



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST BARNABAS'  
CHURCH, ALWOODLEY**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC  
AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1211030**





## Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of Alwoodley, St Barnabas' Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Ho Young, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church centre complex of St Barnabas' Church, The View, Alwoodley, LS17 7NA. Originally part of the benefice of Moor Allerton St John, services have taken place in the church building since it was opened on 10th November 1962; prior to this, in the old church hall (now the church centre) which was built in 1932 and was officially opened and dedicated by the Bishop of Knaresborough on 24th September 1932. The benefice of Moor Allerton St John became the Moor Allerton Team Ministry on 28th October 1981, the Moor Allerton and Shadwell Team Ministry was created on 1st March 2009 and the parish of Alwoodley St Barnabas' (within the benefice of the Moor Allerton and Shadwell Team) was created on 1st January 2019. The PCC of St Barnabas' Alwoodley became a registered charity on 21st November 2024. Our charity number is: 1211030.

## Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to come to faith in Jesus Christ, attend worship at our church and to become part of the worshipping community at St Barnabas'. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve and attract the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice throughout prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Barnabas' and the church centre complex.

## Achievements and Performance

### Worship and Prayer

The PCC offers a range of weekly services over the course of the year that are designed to welcome the local community, share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to nourish people spiritually.

Central to the life of St Barnabas' Church is our Sunday morning service at 11.00am which offers Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month and Intergenerational Worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The number of people attending 11.00am services has increased this year, and on average each Sunday we have 70 adults and 22 children attending worship. This is up from an average of 68 adults and 20 children in 2024. Our worshipping community increased this year with a total of 153 adults and children in 2025 compared with 144 in 2024 and 136 in 2023 (This figure includes both regular worshippers and those who are housebound and worship at home).

Saturday prayer breakfasts have been held around once a term throughout the year, and the Prayer Chain uses WhatsApp to communicate prayer requests. Life Groups continue to meet on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday evenings and Wednesday evenings with another group meeting on Zoom. A new Cantonese-speaking Life Group was begun in autumn 2025. From autumn 2025 we also began to have a regular rhythm of morning and evening prayer in church on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday mornings and evenings, and Thursday evenings. St Barnabas' also featured during BBC Radio 4 Extra's Daily Service in September which was led by Dave Ho Young and featured Beverly Yu doing the reading and the whole congregation saying the Lord's Prayer together.

Our new curate, Revd Bex Davidson and her husband, Paul, arrived at St Barnabas' in June following her ordination as a deacon. It has been great to have Bex working in the team over the past six months and already she has made a significant contribution to the life of the church.

In September 2025, Beverly Yu was appointed as a Cantonese Ministry Mission Apprentice to lead the ministry with Hong Kongers at St Barnabas' and to support this ministry across the Diocese. The funding for this post came from the Diocese of Leeds' successful bid from the Church of England's national Racial Justice Fund. Again, Beverly's work over the past six months has been so important in adding capacity to the ministry we have with Hong Kongers.

Staffing in the Team Ministry continues to be two full time incumbent-status clergy, compared to three up until 2021. As Team Rector, Dave Ho Young has responsibility for the whole Team Ministry and the decision was made in autumn 2025 that from 1st January 2026 Dave will be primarily responsible for St Barnabas', and to hold additional responsibility for St Stephen's Moor Allerton. Sharon Ward Kaye will continue to hold responsibility for St John's Moor Allerton but now with additional responsibility for St Paul's Shadwell.

Around 15 families from Hong Kong now regularly worship at St Barnabas' and we have continued to include elements of worship in Cantonese at our 11.00am services. For Lunar New Year in 2025 we had a special service celebrating this important festival, followed by a lunch. We also had a celebration for the Mid-Autumn Festival. We continue to welcome members of our congregation from many other different nationalities, ethnicities, ages and backgrounds and we rejoice at the rich diversity amongst our intercultural and intergenerational church family.

A highlight of 2025 was our confirmation service where Bishop Arun confirmed seven people from our congregation, most of whom were members of our youth group. It was also wonderful to have Victoria Littlewood presented with Royal Maundy money by His Majesty the King on Maundy Thursday at Durham Cathedral. Victoria was nominated for this honour by Bishop

Arun for her work supporting Hong Kongers at Café Connect and for her long service at St Barnabas'. In November 2025, we were also able to stand in solidarity with Hong Kongers in our community who were affected by the devastating fire in Tai Po. We hosted a moving vigil service with Bishop Arun to pray for all those affected.

The clergy from our Team Ministry were also involved with supporting Allerton Church of England Primary School through the provision of weekly assemblies. In July we welcomed Key Stage 2 into church for their End of Year Celebration Assembly.

As well as our regular services, we enabled our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2025 there was one funeral service held in church. We didn't celebrate any weddings at St Barnabas' but we did have a number of baptisms, with five children and young people being baptised this year. During 2025, we continued to welcome people from our congregation and the wider community to services at Easter and Christmas. On Easter Day our attendance was 102 people, during Advent 2025 we welcomed a total of 319 people to our Christingle and Carols by Candlelight Service, and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we welcomed a total of 227 people to our Crib Service and Christmas Day Service.

