

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HOOLE

**Statutory Annual Report and
Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2025**

Registered Charity No. 1131968

Meeting of the Parishioners for the Election of the Churchwardens
At 7:30pm on 30th April 2026
At All Saints Church

Ref	Title of item		Format	Presented by	Indicative Timings
1/26	Welcome and apologies		Verbal	Chair	7:30 (10 mins)
2/26	Reading and Prayer				
3/26	Minutes of the previous meeting		Paper		
4/26	Matters Arising				
Items for Discussion and Decision					
5/26	Vote of Thanks to the Churchwardens		Verbal	Chair	7:40 (5 mins)
6/26	Election of New Churchwardens		Paper	Chair	7:45 (5 mins)
Meeting Close					
7/26	Any other business		Verbal	Chair	7:50 (5 mins)
Date, time and venue of the next meeting:- April 2027 - TBC					

**Draft Minutes of the
All Saints Meeting of Parishioners for the
Election of the Churchwardens**

Held on Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 7:30pm – All Saints Church

Present	<p>Andy Creeth, Chair S Christopher – Interim PCC Secretary John Trevett Tina Trevett Andy Warren Paula Warren Stephen Willetts Bill Holt Julie Tynegate Karen Hill Jim Ellis Helen Ellis Charlie Davenport Rachel Collier Ben Short Ann Cottier David Cottier Lyn Collins Pat Cole Alan Cole John Lewis Alex Lewis Paul Barnfather Ken Wood Christine Davies Rhiannon Cooke Neil Jones Fiona Jones</p>	<p>Ann Chester Vicki Bulgin Maireanne Heath Val Ornsby Christopher Wilkinson Princy Johnson Steve Tynegate Gemma Gaudion Craig Gaudion Hannah Gaudion Phoebe Gaudion Jackie Sears Nicky Pickering Patrick Hill Catherine Willetts John Patterson Andrew Harrison Mike Walker Susan Creeth Andrew Grey Amy Walker Gill Brown Jan Carr Garnett Carr Pam Male Angela Payne Ian Armstrong</p>
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01/25	<p>Welcome and apologies C Willetts, as churchwarden, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that as C Gaudion was currently undertaking a phased return to work, A Creeth, as Vice Chair of the PCC, would chair the meeting.</p> <p>A Creeth thanked C Willetts and welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting how this was an opportunity to celebrate our Church and all that goes on here.</p> <p>A Creeth explained that there were two distinct meetings that would be held, the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst the Annual Meeting of Parishioners may be attended by anyone in the parish or on the electoral roll, the Annual Parochial Church meeting may only be attended by those on the electoral roll.</p> <p>The main purpose of our first session, the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, is to appoint our churchwardens for the year ahead.</p>
02/25	<p>Reading and Prayers A Creeth opened the meeting with bible readings (Ephesians 5 & Revelation 21) and a Prayer.</p> <p>Time was spent considering how the readings relate to All Saints as a church serving its community of Hoole, Chester and beyond.</p>
03/25	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2024, were reviewed and approved as an accurate record.</p>

04/25	Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
05/25	Vote of Thanks to the Churchwardens A Creeth gave thanks to C Willetts and S Tynegate who had served as our churchwardens over the past 12 months. A Creeth noted the areas of work that each had been involved in to support C Gaudion as Vicar of All Saints Church. S Tynegate had served on the Church's Leadership Team, supported our welcome teams and processes, and organised Assistant Warden rotas, amongst many other things. His support and commitment to the church and his role was duly noted. It was noted that C Willetts was stepping down as Warden after undertaking the role for the past three years. Her love for the Church, its members and God, had shone through in all that she had done. Her dedication, commitment and attention to detail were noted, helping the Church to progress in areas of governance and policy development. C Willetts had served on our Personnel Committee, provided support to our Vicar and the wider staff team, and played a key role in pastoral support to members of our congregation. A Creeth thanked C Willetts for all that she had contributed and noted his pleasure in working alongside her as churchwardens. A presentation was made to C Willetts to thank her for her three years of service as churchwarden. C Willetts offered words of thanks, reflecting what a pleasure it had been to serve the church and our church family. She noted the work of the staff team and all our dedicated volunteers, commenting on the importance of us all using our gifts to build the Kingdom.

<p>06/25</p>	<p>Election of New Churchwardens A Creeth introduced the item. Two nominations for the role of churchwarden had been received:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="357 331 1422 483"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="357 331 692 383">Nominee</th> <th data-bbox="692 331 1078 383">Proposed By</th> <th data-bbox="1078 331 1422 383">Seconded By</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 383 692 434">Steve Tynegate</td> <td data-bbox="692 383 1078 434">Bryan Morgan</td> <td data-bbox="1078 383 1422 434">Pat Cole</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 434 692 483">Patrick Hill</td> <td data-bbox="692 434 1078 483">Catherine Willetts</td> <td data-bbox="1078 434 1422 483">Steve Tynegate</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There being no other nominations, S Tynegate and P Hill were appointed to the position of churchwarden for the next 12 months.</p> <p>A Creeth thanked both candidates for their nomination and wished them well in their roles.</p>	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By	Steve Tynegate	Bryan Morgan	Pat Cole	Patrick Hill	Catherine Willetts	Steve Tynegate
Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By								
Steve Tynegate	Bryan Morgan	Pat Cole								
Patrick Hill	Catherine Willetts	Steve Tynegate								
<p>07/25</p>	<p>Any Other Business None</p>									
	<p>Date and time of next meeting – 30th April 2026 – 7:30pm - TBC</p>									

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At 8:00pm on 30th April 2026

