



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL
NORTHLEACH IN THE DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER

Other names charity is known by

--

Registered charity number (if any)

1210857

Charity's principal address

Northleach Benefice Office	
The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul	
Northleach	
Postcode	GL54 3HL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Elizabeth Abbotts	Chair	From 8 November 2024	
2	Anthony Antoniou		From 8 November 2024	
3	Angela Leach		From 8 November 2024	
4	Gerald Hopkin		From 8 November 2024	
5	Dawn Mann		From 8 November 2024	
6	Stephanie Hollows		From 8 November 2024	
7	Gillian Hopkin		From 8 November 2024	
8	Georgina Trotter		From 8 November 2024	
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

--

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

The PCC Powers Measure and the Church Representation Rules

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919
Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1921

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by members of the electoral roll at an annual meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

--

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

To monitor and make due provision for the above, providing church services and associated offices (e.g.: weddings, funerals, baptisms) in accordance with the governing legislation. Ensuring the provision of other services and facilities as are deemed important, desirable and necessary for the parish, namely (inter alia)

- support and facilities for children of all ages
- support and facilities for families
- support and facilities for the Aged

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

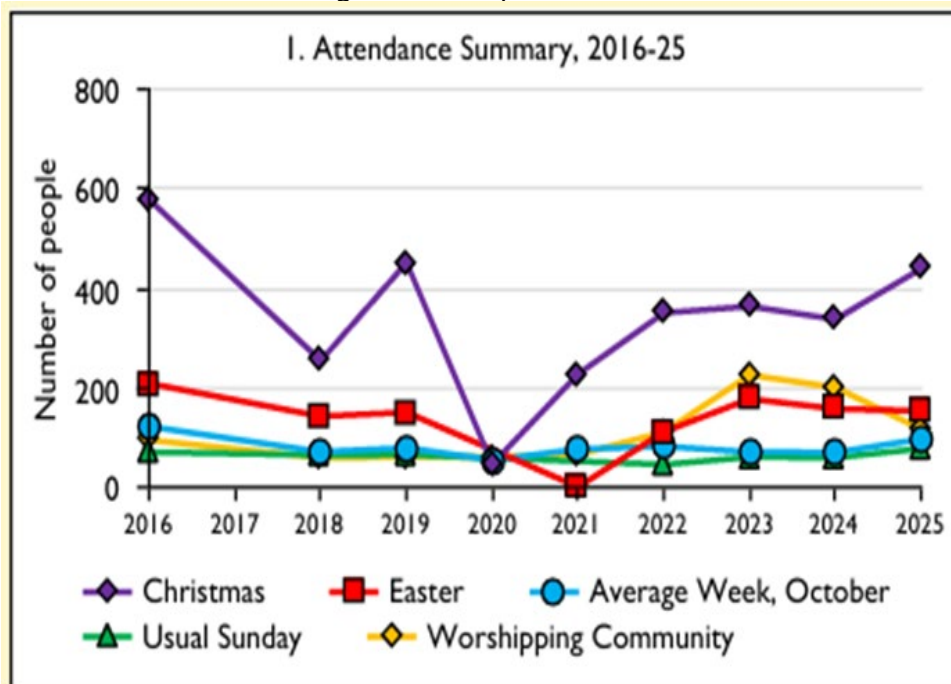
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Introduction: Having served together as churchwardens during 2024/5, we are pleased to submit our report in respect of the Northleach Parish.

2. **Vacancy:** Churchwardens have additional responsibilities during a Vacancy. We received a great deal of support from the Church community during the period July 2024 to September 2025, for which we are very grateful. We would like to express heartfelt thanks to Rev John Hollows and Rt Rev David Jennings for their guidance and encouragement as well as their unstinting commitment to leading so many services throughout the Benefice. During this period, we met weekly in the Church on Tuesday mornings for prayer for the appointment of a new incumbent. This prayer meeting has continued as a formal Morning Prayer service.

3. **Priest-in-Charge:** On the 11th September 2025 Rev Charlie Styles was licenced and installed as Priest-in-Charge by Rt Rev Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester in our church. This was an exciting moment for our Parish. The worshipping community saw this appointment as an answer from God to the prayers of God people. We look to God for the future and welcome the leadership and direction provided by Rev Charlie Styles. We are also grateful to Ven Katrina Scott, as Archdeacon, for her guidance and leadership during the Vacancy.