## Youth and Children

It has been another great year for the children and youth ministry here at St Barnabas'.

Despite closing for some weeks while the roof was being refurbished this year, **Barnabees'** toddler group has continued to be a wonderful outreach to the local community with many families attending. There were quite a few families that moved on from Barnabees in the last year with children starting school in September, but the numbers have steadily grown with new families coming every week, and we regularly have 30+ children and their parents and carers coming on a Monday morning. There are a number of people that join us after attending Music Bugs in the church centre which is great. We aim to share Jesus every session, particularly through our Thought for the Day slot, where we have covered favourite songs that God speaks to us through, the love languages and seasonal celebrations such as Easter and Christmas. There is a great team who faithfully set up, welcome, serve refreshments, clear up and connect with the families that come along each week that creates the welcoming atmosphere that everyone enjoys. It would also be great to welcome more of these families into other areas of the life at St Barnabas'.

**Sunday groups** are growing and due to a greater number of children and not quite enough leaders, we decided to go to three groups – GodZone (4–8yrs), DDZ (9–11yrs) and Journey Up (12–15yrs) but only meet twice a month and have intergenerational worship services in between. We have been using Scripture Union material for Godzone and DDZ and the Unfold Sessions from Youthscape for Journey Up. We have a wonderful team of leaders and helpers, and it is wonderful to see some of the helpers stepping up to take on leadership roles too.

The **Youth Group** completed the Youth Alpha course and went on to explore the Difference course this past year. Numbers are steady, and the friendships between the young people are growing. There is a good team of volunteer adults supporting this group, some of whom lead and facilitate sessions while others help with catering. We were providing dinner but have

moved to just serving snacks because of rising costs. It would be good to return to serving a meal in the future. It was lovely to see six of our young people plus leader Pete be confirmed by Bishop Arun in March after doing confirmation preparation with Dave and Jo.

Another exciting development was the PCC's agreement to start fundraising to employ a children and youth minister at St Barnabas' which began in late 2025.

Other plans in the pipeline to develop our children and youth ministry in 2026 include creating a Playground worship space for under 4's at the back of church, running the Parenting for Faith course with church parents in English and Cantonese with Beverly (Mission Apprentice) and building relationships with families at Barnabees to nurture faith in Jesus. Alongside all this activity, it would be great to raise up leaders who could prepare and deliver sessions across all the groups, and as ever, it would be great to recruit more volunteers to assist as this ministry grows.

An enormous thank you to every single person who gives of their time, energy and prayers to support children and youth ministry at St Barnabas'.

## Prayer Team and Prayer Chain

The prayer team offers prayer after every service. There are nine members of the team, and we meet on the first Friday of every month to plan the rota for the coming month and to pray together. We have two team members on duty every week. Those on duty, and anyone else who would like to join them, usually meet some time before Sunday, often in the Church Centre before the service, to pray together.

Most weeks we have people coming for prayer. We would love to see more using this valuable prayer time and it would help to have more members of the team. It's disappointing that more people don't see the need to ask for prayer and so few people are willing to pray with others.

There are 20 members of the WhatsApp prayer chain, and we have seen some amazing answers to prayer through this group. Demand varies; sometimes we get requests for prayer every few days, sometimes two or three in the same day.

## Deanery Synod

Throughout the year there have been Deanery Synod meetings across the North West Deanery, which comprises a third of the parishes in the Leeds Episcopal Area. There were three Deanery Synod meetings held in 2025 which focused on diocesan governance, the growing faith foundation, safeguarding and a presentation and question and answer session with Bishop Arun. Dave Ho Young continues to serve as Area Dean of North West Leeds alongside his duties as Team Rector.

## Fabric Report

A small team of Assistant Wardens help set up for church services and look after the fabric and maintenance of the church, Centre and grounds. Their help is invaluable in supporting the

Churchwardens with the day to day running of the church. In July, Andrew Lam was welcomed to the team as Churchwarden.

### Church Building

The church continues to be used during the week for our outreach groups Barnabees, Tea@2:30 and Harbour Café.

Work started on the church roof and associated works on 11th February and was completed ahead of time. The faculty has been signed off and the Certificate of completion recorded in the church Logbook. The Registrar and Archdeacon have been notified. A service of thanksgiving for the roof was held at church, attended by local ward councillor Dan Cohen and architect Mike Overton.

Section B1-1 permission from the Archdeacon was granted for the repair to the church porch window. The work has been completed.

The church had a deep clean in December.

### Church Heating

Following a gas safety inspection, five of the seven gas-fired heaters in church were condemned. Portable fan heaters were purchased as a temporary solution to heat the church over the winter months. Northern Powergrid will replace the fuse box in the vestry in February 2026 to enable the installation of a smart meter. Decisions on the type of heating system have been delayed until the energy supplier confirms the nature of the electricity supply to the building.

A Heating Taskforce was set up to look at solutions for a new heating system. A Heating Checklist and Options Appraisal have been written in accordance with Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) guidelines. The church architect and various contractors and heating specialists were invited to meetings at church to discuss options. A heating folder is located at the back of church with more details for all to read.

