



## ST LUKE WITH HOLY TRINITY, CHARLTON

### Annual report of the Parochial Church Council, for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

#### Administrative information

St Luke with Holy Trinity is situated in The Village, Charlton, London SE7 8UG. Together with St Thomas: Old Charlton it makes up the United Benefice of Charlton in the Deanery of Charlton, in the Diocese of Southwark, within the Church of England. The joint patrons of the United Benefice of Charlton are The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Southwark and the nominated heir to the late Viscount Gough, who died in April 2023. The current Bishop of Southwark is retiring in August 2026 and we await confirmation of the new co-patrons.

The correspondence address for St Luke's is as above or [admin@charlton.church](mailto:admin@charlton.church). The official rectory for Charlton Benefice is St Thomas House, Maryon Road, Charlton, London SE7 8DJ, however this is not occupied by the current Rector. "The Rectory" at 185 Charlton Church Lane is a Diocesan property and currently the home of the Vicar of St George's, Westcombe Park.

Until February 2025 St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) was "*a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission*", registered with HMRC (XT27648). As of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 St Luke's PCC is now a Registered Charity ("**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Luke with Holy Trinity, Charlton in the Diocese of Southwark**" - registered charity number 1212164)

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 until the date of this report was approved are:

Incumbent                      The Revd Elizabeth Newman

<u>Wardens</u>	(2)	Isla Carlin	elected at 2023 APCC
		Barbara Hunte	elected at 2024 APCC
		Richard Newman	to 2024 APCM

#### Charlton Deanery Synod Lay Representatives (3)

Liz Buck	elected at 2023 APCM
Richard Newman	elected at 2023 APCM
Alfred Galloway	elected at 2025 APCM

<u>Elected members</u>	(12)	Sonia Baidoo	re-elected at 2025 APCM
		May Dappa	re-elected at 2025 APCM
		Deborah Jones	elected at 2025 APCM
		Jennifer Lodge	re-elected at 2025 APCM
		Peter Osezua	to 2024 APCM
		Michael Passmore	re-elected at 2025 APCM
		Pero Samuel	elected at 2025 APCM

Blanca Seaton Smith	re-elected at 2025 APCM
Yvonne Simpson	re-elected at 2025 APCM
Fiona Sinfield BEM	re-elected at 2025 APCM
Joseph Spooner	re-elected at 2025 APCM
Julianna Sutton	re-elected at 2024 APCM
Anthony Webb	elected at 2025 APCM
Gwen Zammit BEM	re-elected at 2025 APCM

Co-opted members                      Revd Owen Morgan                      Pioneer Curate

Ex-officio members

PCC Secretary                      Julia Drew

Acting Treasurer                      Richard Newman                      to 31.12.25

## **Structure Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council is the governing body of a parish church. As the main decision maker of a parish, the PCC is responsible for the overall wellbeing, practical as well as spiritual, of their church, the church members, and the church buildings. Under the leadership of the incumbent, the PCC is a team made up of members of clergy and lay members. Two churchwardens are elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (formally known as the Easter Vestry Meeting) held immediately before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at which members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are elected. The powers and duties of the PCC are defined by legislation and can principally be found in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC also has a duty to promote the mission of the church within the wider community. The past year has continued to see a number of subgroups support the working of the PCC, which continues to meet every other month.

All PCCs are charities and must comply with the Charity Commission guidance and legislation in relation to charities. Every member of a PCC is therefore a charity trustee.

Legally, the PCC is responsible for the finances of the parish. It also has ultimate responsibility for the care and maintenance of all church buildings and their contents. Although these responsibilities are executed by the churchwardens, all PCC members must share in the responsibility.

Traditionally St Luke's churchwardens usually stood down after serving in office for three years however, as with PCC members, they serve for 12 months at a time and stand for re-election to office. Election of churchwardens at the Meeting of Parishioners is governed by the 2001 Churchwardens Measures. Election of PCC members is governed by the Church Representation Rules 2022. It remains policy at St Luke's that those elected onto the PCC serve for a period of 12 months rather than the three years as is encouraged under the 2020 Church Representation Rules, however, individuals may stand for re-election. Every APCM should confirm the intention to maintain this policy or change to the default whereby PCC members are elected to serve for three years. Elected members are required to confirm their eligibility to be a 'charity trustee'. Given the number on the electoral roll at the time of the 2025 APCM, St Luke's qualifies to elect three lay representatives to Charlton Deanery Synod to serve for a term of three years. Elections to Deanery Synod are next due to take place in 2026. St Luke's lay representatives to Charlton Deanery Synod are automatically ex-officio members of St Luke's PCC

Anyone qualified to do so is encouraged to join the Parish Electoral Roll, membership of which is a requirement for eligibility to stand for election to the PCC. The Electoral Roll is fully revised every

six years and is otherwise regularly updated. The Electoral Roll was be fully revised ahead of the 2025 APCM. The next full revision will be in 2031.

