)
Albert Danquah	Team Vicar	From 26/06/25 (Institution and Induction)
Elected Members		
Stuart Draper	Safeguarding Officer	Resigned March 2025
Tessa Riley	Lay Chair	
Liz Coles	Secretary	
Ron Riley		Resigned 29/04/25
Barry Liddle		Elected 29/04/25
Ann Hyden		Elected 29/04/25
Ann Sambrook		Elected 29/04/25
Lynne Tandy		Elected 02/02/26
Pat Minshall		
Vivienne Leyland		Elected 29/04/25
Susan Howell		Elected 29/04/25

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Independent Examiner Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance
St Marys House, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LD

Approved by the PCC on 31.03.26 and signed on its behalf by:


Revd Cath Leighton

E. Cades
PCC Secretary

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of The Parish of Armitage with Handsacre
Registered charity number: 1210242**

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 accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 16th April 2026.

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

The Parish of Armitage with Handsacre
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 relating 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 is as follows:

- Car Park – Set aside for the upkeep of the Car park.
- Lucas Legacy – Set aside for work on the Grounds and Church building.
- Church Quinquennial – Set aside to pay for the Quinquennial.

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 is as follows:

- Bells – For the maintenance of the Bells and Bell Tower.
- Choir – To cover the cost of any necessary expenses relating to the musical life of the Church as determined by the PCC.
- Churchyard – To cover the cost of the restoration of the wall separating the Churchyard from the car park. This fund is overdrawn transferred from Lucas Legacy to bring to nil and close.
- Flower – For the purchase of Flowers for special occasions.
- IDS Decoration – For the internal decoration of the vicarage and is held with LDBF.
- Organ – Maintenance and yearly tuning of the Organ.
- Room – To enable the continued refurbishment of the Church room.

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 is as follows:

- LDBF TN6 - '30 May 1919, portion of the land (also comprising Trust 48) called the School Masters House, was sold for £348. Proceeds implemented under Commissioners Order of 18 Nov. 1919, towards improvements to the School. On 18 March 1940, the remaining part of the Masters House was sold for £350. Proceeds invested with O.C.C. 4% Consols. Under Comm. Scheme of 25/10/49, O.C.C. Investments sold to pay for improvements & extensions to Church Hall (161). Remaining cash held at C.B.F. Conveyance dated 23 July 1993 between LDT and The English Churches Housing Group sale of all that Freehold land at the Junction of Hall Road and Lichfield Road, Handsacre for £29,500. (Mr & Mrs Wilcox pay rent £100 for land at rear of St Luke's church - DH 3/03). Sold in December 2006.

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 Armitage and Handsacre year ending 2025

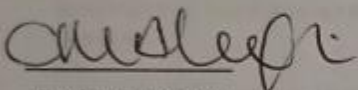
Receipts and Payments Account 2025

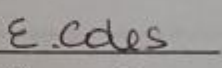
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2025	2024
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	16,703	-	-	-	16,703	142,533
Income from charitable activities	8,666	-	-	-	8,666	6,522
Other trading activities	60	-	-	-	60	-
Investments	20,225	216	723	-	21,165	12,969
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	45,654	216	723	-	46,595	162,025
Payments						
Raising funds	1,172	-	-	-	1,172	495
Expenditure on charitable activities	76,531	36,833	-	-	113,365	67,398
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	77,703	36,833	-	-	114,537	67,894
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(32,049)	(36,618)	723	-	(67,943)	94,131
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	43,047	345,129	6,214	-	394,391	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(343,048)	(49,262)	(2,082)	-	(394,392)	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	(7,185)	(7,185)	7,021
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	(3,000)
Net movement in funds	(332,049)	259,249	4,856	(7,185)	(75,128)	98,152
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	401,107	6,391	18,712	179,720	605,932	507,779
Total funds carried forward	69,058	265,641	23,569	172,536	530,805	605,932

Statements of Assets and Liabilities 2025

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
Fixed Asset - Investments						
CB3008461: CCLA Armitage Handsacre TN6	-	-	-	172,536	172,536	179,720
Total	-	-	-	172,536	172,536	179,720
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
01293731: Lloyds Bank current account	6,450	1,512	7,104	-	15,068	11,052
CB3028354: CCLA (CBF) Bells Fund	41	-	3,369	-	3,410	3,262
CB3028355: CCLA (CBF) Organ Revenue Fund	120	-	9,832	-	9,952	9,521
CB3028356: CCLA (CBF) Capital Reserve Fund	62,446	264,128	1,516	-	328,092	405,004
IDARMI011: Internal Decorating Scheme	-	-	1,927	-	1,927	1,927
ZZ6590: Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-	35
Total	69,058	265,641	23,751	-	358,451	430,804
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	182	-	182	1,119
Total	-	-	182	-	182	1,119
Liability - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
DLARMI011 - 2: Diocesan Loan due after One year	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Total	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
DLARMI011: Diocesan Loan due in One year	-	-	-	-	-	1,328
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	145
Total	-	-	-	-	-	1,473
Net total assets	69,058	265,641	23,569	172,536	530,805	605,932