### Health and Safety

Seven members of the church undertook first aid training in March. The names of the first aiders are prominently displayed in the church and Centre.

A training of Assistant Wardens and Welcomers took place in November. This included familiarisation with the location of fire extinguishers in the church and Church Centre and what to do in an emergency evacuation.

The church Health and Safety and Fire policies and risk assessments were all updated and put into digital format on Microsoft 365 SharePoint.

The fire extinguishers had an annual check and two were replaced. All other routine fire checks were carried out including the Centre fire alarm.

The defibrillator batteries and pads were replaced.

Various minor accidents were recorded and one more serious one involving a child having a fingertip severed in a Centre door. This resulted in an inspection from Leeds City Council who were very happy with our health and safety but recommended some hinge protectors. These were duly fitted.

## Church Centre

The Church Centre continued to be a source of income in 2025; however, this does take its toll on the building and equipment. I would like to thank Chris Bayford, Stephen Wright, Paul Wright, Bob Holt and others who continue to provide support in the upkeep of the building, including re-painting the main hall over the summer.

We continue to gain new hirers, both regular and one-off.

Given a lack of heating at Stephen's Church, we have been able to support them by allowing their hirers use of the Centre on a temporary basis.

Over the summer, two children's summer schools used both the church and the Church Centre, which raised approximately £2000. This brought some noise issues, and Tea @ 2.30 kindly held their weekly meeting at Jenny and Derek's house.

We have faced a few challenges this year, including party bookings with teenagers behaving inappropriately around the grounds, and close neighbours making complaints about the noise level from parties using the grounds. A letter has been drafted and passed by the PCC to send to neighbours when we know an event may be taking place that could impact them.

Hall bookings have moved over to the ChurchSuite online platform, making the process more streamlined.

Maintenance work carried out in the year includes the following:

- The water boiler in the Centre was condemned in January. A replacement boiler was installed at a cost of £516.00.
- New LED lights have been fitted in the main hall.
- A new coffee machine was purchased to meet the growing demand for coffee on Sundays and at events during the week.
- Existing plaster on the rear wall of the main hall was stripped and the wall replastered to a level just above the doors. This was to repair cracks which appeared in the plaster which have been attributed to settling and not to structural faults. This cost £830.00.
- The main hall was repainted following the plastering work.
- The external front and back doors and the rear window frames of the Centre were repainted.
- The blinds in the main hall were repaired.

## Grounds, Gardens and Environment

The gate to the footpath on the northwest corner of the church grounds, (entrance from The Drive) was locked for one week in January.

On the morning of 15 September 2025, a mature maple tree on the southwest lawn collapsed during a period of adverse weather. The tree fell directly onto two stationary vehicles in the carpark, causing significant structural damage. No injuries were reported. The tree was removed. No sign of internal decay or fungal infection was found.

The conifer and a laurel bush in the area adjacent to the church and church Centre were removed. The area was generally tidied. The application for the List B matter was approved with conditions.

## Disability and Access

Rosemary Bayford continues to be part of networks set up by the Leeds Diocese Disability Team and the charity Through the Roof, in her role as Church Disability Advocate.

A few chairs with arms have been purchased for the Church Centre and have proved helpful. Discussions have taken place regarding the lack of parking spaces available for people with reduced mobility. A plan to address this has been taken to the PCC.

Several members of the congregation were assisted with individual queries. Live streaming of services continues to benefit those who are unable to attend church in person.

## Pastoral Care

The team meets approximately every eight weeks throughout the year, when we review visits and care needs. Members of the team are Dave Young, together with Elspeth Bottone, Alfred Chan, Louise Clements, Ruth Kitson, Victoria Littlewood, Jo Lowe, Lesley Murphy, Barbara Robinson and Derek Thomas. Sadly, we lost longstanding team member, Janice Hunter, who died in June. Beverly Yu, Cantonese Missionary Apprentice, has also attended the meetings since September so that she, together with members of the team, can share any issues affecting our church members from Hong Kong. In addition to Dave, three members of the team are licensed to take Home Communion.

The pastoral care allocation list which covers all church members is updated regularly to take account of new arrivals and those who are no longer with us. We have made visits and offered support to several people in their own homes who have been unable to get to church, and made regular visits to one person in a care home. Home Communion has also been taken to a couple of church members who were unable to get to church. Members of the team took flowers to six people following the Mothering Day service last year.

In November members of the team attended a mental health awareness training course run here at St Barnabas' by Wellspring, a Christian charity based in Harrogate. Representatives from St John's, St Stephens, St John's Adel, and St Paul's Ireland Wood also attended, which helped to share the cost.

## Mission, Evangelism and Events

In 2025 we ran a range of opportunities for mission and evangelism and we want to thank everyone who has been involved in sharing the good news of Jesus through our different outreach events and activities this year.

We held another Burns Night supper and celebration in January 2025, which included a celebration of Scottish culture through poetry readings, music and, of course, a Haggis supper. Our thanks to Hazel and David Hutchinson, Jennifer Edwards and Louise Clements for organising and hosting the event, and to Jo Lowe and the team for running the kitchen.