At All Saints Church

Ref	Title of item	Format	Presented by	Indicative Timings
1/26	Welcome and apologies	Verbal	Chair	8:00 (5 mins)
2/26	Reading and Prayer			
3/26	Minutes of the previous meeting	Paper		
4/26	Matters Arising			
Annual Reports				
5/26	Changes to the Electoral Roll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of the Electoral Roll will be available for inspection at the meeting 	Paper	Chair	8:05 (5 mins)
6/26	Proceedings of the PCC and Parish Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To include a statement of compliance with the duty under section 5 of the safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (Duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adult). 	Paper	Chair	8:10 (5 mins)
7/26	Report on Safeguarding	Paper	Parish Safeguarding Officer	8:15 (5 mins)
8/26	Goods, Fabric and Ornaments of the Church <i>Under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018</i>	Paper	Churchwarden	8:20 (5 mins)
9/26	Deanery Synod Proceedings	Paper	Deanery Synod PCC Representative	8:25 (5 mins)
10/26	Financial Statements of the PCC (year ending 31 st December 2025) To include: <i>Adoption of the Audited Accounts - 2025</i>	Paper	Treasurer	8:30 (5 mins)
Annual Elections and Appointments				
11/26	PCC Membership Renewals and Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Deanery Synod members (three-year appointment) Election of Lay PCC Members (three-year appointment) Confirmation of Reader Membership 	Paper	Chair	8:35 (10 mins)
12/26	Appointment of an Independent Examiner	Paper	Treasurer	8:45 (5 mins)
Meeting Close				
13/26	Vicar's Remarks	Verbal	Chair	8:50 (5 mins)
14/26	Any other business	Verbal	Chair	8:55 (5 mins)
Date, time and venue of the next meeting:- April 2027 - TBC				

All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held on Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 8pm – All Saints Church

Present	Andy Creeth, Chair Suzanne Christopher, Interim PCC Secretary John Trevett Tina Trevett Andy Warren Paula Warren Stephen Willetts Bill Holt Julie Tynegate Karne Hill Jim Ellis Helen Ellis Charlie Davenport Rachel Collier Ben Short Ann Cottier David Cottier Lyn Collins Pat Cole Alan Cole John Lewis Alex Lewis Paul Barnfather Ken Wood Christine Davies Rhiannon Cooke Neil Jones	Vicki Bulgin Maireanne Heath Val Ornsby Christopher Wilkinson Princy Johnson Steve Tynegate Gemma Gaudion Craig Gaudion Jackie Sears Nicky Pickering Patrick Hill Catherine Willetts John Patterson Andrew Harrison Mike Walker Susan Creeth Andrew Grey Amy Walker Gill Brown Jan Carr Garnett Carr Pam Male Angela Payne Ian Armstrong Ann Chester Fiona Jones
In attendance	H Gaudion P Gaudion	

Ref	Minutes
01/25	<p>Welcome and apologies A Creeth welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
02/25	<p>Reading and Prayers A reading had been presented to the meeting immediately before this session. Therefore, no further reading took place.</p>
03/25	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2024, were reviewed.</p> <p>An amendment was noted, to refer to the accounts being reviewed by an independent examiner, rather than by auditors.</p> <p>Accepting the above amendment, the minutes were approved as an accurate record.</p>
04/25	<p>Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.</p>
05/25	<p>Changes to the Electoral Roll A Creeth introduced the item. The written report was taken as read. No questions were raised. A Creeth noted the 55 new names added to the roll this year and how encouraging that was.</p> <p>The meeting noted the report.</p>
06/25	<p>Proceedings of the PCC and Parish Activity A Creeth introduced the item. The report was taken as read. No questions were raised.</p> <p>The meeting noted the report.</p>
07/25	<p>Report on Safeguarding V Ornsby, Parish Safeguarding Officer introduced the item.</p>

2024 had seen a particular focus on safeguarding, given the concerns raised within the Church of England at a senior level.

Here at All Saints, safeguarding is taken very seriously. A good culture exists with clear lines of reporting. Excellent support is provided by the Diocese who hold relevant expertise to advise and guide us as needed.

Safeguarding at All Saints is very much a team effort, with a local team of volunteers working with and alongside the Diocese. C Gaudion is very supportive of safeguarding issues and the work the team take forward.

The Safeguarding Committee meet termly and ensure regular updates to the PCC on safeguarding matters and progress.

A dashboard has more recently been introduced that allows the church to prioritise its areas of work and demonstrate compliance against key safeguarding requirements. This has been a really positive step forward.

V Ornsby announced her intention to now step down from the position and gave assurance that due process will be followed for the PCC to appoint the next Parish Safeguarding Officer.

A Creeth thanked V Ornsby for all her work in this area over a number of years. He acknowledged the wonderful job she had done in leading this important work and thanked her for her dedication and commitment.

A special time of thanks will be arranged as part of a Sunday service.

The meeting **noted** the report.

<p>08/25</p>	<p>Goods, Fabric and Ornaments of the Church C Willetts introduced the item.</p> <p>An overview of the report was provided, acknowledging the works that had taken place during 2024, in accordance with our Quinquennial report and wider Building Committee agenda.</p> <p>It was noted that following recent works and surveys, the Bells were now rung on the first Sunday of each month and every Thursday evening. Work was also taking place to ensure our facilities are accessible for all. Improvements to our office space and IT infrastructure has also supported the work of All Saints.</p> <p>Assurance was provided that the ornaments of the church had been checked and were all in good order. C Willetts acknowledged the work of the staff team and the dedicated volunteers who give their time and share their expertise to support the sustainability of the Church and its Centre. Special thanks were given to the Church Caretaker for his efforts and attention to detail.</p> <p>Special thanks were also given to K Wood and S Willetts for their expertise, time and support to the Building Committee.</p> <p>The meeting noted the report.</p>
<p>09/25</p>	<p>Deanery Synod Proceedings A Creeth introduced the item. The report was taken as read. No questions were raised.</p> <p>The meeting noted the report.</p>
<p>10/25</p>	<p>Financial Statements of the PCC – year ending 31st December 2024 G Carr introduced the item, noting how 2024 had been a tough year, but that this had also been expected.</p>

The church accounts had a shortfall, which had been offset by receiving interest into the development fund, on money obtained from the sale of Westminster Road. By using the funds in this way, it was noted that the capital was, therefore, not keeping pace with inflation. It was also noted that these funds were being held to improve our estate over time. Some of this work had already been completed, including the improvements to the offices and the IT provision. We continue to work hard to monitor costs and close the gap.

