



Peterborough Parish Church

St John the Baptist with St Luke

Charity registration number 1127813

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2025

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist, Peterborough

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The Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is pleased to present this Annual Report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

OUR PARISH VISION AND MISSION

The PCC as a whole shares with the vicar in the whole mission of the Church, in pastoral care, in sharing the good news of the Gospel, in caring for our wider community and in working together with our sisters and brothers of other churches in our ecumenical work. St John's and St Luke's are open and inclusive communities of faith, where all are welcome to join us in prayer and worship and where all are invited to find a home with us. In all we do we seek to serve everyone in our community and to show the love of God in the way we care for all and live together in love.

- Our **aim** is to be a beacon of faith, hope and love in the heart of our city.
- Our **mission** is to proclaim God's love in Jesus Christ so that others will be drawn to follow him and find a place in our community.
- The **values** that we espouse of being open and inclusive, worshipping and faithful, loving and serving, guide everything we do.

OUR VISION FOR THE WIDER USE OF ST JOHN'S AND ST LUKE'S

As the historical parish church for Peterborough, the Church of St John the Baptist was consecrated to witness to the presence of the living God in the heart of the city and its life, in all its variety and complexity, in all its joys and sorrows. Our location is both a gift and a responsibility, shaping our call as a Christian community and in the way we enable the use of our building in our vision and mission. We are a gathering place where people come for special times of celebration and remembrance, for private prayer and spiritual refreshment in a place of tranquility at the centre of a busy city, for learning together and for enjoying cultural and heritage events – as a venue for music and the arts, and as a place of support for those experiencing the challenges of human lives and struggles.

St Luke's is our daughter church on Mayor's Walk in West Town, built in 1901 as a Mission Chapel to serve the growing residential part of St John's Parish to the west of the railway. Dedicated to St Luke in 1983, we have always been a place of mission for the community, with a special focus on serving those in need of healing and pastoral support through our historic links with the District Hospital.

We are a community of:

- **Prayer and worship** – prayer and worship is the foundation of all we do
- **Serving and caring** - being an active presence in the community
- **Learning together** – nurturing faith, telling the story, living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and being enriched by one another's wisdom and experience.
- **Justice** – where faith leads to action for the wellbeing of all people
- **Stewardship** of the environment, promoting ecological concern and reducing the churches' carbon footprint.

PREMISES

The PCC maintains and cares for its church buildings, both the Grade I listed 15th century Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Church Street, Peterborough and the daughter church of St Luke, Mayor's Walk, Peterborough. Our Vicar resides in The Deanery, in the Cathedral Precincts.

St John's Church Hall, in Mayor's Walk and alongside St Luke's, is now used by a south Indian Christian Community - All Saints Mar Thoma Church. In July 2018 they signed a 25-year lease to rent the Hall's and as such are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Reverend Michelle Dalliston
Curate	Reverend Becka Yates
Growing Faith Chaplain	Reverend Lex Bradley-Stow
Assistant Priest	Canon Helen Dearnley RNR, Anglican and Headquarters Chaplaincy Advisor
Wardens	Judy Barsby Alun Williams – Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) (<i>until June 2025</i>) Jim Reynolds Vernon Bull – Church Warden Emeritus, Treasurer (<i>until September 2025</i>)
Deanery Synod Representatives	Judy Barsby June Bull – Deanery Synod Standing Committee, Diocesan Synod Representative, Health and Safety Officer (<i>until September 2025</i>)
Elected Members	Rhi Bradley-Stow – Parish Safeguarding Officer (<i>from June 2025</i>) Malikia Brewster Sol Cowne Gemmell Lucy Georgiou Emma Gilbert Malcolm Hopkins Sara More June Swingler - Electoral Roll Officer Petrus Thomas
In attendance	Kajsa Gemmell - PCC Secretary in non-voting capacity

Michael Horspole attended some meetings as Independent Financial Adviser.

The PCC met on 7 occasions in 2025 with an average attendance of 15 members.

The number of members that could be elected to the PCC stood at 9 as the Electoral Roll numbers were below 100. Correspondingly, 2 representatives for Deanery Synod were permitted.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the PCC is a statutory committee with power to transact emergency or necessary business between meetings and any other business as instructed by the Council. The Standing Committee comprises the Vicar and Churchwardens together with the Treasurer and Parish Safeguarding Officer, and also serves as the Health and Safety Committee.

PCC Committees, Working Groups and Other Appointments

The PCC has appointed a number of Committees and working groups for different areas of activity in the life of the church and the parish.