The Easter Eggstravaganza was held again on Holy Saturday. Once again it was a great success and saw over 120 children attending the event. Our thanks to Hazel Ayers who took over in overseeing Eggstravaganza this year, and to all of those who volunteered as part of the day. A special thanks as well to members of the youth group who also served during the day.

Our parent and child playgroup, Barnabees, has continued to grow this year and is full most weeks. Barnabees meets in church and is an important way for us to reach out into the community and give support to parents and carers. There is also a thought for the day segment in each session. Our thanks go to Louise Clements, Nomi Sammons and Amanda Weston for leading this group and to all the volunteers who make Barnabees a success.

In April 2025 we held an Alpha Course at church which had around 10 guests attending at least one of the sessions, and throughout the whole course there was a core of around 7 guests attending regularly. A Holy Spirit away day as part of Alpha was also held in summer. Thanks to everyone who supported Alpha this year and either ran the discussion groups or catered.

We have continued in our work to welcome and support Hong Kongers in Leeds. We have continued to run Café Connect fortnightly and in autumn 2025 we changed the name of the group to Harbour Café. Our thanks to Beverly Yu, Amanda Weston, KC Siu, Andrew Lam and the whole team for all they have been doing to run this important outreach. For Lunar New Year in 2025 we worked again with Leeds Minster, RockGate Church, Leeds Chinese Christian Church and Be Church to host another Lunar New Year Market at Leeds Minster. This event was a huge success and around 600 people attended over the course of the day. In December 2025, we also worked with Leeds Minster, RockGate, Be Church and Leeds Chinese Christian Church to hold a Cantonese Carol Service at St Barnabas' with over 80 people from all over the city attending.

Tea at 2.30 has continued to meet in church through 2025 and has grown throughout the year. This is a weekly meeting in church over tea, coffee and cake. This group also acts as a Warm Space over the winter. Our thanks to Derek and Jenny Thomas, and Paul and Rita Wright for leading this group.

We have continued to support Leeds North and West Foodbank with a collection point at the back of church. Our thanks to Mary Page for delivering donations to the Foodbank.

St Barnabas' has continued to support and be involved in the Alwoodley Ward Community Forum. This brings together faith groups, charities, local service providers and ward and parish councillors to work together in the parish and ward in a more joined-up way. St Barnabas' has also continued to support the Alwoodley Climate Hub which meets in the church centre.

## Ecumenical Relationships

On Good Friday the congregations from St Barnabas', St Stephen's, Moortown Baptist Church and Alwoodley Park Methodist Church met on the Village Green to share in an open-air Good Friday service. We have also continued to deepen our relationship with some of the Chinese churches in the city and have met regularly with them to work together on our Lunar New Year Market and Cantonese Carol Service. These churches include RockGate, Be Church and Leeds Chinese Christian Church. Dave Ho Young was also invited as a guest preacher at Be Church in summer 2025.

## Safeguarding

J Chambers is the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Recruiter and DBS Administrator.

All St Barnabas' safeguarding procedures concur with policies and direction of the Church of England.

Currently we have 37 volunteers registered for voluntary work requiring DBS to the Enhanced Level and Safeguarding Training. Note: DBS is now valid for only three years.

## Intergenerational Choir/Band

St Barnabas' is in the process of developing its existing choir and band into an intergenerational group that includes children and young people. Many of the current members have already completed the safe recruitment and DBS procedures through their wider voluntary roles within the church. Three members, however, needed to complete the full safe recruitment process. This is being progressed, and two of the three individuals have now successfully completed all required checks.

## Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

This is a web-based platform that gives a Safeguarding 'status' and Action Plan against policies and procedures that the Church is measured against.

The safeguarding Dashboard now has three Hub Stages:

1. **Basic Version** – Tracks DBS checks and safeguarding training for volunteers and staff.
2. **Full Version** – Enables creation of Role Descriptions and Person Specifications.
3. **Full Version +** – Oversees safer recruitment of new volunteers, creates Volunteer Agreements, sends automatic reminders for DBS checks and training, and manages supervision sessions.

St Barnabas' has been elevated to Stage 2.

As of the date of publication, we are 84% compliant with the Parish Dashboard Mandatory Requirements.

#### Matters non-compliant which are being addressed:

- DDZ (Dangerous Disciple Zone) - Risk Assessment
- DDZ (Dangerous Disciple Zone) - Induction and Settling-In Period
- DDZ (Dangerous Disciple Zone) - Ongoing Support and Oversight
- Review List of Church Activities
- Review List of Non-Church Activities

## Financial Review

Total incoming resources amounted to £163,150. The previous year's abnormally high figure was largely due to our appeal in aid of the new church roof, which continued into the start of 2025, the bulk of monies received for the Roof Fund in 2025 being in the form of grants and tax recovered totalling £39,000.

Direct giving in 2025 was £66,080, an increase of 13% over direct giving in 2024, excluding the Roof Fund. This above-inflation increase is partly a reflection of the 6% growth in the number of people making up our worshipping community.