It was noted that some costs allocated to the budget last year, were moved across to this year, such as the CCTV and Hall Floor repairs. Some areas had been underspent, which had supported the position for this year. It was also noted that giving had increased during 2024 by almost 4%.

The meeting was informed of the decision to increase the reserves fund. This was a fund held to cover all associated expenses in the event of an emergency, allowing a level of protection for Trustees. Monies had been transferred from the development fund to the general fund to support this decision.

Questions were invited. A question was raised regarding the identified shortfall. It was noted that in the past income from Westminster Road had been allocated to the general fund, which had now been replaced with interest. However, the interest had been allocated to the development fund. Whilst it was recognised that this was protecting the appreciation of the monies received from the sale of Westminster Road, it no longer formed part of the general fund, resulting in the identified shortfall.

It was confirmed that one had replaced the other. However, the church would like to reach a position of not requiring that money in the general fund allowing the development fund to retain its real value.

G Carr offered his thanks to all involved in finance and their support to reduce costs, increase income and ensure detailed record keeping. Thanks were also offered to the members of the Finance Committee, who provide support, advice and challenge.

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 had been approved by the PCC at their meeting on the 14th April 2025 and had been independently examined by Nicolaus Jenkins MA FCA, Independent Examiner.

The meeting **received** the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

A Creeth offered his thanks to G Carr for all the work in preparing the accounts and supporting the finances of the Church throughout the year. Thanks were also offered to the members of the Finance Committee.

PCC Membership Renewals and Elections

A Creeth introduced the item.

Election of Deanery Synod Members (one year remaining)

Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Ben Short	Steve Tynegate	Stephen Willetts

11/25

There being no other nominations, B Short was declared elected to the role of Deanery Synod Member for the one year remaining on the tenure.

Election of Lay PCC Members (three-year appointment)

It was noted that S Short and R Collier had both reached the end of their current tenure on the PCC and had chosen not to re-stand. Both were thanked for their commitment and contributions to the PCC during their term of office.

The following nominations had been received for the position of Lay PCC Members.

Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Ken Wood	Suzanne Christopher	Laura Wlaker
Charlie Davenport	Gemma Gaudion	Julie Tynegate
Mike Walker	Tina Trevett	Lis Treby
Christopher Igoe	Andrew Grey	Gemma Gaudion

As four positions existed and there being no other nominations, all four candidates were declared elected to the position of Lay PCC Member for a three-year term of office.

Confirmation of Reader Membership

It was noted that T Trevett and V Bulgin would continue as members of the PCC in accordance with Reader Membership.

W Holt, who had served on the PCC for a significant number of years in accordance with Reader Membership, had confirmed his intention to step down from PCC membership. He was thanked for his extensive years of service, his contribution and commitment. A presentation was made.

The meeting **noted** those declared elected as above.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

G Carr, Treasurer, introduced the item.

12/25

It was noted that Nicolaus Jenkins MA FCA, Independent Examiner had undertaken the review of the accounts for 2024. It was proposed that the same Independent Examiner be appointed for the review of the 2025 accounts.

Proposed by - Maireanne Heath
 Seconded by – Vicki Bulgin
 All In Favour

	<p>The meeting appointed Nicolaus Jenkins MA FCA as the Independent Examiner for 2025.</p> <p>At this stage of the meeting, thanks were also offered to S Christopher for undertaking the role of Interim PCC Secretary for the past 12 months. A Creeth acknowledged the organisation, structure and efficiency that S Christopher had brought to the PCC. A presentation was made to S Christopher.</p>
<p>13/25</p>	<p>Vicars Remarks</p> <p>C Gaudion took time to reflect on the year to date, praising God for all that had been achieved and read Psalm 131 V2.</p> <p>He acknowledged the deep work that God is quietly doing in this church, the works taking shape, the new people drawn to All Saints and to a relationship with Jesus, the courses offered (Alpha and Practising the Way) that have seen people come to faith through the work of those leading and coming along side individuals. It was wonderful to see Gods people working in this way. It had been a privilege to baptise 6 people at our recent Easter Sunday Service, this being the sole purpose of All Saints, to see people come to Jesus and grow in their faith.</p> <p>A recent Bible Society report speaks of a quiet revival taking place and being spirit led. Psalm 131 provided a powerful image and highlighted the importance of everyone here at All Saints playing their part in sharing Jesus with others. It was felt that the spirit is settling us and anchoring us faithfully in hope.</p> <p>C Gaudion offered his thanks to all those who had supported him, stepping up in love, encouragement and fellowship, especially during his recent absence.</p>

He offered his thanks to the members of this church:-

- The staff team for the incredible ways they have served Jesus, both seen and unseen.
- The Churchwardens for their care and compassion to him and his Family, and for their support in working together for All Saints.
- The PCC for their work, their support, and their love for Jesus.
- The Leadership Team for their support and challenge to consider God's vision for this parish.
- Our Readers, who, in particular, have provided huge support to our services for the first part of this year.
- And to so many others who have contributed week in week out to allow the work of All Saints to continue.