Finance Committee, consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Lucy Georgiou, Rosie Haynes, reviews the finances and supports the Treasurer, presenting accounts and financial advice to the PCC. Rosie and Duncan Garfield, our Parish Administrator, act as weekly cash counters. Payroll services were provided by Calm Accounting with oversight by the Treasurer. Stewardship Recording was carried out by Judy Barsby and Duncan Garfield, who also deals with church administration, financial processing and events booking and coordination and is our 'Lead Recruiter' for DBS checking purposes. We are very grateful to Duncan for all he does to keep the business of the Parish operating smoothly, and especially for the additional financial responsibilities he has shouldered in the absence of a Treasurer since September 2025.

The **Fabric Committee**, consisting of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Simon Crooke, Malcolm Hopkins, Les Sabel and Peter Tomas, is concerned with the care and maintenance of the parish buildings, fixtures and fittings.

Our **Social & Fundraising Committee**, consisting of the Vicar, Curate, Judy Barsby, Lucy Georgiou, Emma Gilbert, Rosie Haynes, Margaret Lilliman, Les & Di Sabel and Sarah Warburton provided and coordinated informal church events and activities including the Harvest and Patronal Festival lunches, the Beetle Drive and refreshments for special events.

The **Safeguarding Team** is made up of, the Vicar, Curate, Youth Worker, Brian Bell, Lex Bradley-Stow (GF Chaplain), Rhiannon Bradley-Stow (PSO), Malikia Brewster, Naomi Howes, Susanna Knight, Sara More, Alun Williams, and together ensure we are compliant with Church of England Safeguarding policies and procedures and that we are a safe and healthy culture for everyone. Alun Williams acted as our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) until June 2025, at which point Rhi Bradley-Stow took over this role. We have strengthened our safeguarding policy and procedures throughout the last year, using the Safeguarding Dashboard, seeking advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and exploring and implementing a 'Safe and Healthy Culture' guidance in all areas of parish life.

An informal **Mission Team** is made up of, the Vicar, Curate, Youth Worker, Lex Bradley-Stow (GF Chaplain), Malikia Brewster, Liv Cowne-Gemmell (Ministry Experience Scheme intern), Emma Gilbert, Sara More, Jim Reynolds, Barrie Swingler, Alun Williams, and meets occasionally to review the mission activities of the parish.

An active **Pastoral Care Team** made up of, the Vicar, Curate, Youth Worker, Judy Barsby, Malikia Brewster, June Bull, Lyn Green, Rosie Haynes, Margaret Lilliman, Chris Royle, June & Barrie Swingler and Reg Tomblin oversees and coordinates pastoral care for our church family, including monthly Communion Services in our Care Homes – The Maltings and St Margaret's House, and Home Communions where required. (*Both June Bull and Margaret Lilliman stepped down in the course of 2025.*)

An emerging **Comms Team** made up of, the Vicar, Curate, Youth Worker, Cat Bond, Pep Cipriano (Peterborough Positive), Sara More, Stuart Potter (ARU) and Alun Williams, works to promote and publicise all aspects of the parish including the Parish website and email systems.

The **Hub Steering Group** made up of the Vicar, Curate, Joseph Booker, Paddy Berryman (Light Project Peterborough), Malikia Brewster, Evie Coppard (*stepped down in October 2025*), Malcolm Hopkins, Reg Quirk, Les & Di Sabel, Sue Sharman (Digital Hub Coordinator), oversees the work of St John's Community Support Hub.

Eco-Church Group made up of, the Vicar, Curate, Anna Buntun Liv Cowne-Gemmell, Sol Cowne-Gemmell, Kajsja Gemmell, Sara More, Jim Reynolds, Alun Williams is promoting eco-church and working towards the A-Rocher Eco-Church awards and standards.

The PCC appointed Reg Tomblin and Sara More as representatives on the executive of **Churches Together in Central Peterborough (CTiCP)**. In addition, the Vicar, Alun Williams and June Bull represented the PCC on the Board of the **St John the Baptist (Peterborough) Development C.I.C.** which exists to develop the use of the church for appropriate artistic and cultural purposes.

June Swingler remained our Electoral Roll Officer.

The PCC would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contribution throughout the year.

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC takes its responsibilities for the care of everyone in the church seriously. It follows the Safeguarding Policies for the Diocese of Peterborough and everyone who works with children, young people and adults at risk is recruited following the Safer Recruiting procedures, including checks made with the Disclosure and Barring Service, where appropriate or by the use of Confidential Declaration Forms and references. The Safeguarding Team meet regularly to review the Parish Safeguarding Action Plan and use the online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to ensure we are compliant with Safeguarding policies and procedures. We share any concerns with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and consult them for advice to ensure we are following the best practice. Safeguarding Posters and Policy documents are clearly displayed in our churches and on the website and a Safeguarding Pack available in both St John's and St Luke's includes all the necessary Safeguarding documents. We also make available the Safeguarding Pocket Guide and display posters to show who's

who - the PSO and the Safeguarding Team, as well as providing contact details for the PSO and Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA). The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and any matters of concern are referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy. Safeguarding is a standing item on every PCC Agenda.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The Electoral Roll as at 31st December 2025 stood at 97, but following the recent revision, as of May 2026 it now stands at 108 members, with 22 resident within the parish and 86 non-resident. Under the 2020 Church Representation Rules, 12 persons may be elected to serve on the PCC in addition to 3 Deanery Synod representatives. Our previous Deanery Synod representatives were elected for a three-year term which concludes at this APCM, and so this year we will elect new Deanery Synod representatives for a three-year term until 2029.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Ministry