Tax recovered from HMRC through the Gift Aid and GASDS schemes in 2025 was £12,765 for the General Fund and £10,064 for the Roof Fund. Lettings income was just under £33,800, up 3.5% on the previous year. Letting fees did not increase in 2025, but they have been increased from January 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

A grant of £1,000 was received from Leeds City Council for providing a warm space twice a week, and the following grants were received for the Roof Project:

|                                                            |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Outer North East Community Committee of Leeds City Council | £4,000  |
| Alwoodley Parish Council                                   | £5,000  |
| Leeds Church Extension Society                             | £20,000 |

Total expenditure in 2025 was just under £217,700. This included the large one-off expense of replacing the church roof, for which £113,700 was paid out. We paid out £62,093 towards our parish share request, an increase of 10% on the previous year. Energy costs decreased by £1,920 (23%), mainly due to a reduction in gas consumption, with the church being closed during the roofing works and then a number of the gas heaters in church being condemned and unable to be used. We hope to be reporting on the cost of replacing the gas heaters in the next Annual Report. General Fund expenditure increased overall by 10% on the previous year.

The result for the year was net expenditure of £54,541.61.

## Policy

The PCC holds two bank accounts: a current account with Virgin Money and an account with The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd, which earns interest.

The PCC also hold 179 shares in the CBF Church of England Fund – Income Shares, which provide a small dividend per quarter. These shares are valued each year, and the valuation at the end of 2025 was £3,973.50, a decrease in value of £165.46 (4%).

The following funds are administered by St Barnabas’:

| <b>Fund</b>                        | <b>Type</b>       | <b>Restriction/Purpose</b>                                                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| General                            | Unrestricted      | General purposes of the church                                               |
| General Maintenance                | Designated by PCC | Maintenance of the church complex                                            |
| M Cuddy                            | Designated by PCC | General purposes of the church                                               |
| M Liddle                           | Designated by PCC | General purposes of the church, since being re-designated in 2020 by the PCC |
| C Tasker Legacy                    | Restricted        | Bibles for young people/children                                             |
| Children and Youth Work            | Restricted        | Children’s and youth work                                                    |
| Furnishing                         | Restricted        | Furnishing and fabric work in the church                                     |
| Outreach                           | Restricted        | Youth and families’ outreach                                                 |
| Roof Fund                          | Restricted        | Replacement of church roof                                                   |
| Children Youth and Families Worker | Restricted        | Costs of employing a CYF worker                                              |

The PCC have approved a policy that 10% of the previous year’s direct giving (unrestricted) should be donated to charitable causes that support our values (known as extra-parochial giving), and the total amount given this year was £5,625, split between Caring for Life, Leeds North and West Foodbank, Arocha UK, Tearfund, PAFRAS, Open Doors and the Church Mission Society.

Additionally, charitable retiring collections and other work raised £323 for Martin House Children’s Hospice, £346 for the Children’s Society, £786 for Christian Aid, £447 for Revive International and and further £447 for the Church Mission Society. Regular collections of food for Leeds North and West Foodbank continued and in December 2025 we once again coordinated with Allerton Church of England Primary School to provide Christmas food hampers to support local families, assembling eight hampers with an approximate value of £450 from the congregation’s donations of both food and money.

An amendment to our reserves policy was agreed by the PCC on 11 March 2024 in that we would hold in reserve a continuing minimum of 'free reserves' of three months (previously six months) running costs (including salary costs). At current levels that equates to £26,000 rising to £30,000 should we start to employ a Children Youth and Families worker, as is planned once sufficient funds have been raised. A restricted fund has been set up for funds raised towards this. It is envisaged that any remaining unrestricted funds plus other reserves available for maintenance will be used to replace the church heating in 2026.

## Volunteers and Staff

We would like to thank all the volunteers, PCC members, church officers, leaders and staff who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. We would not be able to do what we do as a church without everyone playing their part. Unfortunately it's not possible to mention everyone but as they stand down this year, we want to say a special thank you to Amanda Weston and Andrew Lam as our outgoing churchwardens. Thanks also go to our employed staff Jo Lowe (administrator) and Beverly Yu (mission apprentice) for their work this year.

## Structure, Governance and Management

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

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Barnabas' the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The treasurer and secretary are appointed members.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC met for a full meeting on 6 occasions during 2025. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees which include fabric, mission and evangelism are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly, minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

## Administrative Information

St Barnabas' Church is situated at The View, Alwoodley, LS17 7NA. It is in the parish of Alwoodley within the Moor Allerton and Shadwell Team Ministry and is part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England. 1 January 2019 marked the reorganization of the Moor Allerton and Shadwell Team from one parish into four parishes, and so from that date the Parish of Alwoodley St Barnabas' legally came into existence. The correspondence address is the Church Office, The View, Alwoodley, Leeds, LS17 7NA. The PCC is a body corporate

(PCC Powers Measures 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and became a registered charity on 21 November 2024. Our charity number is 1211030.

