

ST JAMES THE DEACON PCC TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2025



St James the Deacon Parish Church, Acomb Moor
A Christian presence at the heart of our community

Sherringham Drive, Woodthorpe, York YO24 2SE

Annual Report 2025

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Vicar's Introduction to the Annual Report and Accounts



It is with gratitude and hope that I present the Annual Report and Accounts for St James the Deacon, Acomb Moor for the year ending 2025.

This past year has been one of steady faithfulness and growth in our life together. We have continued to worship week by week, to pray for our community, and to offer a place of welcome, care and belonging to all who come through our doors. It has been encouraging to see new faces joining us, alongside the faithful commitment of those who have served this parish church for many years.

Our ministry has extended beyond Sunday worship to pastoral visiting, community partnerships, children and families work, and our engagement with local schools and organisations. We remain committed to being a visible Christian presence in our community—a church rooted in prayer, generous in service, and open to the transforming love of Christ.

The financial statements reflect both the challenges and responsibilities of maintaining our buildings and sustaining our ministry. Our vision and mission priorities for 2026-2030 contained in this report and presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26 April 2026 seek to address some of these areas over the next four years. I am deeply thankful to our Treasurer, Churchwardens and PCC for their careful stewardship, and to all who give so generously of their time, talents and resources. It is a joy to be part of such a loving and caring church.

As we look ahead, we do so trusting in God's continued guidance and provision to sustain and grow this work. May we remain attentive to where the Spirit is leading us, faithful in service, and united in love.

With my thanks and prayers,

Fr Luke Tillett
St James the Deacon
Acomb Moor, York
April 2026

Aims and purposes

St James the Deacon's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The object of the PCC of St James the Deacon is to further the work of the Church of England in the parish of St James the Deacon.

The members of the PCC confirm that they referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and planning the activities of the PCC. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their Christian faith as part of our parish community through: Worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care, mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St James the Deacon and its adjoining Hall.

Safeguarding

St James the Deacon PCC had complied with the requirements imposed by the code under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Lesley Pocock has continued to serve as Safeguarding Officer, to whom we are immensely grateful. Helen Cross (our parish administrator) has undertaken the administrative side of safeguarding.

Relevant information regarding Safeguarding is displayed throughout the church buildings and is available on the church website and A Church Near You profile. The "Safeguarding Dashboard" tool, has been helpful in highlighting areas to be actioned and is updated regularly to be reported at PCC meetings.

All PCC members' safeguarding training is up to date, and training with volunteers is underway to bring all areas up to date.

In February 2025 we activated a Safeguarding Hub, linked to the dashboard, which allows us to create roles, track DBS and training updates and send reminders when training will expire. Helen Cross is in the process of adding all the information needed to the hub.

Information

St James the Deacon is situated in Sherringham Drive, Woodthorpe, York. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: 2 Sherringham Drive, York, YO24 2SE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity with the charity commission. Its registered charity number is 1212597.

2025 AT A GLANCE



JANUARY

Quiz of the year
First blooms
Junction Kids



MARCH

Family crafts
Uniform bank
Spring flowers



MAY

Tuesday Tots dancing
Family crafts
Tots extra



FEBRUARY

Tuesday Tots
Valentines challenges
Ash Wednesday



APRIL

Bubble prayers
Easter flowers
Family workshop
Easter garden



JUNE

Outside play
Raffle prizes
Christians at Pride in York



JULY

Tuesday Tots Teddy Bears Picnic
Thanksgiving for the choir
Strawberry tea



SEPTEMBER

Music Night
Planting trees
Community surplus food



NOVEMBER

Rev. Marion Barella joins us
Junction Kids service
Memorial Service



AUGUST

Tuesday Tots Extra events
Shared lunch
DJ workshop



OCTOBER

Harvest Festival
Animal Blessing
A visit from the bishop



DECEMBER

Advent Prayer
Family Nativity and New Year's Eve Extra
Carols by Candlelight
Christingle



A huge thank you to everyone who organised, supported, attended or prayed for all that happened in 2025.

Mission Statistics

2025



2024 stats in brackets



ELECTORAL ROLL

The number of people on the electoral roll as reported at the APCM in 2025 was **41** (63).