It has been another year of encouraging developments and growth. Our Vicar, Revd Michelle Dalliston, having concluded a 3-year interim appointment was appointed on a permanent basis and installed by Bishop Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough, on St Cuthbert's Day, 20th March 2025.

We have continued to grow our work to support those in need, especially those who are homeless in the city, through the Community Support Hub, receiving funding from the Council via the Household Support Fund. This important and demanding work supports over a hundred people of all ages and situations who come to enjoy hot food and social and economic advice, health support and opportunities to engage with other support services from across Peterborough. We work in partnership with the Light Project Peterborough and the Rough Sleeper Outreach Team from the Council to support those who are on the streets. This work is utterly dependent on our fantastic team of Hub Volunteers, led by Malikia Brewster and supported by Malcolm Hopkins. In 2025, Malcolm was appointed as Head Verger at the Cathedral – many congratulations to him from us all.

We are now open most days of the week for a range of activities including our ongoing popular Saturday Café serving homemade cakes – many thanks to Judy Barsby and the team of cafe volunteers, and also to Wendy Dyer at the Welcome Counter, selling a fantastic range of knitted baby clothes, and toys along with an expanding range of gift items and souvenirs. On Wednesdays, students from City College Peterborough, run a weekly Café which continues to grow in numbers attending. The 'Open Mind' Café runs monthly on Thursdays providing lunch, activities and a safe welcoming space for people from the LGBTQI+ community and which is funded by a grant from Mind – thanks to Brian Bell and Sara More for their management of this. Malikia Brewster maintained the 'Book Nook' book stall which regularly features special interest books and other relevant items. Tuesdays Till Two and Piccolo are also an important part of our weekday ministry at St John's thanks to Alun Williams and the committed team of volunteers. Margaret Lilliman and Helen Bates hosted Chill and Chat on Wednesday mornings at St Luke's, concluded by a simple service. The Ladies Group meet

each month for a talk or activity and refreshments. June Swingler leads a vibrant and growing knitting/crocheting group A Good Yarn twice a month during the Saturday Café. Many thanks to everyone who plays such an important part in all these areas of outreach and welcome.

The Pastoral Team continued to work together to offer pastoral care across the whole church family, to take communion at home to those unable to attend Sunday services and to support monthly services of communion in The Maltings and St Margaret's House care homes. Church members gathered joyfully to sing carols at the Maltings in December. The Mission Team meets to consider areas to develop – in 2025 the focus was our working to become an eco-church at St Luke's and to consider other ways to be more eco-friendly. We continue to support the Welcome Directory, providing help for prison leavers as they rejoin society and we continue to support those seeking asylum in the UK, many of whom have become a special part of our church family.

Our wonderful team of Bellringers ring at St John's on Sundays calling us to worship and in the course of the year have rung at special services too, as well as ringing several quarter peals and supported ringing at the Cathedral and elsewhere in the Deanery. Visting ringers are a regular feature too.

Close links with the City Council and cultural groups, providing a welcoming space for events and working together with Peterborough Positive to put on free events for families have all helped us serve our community and keep the church open as much as possible during the week, Peterborough Art Society held two exhibitions at St John's in the course of the year and we were again open for the nationally run Heritage Open Days in September. In November we again took part in the Christmas Light Switch On – welcoming in a huge number of visitors with mulled wine and mince pies and concluding the evening with Sung Compline by candlelight.

Worship and Mission

Our worship is based on the Church of England's Common Worship and we are blessed to have a serving team and choir, along with readers, intercessors and Eucharistic assistants who assist with leading our Sunday Eucharist at St John's and enriching our liturgy. At St Luke's we have a similar style of service but in a more informal setting and with everyone from the congregation taking their turn as either readers, intercessions, Eucharistic assistants or helping with the refreshments following the service. Attendances at Sunday Eucharist at St John's continue to increase to between 80-100 and we are now a wonderfully diverse church family, reflecting the make-up of our community and representing all age profiles and with a wealth of experiences and backgrounds and nationalities too.

Our Friday Eucharist has also grown and is attended by both regular St John's and St Luke's church family as well as many from other parishes and one-off visitors and Hub guests.