#### Ex-officio members

- Incumbent: The Reverend Canon David Ho Young (Chair)
- Curate: The Reverend Bex Davidson (From 28 June 2025)
- Lay Minister: Mr Derek Thomas
- Lay Minister: Dr John Watson
- Lay Minister: Mr Keith White
- Churchwarden: Mrs Amanda Weston (Lay Chair)
- Churchwarden: Mr Andrew Lam (Elected on 25th May 2025)

#### Elected members

- Mrs Julie Armstrong (Resigned on 25th May 2025)
- Mrs Hazel Ayers
- Mrs Lyn Crabtree (Elected on 25th May 2025)
- Mr Mark Lam
- Mrs Val Watson
- Mr Stephen Wright

#### Deanery Synod representatives

- Mrs Victoria Littlewood
- Mr Paul Sanderson (Resigned on 25th May 2025)

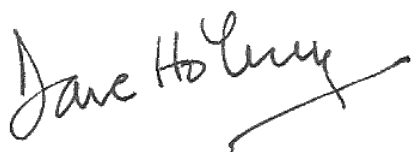
#### Appointed and co-opted members

- Mrs Sarah Wright, appointed treasurer
- Mrs Rosemary Bayford, appointed secretary (Appointed on 16th June 2025)
- Dr Nomi Sammons (Co-opted)

#### Non-voting member attending PCC

- Mr John Chambers (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Approved by the PCC on 16th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by Revd Canon David Ho Young (PCC Chair):

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ho Young', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Barnabas' Church

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out in pages 15–18.

## Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to:
  - keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Maurice Thomson

Date:

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# St Barnabas PCC

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund) As at: 31 December 2025

|                                             |              |  |  | Balance          | Previous<br>balance |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|------------------|---------------------|
|                                             |              |  |  | £                | £                   |
| <b>Investments</b>                          |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| <b>6440: CBF Inv Fund Shares</b>            |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| General fund                                | Unrestricted |  |  | 3973.50          | 4138.96             |
|                                             |              |  |  | <b>3973.50</b>   | <b>4138.96</b>      |
| <b>Investments</b>                          |              |  |  | <b>3973.50</b>   | <b>4138.96</b>      |
| <b>Tangible Assets</b>                      |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| <b>6430: Church Hall Extension at Cost</b>  |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| Building Fund                               | Restricted   |  |  | 163244.16        | 163244.16           |
| Church Hall Extension                       | Restricted   |  |  | 115012.66        | 115012.66           |
|                                             |              |  |  | <b>278256.82</b> | <b>278256.82</b>    |
| <b>Tangible Assets</b>                      |              |  |  | <b>278256.82</b> | <b>278256.82</b>    |
| <b>Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>             |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| <b>6501: Yorkshire Bank current account</b> |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| Children Youth And Families Worker          | Restricted   |  |  | 1532.48          | -                   |
| General Maintenance                         | Designated   |  |  | 98.31            | -                   |
| Roof Fund                                   | Restricted   |  |  | 4386.95          | 27.93               |
| General fund                                | Unrestricted |  |  | 27451.39         | 21066.50            |
| Agency collection                           | Restricted   |  |  | -90.08           | 19.10               |
|                                             |              |  |  | <b>33379.05</b>  | <b>21113.53</b>     |
| <b>6510: CBF deposit account</b>            |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| Children & Youth Work                       | Restricted   |  |  | 32.10            | 30.39               |
| M Cuddy Legacy                              | Designated   |  |  | 132.70           | 125.60              |
| Furnishing Fund                             | Restricted   |  |  | 1569.73          | 1485.78             |
| General Maintenance                         | Designated   |  |  | 13407.48         | 12690.43            |
| M Liddle Legacy                             | Designated   |  |  | 22147.98         | 20078.92            |
| OUTREACH - Youth & Families                 | Restricted   |  |  | 2626.22          | 3349.59             |
| Roof Fund                                   | Restricted   |  |  | 88.80            | 54680.26            |
| C Tasker Legacy                             | Restricted   |  |  | 26.47            | 110.36              |
| General fund                                | Unrestricted |  |  | 25658.23         | 40054.69            |
|                                             |              |  |  | <b>65689.71</b>  | <b>132606.02</b>    |
| <b>Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>             |              |  |  | <b>99068.76</b>  | <b>153719.55</b>    |
| <b>Agency Accounts</b>                      |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| <b>6699: Agency collections</b>             |              |  |  |                  |                     |
| Agency collection                           | Restricted   |  |  | -69.50           | 39.68               |
|                                             |              |  |  | <b>-69.50</b>    | <b>39.68</b>        |
| <b>Agency Accounts</b>                      |              |  |  | <b>-69.50</b>    | <b>39.68</b>        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                          |              |  |  | <b>381368.58</b> | <b>436075.65</b>    |