4. **Attendance** at Regular Worship:



Comments: Average attendance (always measured precisely according to the statistics for the month of October) showed an increase in 2025. Christmas attendances also showed an increase in 2025.

5. **Regular Services:** We have maintained, to a high standard, our regular Worship services including:

- Common Worship Holy Communion (twice a month);
- All-Age Service of Holy Communion (once per month);
- Café Church (once a month);
- BCP Evensong (6.30pm, three times each month);
- BCP Holy Communion (8am, once per month);

- Worship Services at Northleach Court (once per month)

During 2025 we also launched:

- Christianity Explored course at the beginning of the Year;
- Saturday Bible studies in the Back Room of the Curious Wine Cellar
- Confirmation classes led by Rev John Hollows and Stephanie Hollows with culminated in the confirmation of 4 candidates from the Benefice in Christ Church, Cheltenham, in November 2024.
- Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9.30am with special focus on praying for God to lead in the provision of a new incumbent
- Weekly services of Holy Communion with prayer for wholeness and healing on Wednesdays at 10.30am

6. **Special Services:** In addition to services to mark the major festivals, the following services were also held in our Church:

- Plough Sunday, 12th January
- Mothering Sunday, 30th March
- Palm Sunday, 13th April
- VE Day, 8th May
- Rogation Walk, 25th May
- Ascension, 29th May
- Pet Service, 13th July
- D Day Commemoration, 2nd June
- Harvest Festival, 26th October
- Remembrance, 9th November
- Advent Carol Service, 30th November
- Christingle, 2nd December
- Advent Spiral, 16th December
- Nine Lessons and Carols, 21st December
- Quiet Christmas, 24th December
- Crib, 24th December.

These services were well organised, well attended and, in many cases, provided a welcome outreach to the local community.

7. **Outreach:** Special services have been maintained and developed to reach out to families with children including:

- Café Church and Sunday School
- All Age Service of Holy Communion

These services have attracted new members of our Worshipping Community. As such, they play a vital role in building for the future. In December Dawn Mann led a beautiful wreath making activity which was highly appreciated and raised funding for the Church.

8. **Weddings:** 9 weddings were held in Church. Thanks to Liz Tennant for managing these happy occasions.

9. **Baptisms:** 4 baptisms were held in Church. Thanks to Jane Abbotts for managing these happy occasions.

10. **Funerals:** 12 funerals were held in the Church, 5 ceremonies were held at the Crematorium and 3 services were held for the burial of ashes. Thanks to Alison Rainbow for managing these events together with the Funeral Directors. Thanks to Jill Thomas and her helpers for superb support as stewards for Funerals.

11. **Buildings & Fabric:** We are very grateful to the Friends of Northleach Church for their work in maintaining and improving our building. We enjoy good communication with David Nicholson in this regard. The PCC is fully engaged with all key decisions and takes responsibility, as necessary. We also enjoy communication with Jane Quelch as regards events in the Church. The PCC attends, as usual, to the maintenance and upkeep of fixtures and fittings. New lighting has been installed outside the Church Rooms and the Boiler House. A ramp has been installed, under advice from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, on the steps leading to the Lady Chapel, to assist those with mobility issues.

12. **Northleach Care Home:** A team from the Church visited the Care Home once a month to lead worship with the residents and staff, and to distribute Holy Communion. This is highly appreciated by all.

13. **Pastoral Care:** The Pastoral Care Team meets monthly to discuss and pray about needs in the Parish. The team comprises Pastoral Assistants and those qualified to distribute Holy Communion. We aim to visit those who are sick, elderly or otherwise in need.

14. **Mother's Union:** The Union continues to play an important and valuable role in the life of our Church. Thanks to Patsi Rainey for providing excellent leadership for the Mother's Union.

15. **Northleach School:** The Open the Book team, led by Jill Thomas, visits the School on a regular basis to deliver the Bible Society programme. For the first 9 months of the Year, Rt Rev David Jennings oversaw the School programme, assisted by Laura Blundell. From September onwards, Rev Charlie Styles has assumed leadership of this work. We highly value our links with the School and wish to see these links maintained and, if possible, strengthened.