As the Electoral Roll stood at **96** at the time of the 2025 APCM, the 2025 APCM can elect only **nine** PCC members rather than twelve as previously when the electoral roll was over 100

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC co-operates with the Rector, the Clergy and Churchwardens in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church. This applies both to pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical activity at St Luke's Church and also at St Richard's Church Centre, in Swallowfield Road, Charlton, London SE7 7NR.

## **Financial Review**

The annual accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 are attached to this report. Total income for 2025 was £130,252 against total expenditure of £129,735. This gives a net income gain of £515 Overall however there was an overall loss for the year of £7,269 due to a depreciation in the value of investments of £7,784. All our investments are deemed ethical and are overseen by CCLA. CCLA manages investments on behalf of much of the Church of England and many local authorities, however CCLA has performed poorly over the past two years compared to market trends.

In 2025 St Luke's paid in full its agreed Parish Share (the annual contribution to the Diocese), which has been increased for 2026. The Rector receives a full stipend as does the curate.

Day-to-day income was consistent with 2024 however a fall in regular giving and donations was masked by an unrestricted legacy from the estate of the late Viscount Gough.

St Luke's PCC has previously agreed to adopt a deficit budget and to draw on reserves if required. There was no major repair work undertaken in 2025 and none is anticipated for the coming year. To date we have been able to reclaim VAT on building work under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme however this scheme is being curtailed by the government with effect from April 2026.

A budget has been approved for 2026 and is greatly assisted by our having 'management accounting'. The creation of a Grants and Finance Committee sees Generous Giving as part of its remit and this will be revisited in the coming year alongside consideration of our engaging with the Parish Giving Scheme for more effective oversight and administration of regular giving / enduring declarations.

In 2025 considerable work has gone into overseeing our switching the PCC's bank account from NatWest to the Co-Op. This required us to become a Registered Charity, something that would have had to happen in the next few years anyway.

We continue to receive a rental income from the telecommunications base station in the tower at St Luke's as well as from investments. These bring a consistent dividend. As noted above, all our investments are ethically sound and almost all come under the custodianship of the Diocese.

The accounts reflect the growing regular income and expenditure relating to St Richard's. Use of St Richard's Church Centre increased in 2025 and income rose from £24,214 to £28,566 however running costs and maintenance increased from £20,930 to £29,380 resulting in a deficit £813 for the year. It is frustrating to note yet again that a significant uplift in the annual rent received for the substation is long overdue; the matter remains in the hands of the Solicitors for the Diocese as a number of other churches are also waiting on back-payment of rent uplifts from UKPN

## **Achievement and Performance**

There is Parish Eucharist every Sunday at St Luke's, this has included benefice-wide all-age worship on alternate months. There is a midday Eucharist on Thursdays. Evening prayer is held at St Richard's Church Centre on Tuesday at 6.00pm. In addition to long-established Messy Church, which meets at St Richard's the new worshipping community at St Richard's sees services on Sunday afternoons. There are additional services held in the Benefice throughout Holy Week and during Advent. Online broadcast of services which began during the Covid-19 pandemic as an alternative to in-person worship has continued, either from St Luke's or St Thomas', and is much appreciated. The services can also be viewed live on Zoom and later on YouTube.

Revd Liz Newman is in full-time ministry as the Rector of Charlton; she receives a full stipend. She has made clear her intention to retire at the end of October 2026 having been actively involved with St Luke's for forty-four years. Following two years as a pioneer ordinand at St Richard's, in June 2024 Revd Owen Morgan began his ministry here as a full-time stipendiary Pioneer Curate. He was priested in July 2025. We are blessed also by the ministries of Revd Bennett Spong, Revd Tristan Alexander-Watts and Revd John Philpott-Howard, all of whom are regularly preaching and presiding in the benefice.