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

The number of people at church on a usual Sunday was **34** (33) adults and one person under 16.



THE OCTOBER COUNT

Sundays and Wednesday church attendance each week in October combined, also including other services outside of the Eucharist e.g. Baptisms, Julian Meeting

October 1 - 118

October 2 - 116

October 3 - 98

October 4 - 93

EASTER



Number of communicants at the Easter Vigil and Easter Day services: **59** (77)

Total number in attendance: **64** (81)

CHRISTMAS



Total number of people attending special services held for the congregation and local community: **291** (248)

Number of communicants at service(s) on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: **48** (47)

Total number in attendance: **55** (49)

WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Total: **108** (115) Children: 37 (27)

Young people: 1 (3) Adults: 70 (75)

Tuesday Tots

Average attendance: 30

Junction Kids

Average attendance: 22



Baptisms

6 (4)



Weddings

0 (1)



Funerals in church

2 (1)



Funerals elsewhere

5 (3)

Children and Families



Family Church

Junction Kids was re-named to Family Church towards the end of 2025, running at the slightly later time of 4-6pm. Since this change, in January, we have had two more regular families join us. We have around 20-25 people each week, with nine families that have attended regularly over the last year.

There are still two volunteers that support to run the worship. Funding from Benefact in 2023 has now ended, with the cost of the meals supported by physical and monetary donations.



Seasonal Worship

The Christingle was again very well attended, with over 100 people.

The Good Friday family workshop was attended by around 65 people. The workshop involved sharing the Easter story and prayer, followed by crafts, activities and Easter egg hunt. Funding for this was through donations from children's events.



Tuesday Tots

Last summer, 16 regular children left Tots to move on to school and nursery. It has still been busy, with between 25-35 children attending each week. We continue to have a mix of attendees - mums, dads, grandparents and childminders. The group continues to be free to attend, with donation box and machine available if people wish to donate. Many join for story and worship time involving a story with Biblical link, prayer and songs. There are currently 6 volunteers running the group alongside Nicola and Fr. Luke.



TT Extra

Tuesday Tots Extra events have been running in the holidays. Ward grants as well as HAF funding from the council have been secured, which have funded activity providers, lunch and food parcels for the events.

The events comprise of the playgroup setup for younger children, activity providers running workshops for older children and Crafty Fox Kids Club have provided crafts. Alongside this, there has been new school uniform to take away preloved clothes, toys and books, as well as free refreshments, lunch and food parcels to take away. Last summer, two of the three events were supported by local organisations such as benefit advice and York Family Information Service. The events are free for families, and donation boxes and machines are available for donations, as well as raffles at each event to help to raise funds.

Around 100 people attended each event, over the course of the morning.



Community Cafe

The cafe is continuing to offer a free warm space, free refreshments, food parcels with a children's play area and is often host to a local ukulele band. Average numbers are around 20 people each week.

We are looking for more charities and organisations that would like a stall or a space to meet with the community to offer advice and support.

There is a steady use of food parcels, with up to around 10 parcels being taken each week.

We currently have one volunteer helping to run the cafe, as well as 5 volunteer bakers. **Page6**



Woodthorpe School Links

Nicola and Fr. Luke have continued to run a number of workshops within the school and church visits for classes from Woodthorpe school to support them with their RE curriculum. Nicola has also visited the school alongside YOYO to further build links with the community and church.



Funding

Over the last year, we have received HAF grants from the council as well as Ward funding to run the holiday events in the Summer and Christmas. We received £1200 from the Good Warm Place grant, supporting the heating over winter. We also received £1000 from the Two Ridings York Community Fund Micro Grant to be used towards the salary of the children and families worker.

We have signed up to Easyfundraising:

When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause. The retailer just needs to know you are an easyfundraiser to give a donation, and they know this if you visit them from our website, app or Donation Reminder. There is currently £100 raised - the more people that sign up, the more money we will be able to generate.

The children and families worker role was created in September 2023 through funding from Multiply. This was funding to be issued across three years, which therefore comes to an end this August. We are currently applying for funding to extend the role, and launching a 'Godparent Giving Scheme' in order to raise funds for this role and the children's work within the church to continue.