Other services include a regular morning and evening prayer, additional services at key times of the Church Year, and joint working with the Cathedral. Our 'Together' Family Service meets twice a month – the first Sunday at the Cathedral and the third at St John's – and we share in leading the services between our joint Ministry Team. We continue to join with the Cathedral congregation and our joint Choirs for the liturgy of the Palms and procession on

Palm Sunday and for the City Nativity and Christingle – both events are a key witness in the City centre and offer a way for others to engage with these special times of the Christian story. Our Ash Wednesday evening service in February 2026 was also jointly led, with St John's Choir leading the liturgy at the Cathedral. At other times, St John's hosts Cathedral Evening Prayer when the Cathedral is unable to do so.

Our committed clergy team comprises our Vicar - Revd Michelle Dalliston, Curate - Revd Becka Yates, Growing Faith Chaplain - Revd Lex Bradley-Stow (working jointly between the parish, the Cathedral and the King's School) and retired priest Canon Bill Croft. We are also blessed to have Archdeacon Alison Booker and Canon Helen Dearnley, who both live within the parish and assist with occasional services. Canon Helen Dearnley was licensed as Assistant Priest to the parish in May 2025, with her ministry mainly based at St Luke's. In July, Helen began her training as a Royal Navy Reservist Chaplain, with her passing out parade on 10th August 2025.

Chris Royle, from St Luke's congregation, continued her training for ordination as a Distinctive Deacon through the St Hild training course and began to share in preaching and leading services at St Luke's. A number of people from the parish have been exploring the possibilities of lay ministry through attendance at the annual Diocesan 'Explore' days in November each year and as part of this, Kajsa Gemmell is studying on the new Diocesan introduction to theology course for which the PCC agreed to provide funding.

As part of our Ministry Team we also have our Youth Worker, Honour Smith and until August 2025, Liv-Astrid Cowne Gemmell, an intern on the Ministry Experience Scheme, supporting all areas of ministry and assisted particularly with the growth of our Youth Group – City Alight Youth. Our regular family events on Wednesdays during school holiday times continue to attract young families. We have dedicated Children Play Areas at both churches with a range of toys, books and puzzles and we offer activities and crafts linked to the Gospel reading or theme of the Church Year.

The PCC thank all our Ministry Team for their inspiring leadership and loving support of us all.

As well as Sunday Services at St Luke's, the service of Healing and Wholeness is held there on the first Wednesday of each month and the weekly drop in Chill and Chat meetings on Wednesdays are followed by a short service of Midday Prayer.

We continue to hold special Patronal Festival Services for each church at which we all come together as one church family to celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist and the Feast Day of St Luke, with a shared lunch following. Social times around these Festivals such as the Patronal Lunches, St Luke's Beetle Drive and sharing with St Jude's around their Patronal Festival – the St Jude's night – are enjoyed by us all.

We were delighted to be invited to lead one of the National Church of England Sunday Services broadcast on YouTube and this went live on 19th October, our Patronal Festival Sunday at St Luke's. We were able to put together a service which involved a large number of us from both church congregations, as well as our Choir and Bellringers. The theme of the service celebrated St Luke, and focused on our inclusive church and support to those on the margins of society through our Community Support Hub.

We work closely with our nurseries and schools within the parish, with Revd Michelle preaching regularly at Chapel Services at The Peterborough School and leading assemblies at West Town Academy and students from both schools visiting St John's as part of learning about Christianity. Once a term, musicians from The Peterborough School give an informal concert during our Wednesday Café, and the School Christmas Carol Service is a popular and well attended event in early December. We also engage with Thomas Deacon Academy through our historic links and the Thomas Deacon Education Trust hold their annual Acts of Kindness Awards evening at St John's in July. We are also glad to support King's (The Cathedral) School via our links through Revd Lex's Chaplaincy role and joint working with the Cathedral families. Our special link with St Augustine's (VA) Church of England Junior School in Woodston has continued to grow and flourish – the whole school comes to St John's for their Harvest, Christmas, Easter and End of Year Services, and Revd Michelle and our Director of Music, Jeremy, go into school to lead Collective Worship once a term.

As part of our role as the Civic Church for Peterborough, Revd Michelle as Vicar of Peterborough leads the annual Remembrance Service at the Town Hall, as well as the Act of Remembrance at the Christmas Wreath Laying in December. In 2025, she also preached at the Civic Service of Remembrance at the Cathedral on Remembrance Sunday. In January, St John's hosts the Holocaust Memorial Day Service – when all faiths and communities come together to remember the Jewish Holocaust and other acts of genocide. The Lord Lieutenant or her Deputies and our Mayor and other civic guests and representatives attend this service as well as our Civic Carol Service in December, and other special services and events throughout the year.