The Rector continues to have a massive workload. She serves both parishes in the Benefice of Charlton. She is greatly assisted by Sarah Foord-Divers as the (paid) Benefice Administrator. Financial governance and the development of management accounting continues to require the engagement of a (paid) bookkeeper.

Revd Owen Morgan is active in the development of St Richard's as a community that includes Play Café, Community Café, youth film nights, poetry and folk sessions and regular acoustic concerts under the banner of SouthEast Sessions.

In 2025 St Luke's engaged Hugh Davies as Music Director at St Luke's. His arrival at St Luke's sees the church blessed with an accomplished organist who has also worked to rebuild the choir as well as the community choir.

Ashleigh Marsh continues as caretaker for St Richard's; her contract is for four hours a week plus additional payment for opening and closing for one-off hirings such as birthday parties.

### Fabric and furnishings

St Luke's is a historic building and is Grade II\* listed with English Heritage, noted as having "exceptional historical significance". The PCC observes the requirements of Southwark Diocesan Advisory Committee and ensures relevant permissions are sought before any work is undertaken. The Inspecting Architect is appropriately qualified for the status of the building. A Quinquennial Inspection was undertaken as scheduled in 2024. The Quinquennial Inspection report confirmed extensive work had been undertaken in the past five years and although the building is now seen to be weather-proof it is an old building and requires a maintenance plan. This will include addressing recommendations from the QI and developing a maintenance team of volunteers. The Terrier (the official record of fabric and furnishings) is long-overdue for updating.

Although the Royal Borough of Greenwich is responsible for maintenance of the churchyard up to the height of about five feet, the attractive state of the churchyard and Memorial Garden continues to owe a huge amount to the dedication of the team that works on it weekly under the leadership of Deborah Jones. As agreed by the PCC work has been undertaken to prune and raise a number of trees to better improve the view of St Luke's as well as to improve safety.

St Luke's is also responsible for St Richard's Church Centre in Swallowfield Road. St Luke's PCC has maintained its commitment to developing St Richard's as a centre serving its community as well as growing the worshipping community that meets there regularly.

### Safeguarding

In accordance with Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure of 2016, St Luke's PCC remains ever-mindful of its duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In accordance *A Safe Church*, St Luke's PCC is committed to reviewing its safeguarding policies and practice annually. All members of the PCC are required to have a current Enhanced DBS check and to sign the diocesan confidential declaration form. They are also expected to complete safeguarding training to the level required by the diocese. Safeguarding is a standing item on the agenda for St Luke's PCC.

Anyone hiring space at St Richard's must comply with our safeguarding requirements.

### Mission Action Plan

As approved by both PCCs in September 2022, missional priorities for the Benefice are Discipleship, Connection and Witness. All-Age worship has been established; the commitment to have a community choir has been maintained. Under our Witness priority we continue to support of Greenwich Foodbank. 'Justice Sundays' are a regular feature at St Luke's. The Thursday coffee morning at St Luke's is popular and has led in part to the increased attendance at the Midday Eucharist. Under our Connection priority, Liz Buck has continued to lead on our partnerships with schools across the benefice to help them develop and deliver a quality RE curriculum. Connections with Charlton Neighbourhood Forum, Charlton House, the Charlton Society, Greenwich Carers Centre, Charlton Safer Neighbourhood Panel, Charlton Together, Central Charlton Residents Association, and local councillors have all been maintained or deepened. As noted above, St Richard's is a thriving community hub as well as supporting a new worshipping community.

### **Approved by the PCC**

**and signed on their behalf by**

Revd Liz Newman  
Rector, The Benefice of Charlton

**Parochial Church Council of St.Lukes with Holy Trinity, Charlton**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

	(Note)	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>							
Voluntary income		71,001	1,739	72,739	52,859	8,308	61,167
Activities for generating funds		33,667	0	33,667	22,251		22,251
Income from investments		9,624	0	9,624	9,893		9,893
Church activities		14,219	0	14,219	25,782		25,782
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	(1)	128,511	1,739	130,250	110,785	8,308	119,093
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>							
Church activities		120,071	8,654	128,725	111,787	7,255	119,042
Raising funds		1,010	0	1,010	888		888
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	(2)	121,081	8,654	129,735	112,675	7,255	119,930
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		7,431	(6,916)	515	(1,890)	1,053	(837)
NET GAINS / (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(3)	(7,784)	0	(7,784)	8,282	0	8,282
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(354)	(6,916)	(7,269)	6,392	1,053	7,445
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		7,027	(7,027)	0	21,766	(21,766)	0
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		6,673	(13,942)	(7,269)	28,158	(20,713)	7,445
TOTAL FUNDS B/FORWARD		334,788	19,385	354,173	306,630	40,098	346,728
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		341,461	5,443	346,904	334,788	19,385	354,173