Godparent Giving Scheme

The Godparents Scheme is a voluntary giving initiative inviting people to make a regular or one-off donation specifically to support:

- The Children and Families Worker salary
- Family Church and toddler group running costs
- Events and outreach for children and families

The overall aim being to build and grow the church through our children and youth work. It is separate from general giving and will be a designated fund within church accounts. It could however can be used if necessary in order to support any aspect of this work, such as emergency works to the building, although efforts would first be placed upon external grant funding for such reasons.

The Godparents Scheme is a way for individuals, families and organisations to support the children's, families' and community work of St James the Deacon Church.

Just as godparents promise to stand alongside a child, this scheme invites supporters to care practically, give generously and pray faithfully. You don't need to be a church member to be involved.

Thank you to the volunteers who have helped either with the running of activities, setting up, tidying away and baking cakes, who without them, all of this work would not be possible: Pat, Sheila, Lesley, Lennie, Christine, Mary, Claire, Gail, Malcolm, John, Marion, Elaine, Rose and Linda.

Nicola Cook
Children and Families Worker

Fabric and Maintenance report 2025



FABRIC & MAINTENANCE

No major works to the fabric of the church were required in 2025, and the building and grounds remain in generally very good order. As always though, a significant amount of work and maintenance took place across the year, often behind the scenes, to ensure this remains the case.



Annual and bi-annual checks, and replacements where necessary, of fire equipment and emergency lighting were carried out and all are in good working order, and the building is safety compliant in all these areas.



All portable electrical appliances also underwent their annual PAT testing, for which we thank Tony Skaife for carrying out for us, testing almost 40 such appliances.



The church hall was cleaned twice a week by our contracted cleaners, with the church cleaning carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers throughout the year, for which we are very grateful.



The Chapel again twice required treatment for a large build-up of cluster flies during the year, which is becoming a regular job now, although we still remain hopeful that we can eventually eliminate the problem.



The drains continued to need maintaining more regularly than we would expect, with the system prone to getting blocked, and requiring flushing out. However, at the end of the year, work was carried out to the main drain chamber in the car park to re-align the pipes, which it is hoped will permanently eliminate the problem of flushed items getting stuck and backing up the system (as of late March 2026, so far so good). We were subsequently able to claim the majority of the cost of this work back through our church building insurance, which was very good news.



The grounds to the rear and side of the building continued to be worked on, and maintained, by members of the Green Group. Steve Hedderick regularly and expertly cut the grass to the rear, which makes a huge positive contribution to the look and feel of this area. This work, together with the other work of the group, has led to a significant improvement in the range of flora and fauna across the site, and with that, the continued improvement in the ecological and bio-diversity value of the grounds. This included the planting of a number of fruit trees in the rear garden space, some in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. We are sure these will provide an abundance of fruit in the coming years. This 'green' work remains an important and on-going priority for us, (watch this space for works to the Memorial Garden to the front of church over the coming weeks and months). We offer our grateful thanks to Steve, Margaret Clark, Rachel Hammond and Rev. Lesley Bilinda for their diligent work of planning, planting and weed removal (a thankless task), and for their commitment to this important piece of work.



Regular Health and Survey checks were carried out, with a series of new risk assessments drawn up, and existing ones reviewed. We continue to give our very grateful thanks to Jennie and Bernard Clark for their expert help and guidance with all things Health and Safety.



Work took place in the spring of 2025 to place the lights in the church hall entrance, corridor and toilets onto sensor control, so they are not on permanently even when the hall is in use. As well as being better from an energy perspective, this has also helped us to save money on our monthly electricity bills.



The external doors to both the church and the hall have been a problem with closing and general wear and tear for some time. Paul Hopwood carried out a series of repairs to both sets of doors, with new, stronger hinges and generally making them hang, and close, more securely. We give our grateful thanks to Paul for this, and all the work he expertly carries out for us.



The automatic doors to both the church and the hall had an MOT to stop them from suddenly stopping on opening, which presented a potential danger to users subsequently walking into them. This work was successful and has eliminated the problem.



A new portable sound system is now in operation in church, which has significantly improved the sound when amplification is in use. This was gifted to us during 2025 as part of a very generous donation received specifically for such a system, and we are very pleased to have this to enhance our worship and events at various times.