As a church it was felt that we have not just survived but thrived.

C Gaudion gave thanks to his Family, for their support and their love. He recognised, in particular, the support from and cost of his work to his Wife and all that she had done to support in his absence. Presentations were made to his Family.

C Gaudion encouraged us to consider three things:-

1. To continually seek God's presence.
2. To consider partnership / community.
3. To consider our purpose.

Each and every one of us has a calling and gifts that only we can bring. Church Family were encouraged to continue to walk in hope and trust together.

The meeting **noted** the Vicar's remarks.

<p>14/25</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>S Tynegate introduced the item. He began by welcoming C Gaudion back, reflecting that Living With, Like and For Jesus was that much harder without his presence. The contribution of C Gaudion and his Family was acknowledged, commenting on what a great team effort this was.</p> <p>The Church has seen growth through Alpha, proactively led by C Gaudion and G Gaudion. This was later followed by Practicing the Way, which was much appreciated by those who attended.</p> <p>Through the work of C Gaudion, All Saints has become a New Wine Church.</p> <p>New practices have been introduced, such as the new system for welcoming people to All Saints, via rotas involving our Communities.</p> <p>S Tynegate commented on C Gaudion’s thoughtful, prayerful and Holy Led Leadership style, acknowledging his work to mentor and encourage new leaders.</p> <p>S Tynegate noted his excitement to see where God will lead us through C Gaudion’s leadership and how the Parish and City will grow in the year ahead.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed with the Grace.</p> <p>Date and time of next meeting – 30th April 2026 – 7:30pm – TBC</p>

STATUTORY REPORTS

Item 5.26 — Changes to the Electoral Roll

In 2026 there are 180 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. 7 names were added and 7 names were removed.

The average weekly attendance counted to Church services in October 2025 was 155 adults and approximately 23 children (under the age of 16).

Item 6.26 — Proceedings of the PCC and Parish Activity 2025/26

PCC Membership

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** is the executive committee of the parish and works with the Vicar to promote the mission of the Church in the parish. Its responsibilities include cooperation with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church—pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

At the current time the PCC comprises of:

- The Vicar
- 2 Churchwardens
- 4 Deanery Synod representatives including the Vice Chair
- 12 Elected PCC members including Health and Safety Officer, Personnel Committee Chair, Building Committee Chair
- Treasurer
- 1 co-opted member who is the Parish Safeguarding Officer
- PCC Secretary – this role changed hands in September 2025.
The PCC Secretary is not a formal member of the PCC

The PCC operates in accordance with the **Church Representation Rules** of the Church of England.

Each year 4 members are elected from the church family to serve for a term of 3 years. The PCC meets bi-monthly with committees meeting in the intervening months. Special meetings may also be called in accordance with the Church Representation Rules as required. Meetings were well attended by PCC members throughout the year.

A total of **six PCC meetings** were held during the year.

Key matters discussed included:

- Review of parish finances and budget planning
- Maintenance and improvement of church buildings and grounds
- Development of parish outreach and community engagement
- Safeguarding compliance and training
- Support for youth, children's ministry, and pastoral care
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All meetings opened with prayer and reflection, and minutes were recorded and approved accordingly.

In October 2025 a special PCC meeting was held to approve a new vision statement – Our Vision is Hoole and Chester alive with the presence, peace and power of Jesus – a movement of disciples making disciples, igniting hope across the city: To live with, like and for Jesus in Hoole, Chester and beyond. The Vision identified 12 priorities that we believe with the blessing of the Holy Spirit will lead All Saints to grow serving the local community of Hoole and the city of Chester. To enable this growth the PCC took the step of faith to advertise for a lay worker. The post was advertised in January 2026 and after prayerful consideration Andy Grey was appointment and will beginning his appointment in April 26.

The PCC operates core activities through its agreed committees, all of which are responsible to the PCC. The PCC receives the meeting minutes from each of these committees to update on their activity in accordance with their terms of reference. Committees may also provide specialist reports as required to seek PCC approval.

The PCC, with support from the Personnel Committee, continue to take its responsibilities as an employer very seriously. The Personnel Committee and PCC continue to support our Vicar to ensure that the spiritual, emotional, physical, and practical needs and concerns of the Staff Team are met and addressed, with all legal responsibilities adhered to.

The PCC values the role that the Staff Team, who ensure that the church and centre function effectively. Together they are committed to supporting the work of All Saints, creating a warm, welcoming and well-maintained environment for all who attend our Church and use our facilities. The PCC would like to express its thanks to the Staff Team for their hard work, commitment and dedication to All Saints.

The PCC invites members of staff and lead volunteers to meetings periodically, to update on progress in each of their areas of work, highlight areas for improvement and need, and most importantly, to give prayerful support. These insights are an important part of each PCC meeting. Feedback has been received from the teams that run the Alpha course, Costa and Oasis and a staff update from the Children's and Families Worker. These updates have highlighted the many blessings from God that All Saints has had over the last 12 months.

The PCC is also aware of its responsibilities for the well-being and safeguarding of all. This work is supported by members of the church family who have expertise in such areas (safeguarding, health and safety and data protection), reporting to and advising the PCC to ensure that all statutory regulations are met.

At the last APCM, Val Ornsby resigned from her role of Parish Safeguarding Officer and was replaced by Fiona Jones who was co-opted onto the PCC. The PCC would like to express their thanks for all the work carried out by Val and her team.

Significant work continued to be undertaken during to ensure compliance with the Diocese Safeguarding Dashboard. As such, the PCC is able to confirm compliance with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The work of the Safeguarding Team is detailed in the Report on Safeguarding – 2025/26 included in this Annual Report. The PCC is grateful to the Safeguarding Team for their dedicated work and commitment.