**Parochial Church Council of St.Lukes with Holy Trinity, Charlton**

**Balance Sheet  
at 31 December 2025**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	(Note)		
Investments	(3)	298,802	305,199
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	(4)	12,645	17,869
Short term deposits		5,637	6,038
Cash at bank and in hand		31,625	28,431
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		49,907	52,338
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - falling due within one year	(5)	(1,805)	(3,364)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		48,102	48,974
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<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>346,904</b>	<b>354,173</b>
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<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	- General fund	341,461	334,788
Restricted	- Restorati (7a)		0
	- Other restricted funds	5,443	19,385
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	(6)	<b>346,904</b>	<b>354,173</b>
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council

on \_\_\_\_\_

and signed on its behalf by:

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The Revd. Liz Newman  
PCC Chair

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Barbara Hunte  
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts.

**Parochial Church Council of St.Lukes with Holy Trinity, Charlton**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

	General Fund Unrestricted	Restoration R&M Fund Restricted	Other Funds Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
(1) <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
<b>Voluntary income</b>					
Regular giving: Gift Aided Donations	26,852			26,852	23,560
Regular giving: Other Donations	2,926			2,926	8,305
Collections at services	17,200			17,200	10,855
Donations, appeals, etc.	0			0	880
Legacy	10,000			10,000	
Grants: Projects	2,278			2,278	6,970
Grants: Joe Lee Memorial			335	335	
Grants: Mixed Ecology Grant			1,403	1,403	1,133
Grants: Listed Places of Worship	245			245	
Gift Aid tax	11,500			11,500	9,464
	71,001	0	1,739	72,739	61,167
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Friends of St Luke's, sales, events	322			322	1,748
NET	16,870			16,870	16,000
Hire charges, fees	16,475			16,475	4,503
	33,667	0	0	33,667	22,251
<b>Investments</b>					
Dividends	9,624			9,624	7,525
Interest on deposits etc.				0	2,368
	9,624	0	0	9,624	9,893
<b>Church activities</b>					
Fees for weddings & funerals	655			655	381
Space hire, MAP activities etc.	5,138			5,138	15,070
Other incoming resources	8,426			8,426	10,331
	14,219	0	0	14,219	25,782
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>128,511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>130,250</b>	<b>119,093</b>
(2) <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
<b>Church activities</b>					
Mission giving & donations	677			677	662
Diocesan parish share	47,676			47,676	45,406
Other ministry costs	3,860			3,860	3,633
Mission & outreach incl. church centre	6,189		1,896	8,085	10,417
Church staff costs	25,969			25,969	21,826
Church running and maintenance	15,626			15,626	16,829
Church utility costs	3,970			3,970	3,681
Church Centre costs incl. staff	16,104		6,758	22,862	13,064
Major repairs to church centre	0			0	3,524
	120,071	0	8,654	128,725	119,042
<b>Raising funds</b>	1,010			1,010	888
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>121,081</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,654</b>	<b>129,735</b>	<b>119,930</b>



**Parochial Church Council of St.Lukes with Holy Trinity, Charlton**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

(3)	<b>Investments</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
	CBF Global Equity fund	14,381	15,231	
	CBF Investment fund	189,332	197,124	
	CBF Short Duration Bond fund	25,001	24,404	
	Barclays UK Alpha fund	0	0	
	JPM UK Strategic Equity income fund	0	0	
	M&G Charibond income shares	0	0	
	M&G Charifund income shares	0	8,996	
		228,713	245,755	
	CBF Deposit fund	70,088	59,444	
		<b>298,802</b>	<b>305,199</b>	
		£		
	Market value at 1 January 2025	305,199		
	Net Disposals/Purchases	1,387		
	Net revaluation gain	(7,784)		
	Interest retained	0		
	Market value at 31 December 2025	<b>298,802</b>		
(4)	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
	Debtors for goods and services	0	375	
	Gift Aid Tax recoverable	11,512	16,594	
	Prepayments and accrued income	1,133	900	
		12,645	17,869	
(5)	<b>Liabilities: falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
	Renewal projects	0	0	
	Accruals for utility and other costs	1,805	1,838	
	Other creditors	0	1,526	
		1,805	3,364	
(6)	<b>Summary of Assets by Fund</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>
	(Note)	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Investments (3)	298,802	0	298,802
	Current Assets	49,907	0	49,907
	Liabilities: falling due v (5)	(1,805)	0	(1,805)
	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>346,904</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>346,904</b>