You will have also noticed the introduction of a beautiful new stained glass arrangement of our Patron Saint, James the Deacon, which is now standing in the porch entrance to the church. This was very kindly gifted to us in the summer of 2025 by Lord James Joicey from Northumberland, who was in possession of the work, and who learned of our existence as the only known church to whom James is linked in this way. Discussions are on-going regarding the permanent fixing of the window as part of the fabric of the building, so again, watch this space.

Discussions with our church architect have continued throughout the year on various other fabric and maintenance considerations, with an eye also on the longer term. However, the building overall remains in a sound and safe condition.

Matt Parkinson and Jo Meier (Churchwardens).

PCC attendance



Structure, governance and management

The composition and procedure of the PCC is regulated by the Church Representation Rules as contained in schedule 3 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (as amended). The functions and powers of the PCC are contained in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, as amended by the 1969 Measure.

One third of the nine elected members are elected annually and serve for three years. All members of the Church electoral roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. There is also provision for the co-option of members to the PCC. The incumbent is ex-officio Chairman. The Churchwardens, elected annually, and the Church's Representatives on the Deanery Synod, elected every third year to serve for three years, are also ex-officio members.

The PCC is responsible for:

- The financial management of the church
- The care and maintenance of the church fabric
- The care and maintenance of the churchyard

In order to measure these responsibilities, under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, powers have been conferred on the PCC to:

- Acquire, manage and administer property for ecclesiastical purposes affecting the parish
- Formulate and approve an annual budget for the maintenance of the church work
- Levy and collect a voluntary church rate
- Make representations to the bishop with regard to matters affecting the welfare of the parish

The full PCC met 5 times during the year. The average level of attendance was 83%
PCC members who have served from 1 January 2025 until the date this report was approved were:

Incumbent:

The Rev'd. Luke Tillett

Churchwardens:

Matthew Parkinson
Joanne Meier

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Ann Wands (Appointed July-24)

Malcolm Walker (Appointed July-24)

Elected members:

Ralph Tate (elected May 2025 for three years)

Jean Margaret Clark (elected May 2025 for three years)

Ann Laing (elected May 2025 for three years)

Particia Thompson (re-elected May 2024 for three years)

Lesley Pocock (re-elected May 2024 for three years)

Ruth Hopwood (re-elected May 2024 for three years)

Sarah Woods (elected May 2024 for two years)

Joanne Gibson (elected May 2023 for three years)

Claire Bedford (elected until APCM 2025- 25-May-25 & co-opted May-25 for one year)

Elaine Barnett (elected until APCM 2025- 25-May-25)

Other non voting members

PCC Treasurer : Adrian Fuller

PCC Secretary : John Cook

Responsibilities of the trustees

The charity's trustees (the PCC members) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the PCC members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The PCC members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The PCC members are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed by order of the Trustees:

L. J. Tillot

Vision and Mission priorities 2026-30



OUR VISION

To be a flourishing, inclusive Anglican church at the heart of Acomb Moor — rooted in Christ, shaped by Scripture and the sacraments, generous in spirit, courageous in service, and committed to caring for God's creation.

Grounded in the Church of England's Five Marks of Mission, we seek to:



TELL – Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom



TEACH – Teach, baptise and nurture new believers



TEND – Respond to human need by loving service



TRANSFORM – Challenge injustice and work for renewal



TREASURE – Safeguard creation and sustain the life of the earth

These Marks of Mission shape and underpin everything we commit to in 2026–30.

Mission Priorities for 2025–26

I. Growing the Next Generation

(TELL & TEACH – Proclaiming and Nurturing Faith)

We will prioritise children and young people as central to our present and future life.

Develop and Implement a Children & Young People Strategy

- Establish a clear discipleship pathway from early years through youth
- Strengthen volunteer recruitment, training, and safeguarding
- Deepen engagement with families and local schools
- Ensure sustainability of children's ministry beyond 2026
- Launch a Godparents Scheme
- Encourage prayerful and financial sponsorship from congregation and wider community
- Enable active, visible support for children and youth work
- Foster intergenerational belonging and shared responsibility

Outcome:

A flourishing, intergenerational church where children and young people are rooted in Christ, nurtured in faith, and supported by the whole church family.