**St Barnabas PCC**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

|                                                             | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Total<br>funds    | Prior year<br>total funds |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Receipts                                                    |                       |                     |                   |                           |
| Incoming resources from generated funds                     | -                     | -                   | -                 | -                         |
| Voluntary income                                            | 79,434.99             | 40,943.75           | 120,378.74        | 156,995.88                |
| Activities for generating funds                             | 33,863.80             | 1,294.53            | 35,158.33         | 37,554.21                 |
| Investment income                                           | 3,750.56              | 1,448.13            | 5,198.69          | 2,098.87                  |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities               | 1,929.40              | 489                 | 2,418.40          | 2,610.54                  |
| <b>Total income</b>                                         | <b>118,978.75</b>     | <b>44,175.41</b>    | <b>163,154.16</b> | <b>199,259.50</b>         |
| Payments                                                    |                       |                     |                   |                           |
| Cost of generating funds                                    | -                     | -                   | -                 | -                         |
| Cost of generating voluntary income                         | 498.9                 | 68.16               | 567.06            | 588.05                    |
| Charitable activities                                       | 103,080.07            | 114,033.64          | 217,113.71        | 101,498.74                |
| Governance costs                                            | 15                    | -                   | 15                | 30                        |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                    | <b>103,593.97</b>     | <b>114,101.80</b>   | <b>217,695.77</b> | <b>102,116.79</b>         |
| <b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b> | <b>15,384.78</b>      | <b>-69,926.39</b>   | <b>-54,541.61</b> | <b>97,142.71</b>          |
| Transfers:                                                  |                       |                     |                   |                           |
| Gross transfers between funds - in                          | 973.38                | 21,478.21           | 22,451.59         | 2,812.12                  |
| Gross transfers between funds - out                         | -21,478.21            | -973.38             | -22,451.59        | -2,812.12                 |
| Other recognised gains / losses                             |                       |                     |                   |                           |
| Gains/losses on investment assets                           | -165.46               | -                   | -165.46           | 92.61                     |
| Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use       | -                     | -                   | -                 | -                         |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                | <b>-5,285.51</b>      | <b>-49,421.56</b>   | <b>-54,707.07</b> | <b>97,235.32</b>          |
| Reconciliation of funds                                     |                       |                     |                   |                           |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>                          | <b>98,155.10</b>      | <b>337,920.55</b>   | <b>436,075.65</b> | <b>338,840.33</b>         |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                          | <b>92,869.59</b>      | <b>288,498.99</b>   | <b>381,368.58</b> | <b>436,075.65</b>         |

# St Barnabas PCC

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

|                                                             | General           | Designated      | Restricted       | This year         | Total<br>Last year |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                                             |                   |                 |                  |                   |                    |
| <b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>              |                   |                 |                  |                   |                    |
| 0101 - Gift Aid - Bank                                      | 46,054.58         | -               | 775.00           | 46,829.58         | 47,341.46          |
| 0301 - Loose plate collections                              | 2,650.07          | -               | -                | 2,650.07          | 3,869.49           |
| 0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts                               | 14,656.84         | -               | 1,075.00         | 15,731.84         | 43,546.56          |
| 0550 - Donations appeals etc                                | 135.00            | 100.00          | 30.00            | 265.00            | 412.15             |
| 0560 - Tiddly Tots / Barnabees - donation                   | 607.16            | -               | -                | 607.16            | 1,144.24           |
| 0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid                          | 11,767.32         | -               | 9,533.79         | 21,301.11         | 17,202.20          |
| 0610 - G.A.S.D.S.                                           | 998.09            | -               | 529.96           | 1,528.05          | 927.52             |
| 0701 - Legacies                                             | -                 | -               | -                | -                 | 20,267.00          |
| 0801 - Recurring grants                                     | 1,000.00          | -               | -                | 1,000.00          | 3,100.00           |
| 08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants                         | -                 | -               | 29,000.00        | 29,000.00         | 18,550.00          |
| 0901 - Other funds generated                                | 1,465.93          | -               | -                | 1,465.93          | 635.26             |
| 0920 - Fetes & Fund raising                                 | -                 | -               | 1,294.53         | 1,294.53          | 4,812.21           |
| 1240 - Church & Centre lettings - fund raising              | 33,795.50         | -               | -                | 33,795.50         | 32,660.50          |
| 1270 - Card sales - fund raising                            | 68.30             | -               | -                | 68.30             | 81.50              |
| 1001 - Dividends                                            | 115.00            | -               | -                | 115.00            | 112.32             |
| 1020 - Bank and building society interest                   | 1,750.13          | 1,885.43        | 1,448.13         | 5,083.69          | 1,986.55           |
| <b>Incoming resources from generated funds Totals</b>       | <b>115,063.92</b> | <b>1,985.43</b> | <b>43,686.41</b> | <b>160,735.76</b> | <b>196,648.96</b>  |
| <b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>        |                   |                 |                  |                   |                    |
| 1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals                       | 219.00            | -               | -                | 219.00            | 624.00             |
| 1130 - Socials - Bowling, BBQ, Harvest etc                  | 1,710.40          | -               | 489.00           | 2,199.40          | 1,856.54           |
| 1230 - Church & Church Centre lettings - object             | -                 | -               | -                | -                 | 130.00             |
| <b>Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals</b> | <b>1,929.40</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>489.00</b>    | <b>2,418.40</b>   | <b>2,610.54</b>    |
| <b>Receipts Grand totals</b>                                | <b>116,993.32</b> | <b>1,985.43</b> | <b>44,175.41</b> | <b>163,154.16</b> | <b>199,259.50</b>  |