Approved by the PCC on 31.03.26 and signed on its behalf by:


 Revd Cath Leighton


 E. Cates
 PCC Secretary

Statements of Assets and Liabilities 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
Fixed Asset - Investments						
CB3008461: CCLA Armitage Handsacre TN6	-	-	-	179,720	179,720	175,699
Total	-	-	-	179,720	179,720	175,699
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
01293731: Lloyds Bank current account	7,711	1,512	1,827	-	11,052	303,156
6590: Petty Cash	35	-	-	-	35	35
CB3028354: CCLA (CBF) Bells Fund	41	-	3,221	-	3,262	3,098
CB3028355: CCLA (CBF) Organ Revenue Fund	120	-	9,401	-	9,521	9,042
CB3028356: CCLA (CBF) Capital Reserve Fund	396,673	4,878	3,452	-	405,004	19,679
IDARMI011: Internal Decorating Scheme	-	-	1,927	-	1,927	1,927
Total	404,581	6,391	19,831	-	430,804	336,939
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	428
Total	-	-	-	-	-	428
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,119	-	1,119	262
Total	-	-	1,119	-	1,119	262
Liability - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
DLARMIO11 - 2: Diocesan Loan due after One year	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	3,328
Total	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	3,328
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
DLARMIO11: Diocesan Loan due in One year	1,328	-	-	-	1,328	1,328
Z04: Accounts Payable	145	-	-	-	145	367
Total	1,473	-	-	-	1,473	1,695
Net total assets	401,107	6,391	18,712	179,720	605,932	507,779

Analysis of income and expenditure 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
RECEIPTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Collections	8,902	-	-	-	8,902	10,178
0201 - Other planned giving	522	-	-	-	522	690
0301 - Loose plate collections (Cash)	1,836	-	-	-	1,836	2,725
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	43
0550 - Donations appeals etc	2,235	-	-	-	2,235	967
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	2,697	-	-	-	2,697	998
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	126,000
0901 - Fundraising Activities	509	-	-	-	509	929
Donations and legacies Totals	16,703	-	-	-	16,703	142,533
Income from charitable activities						
0902 - Heating weddings and funerals	615	-	-	-	615	520
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	7,369	-	-	-	7,369	5,804
1230 - Church hall lettings	582	-	-	-	582	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	100	-	-	-	100	198
Income from charitable activities Totals	8,666	-	-	-	8,666	6,522
Other trading activities						
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	60	-	-	-	60	-
Other trading activities Totals	60	-	-	-	60	-
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	2,522	-	-	-	2,522	4,877
1020 - Bank and building society interest	17,703	216	723	-	18,643	8,092
Investments Totals	20,225	216	723	-	21,165	12,969
Receipts Grand totals	45,654	216	723	-	46,595	162,025
PAYMENTS						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	1,104	-	-	-	1,104	255
1740 - Bank Charges&Loan Interest	67	-	-	-	67	240
Raising funds Totals	1,172	-	-	-	1,172	495
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	6,317
1910 - LDBF Common Fund	46,181	-	-	-	46,181	25,032
2060 - Music Staff payments	1,415	-	-	-	1,415	1,690
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	1,408	-	-	-	1,408	920
2150 - Vicar's telephone	146	-	-	-	146	137
2201 - Parish training and mission	1,108	-	-	-	1,108	799
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,066	-	-	-	3,066	2,995
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,348	-	-	-	1,348	1,093
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	-	-	-	-	-	828
2330 - Church maintenance	940	-	-	-	940	4,329
2331 - Cleaning	(15)	-	-	-	(15)	95
2340 - Upkeep of services	686	-	-	-	686	629
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	36,833	-	-	36,833	6,214
2360 - Administration	14,873	-	-	-	14,873	12,215
2420 - Church running - water	139	-	-	-	139	184
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	5,232	-	-	-	5,232	3,233
Z22401 - Church running - electric	-	-	-	-	-	682
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	76,531	36,833	-	-	113,365	67,398