2. Deepening Spiritual Life – Our Rhythm of Life

(TELL & TEACH – Formation and Discipleship)

We will strengthen a sustainable and life-giving “Rhythm of Life” centred on Scripture, Generosity, and Rest.

Scripture

- Encourage regular engagement with the Bible across all ages
- Provide accessible teaching and opportunities for spiritual growth
- Embed Scriptural confidence in worship, groups, and personal devotion

Generosity (Giving)

- Grow planned giving and Gift Aid participation
- Teach stewardship as a joyful spiritual discipline
- Build financial resilience for mission

Rest (Retreat)

- Promote healthy spiritual rhythms
- Offer quiet days and retreat opportunities
- Support sustainable patterns for leaders and volunteers
- Provide seasonal courses (e.g. Lent and Advent prayer series)

Outcome:

A spiritually healthy church community rooted in Scripture, shaped by generosity, and sustained by rhythms of rest and renewal.

3. Church and Community Transformation (TEND & TRANSFORM – Loving Service and Transforming Communities)

We seek to be intentional, strategic, and collaborative in serving Acomb Moor.

- Undertake a Church & Community Audit (e.g. CUF's "Growing Good")
- Map current ministries and partnerships
- Identify areas of greatest need and opportunity
- Clarify priorities for focused mission impact
- Discern opportunities for deeper collaboration with neighbouring churches

Employ a Community Worker

- Lead community engagement and outreach (e.g. Community Cafe/Foodbank)
- Build partnerships with local groups and organisations
- Support and expand ministry to older people (e.g. Tuesday Fellowship, Anna Chaplaincy)
- Develop measurable transformation initiatives
- Support and grow volunteer teams
- Apply for and secure grant funding

Outcome:

A more informed and more intentional Christian presence bringing hope, justice, and practical support at the heart of our community.

4. Sustainable Buildings for Mission (TREASURE – Safeguarding Creation & Supporting Mission)

Our buildings are central to worship, welcome, and witness. We will steward them faithfully for present and future generations.

Funding & Development Projects

- Secure funding to renovate the Horton Room
- Install new kitchen facilities to enhance hospitality and community use
- Progress plans for the Memorial Garden and church grounds
- Replace the hall boiler
- Repair or replace church windows

Establish a Buildings and Sustainability Working Group

Environmental Stewardship

- Explore sustainable heating solutions
- Investigate solar and renewable energy options
- Improve overall energy efficiency
- Continue Eco Church work and environmental awareness

Outcome:

Safe, welcoming, and environmentally responsible facilities that enable mission, strengthen community engagement, and serve future generations well.

Our Commitment for 2026–30

As St James the Deacon Parish Church moves forward, we commit to:

- Being Christ-centred in worship and witness
- Being informed and intentional in discipleship and service
 - Being courageous in addressing need and injustice
 - Being generous in giving and hospitality
- Being faithful stewards of our people, place, and planet

Together, we seek God's guidance and inspiration to live out our calling as a Christian presence at the heart of our community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Saint James the Deacon

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave 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.



Rachel Hillman BSc (Hons) ACMA, CGMA
Certified Institute of Management Accountants
29th April 2026

ST JAMES THE DEACON PCC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial Review

Total receipts were £85,860 in 2025, compared to £102,322 in 2024.

The main reason for this decrease was a decrease in Grant Income – it is now proving harder to receive grants than it has been previously, and also there was a grant received in late 2024 for use in 2025.

Regular income dropped slightly to £33,721 from £34,329 in 2024, while Gift Aid reclaims fell to £6,720 from £9,260 – which was a “timing difference” in respect of the claim for the second half of the year.

We received £21,741 (£22,597 in 2024) in Hall Booking income. I thank Ruth Hopwood for managing the hall bookings so efficiently.

We are grateful to the Diocese for providing a monthly Grant to the Parish to cover the cost of travel for Lennie from her home to the Church. We were also grateful to the family of Janet Parkinson for a donation of £2000 following her funeral, which was spent on a new sound system for the Church.

The total receipts for the “General Fund” (so excluding grants for Nicola and for equipment) totalled £73,665, compared to £75,947 in 2024.

Payments in 2025 totalled £94,821, compared to £98,001 in 2024, of which £75,501 (compared to £78,874 in 2024) was from the General Fund.