We continue to work in collaboration with our Deanery and with other City Centre churches and faith groups and host meetings and events including the gathering following the Ecumenical Walk of witness on Good Friday when we provide coffee and hot cross buns in St John's. We share in hosting and supporting the monthly Churches Together in Central Peterborough Prayer Breakfasts. We have continued to support the ministry of the Street Chaplains from the Light Project Peterborough, providing a base from which they go out into the City on Fridays.

We are increasingly working with community groups and agencies to serve the people of our City and to be open at both our churches as places of prayer and sanctuary, friendship and hospitality. We offer Prayer Spaces with a focus on peace and prayer cards available – a Candle for Peace is lit on the Prayer Table at St John's whenever the church is open and an ever increasing number of people come to light prayer candles and to take the prayer cards and leaflets that are available including a simple form of Morning and Night Prayer to use at home.

In 2025 we had two baptisms— one adult and one child, and there were eleven – four adults and seven young people - confirmed at the Easter Eve Service at the Cathedral. There were two weddings in 2025, and four funerals both held at St John's and also led by our Parish Clergy at Peterborough Crematorium.

A key part of our worship and mission is of course our music. Our sincere appreciation and thanks are due to our Director of Music, Jeremy Jepson, who continues to inspire our choristers and grow the choir of adults and juniors so that they are almost outgrowing the

choir vestry! They make such an impact on our week by week worship and the beautiful singing of an ever-expanding range of anthem and motets during communion create a very deep sense of holiness and God's presence with us. Our special times of celebration are enriched by additional music and services which invite others to participate too such as Come & Sing Stainer's Crucifixion on Passion Sunday and Choral Evensong for our Patronal Festival in June 2025. Our Christmas Concert and Civic Carol Service in December was superb and Midnight Mass 2025 an especial high point.

At St Luke's we are blessed to have Helen Bates to play for the Sunday Service once a month, and to have the support of Malcolm Hopkins in setting up for services.

Our Flower Team – Lai Julian, Margaret Lilliman, Jackie Prime, Di & Les Sabel with support from Judy Barsby (Lady Chapel flowers) plus Janice Massey and many of our Friday Hub guests along with new recruits, Bernadetta Woodworth and Kate McDowell are to be congratulated on providing such beautiful flowers and glorious arrangements each week and for special services too.

Church Buildings

Both churches remain in good structural order. The Quinquennial Inspection carried out at St John's in 2024 and the report presented in September 2024 resulted in a schedule of works for the urgent repairs being produced by our Architect, Stephen Oliver. Following tenders presented in September 2025, the preferred contractors are Booths Stonemasonry, with the costs approximately £60,000. The void discovered under the north aisle floor at St John's is still awaiting repair – the next steps will involve a site visit by the DAC and Architect before we can proceed further. The staining on the ceiling of St Luke's is being monitored.

As part of our eco-focus and the commitment of the Church of England towards net-zero, we have been able to secure funding to replace existing bulbs in all our light fittings at St John's with LEDs. The 'Quick Wins' grant is administered by the Diocese and we are grateful to Jon Breckon, Churches Support Officer, who has assisted us with this project. We will need to obtain permission from the DAC before proceeding with the work.

The organ will require some repair work to the keyboards likely costing in the region of £8,000. Fundraising is already in hand and we hope to receive some grant funding in addition.

An annual inspection of St John's Church Hall was carried out by members of the PCC – most recently in January 2026.

Financial

The Parish has again met all its liabilities during 2025, including paying our Parish Share in full. We are very grateful to our Treasurer Vernon Bull (until September 2025) and Administrator, Duncan Garfield, supported by Rosie Haynes and Michael Horspole. Assisted by the support of the Finance Committee, some of our investments were moved into more ethical funds, in conjunction with our efforts to be 'greener'.

Although many aspects of our finances have improved, we still rely on using some of our reserves to cover an operating deficit and we are already addressing this as a matter of

urgency. Taking specialist financial advice we have begun the process of bringing on board LGT Wealth Management to manage our investments and realise more income. A Business Task Group was formed in July 2025, comprising the Vicar, Jospeh Booker, Malikia Brewster, Olga Frusevych, Sam Gatland and Lucy Georgiou and supported by Jonathan Jelley, President of Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services (PCVS) and which has produced a Business Plan to improve operations and promote income to meet the deficit. The need for an operations manager was identified and the PCC agreed to proceed with this appointment. With the support of the Diocesan Finance Team we are looking to move to an improved finance management system so that we can keep better track of our finances and see where there is potential to maximise income through hire, events, and activities. In 2026 we will be holding another Stewardship Campaign and encouraging giving via the Parish Giving Scheme.