Stephen Willetts as the Health and Safety representative of the PCC, provides written reports to each meeting. Stephen ensures the Health and Safety Policy is regularly reviewed and maintained. He also works alongside the Staff Team to ensure risk assessments are up to date and that all safety aspects have been considered for special events, such as the Christingle Services and the Summer Celebration.

Our Building Committee is chaired by Ken Wood. Ken has provided valuable skill, knowledge and expertise over many years to support the good order and maintenance of our Church and Centre buildings. The work of the committee is highlighted within the Goods, Fabric and Ornaments report included in this Annual Report. The PCC offers its utmost gratitude to Ken and the members of the Building Committee (including the PCC Health and Safety Co-ordinator) for their time, skill and commitment to the upkeep of our church buildings, enabling us to worship together in safety and comfort, allowing us to share the good news across Hoole and beyond.

Our Finance Committee is chaired by our Treasurer, Garnett Carr. We are grateful for the support of Garnett and the wider Finance Committee who have assisted the PCC to navigate these challenges and consider strategies to improve our financial position moving forwards. We are grateful to our congregation who have contributed financially to our church allowing us to continue to provide a range of ministries and services across our community. Please refer to the full financial accounts, as part of this Annual Report, for further details. Garnett will be retiring from the position of treasurer and the PCC but will be remaining on the finance committee. The PCC would like to express their thanks to Garnett for all his hard work in maintaining the finances of All Saints Church.

Alan Cole is the Chair of the Wider Church Committee leading us to support local, national, and global mission through financial giving and prayer. The Committee carefully considers how the church should allocate its tithe among individual missionary partners, builds and maintains relationships and promotes and publicises the activities of the organisations that the church supports financially. All Saints supports 28 different ministries which has a 50:50 split between global and local ministries. These include Chester Aid to the Homeless (CATH) and

Street Angels Chester. The PCC believes strongly in showing our support to these carefully selected ministries and thanks the members of this committee for their thoughtful prayer and consideration to support God's work beyond our local boundaries.

In February 2020, the General Synod called on all parts of the Church to achieve year-on-year reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and plan to become Net-Zero by 2030. During 2024, the PCC appointed a Net-Zero Champion, Andy Creeth, to lead this area of work. Andy has gathered a small team of individuals, with expertise in this area, to consider our future plans. Work has taken place to consider the proposed approach for All Saints. A working brief was approved by the PCC in January 2025 with an update given in March 2026. The team has sought the views and input of key stakeholders, to understand their needs, wants and aspirations. Minor, and relatively simple, works have been undertaken that have positively impacted our Net-Zero target. Reports will continue to be provided to the PCC on a regular basis to update on progress and seek approval of recommended work and associated costs.

Worship and Spiritual Life

Regular worship continued throughout the year with good participation from parishioners.

Services included:

- Weekly Sunday Holy Communion and Morning Prayer
- Sunday Morning Services with Youth activities running alongside which are now live streamed
- Midweek services and prayer meetings
- Special services during Lent, Easter, Harvest, Advent, and Christmas
- Special celebration services including infant thanksgivings, full immersion baptisms, Summer celebrations, admission of children to Communion before Confirmation

Additional activities included:

- Home Fellowship/ Community Groups

- The Prayer Gathering (name change from Open To God) - Prayer meetings
- Termly meeting of the New Wine Northwest
- Ignite Monthly Worship Meetings
- Alpha and Encounter Groups

These activities helped deepen the spiritual life of the parish and encouraged active participation in the life of the church.

Various parish groups remained active during the year:

- **Youth and Children's Ministry:** Organized Sunday school classes and youth fellowship gatherings.
- **Pastoral Support Team:** A new group that commenced during 2025 to assist vulnerable members of the community and organized charity collections.
- **Heart and Soul Café including chatty group**

The PCC expressed its appreciation for the dedication of all volunteers without whom these activities would not run.

Community and Outreach Activities

The parish continued its mission of serving the wider community. Activities included:

- Food and clothing donations
- Visits to elderly and sick parishioners
- Community fellowship events and parish gatherings
- Support for local charitable initiatives e.g.

These activities strengthened the relationship between the church and the wider community.

The PCC is grateful to its Lead Members, Committee Chairs, Churchwardens, Readers and Staff Team for their consistent and faithful work, allowing and enabling All Saints to offer all that it does safely, responsibly and securely.

Reflecting on the past year, it would be true to say that the PCC, its committees and our dedicated volunteers have had another busy and productive year. Throughout, we have looked to God for guidance and direction, certain of His love.

As Vicar of All Saints Church, I would like to express my deep and sincere gratitude to all those on the PCC who give so freely of their time, expertise, gifts and talents to do God's work both as a church family and throughout our community.

Should you wish to know more about the PCC, please contact Vicky Pattison PCC Secretary. A redacted version of minutes can be made available upon request.

*Vicky Pattison
PCC Secretary
April 2026*

Item 7.26 – Report of Safeguarding – 2025/26

Last year's Safeguarding APCM report led with the safeguarding scandals within the Church of England. These topics have remained in the news and in February 2026, the General Synod approved a motion to establish a single, strengthened safeguarding structure that removes operational safeguarding from direct Church oversight. Previously the Church policed itself, which led to significant conflicts of interest and a lack of trust from survivors. This reform represents a shift in who holds the power over safeguarding decisions.

Operational safeguarding (the day-to-day handling of cases, risk assessments, and investigations) is being moved to a separate, legally independent body. This means that a Bishop can no longer override a professional safeguarding recommendation or "quietly manage" a situation internally. The Church of England is fragmented with 42 different dioceses often acting with varying standards. There will now be one single, professional structure with consistent rules. It is expected that operational changes will be introduced as early as the end of this year.