This included costs of the Children’s work, including Tuesday Tots, Junction Kids, Community Café and Foodbank, which totalled £2,353 and was largely covered by Grant funding. The balance of the Grants received in 2024 for Equipment and Children’s work was all spent in 2025.

The freewill offer for the year was £43,000, which is enough to cover the costs of our vicar, once an allowance for the low income in the Parish was allowed for.

In addition, over £3,000 was given to charities chosen by the Church members, including £1000 which was due from 2024.

At the end of 2025, we had £17,655 in our bank accounts. However, £10,068 of this is earmarked for future spending on projects and £6,920 for the cost of the Childrens and Family worker, leaving only £667 available for the general running of the Church. The members of the Church will be asked to consider if they can give a little extra to support the Church during 2026.

I thank the whole PCC for their support, and in particular Matt Parkinson and Helen Cross for making payments and paying in the weekly collections. I also thank Fr Luke Tillett for his support.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted and general reserve funds which equates to approximately three months’ unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. However, at present only the balance in the Reserve fund is small and insufficient to cover this balance. It is our policy to invest our fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

ST JAMES THE DEACON PCC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income	2	48,869	9,134	58,003	76,284
Activities for generating funds	3	4,200	0	4,200	2,122
Investment income	4	349	0	349	404
Church activities	5	22,247	0	22,247	23,183
Other incoming resources	6	0	1,061	1,061	330
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		75,665	10,195	85,860	102,322
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating income	7	1,126	0	1,126	444
Church activities	8	50,593	0	50,593	48,200
Church expenses	9	26,089	16,113	42,202	49,028
Major Capital expenditure				0	0
Other expenditure	10		900	900	330
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		77,808	17,013	94,821	98,001
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		-2,143	-6,818	-8,961	4,321
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		12,717	13,899	26,616	22,295
Net incoming/outgoing resources		-2,143	-6,818	-8,961	4,321
Transfers between funds		161	-161	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,735	6,920	17,655	26,616

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognized gains and losses has not been prepared.

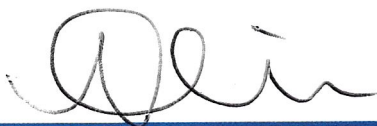
All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

ST JAMES THE DEACON PCC
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Balance Sheet

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		17,655	26,616
TOTAL		17,655	26,616
TOTAL ASSETS			
		17,655	26,616
FUNDS			
Unrestricted – General	13	0	-2,926
Unrestricted – Designated	13	10,735	15,643
Restricted	13	6,920	13,899
TOTAL FUNDS		17,655	26,616

These financial statements are to be approved and signed by the Parochial Church Council
on 26th April 2026





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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Notes to the Financial Statements

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005), the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 1993.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

General (unrestricted) funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given.

The designated and restricted funds held by the PCC during 2025 comprise:

- Reserve fund (designated) – an amount set aside as a reserve against a fall in receipts or rise in payments. The target is for this to be about three months of unrestricted payments.
- Projects fund (designated) – an amount set aside for larger projects – Legacies are allocated to this fund.
- Passthrough fund (restricted) – funds received for particular events and used for those purposes.
- Multiply fund (restricted) – money received from the Church of England and others to fund the Childrens and Families worker.
- Equipment fund (restricted – fully spent in 2025) – grant money received to pay for new equipment in the Church
- Grants fund (restricted – fully spent in 2025) – grant money allocated for particular projects

Fixed assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the financial statements under s.96(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (see also note 11).

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

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Receipts and payments

The accounts are produced on a "receipts and payments" basis. All receipts and payments are recognized when they are received and paid by the PCC and accounted for Gross.