St John's Community Interest Company (CIC):

St John's CIC events continued in 2025 with the series of regular Tuesday lunchtime concerts 'Tuesdays Till Two' and 'Piccolo', a monthly concert for preschool children and their carers on the first Thursday of most months. The annual Christmas Concert in 2025 featured the City of Peterborough Concert Band along with St John's Choir and special guests the Junior Choir of St Luke's Roman Catholic Church from Orton Malbourne and was a wonderfully joyous occasion. These initiatives contribute richly to our outreach and community ministry, enable many to come into the church who otherwise might not, and provide accessible hospitality and cultural engagement, as well as raising the church's profile at the heart of the city centre. Our grateful thanks to Alun Williams who organises, animates and hosts these events as the CIC's programme manager, as well as all those who volunteer in the Café for TT2 – Julie Waterfield, Stephney Grundy and for Piccolo – Maragret Lilliman, Wendy Dyer and Honour Smith. The CIC's activities also generate income in church hire fees for St John's, and donations at the Christmas concert support church funds.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the end of the year and of its income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the council is required to:

- i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- iii) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue as such.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

On behalf of the PCC - Revd Michelle A C Dalliston, Chair

Judy Barsby, Jim Reynolds and Alun Williams, Churchwardens



May 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist Peterborough ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

Signed:



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Date: 5th May 2026

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist Peterborough

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds	
						2025 £	2024 £
Income From							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	62,424	4,909	398	-	67,731	72,556
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	1,576	5,618	-	-	7,193	7,862
Investment Income	2(c)	11,943	-	8,511	-	20,453	22,215
Church Activities	2(d)	20,502	-	-	-	20,502	25,594
Other Incoming Resources	2(e)	5,309	-	36,521	-	41,830	56,373
Total Income		101,753	10,526	45,430	-	157,710	184,599
Expenditure On							
Cost of generating voluntary income	3(a)	368	-	-	-	368	186
Fundraising trading : cost of goods sold and other cost	3(b)	116	-	-	-	116	229
Church Activities	3(c)	166,033	10,640	37,261	-	213,934	200,459
Governance Costs	3(d)	200	-	-	-	200	200
Total Resources Expended		166,718	10,640	37,261	-	214,618	201,075
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		(64,965)	(113)	8,170	-	(56,909)	(16,476)
Change in market value of investments		(10,658)			(8,083)	(18,740)	16,214
Transfers		24,179	1,359	-	(25,538)	0	-
Net Movement in Funds		(51,444)	1,246	8,170	- 33,621	(75,649)	(262)
Balance brought forward at 1st January		193,221	270,706	114,887	313,606	892,420	892,682
Balance carried forward at 31st December		141,777	271,952	123,057	279,985	816,771	892,420

The notes on pages xx to xx form part of these accounts

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist Peterborough

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	5	220,687	220,687
Investments	6	<u>535,919</u>	<u>580,198</u>
		<u>756,606</u>	<u>800,885</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	2,650	7,143
Cash at Bank and In Hand	8	<u>78,138</u>	<u>94,309</u>
		<u>80,787</u>	<u>101,453</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	9	<u>20,622</u>	<u>9,917</u>
		<u>20,622</u>	<u>9,917</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>816,771</u>	<u>892,421</u>
Parish Funds			
Unrestricted	10	141,777	193,221
Designated	11	271,952	270,706
Restricted	12	123,057	114,887
Endowment Funds	13	<u>279,986</u>	<u>313,606</u>
		<u>816,771</u>	<u>892,421</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:



PCC Chair

The notes on pages 3 to 10 form part of these accounts

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Notes for the financial statements For the year ended 31st December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Charity Information

The Peterborough Parish Church (named after St John the Baptist) is the historic Parish Church for Peterborough. Today it is home to a vibrant Church community and is in the Church of England Diocese of Peterborough

1.1 Accounting Convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All income is accounted for gross, as long as it is capable of financial measurement.

1.4 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is occurred and accounted for gross.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

1.6 Financial Instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provision of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to a contractual provision of the instrument.

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1.7 Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired before 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

No cost information is available for the church hall so it is included at a deemed cost being its 2012 valuation.

The property is not depreciated due to the high value placed on the building, the longevity of its existence, which in turn suggest the longevity of its future existence.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over four to five years.