Payments Grand totals		77,703	36,833	-	-	114,537	67,894
Fund movement by type 2025							
Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bells							
Restricted	3,726	147	-	-	-	-	3,874
Sub-totals	3,726	147	-	-	-	-	3,874
CarPark							
Designated	4,878	216	-	-	-	-	5,095
Sub-totals	4,878	216	-	-	-	-	5,095
Choir							
Restricted	1,444	72	-	-	-	-	1,516
Sub-totals	1,444	72	-	-	-	-	1,516
Flower							
Restricted	68	-	-	-	-	-	68
Sub-totals	68	-	-	-	-	-	68
IDS							
Restricted	1,927	-	-	-	-	-	1,927
Sub-totals	1,927	-	-	-	-	-	1,927
LDBF TN6							
Endowment	179,720	-	-	-	(7,185)	-	172,536
Sub-totals	179,720	-	-	-	(7,185)	-	172,536
Lucas Legacy							
Designated	-	-	36,833	295,867	-	-	259,033
Sub-totals	-	-	36,833	295,867	-	-	259,033
Organ							
Restricted	9,689	430	-	-	-	-	10,120
Sub-totals	9,689	430	-	-	-	-	10,120
Quinquennial							
Designated	1,512	-	-	-	-	-	1,512
Sub-totals	1,512	-	-	-	-	-	1,512
Room							
Restricted	6,060	-	-	-	-	-	6,060
Sub-totals	6,060	-	-	-	-	-	6,060
ZZChurchyard							
Restricted	(4,206)	72	-	4,132	-	-	-
Sub-totals	(4,206)	72	-	4,132	-	-	-
General							
Unrestricted	401,107	45,654	77,703	(300,000)	-	-	69,058
Sub-totals	401,107	45,654	77,703	(300,000)	-	-	69,058
Totals	605,932	46,595	114,537	-	(7,185)	-	530,805

Fund movement by type 2024

	Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
Bells								
Restricted		3,099	628	-	-	-	-	3,727
Sub-totals		3,099	628	-	-	-	-	3,727
CarPark								
Designated		4,796	83	-	-	-	-	4,879
Sub-totals		4,796	83	-	-	-	-	4,879
Choir								
Restricted		1,417	28	-	-	-	-	1,445
Sub-totals		1,417	28	-	-	-	-	1,445
Churchyard								
Restricted		1,974	34	6,214	-	-	-	(4,206)
Sub-totals		1,974	34	6,214	-	-	-	(4,206)
Flower								
Restricted		69	-	-	-	-	-	69
Sub-totals		69	-	-	-	-	-	69
IDS								
Restricted		1,928	-	-	-	-	-	1,928
Sub-totals		1,928	-	-	-	-	-	1,928
LDBF TN6								
Endowment		175,699	-	-	-	7,021	(3,000)	179,721
Sub-totals		175,699	-	-	-	7,021	(3,000)	179,721
Organ								
Restricted		9,330	360	-	-	-	-	9,690
Sub-totals		9,330	360	-	-	-	-	9,690
Quin								
Designated		1,513	-	-	-	-	-	1,513
Sub-totals		1,513	-	-	-	-	-	1,513
Room								
Restricted		6,061	-	-	-	-	-	6,061
Sub-totals		6,061	-	-	-	-	-	6,061
General								
Unrestricted		301,895	160,892	61,680	-	-	-	401,107
Sub-totals		301,895	160,892	61,680	-	-	-	401,107
Totals		507,779	162,025	67,894	-	7,021	-	605,932

Staff Costs

The PCC did not have any employees in the previous or current year

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

The PCC did contribute £340 per month to Brereton & Rugeley Administration costs.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

There has been no Trustees remuneration during the year.

Two trustees were reimbursed £1,389_2025 [£921 2024] for travel and subsistence during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties.

Donations from 4 related parties [PCC members] totalled £2,840_2025 £5,910 [£6,845 2023].

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
-	2,801.13	Tfr B Lucas legacy to Churchyard #3731 to contra #8356	Lucas Legacy	Des
2,801.13	-	Tfr B Lucas legacy to Churchyard #3731 to contra #8356	ZZChurchyard	Res
-	-2,801.13	Tfr B Lucas legacy to Churchyard #3731 to contra #8356	Lucas Legacy	Des
-2,801.13	-	Tfr B Lucas legacy to Churchyard #3731 to contra #8356	ZZChurchyard	Res
-	2,081.13	Tfr B Lucas legacy to Churchyard #3731 to contra #8356	Lucas Legacy	Des
2,081.13	-	Tfr B Lucas legacy to Churchyard #3731 to contra #8356	ZZChurchyard	Res
-	4,132.87	Tfr from Lucas Legacy to Churchyard as per email Chris Rogers 17.08	Lucas Legacy	Des
4,132.87	-	Tfr from Lucas Legacy to Churchyard as per email Chris Rogers 17.08	ZZChurchyard	Res
-	43,047.96	Tfr from General to Barbara Lucas Legacy in 01293731 contra posted in CB3028356	General	Unr
43,047.96	-	Tfr from General to Barbara Lucas Legacy in 01293731 contra posted in CB3028356	Lucas Legacy	Des
-	300,000.00	Tfr from General to Memorial fund as per email from Chris Rogers 30.01.25	General	Unr
300,000.00	-	Tfr from General to Memorial fund as per email from Chris Rogers 30.01.25	Lucas Legacy	Des
-	2,081.13	Tfr from Churchyard to B Lucas Legacy #8356 to bring to nil	ZZChurchyard	Res
2,081.13	-	Tfr from Churchyard to B Lucas Legacy #8356 to bring to nil	Lucas Legacy	Des
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43,047.96	-	Tfr from General to Barbara Lucas Legacy in 01293731 contra posted in CB3028356	General	Unr