**Parochial Church Council of St.Lukes with Holy Trinity, Charlton**  
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**For the year ended 31 December 2025**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

(7) <b>Summary of Fund Movements</b>		<b>Balances</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Investment</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balances</b>
		<b>01 Jan 25</b>			<b>Gains</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31 Dec 25</b>
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>							
General funds		323,172	120,250	(129,735)	(7,784)	7,027	312,930
Designated fund		11,616	10,000	-	-	-	21,616
<b>Restricted funds:</b>	(Note)						
Restoration, repairs &m.	(7a)	-			-		-
Friends of St. Luke's		4,354	-	-	-	(78)	4,276
Mission Action Plan funds							
Discipleship		1,961			-	(1,128)	833
Connection		300			-	(300)	-
Listening Project / All Ages		-				542	542
Music at St. Richard's		6,970			-	(6,970)	-
Music fund		5,104			-	(779)	4,325
Mixed Ecology Grant		-			-	913	913
St. Richard's garden		696			-	300	996
St. Richard's Fresh Expressions		-			-	222	222
Joe Lee Memorial					-	250	250
<b>Balance Sheet funds</b>		<b>354,173</b>	<b>130,250</b>	<b>(129,735)</b>	<b>(7,784)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>346,904</b>

(7a) **Restoration, Repairs & Maintenance fund**

The transfer of £7,027 includes payments made from specific restricted funds, having been paid in the first instance from general funds.

**Staff Costs**

(8a) **Providers of services to the PCC**

During the year the PCC paid for part-time cleaning and management accounting services plus additional music and caretaking services when required. £27,736

(8b) **PCC employees**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	
Gross salaries	£27,736	£18,833	net of reimbursement from St. Thomas's
Employer's National Insurance	£173	£0	
Average no. of employees	3	3	

The PCC employed a Worship Music Leader at St Richard's, and an administrator and church centre caretaker (all part-time). No deductions are made for pension costs. There were no employee benefits to trustees or key management personnel in the previous or current years.

(9) **Related Party Transactions**

none

(9a) **Payments to PCC members**

No other personal payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties (2024: £530.00).

(9b) **Donations received**

The total of all donations made to the PCC by related parties, trustees included, was £7,730 (2024: £7,520).

**Supplement**  
**St Richard's Church Centre**  
**Unrestricted Funds**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Regular giving	5,703	4,800
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Events, sales	0	298
Hire charges, fees	16,475	4,503
<b>Income from church activities</b>		
Community space, MAP activities etc.	6,388	14,613
Insurance claim/other	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	28,566	24,214
<b>Expenditure on church activities</b>		
Mission costs	5,517	4,066
Church Centre costs:		
Caretaker costs	4,315	3,856
Cleaner costs	1,650	1,575
Utility costs : Water	399	242
Utility costs : Electricity	553	803
Utility costs : Gas	1,657	1,656
Insurance	1,289	1,258
Running and maintenance	12,724	3,675
Major repairs & redecoration	0	3,524
<b>Expenditure on raising funds</b>	1,000	275
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	29,105	20,930
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(539)	3,284

<b>Restricted funds:</b>	<b>Balances</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balances</b>
	<b>01 Jan 25</b>			<b>31 Dec 25</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
MAP Discipleship	1,006		(173)	833
Music at St. Richard's	6,970		(6,970)	0
St. Richard's garden	696		300	996
	8,672	-	(6,843)	1,829

**There is no requirement for this page to be independently examined.**

**This page is prepared solely for the purposes of the church & is not a required part of the accounts.**

## **Independent Examiners Report to Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St Luke with Holy Trinity, Charlton**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above registered charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 5 and with the additional supplement page.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I consider that an audit is not required for this year under the section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- a.) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- b.) follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- c.) 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 with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **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 Act or to prepare financial statements, which accord with these accounting records 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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Date 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026