1.8 Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where this is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the PCC for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Endowment funds are funds held for the long term investment.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2 Income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total Funds	
	Fund	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary Income						
Planned giving stewardship	41,337	-	-	-	41,337	41,436
Gift Aid	12,028	-	-	-	12,028	13,896
Collections (open plate)	5,930	-	-	-	5,930	5,890
Gift Aid envelopes	577	-	-	-	577	1,386
Donations and legacies	2,552	4,909	398	-	7,860	9,947
	62,424	4,909	398	-	67,731	72,556
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds						
Coffee mornings	-	5,618	-	-	5,618	6,116
Social event & Service Refreshments	157	-	-	-	157	475
Souvenirs/Traidcraft	1,419	-	-	-	1,419	1,271
	1,576	5,618	-	-	7,193	7,862
2(c) Investment Income						
Dividends	5,738	-	-	-	5,738	10,018
Interest	6,205	-	8,511	-	14,716	12,197
	11,943	-	8,511	-	20,453	22,215
2(d) Church activities						
Church hire and hall rent	17,927	-	-	-	17,927	19,368
Flowers (Including festival)	607	-	-	-	607	3,201
Fees	1,968	-	-	-	1,968	2,875
Trading income - cards and picture sales	-	-	-	-	-	150
	20,502	-	-	-	20,502	25,594
2(e) Other incoming resources						
Insurance claims	5,309	-	-	-	5,309	17,627
Grant income	-	-	36,521	-	36,521	38,746
	5,309	-	36,521	-	41,830	56,373
Total Income	101,753	10,526	45,430	-	157,710	184,599

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3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Fund	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Cost of generating voluntary income					
Contactless Fees	368	-	-	368	186
	<u>368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>186</u>

3(b) Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs

Souvenirs/Traidcraft	-	-	-	-	-
Service Refreshments	116	-	-	116	229
	<u>116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>229</u>

3(c) Church activities

Missionary and charity giving	-	5,820	-	5,820	5,191
Parish share	73,537	-	-	73,537	72,279
Utilities	15,210	-	1,152	16,362	15,313
Routine maintenance	-	-	-	-	835
Church fabric maintenance	18,013	-	-	18,013	17,813
Quinquennial work	5,635	-	-	5,635	1,620
Organ maintenance	420	-	-	420	967
Incumbent & Curate expenses	737	-	40	777	1,871
Insurance	11,860	-	-	11,860	10,474
Upkeep of services	1,631	-	-	1,631	1,323
Music & Choir	-	-	966	966	155
Children & Youthwork	-	4,819	-	4,819	1,480
Administration	6,720	-	-	6,720	6,063
Wages and salaries	29,375	-	-	29,375	26,483
Organist fees for services	715	-	-	715	2,057
Stewarding and other hire costs	749	-	-	749	1,377
Flowers expenditure (Including festival)	596	-	-	596	3,218
Diocesan fees	834	-	-	834	886
Community Hub (1)	-	-	-	-	271
Community Hub (2)	-	-	-	-	12,686
Community Hub (3)	-	-	2,522	2,522	12,441
Community Hub (4)	-	-	11,725	11,725	5,099
Community Hub (5)	-	-	19,612	19,612	-
Cadent Centre for Warmth	-	-	265	265	-
Digital Hub	-	-	334	334	-
Health Hub	-	-	-	-	558
Mind Café	-	-	645	645	-
	<u>166,033</u>	<u>10,640</u>	<u>37,261</u>	<u>213,934</u>	<u>200,459</u>

The parish share for 2025 is £72,279

3(d) Governance costs

Independent examiners fees	100	-	-	100	100
Accountancy fees	100	-	-	100	100
	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

Total Resources expended

166,718	10,640	37,261	214,618	201,075
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4 Wages and salaries

During the year the PCC employed a number of people. The total cost of these appointments was £29,375 (2024 £26,483), including employers' national insurance contributions.

The average number of employees on the payroll during the year was 3(2024- 3)

No employees have been paid more than £60,000 per annum during 2025 or 2024

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5 Fixed Assets	Property	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible			
Cost or valuation:			
At 1 January 2025	220,000	12,029	232,029
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	220,000	12,029	232,029
Depreciation:			
At 1st January 2025	-	11,342	11,342
Charge for the year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	-	11,342	11,342
Net book value			
At 1 January 2025	220,000	687	220,687
At 31 December 2025	220,000	687	220,687

The property comprises of the church hall at Mayors Walk, Peterborough
A valuation of the property was undertaken by Joliffe Daking, Chartered Surveyors, on 6 December 2012

6 Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bought forward	580,198	563,984
Sale of Investments (for payment of Parish Share)	25,538	-
Change in market value during the year	(18,741)	16,214
	535,919	580,198

The investments are administered by Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance on behalf of the Church and held with CCLA

7 Debtors

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Fund	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable on stewardship	2,105	-	-	2,105	2,989
Accrued income	420	-	-	420	2,612
Prepayments and accrued interest	-	-	-	-	193
Other Debtors	125	-	-	125	1,350
	2,650	-	-	2,650	7,143