Analysis of Transfer between Funds 2024

There were no transfers in 2024

Fixed Assets

a) Tangible Fixed Assets

The PCC does not hold any Tangible Fixed Assets

b) Fixed Asset Investments

	At 1 Jan £	Additions £	Disposals £	Transfers £	Change in Market Value	At 31 Dec £
Endowment Fund						
Investments	179,720	-	-	-	-7,184	172,536
Total	179,720	-	-	-	-7,184	172,536

CB3008461 - CCLA Armitage Handsacre TN6 £172,536 [£179,720 2024] – Introduced into the accounts 2023

Liabilities

Liabilities due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Agency		
LDBF Loan due in one year		1,119
CCLI 1/12 th of 2024 invoice due 31/01/2024	-	1,328
Crown Gas & Power	-	-
Agency	200	145
Total	200	2,592

***Net Agency in Accounts_£182**

Liabilities due after one year

	2025 £	2024 £
LDBF loan due 2 – 5 years	-	2,000
Total	-	2,000

Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Agency	18	-
Total	18	-

Summary of Assets by fund 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2025	2024
General (Unrestricted)	69,058	-	-	-	69,058	401,107
Designated - CarPark	-	5,095	-	-	5,095	4,878
Designated - Lucas Legacy	-	259,033	-	-	259,033	-
Designated - Quinquennial	-	1,512	-	-	1,512	1,512
Restricted - Bells	-	-	3,874	-	3,874	3,726
Restricted - Choir	-	-	1,516	-	1,516	1,444
Restricted - Flower	-	-	68	-	68	68
Restricted - IDS	-	-	1,927	-	1,927	1,927
Restricted - Organ	-	-	10,120	-	10,120	9,689
Restricted - Room	-	-	6,060	-	6,060	6,060
Restricted - ZZChurchyard	-	-	-	-	-	(4,206)
Endowment - LDBF TN6	-	-	-	172,536	172,536	179,720
Total	69,058	265,641	23,569	172,536	530,805	605,932

Summary of Assets by fund 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2024	2023
General (Unrestricted)	401,107	-	-	-	401,107	301,895
Designated - CarPark	-	4,878	-	-	4,878	4,796
Designated - Quin	-	1,512	-	-	1,512	1,512
Restricted - Bells	-	-	3,726	-	3,726	3,098
Restricted - Choir	-	-	1,444	-	1,444	1,417
Restricted - Churchyard	-	-	(4,206)	-	(4,206)	1,973
Restricted - Flower	-	-	68	-	68	68
Restricted - IDS	-	-	1,927	-	1,927	1,927
Restricted - Organ	-	-	9,689	-	9,689	9,330
Restricted - Room	-	-	6,060	-	6,060	6,060
Endowment - LDBF TN6	-	-	-	179,720	179,720	175,699
Total	401,107	6,391	18,712	179,720	605,932	507,779

Receipts & Payments Comparatives
Previous Year 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024	2023
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	142,029	-	505	-	142,534	322,074
Income from charitable activities	6,522	-	-	-	6,522	11,078
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	12,341	83	545	-	12,969	6,232
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income	160,892	83	1,050	-	162,025	339,384
Payments						
Raising funds	495	-	-	-	495	1,358
Expenditure on charitable activities	61,185	-	6,214	-	67,399	53,324
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	61,680	-	6,214	-	67,894	54,682
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	99,212	83	(5,164)	-	94,131	284,702
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	9,367
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	(9,367)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	7,021	7,021	15,109
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	(3,000)	(3,000)	154,606
Net movement in funds	99,212	83	(5,164)	4,021	98,153	454,416
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	301,895	6,309	23,877	175,699	507,780	53,364
Total funds carried forward	401,107	6,391	18,713	179,720	605,932	507,779