## Payments

### Cost of generating funds

|                                        |               |             |              |               |               |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1730 - Costs of fetes & other events   | -             | -           | 33.69        | 33.69         | 367.57        |
| 1750 - Contactless Giving Costs        | 497.21        | 1.69        | 34.47        | 533.37        | 220.48        |
| <b>Cost of generating funds Totals</b> | <b>497.21</b> | <b>1.69</b> | <b>68.16</b> | <b>567.06</b> | <b>588.05</b> |

### Charitable activities

|                                                 |           |   |   |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1801 - Giving to missionary societies           | 1,210.00  | - | - | 1,210.00  | 1,200.00  |
| 1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies | 1,220.00  | - | - | 1,220.00  | 910.00    |
| 1850 - Home mission                             | 2,555.00  | - | - | 2,555.00  | 2,390.00  |
| 1870 - Secular charities                        | 640.00    | - | - | 640.00    | -         |
| 1910 - Ministry parish share etc                | 62,093.00 | - | - | 62,093.00 | 56,280.00 |
| 2050 - Salary of parish administrator           | 7,614.50  | - | - | 7,614.50  | 7,237.23  |
| 2055 - Payroll costs                            | 44.25     | - | - | 44.25     | 42.00     |
| 2060 - Pension & pension costs                  | 76.14     | - | - | 76.14     | 69.68     |

|                                                 | General           | Designated  | Restricted        | This year         | Total<br>Last year |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2180 - Outreach                                 | 1,488.35          | -           | -                 | 1,488.35          | 1,274.52           |
| 2190 - Website                                  | 247.48            | -           | -                 | 247.48            | 88.62              |
| 2196 - Socials - Bowling, BBQ, Harvest etc      | 431.45            | -           | 335.74            | 767.19            | 792.27             |
| 2201 - Parish training and mission              | 391.00            | -           | -                 | 391.00            | 105.00             |
| 2205 - Tiddly Tots / Barnabees                  | 536.88            | -           | -                 | 536.88            | 801.08             |
| 2210 - Young Church                             | 117.81            | -           | -                 | 117.81            | 88.32              |
| 2215 - Youth Group                              | 294.91            | -           | -                 | 294.91            | -                  |
| 2225 - Harbour Cafe                             | 42.31             | -           | -                 | 42.31             | -                  |
| 2250 - Team Council Contribution Ministry/Clerg | 2,186.90          | -           | -                 | 2,186.90          | 1,721.50           |
| 2301 - Church and Church Centre - insurance     | 1,571.91          | -           | 274.43            | 1,846.34          | 2,042.00           |
| 2310 - Church office - telephone/broadband      | 639.10            | -           | -                 | 639.10            | 598.68             |
| 2321 - Music                                    | 1,001.69          | -           | -                 | 1,001.69          | 1,137.37           |
| 2322 - Sound Desk                               | 396.11            | -           | -                 | 396.11            | 242.86             |
| 2325 - Equipment Renewals                       | 180.00            | -           | -                 | 180.00            | 220.80             |
| 2330 - Church maintenance                       | 2,110.30          | -           | -                 | 2,110.30          | 1,252.52           |
| 2331 - Cleaning                                 | 2,180.56          | -           | -                 | 2,180.56          | 2,252.34           |
| 2340 - Upkeep of services                       | 1,862.38          | -           | -                 | 1,862.38          | 1,550.64           |
| 2350 - Upkeep of churchyard                     | 1,023.67          | -           | -                 | 1,023.67          | 180.00             |
| 2360 - Administration                           | 723.87            | -           | -                 | 723.87            | 720.66             |
| 2365 - Administration - Photocopying            | 745.72            | -           | -                 | 745.72            | 1,223.90           |
| 2401 - Church running - electric                | 1,386.07          | -           | -                 | 1,386.07          | 1,341.32           |
| 2410 - Church & Church Centre - gas             | 3,531.14          | -           | -                 | 3,531.14          | 5,240.28           |
| 2515 - Purchase of Cards                        | 162.29            | -           | -                 | 162.29            | -                  |
| 2530 - Church Centre running - electricity      | 1,569.94          | -           | -                 | 1,569.94          | 1,825.50           |
| 2560 - Church Centre running - maintenance      | 2,670.34          | -           | -                 | 2,670.34          | 1,238.99           |
| 2701 - Church major repairs - structure         | 135.00            | -           | 113,423.47        | 113,558.47        | 7,430.66           |
| <b>Charitable activities Totals</b>             | <b>103,080.07</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>114,033.64</b> | <b>217,113.71</b> | <b>101,498.74</b>  |
| <b>Governance costs</b>                         |                   |             |                   |                   |                    |
| 2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee   | 15.00             | -           | -                 | 15.00             | 30.00              |
| <b>Governance costs Totals</b>                  | <b>15.00</b>      | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>          | <b>15.00</b>      | <b>30.00</b>       |
| <b>Payments Grand totals</b>                    | <b>103,592.28</b> | <b>1.69</b> | <b>114,101.80</b> | <b>217,695.77</b> | <b>102,116.79</b>  |

# Annual Report - Approved

Final Audit Report

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