Conclusion: We are grateful to God for His oversight and care for our Community in 2025. We have much to be grateful for and much to be encouraged by. We look to God with confidence for the future.

Thanks: To:

- Our Clergy: Rev. Charlie Styles, Rev. John Hollows, Rt. Rev. David Jennings, and our visiting Priests and Readers for their committed work and witness in our Parish and Benefice
- Our administrator, Alison Rainbow, who works with great energy and commitment in the office to ensure that all runs smoothly
- The members of the Parochial Church Council who serve with such

enthusiasm and much hard work

- Our Treasurer, Andrew Sweeney, for overseeing the finances and inspiring the fund raising
- Our organist, Gerry Hopkin and the members of the Choir, who enrich our worship in so many ways
- The many other volunteers – including sides persons, sacristans, flower arrangers, cleaners, gardeners, refreshment providers, readers, intercessors and many others – who give of themselves to God's work in this place.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The PCC aims to keep a reserve of £55,000 of unrestricted funds to cover six months of obligations in the event of cashflow issues. The PCC also holds other unrestricted funds which may be deployed in the event of specific needs arising, for example buildings repairs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

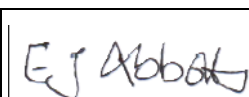
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Elizabeth Abbotts

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

14/6/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL
NORTHLEACH IN THE DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER

No (if any)

1210857

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
PGS	35,177	-	-	35,177	29,468
Contactless donations (Cards & Cash)	9,519	-	-	9,519	12,088
Stewardship	12,368	-	-	12,368	6,678
Gift Aid	153	-	-	153	8,583
Fundraising	2,677	-	-	2,677	211
Church & church rooms hire	1,726	-	-	1,726	1,756
Legacies & Donations	9,291	-	-	9,291	78,723
DBF Fees	1,707	-	-	1,707	1,503
PCC Fees	5,102	-	-	5,102	3,312
Wedding Fees - Bells	480	-	-	480	1,204
Wedding Fees - Choir	1,541	-	-	1,541	600
Document postage	- 4	-	-	- 4	13
Interest	3,773	-	-	3,773	1,248
Gain on Investments	- 580	-	-	- 580	15,270
Gift collection A Timmis	-	-	-	-	35
Lego & Soul Space	-	-	-	-	139
Contributions to heating	-	-	-	-	860
Remembrance Book	40	-	-	40	80
Receipt from Black Cat	5,000	-	-	5,000	40,581
Transfer from Black Cat bank	-	-	-	-	10,470
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	87,970	-	-	87,970	212,752
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	87,970	-	-	87,970	212,752

A3 Payments

Parish Share	50,513	-	-	50,513	48,108
Casual Duty Priest Fees	1,027	-	-	1,027	2,508
Benefice Charge & Office expenses	13,373	-	-	13,373	12,873
Book-keeper	1,020	-	-	1,020	965
Energy	6,824	-	-	6,824	7,346
Building Maintenance	8,607	-	-	8,607	2,807
Organ Maintenance	1,381	-	-	1,381	1,060
Heating Maintenance	515	-	-	515	1,610
Clock Maintenance	436	-	-	436	396
Cleaning	1,105	-	-	1,105	1,039
Altar & Services accounts (SS)	1,173	1 -	-	1,173	957

30/07/2026

B2 Other monetary assets

Debtor in Black Cat	44,650	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Creditor in Black Cat	10470	-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Elizabeth Abbotts	14/06/2026

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of St Peter & St Paul, Northleach, Parochial Church Council for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

Basis of preparation of accounts

Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments (Cash) basis.

Financial result of accounts

Receipts and Payments Account: shows a deficit of £21,059.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities: shows net assets of £198,008.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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, following the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and 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, seeking explanation 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

I have no conflict of interest in relation to this examination.

In my opinion, all relevant disclosures have been made in the financial statements and the trustees have assessed the invoices, bills and commitments outstanding at the end of the reporting period and are satisfied that the charity can settle them as and when they fall due. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the following requirements have not been met:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; and
- to account for statutory fees correctly.

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

Alistair R Clark BEng, MBA, PgDipAFM

12 March 2026

9 Farmington, CHELTENHAM, GL54 3NQ