In practice, at All Saints', the day-to-day work remains similar, with the addition of survivors having a clear path to report abuse to an organisation that is *not* the Church, reducing the fear that their complaint will be suppressed to protect the Church's reputation.

In June 2024 All Saints joined the Church of England Safeguarding Dashboard which holds all our safeguarding requirements in one place. In a straightforward way this enables the PCC and incumbent to have assurance that the National Safeguarding Standards are being followed. This also enables us to identify and prioritise actions that are still required, such as following up on training and risk assessments.

Our thanks go to Suzanne Christopher who has the important task of managing the *Safer Recruitment* process for volunteers, including DBS checks and collating references.

The All Saints' Safeguarding team continues to meet termly, with the minutes reviewed by the PCC, which provides a useful forum for discussing the overlaps with other committees, such as Health and Safety.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we would like to emphasise the need for awareness and good communication with the Safeguarding Team when there are concerns for an individual's well-being. Our ministries and outreach, such as Heart and Soul Café, Connect Lunches, Alpha and Youth Work can bring us into contact with challenging and sensitive situations. There are two important areas that can support us all:

1. Reporting - the Safeguarding Team can build a picture from different sources and collate information which may be crucial in providing help and signposting support. Contact us on safeguarding@allsaints.church or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@chester.anglican.org .

If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and the [local authority Children or Adults service](#).

2. Training - All Saints' is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. To that end, safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. All Saints encourages all church members over the age of 16 to undertake the basic online training module. Training requirements for all key role (paid and voluntary) are set out in the Church of England Safeguarding, Learning and Development Framework. All Saints works to these requirements as evidenced on the Safeguarding Dashboard. Anyone completing a safeguarding training module should send a copy of the certificate to the church office.

*Fiona Jones, Parish Safeguarding Officer
Lyn Collins, Deputy Safeguarding Officer
February 2026*

Gracious Conversations

A gracious conversation is a kind and courteous exchange that is free of harshness, criticism, and gossip. Gracious speech is spoken with tact and caution and is intended to be a blessing to others. (generative AI)

In the past year we have tried to help facilitate some gracious conversations in All Saints on what are sometimes difficult topics to discuss. A few Sunday afternoon meetings were held, where with the help of some guest speakers (many thanks!) we reflected separately on homelessness; poverty; and death. At an Open to God session, via a short talk, prayer and reflection we looked at Evangelism. In PCC we are currently reminding ourselves of the Pastoral Principles (<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/PAG-PP-website.pdf>), spending a few minutes on one aspect at each meeting.

In a world where time can seem in very short supply, we are trying to think of the best time and place for gracious conversations. If you have any thoughts on this, or indeed topics that perhaps we should talk about but don't, then please share.

Stephen Batchelor
(stephen.batchelor@allsaints.church)

Item 8.26 – Report on the Goods, Fabric and Ornaments of the Church

Introduction

The Churchwardens are required to report on this area to the APCM, this is a summary report; taken from Building Committee meetings.

As in previous years, the end of year review reveals again how blessed we are to have active groups of people working hard to maintain our buildings – concerning both the Church and the Church Centre, together with their contents. We are most grateful to them all and give them our most heartfelt thanks.

FABRIC

Maintenance work carried forward from previous years:-

Maintenance is always being done, on both a routine, planned, preventative basis and emergency replacement; this keeps the buildings and grounds in good repair. Small projects are undertaken as needed.

New work undertaken April 2025 - March 2026

1. There have not been any major projects undertaken, though applications have been made to replace the windows in the Hall.
2. All Saints has become a No Smoking site.
3. Some work has been done to improve the ladies' toilets.
4. The extent of the CCTV coverage of the church has been extended.
5. There has been a problem with the extractor in Raven, which has been resolved.
6. A party was organised to do some major work in the grounds, that is work beyond that normally carried out by the gardener.

ORNAMENTS AND GOODS

All the ornaments and goods of the church have been periodically checked and remain in generally good order.

Conclusion

We are eternally grateful to all those who work hard to keep our buildings and grounds in good order. Our particular thanks go to Suzanne, our Operations Manager, Gary, our Caretaker, our Building Committee, chaired by Ken, and to all who work behind the scenes to keep the whole Church and Centre clean, tidy and welcoming to all.

*Steve Tynegate, Churchwarden
Patrick Hill, Churchwarden
March 2026*

Item 9.26 – Deanery Synod Proceedings

The synod is a forum for sharing issues of common interest between our local churches in the Deanery of Chester and is a step between PCCs and the Diocesan Synod. Steve Tynegate, Andy Creeth and Ben Short have been the current All Saints reps, joined by Andy Harrison during the year.

This year we said Goodbye to Revd Hennie Johnstone who has served faithfully as the Rural Dean for a number of years and welcomed Revd Stefan Collier of St James' Christleton as the new Dean.

It meets three times a year. In the past year, the meetings have included:

- A discussion on how the Parish Share (our contribution to the Diocese which pays for our Vicar and other Diocesan service) is calculated for individual parishes. Inevitably, the factors taken into account struggle to meet the nuances of each parish community across the country.
- A social evening with the chance to meet with people from our deanery parishes. This was very fruitful to hear what is common and what changes between different parishes and to get to know people from across the deanery. I had an interesting discussion on how church cafés are set up and what they provide.

