

Parish of Thrapston and Islip



Annual Reports and Financial Statements for 2025 Presented to the APCM on Wednesday 29th April 2026

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Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2025

Administrative Information

The Parish of Thrapston and Islip came into effect on the 1st August 2022 following a Pastoral Scheme made by the Church Commissioners on the 26th July 2022 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. It united the formerly separate parishes of Thrapston and Islip into a single parish now known as The Parish of Thrapston and Islip. The united parish remains part of a benefice which includes the Parish of Denford. It belongs to the archdeaconry of Oakham and the deanery of Oundle and is located in the Church of England Diocese of Peterborough.

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PCC members who served during 2025 were:

Incumbent:	Revd Nolan Robson (from 3rd July 2016)
Assistant Curate:	Revd Andrew (Andy) Stilwell (from 26th June 2023)
Churchwardens:	Miss Janice Colson Mrs Sarah Pickles Mrs Susan Couves Mr James Wilford (resigned at the 2025 APCM)
Deanery Synod:	Mrs June Davy (2024 – 2026 APCM) 2 vacant seats (2024 – 2026 APCM)
Elected Members:	Mr Mark Palmer (2023 – 2026 APCM) Mrs Suzanne Thurlow (2023 – resigned November 2025) Vacant Seat (November 2025 – 2026 APCM) Mr Janis Petersons (2023 – 2026 APCM) Vacant Seat (July 2024 – 2026 APCM) Mrs Janet Jousiffe (2024 – 2027 APCM) Mr John Pickles (2024 – 2027 APCM) Vacant Seat (2024 – 2027 APCM) Mr James Wilford (2025 – 2027 APCM – resigned January 2026)

Mrs Joy Farey-Wood (2025 - 2028 APCM)

Mrs Theresa Scholtz (2025 - 2028 APCM)

Mrs Fiona McGill (2025 - 2028 APCM)

Mrs Susan Gray (2025 - 2028 APCM)

The PCC met seven times in 2025, six were scheduled meetings and one was an extraordinary meeting to review the parish merger after three years.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Having previously been a registered charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission, THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THRAPSTON AND ISLIP IN THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH was entered onto the Register of Charities on the 28th January 2025 with the Registered Charity Number: 1211902.

Objectives and Activities

Thrapston and Islip PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd Nolan Robson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building, church hall and churchyard of St James Thrapston, together with the church building and churchyard of St Nicholas Islip and the allotment land on Lowick Road in Islip.

Electoral Roll Report

Since the last APCM, five people joined the Electoral Roll, one person has died, and another no longer attends either of the two churches in the parish and has asked to be removed from the roll.

The net effect of these changes is that the roll has increased from 105 at the 2025 APCM and now stands at 108.

John Pickles, Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Report

- Thrapston and Islip PCC adopted the Safer Church Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy & Procedure following the PCC meeting on 30/04/2025.
- All our activities with children and young people continue to take place at St James, Thrapston.
- The Parish continues to adopt a safe recruitment policy which ensures that all those who volunteer with children and young people on behalf of the church are safely recruited. All volunteers who work with children and young people have up-to-date DBS certification which is managed by the Benefice Safeguarding Officer. The responsibility for DBS adherence for Incumbents, Curates & Readers lies with Peterborough Diocese.
- Peterborough Diocese requires all PCC members to have an enhanced DBS check, which is renewed every three years, as well as completing three yearly safeguarding training updates. I am communicating with the new Diocesan safeguarding team to understand their position on using the Update service for future DBS checks.
- Safeguarding Posters advertising Safeguarding contacts within the Parish are advertised in key areas of both parish churches and in the church hall.
- It has been encouraging to witness how conscientiously volunteers engage with the needs of our young people and vulnerable adults, particularly as the number of children engaging with activities has continued to grow so much over the past year.
- The Benefice safeguarding policy is issued to all organisations who regularly hire the St James Church Hall and who do not have a safeguarding policy for their individual organisations.
- I am grateful to all our volunteers who respond to my requests for safeguarding paperwork and training certification.

Sarah Pickles (Benefice Safeguarding Officer)

Financial Statements for the 2025 Financial Year

Thrapston and Islip PCC Statement of Financial Activities to 31 December 2025 Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	1	84,587.84	865.97	4,852.49	90,306.30
Income from Charitable Activities	2	9,838.17	-	1,040.00	10,878.17
Other trading activities	3	8,828.10	-	2,167.53	10,995.63
Investments/Interest			940.53	66.15	1,006.68
Other		65.55	179.57	250.00	495.12
Total receipts		103,319.66	1,986.07	8,376.17	113,681.90
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	102,179.94	134.45	16,500.17	118,814.56
Cost of generating funds	5	3,398.13	-	2.63	3,400.76
Other expenditure	6	796.01	-	16.80	812.81
Total payments		106,374.08	134.45	16,519.60	123,028.13
Net Income		(3,054.42)	1,851.62	(8,143.43)	(9,346.23)
Transfers between funds		(26,078.31)	26,078.31		-
Net income after transfers		(29,132.73)	27,929.93	(8,143.43)	(9,346.23)
Cash Funds at 1 January		48,002.68	11,362.62	136,763.78	196,129.08
Cash Funds at 31 December		18,869.95	39,292.55	128,620.35	186,782.85