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8 Cash at bank and in hand	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Fund	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA Investment accounts:					
CBF St John's Burial fund investment account	19,868	-	-	19,868	9,940
Deposit Account (Sale of Holdich Street)	-	35,307	-	35,307	33,778
St Johns Fabric fund	-	-	619	619	592
St Lukes Fabric fund	-	-	10,602	10,602	10,143
Barclays current account	(121,826)	21,955	110,004	10,133	36,667
Cash in hand	464	-	1,145	1,609	3,189
	(101,494)	57,262	122,370	78,138	94,309

9 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Fund	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals for utilities and other costs	15,312	5,310	-	20,622	9,917
	15,312	5,310	-	20,622	9,917

10 Unrestricted funds

	Balance as at 1.1.25	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.25
	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	-	101,753	125,932	24,179	0
CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account	-	-	-	-	-
St John's Fund - for the Ecclesiastical Purposes of the parish	193,221	(10,658)	40,786	-	141,777
	193,221	91,095	125,932	24,179	141,777

The CBF St John's Burial Fund Interest Account unrestricted fund, is money held separately from the main account, but can be used for any purpose.

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11 Designated funds

	Balance as at 1.1.25	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.25
	£	£	£	£	£
Holdrich Street sale	37,025	-	-	-	37,025
Church hall	220,000	-	-	-	220,000
Dilapidation settlement	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Coffee shop	2,865	5,618	5,820	-	2,663
Mission Fund	4,467	2,963	-	-	7,430
Children & Youth	1,514	1,946	4,819	1,359	0
Craft Fair for Defibrillator	834	-	-	-	834
	270,706	10,526	10,639	1,359	271,952

The Holdich Street Sale fund relates to proceeds from the sale of a property on Holdich Street as well as the sales of treasury stock, which have been designated for the purpose of the fabric of the church. The PCC decided to use Holdich Street designated funds to maintain a minimum reserve of unrestricted funds to cover annual wages.

The Church hall fund is the designated funds represented by the investment in the church hall and dilapidation settlement.

The coffee shop is the designated funds from incoming donations and sales less any charitable donations made as a result of the fundraising activity.

12 Restricted Funds

	Balance as at 1.1.25	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance as at 31.12.25
	£	£	£	£	£
St John's Fabric fund & LPoW Grant	2,589	-	-	-	2,589
St Luke's Fabric fund	10,707	-	-	-	10,707
Income from G Wyman Fund	738	572	40	-	1,270
Income from Reichmann Bequest Fund	3,674	531	-	-	4,205
Music & Choir	1,368	398	966	-	800
The St John's fund - for the Ecclesiastical purposes of the parish	80,616	7,408	-	-	88,024
Income from Muriel Elizabeth Snowdon fund	559	-	-	-	559
Community Hub (1)	-	-	-	-	-
Community Hub (2)	-	-	-	-	-
Community Hub (3)	4,090	-	2,522	-	1,568
Community Hub (4)	9,049	5,543	12,877	-	1,715
Community Hub (5)	-	25,018	19,612	-	5,405
Cadent Centre for Warmth	-	5,216	265	-	4,951
Digital Hub	-	543	334	-	209
Mind Café	1,496	202	645	-	1,053
	114,887	45,430	37,261	0	123,057

The St John's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of St John's Church

The St Luke's fabric fund represents funds held for the purpose of the fabric of either St Luke's Church or St John's Church.

Income from Reichman Bequest represents income from the endowment fund in respect of the assistant curated fund.

The Community and Health Hubs and the Living Sport project have been set up with a grants from Peterborough City Council to provide food, warmth and shelter for anyone struggling with the cost of living crisis.

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13 Endowment funds

	Balance as at 1.1.25	Sale of Treasury Stock	Chages in Market Value	Transfer	Balance as at 31.12.25	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Reichmann Bequest	19,099	-	(764)		18,335	
Burial Ground Fund	294,507	(25,538)	(7,319)		261,650	
	313,606	-	25,538	(8,083)	0	279,985

The Reichmann Bequest represents an investment from a bequest in the will of Mrs A E Reichmann in 1934, from which the income is to be paid as an augmentation to the Assistant Curates fund.

The Burial Ground fund represents funds received from the Peterborough Development Corporation following the compulsory purchase of the old burial ground. The funds can be used for any purpose.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2025						
represented by:						
Fixed Assets		255,933	220,000	687	279,986	756,606
Current Assets:						
Debtors	7	2,650				2,650
Bank	8	(101,494)	57,262	122,370		78,137
Current Liabilities	9	(15,312)	(5,310)			(20,622)
		141,777	271,952	123,057	279,986	816,771

15 Related party transactions

The church is one of 7 legal members of Churches Together in Central Peterborough, a separate charity.

The church received rental income from St John the Baptist (Peterborough) Development C.I.C. in respect of events held in the church. There are directors and members common to both organisations.

The George Wyman bequest to the curate fund. The church wardens are the trustees with interest received being paid to the church. During the year £572 (£2024: £557) was received.