*Andy Creeth
March 2026*

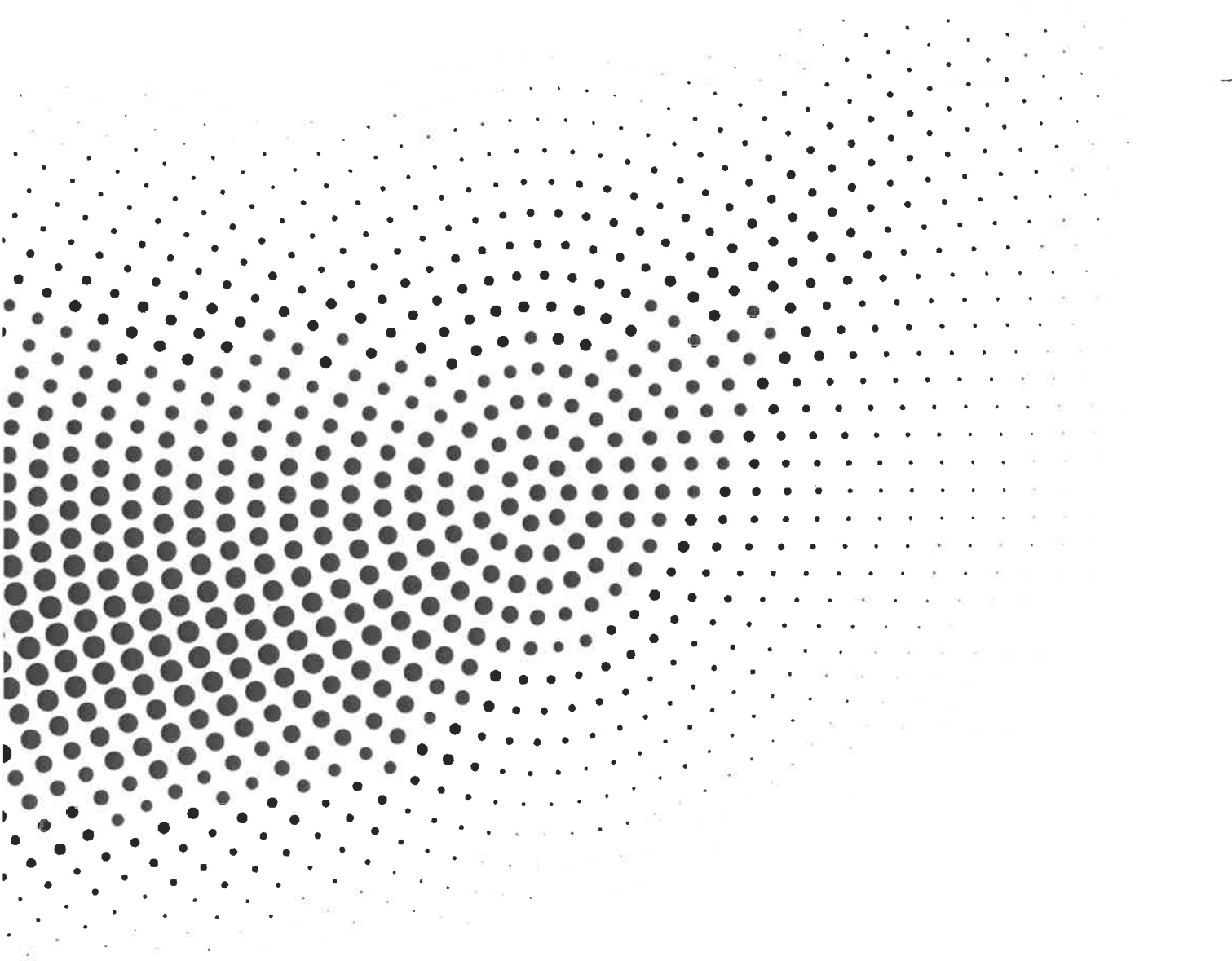
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF ALL SAINTS' HOOLE**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HOOLE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr S Tynegate Dr S Batchelor Ms V Bulgin Mr P Barnfather Dr P L D Johnson Mr C G Carr Mrs J E Tynegate Mr A S Cole Dr A M Creeth Mrs C Trevett Mr S Willetts Rev C S Gaudion Mr K L Wood Mr B Short Mrs N Pickering Mr P Hill Mr M Walker Mrs C Davenport Mr C Igoe Mrs F Jones	(Appointed 30 April 2025) (Appointed 30 April 2025) (Appointed 30 April 2025) (Appointed 30 April 2025) (Appointed 15 September 2025)
Charity registration	England and Wales	1131968
Registered office	All Saints Church 2 Vicarage Road Hoole Chester CH2 3HZ	
Independent examiner	Nicolaus Jenkins FCA St John's Chambers Love Street Chester CH1 1QY	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The purpose of the PCC is the promotion the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

At All Saints, we want to "Live like Jesus, with Jesus and for Jesus" in Hoole, Chester and beyond.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. The PCC co-operates with the Vicar in promoting in the parish of Hoole the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical by regular public worship, teaching, pastoral care, mission and in providing activities for and supporting people of all ages in the local community and beyond.

Activities

All Saints is an active, lively and growing parish church, made up of people of all ages, which seeks to serve the local community of Hoole. The church website, noticeboards and newsletters give a good insight into what the church does. The PCC wants to help people explore and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, deepen their love for one another and be equipped to serve in every area of their lives.

It offers a variety of services on a Sunday with a wide range of activities for all ages during the week. All Saints' Communities are at the heart of church life, meeting in people's homes and in the Church Centre.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The pattern of Sunday Worship continues, with Holy Communion at 9.00 am followed by the more informal 10.45 service with Kids Church and a monthly All Age Worship and Holy Communion. The Welcome teams have been reinvigorated, with Communities taking the lead at 10.45 to have members on teams to ensure all, including newcomers and visitors, are warmly welcomed and made to feel at home.

The monthly Ignite gatherings are now firmly established and are held in church on Sunday evenings; a time for informal worship and prayer for all ages.