Thrapston and Islip PCC
Notes to the Financial Statement

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
Income				
1 Donations and Legacies				
Regular Giving	61,165.14		1,200.00	62,365.14
Collection at services	3,955.45			3,955.45
All other giving	5,250.15	865.97	2,489.99	8,606.11
Gift Aid recovered	14,217.10	-	662.50	14,879.60
Legacies		-	500.00	500.00
Donations and Legacies Total	84,587.84	865.97	4,852.49	90,306.30
2 Income from Charitable Activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,838.00	-	40.00	2,878.00
Use of church	635.00	-		635.00
Other	6,365.17	-	1,000.00	7,365.17
Charitable Activities Total	9,838.17	-	1,040.00	10,878.17
3 Trading Activities				
Fundraising	4,755.60	-	-	4,755.60
Income from property	4,072.50	-	2,167.53	6,240.03
Trading Activities Total	8,828.10	-	2,167.53	10,995.63
Investment income/interest	-	940.53	66.15	1,006.68
Other	65.55	179.57	250.00	495.12
Total receipts	103,319.66	1,986.07	8,376.17	113,681.90

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Expenditure				
4 Charitable activities				
Parish share	62,723.00	-	-	62,723.00
Clergy costs	1,391.94	-	-	1,391.94
Church running expenses	10,189.70	-	174.98	10,364.68
Church major repairs	5,450.82	-	9,935.00	15,385.82
Churchyard	2,069.00	-	-	2,069.00
Utilities	11,529.82	-	-	11,529.82
Worship	2,324.41	-	50.83	2,375.24
Parish Mission and Outreach/incl Children's work	536.95	134.45	6,149.76	6,821.16
Other	2,570.80	-	9.60	2,580.40
Pastoral	-	-	180.00	180.00
Donations	3,393.50	-	-	3,393.50
Charitable activities total	102,179.94	134.45	16,500.17	118,814.56
5 Cost of generating funds				
Costs associated with voluntary receipts	36.94	-	2.63	39.57
Costs associated with fundraising	127.08	-	-	127.08
Costs of running property	3,234.11	-	-	3,234.11
Cost of generating funds Total	3,398.13	-	2.63	3,400.76
6 Other Expenditure	796.01	-	16.80	812.81
Total Expenditure	106,374.08	134.45	16,519.60	123,028.13

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Statements of Assets and Liabilities to 31 December 2025

Cash Funds	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
Bank Current Account/ in hand		18,869.95	7,234.61	20,609.65	46,714.21
Cash in hand		-	-	200.00	200.00
Deposit Accounts (Bank)		-	5,185.34	7,374.70	12,560.04
CCLA Accounts		-	26,872.60	24,919.39	51,791.99
CCLA Investmants		-	-	75,516.61	75,516.61
		<u>18,869.95</u>	<u>39,292.55</u>	<u>128,620.35</u>	<u>186,782.85</u>

Notes

Movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/fwd
Designated				
Childrens and Youth Work	586.52	365.97	134.45	818.04
Legacies	5,039.10	146.24	-	5,185.34
Misc	5,737.00	679.57	-	6,416.57
Reserves	-	26,872.60	-	26,872.60
	<u>11,362.62</u>	<u>28,064.38</u>	<u>134.45</u>	<u>39,292.55</u>

Restricted

Bell Tower	1,472.15	461.44	174.98	1,758.61
Church Land Charity (Allotments)	10,117.45	1,856.88	26.40	11,947.93
Clock Fund (I)	318.67	1,098.55	-	1,417.22
Fabric Fund (I)	-	100.00	-	100.00
Go Make Disciples Fund	5,366.95	3,732.50	5,900.90	3,198.55
Legacy for Tower and Clock (T)	2,685.20	-	-	2,685.20
Lychgate Fund	6,687.09	(60.45)	-	6,626.64
Mission and Development	3,944.88	-	-	3,944.88
New Hall Fund (T)	7,242.92	591.78	-	7,834.70
Northants Islip Church Land Fund	9,912.16	78.17	9,912.16	78.17
Old School and Education Fund	25,147.25	2,779.28	302.32	27,624.21
Rector's Fund	263.84	-	-	263.84
Rector's Pastoral Fund	200.00	250.00	180.00	270.00
R&CW Old School and Education Fund	63,405.22	(2,534.82)	-	60,870.40
	<u>136,763.78</u>	<u>8,353.33</u>	<u>16,496.76</u>	<u>128,620.35</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Thrapston and Islip PCC

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31/12/2025.

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 Commission (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
- to 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.



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