INCOMING RESOURCES	General Fund 2025	Desig Funds 2025	Restrict Funds 2025	Total funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
2 VOLUNTARY INCOME	£	£	£		£
PGS monthly giving	20,621			20,621	21,283
Bank giving	4,642			4,642	3,780
Envelopes	1,826			1,826	3,710
SumUp for church	1,372			1,372	1,641
Cash	3,479			3,479	2,552
Children's work – cash and SumUp	1,565			1,565	1,110
Fellowship	216			216	252
Collections at special events	0			0	0
Legacies		2,000		2,000	9,260
Gift Aid recovered	6,712			6,712	2,500
Grant income (Admin)	0			0	1,600
Grant income – Council (Warm space)	2,000			2,000	2,550
Grant income – Council (children)	1,900			1,900	0
Grant income – Diocese (Travel)	2,536			2,536	8,000
Grant income – Diocese (Multiply)			8,134	8,134	2,000
Other grants for Childrens worker			1,000	2,852	10,545
Grant income - Equipment					5,500
Grant income – other					76,284
	46,869	2,000	9,134	58,003	
3 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS					
Fundraising sales and events	4,200			4,200	2,122
	4,200	0	0	4,200	2,122
4 INVESTMENT INCOME					
Bank interestreceivable	349			349	404
	349	0	0	349	404
5 CHURCH ACTIVITIES					
Fees	506			506	586
Lettings	21,741			21,741	22,597
	22,247	0	0	22,247	23,183
6 OTHER INCOME					
Ordination Gifts	0	0		0	330
Lindisfarne Trip	0	0	1,061	1,061	0
	0	0	1,061	1,061	0
TOTAL RECIEPTS	73,665	2,000	10,195	85,860	102,322

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OUTGOING RESOURCES	General Fund 2025 £	Designated Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	T otal Funds 2024 £
7 COSTS OF GENERATING INCOME					
Fund-raising activities	1,126			1,126	444
	1,126	0	0	1,126	444
8 CHURCH ACTIVITIES					
Missionary giving and donations	3,225			3,225	2,320
Freewill Offering	43,000			43,000	43,000
Honoraria	1,500			1,500	1,200
Clergy expenses	2,868			2,868	1,680
	50,593	0	0	50,593	48,200
£1000 was given to each of Chaffinch and St Leonard's Hospice, as voted for at the 2025 APCM. £1000 was given in early 2025 to Safe and Sound Homes, which was delayed from 2024. Smaller payments were made to Toilet Twinning and Christians at Pride in York.					
9 CHURCH EXPENSES					
Insurance	888			888	883
Maintenance	5,152			5,152	3,513
Equipment			1,016	1,016	8,368
Upkeep of services	1,958			1,958	2,331
Projects (new sound equipment)		2,307		2,307	0
Admin expenses	5,842			5,842	8,275
Children's and family worker			10,475	10,475	10,242
Children's work	2,353		2,327	4,680	2,648
Treasury costs	490			490	953
Church Utility bills	1,383		1,147	2,530	3,245
Hall running costs	5,716		1,147	6,863	8,570
	23,782	2,307	16,113	42,202	49,028
10 OTHER EXPENDITURE					
Ordination payment				0	330
Lindisfarne Trip			900	900	0
	0	0	900	900	330
TOTAL PAYMENTS	75,501	2,307	17,013	94,821	98,001

11 STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

Payments were made to the Parish Administrator and the Children's and Family worker.
Total payments were £14,212 (£16,082 in 2024).
Full time equivalent employees are less than 1.

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Children's and Family worker is the wife of the PCC secretary.
Some maintenance work was completed by Paul Hopwood, the husband of a PCC member

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13 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2025
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	-2,926	73,665	75,501	4,762	0
Reserve fund	5,268	0	0	-4,601	667
Projects fund	10,375	2,000	2,307	0	10,068
Total Unrestricted Funds	12,717	75,665	77,808	161	10,735
Restricted funds					
Childrens and Familyworker	6,410	9,134	8,624	0	6,920
Equipment fund	2,177	0	2,177	0	0
Grants fund	5,312	0	5,312	0	0
Passthrough fund	0	1,061	900	-161	0
Total Restricted Funds	13,899	10,195	17,013	-161	6,920
TOTAL FUNDS	26,616	85,860	94,821	0	17,655

The PCC agreed to clear the end-2025 deficit in the General fund by a transfer from the Reserve fund – this was completed at the end of 2025.

The PCC agreed to transfer the surplus from the Lindisfarne trip from the "Passthrough" fund to the General fund.

14 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Net Current Assets	TOTAL
Unrestricted income funds		
General funds	0	0
Designated funds	10,735	10,735
Restricted Funds	6,920	6,920
Total funds	17,655	17,655