Kids Church, covering the ages of 3-11 meet with groups for the different ages and these have grown during the year, supported by a great team of helpers.

Sam Johnson, our Youth Worker runs a full programme of Youth events with worship, bible study and the youth band. Socials and events off site are an opportunity for the group to bond and to which they can invite friends. There are also occasional weekends away and in 2025 a small group went to New Wine.

Gemma Gaudion, our Children and Families Worker and Sam Johnson have continued developing links with schools including Hoole Primary with Beacons after school club and school assemblies. They also support children and families and lead the All Saints Summer Festival, Summer Picnic, Christingle Services for families and the distribution of Christmas presents to needy local people.

The Little Lights group for babies and toddlers and their parents or carers meets weekly.

Heart and Soul Café is open 3 days a week in school term time, run by the Café Manager and teams of volunteers. There is a weekly Chatty Group, an opportunity for people wanting conversation to meet. Café is now an official Warm Space and there is a Kindness Bowl to which donations can be made to help provide food and drinks for those unable to pay. Christmas in the Café was enjoyed over three days by many in the local community with stalls, recitals and choirs singing in the beautifully decorated church.

We had a break from the annual Costa holiday in 2025 replacing this with a range of individual events both on and off site during the year. In autumn we started Oasis, a monthly session for older people still interested in socialising which has been well supported to date.

The Craft Club meets weekly on Fridays.

The Connect Lunch provides a monthly opportunity for people in the local community seeking conversation, warmth and company to meet for a freshly cooked Sunday lunch, with no formal charge. There is a short "Thought for the Day".

All Saints' Communities meet across Chester, enabling members to grow in their relationship with God, to encourage one another and learn how to put their faith into practical action – whether it is serving within the church, in their neighbourhoods or at work.

The church continued to run Alpha courses which again were well attended, providing an opportunity to freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. We also ran the Practising the Way course

A successful Marriage MOT one off evening event was held in summer and is to be repeated in 2026.

The smooth and efficient running of All Saints is supported by the dedicated staff team, led by the Operations Manager.

The Church rooms are being well used with a high level of enquiries and bringing in valuable income. Bell ringing has continued with a team of ringers from across the area visiting once a month on Sundays at lunchtime and having practice sessions on Thursdays, which are open to newcomers.

The PCC is extremely grateful to the members of staff for their dedication and to the many volunteers who give of their time so freely to help with the mission of the Church.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Financial review

The Unrestricted Fund which includes the primary activities at All Saints shows a £28k shortfall for 2025, a significant improvement from £47k in 2024. This is primarily due a healthy 6% increase in income whilst we have been able to keep costs consistent as energy cost have fallen. One-off donations have been a little higher than in recent years and we were also grateful to receive a £1200 Warm Spaces Grant. To maintain three months costs as a reserve in the Unrestricted Fund £35k has been transferred from the Development Fund.

The Development Fund formed from the money received on the sale of the Westminster Road properties is held primarily in an interest bearing current account. The income this year has almost all been required to maintain our unrestricted reserves balance.

The restricted fund supporting the Beesigomwe's work in Botswana continues.

The Trustees confirm that there are sufficient funds to meet the ongoing costs of our mission.

Reserves policy

The PCC has agreed the following Reserves Policy.

"To maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (excluding fixed assets) which equates to approximately three-months unrestricted payments to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time"

Structure, governance and management

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Tynegate	
Dr S Batchelor	
Ms V Bulgin	
Mr P Barnfather	
Dr P L D Johnson	
Mr C G Carr	
Mrs J E Tynegate	
Mrs R C Collier	(Retired 24 April 2025)
Mrs C Willetts	(Retired 24 April 2025)
Mr A S Cole	
Dr A M Creeth	
Mrs C Trevett	
Mr S Willetts	
Rev C S Gaudion	
Mr W Holt	(Retired 24 April 2025)
Mr K L Wood	
Mr B Short	
Mrs S Short	(Retired 24 April 2025)
Mrs N Pickering	
Mrs V Ormsby	(Retired 24 April 2025)
Mr P Hill	(Appointed 30 April 2025)
Mr M Walker	(Appointed 30 April 2025)
Mrs C Davenport	(Appointed 30 April 2025)
Mr C Igoe	(Appointed 30 April 2025)
Mrs F Jones	(Appointed 15 September 2025)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The PCC

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity. The appointment of PCC members (the Trustees) is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

As the church's governing body, the PCC has agreed Terms of Reference setting out its responsibilities. The Standing Committee is the only statutory committee. The PCC operates through a number of other committees, which meet regularly and are accountable to the PCC to which they report.

Standing Committee

Has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. There are no directions at present. It also agrees PCC agendas and the programme of meetings. It has five members, including the Vicar, the churchwardens and the PCC Treasurer.

Finance Committee

Oversees the finances of the Church and monitors income and expenditure, prepares budgets and implements financial controls. It ensures that financial reporting processes are fit for purpose, supporting the PCC Treasurer on budget monitoring and the preparation of the accounts. It offers support to the Operations Manager and others on the financial aspects of All Saints' mission and seeks to encourage generous giving as an important part of Christian discipleship.

Building Committee

Ensures that All Saints Church, Church Centre and grounds are kept in the best possible condition for the current and future needs of God's people in Hoole and that premises and plant are well maintained. In its work programme, it has regard to Diocesan property requirements and All Saints' Health & Safety Policy and it supports the PCC on significant developments.

Wider Church Committee

Encourages All Saints to embrace a vision that extends beyond the immediate church family, in prayerful and financial support of local, national and global mission. It recommends to the PCC the distribution of an annual allocated fund to individual missionary partners and organisations, developing a framework of giving criteria, seeking to build relationships with those we support and to promote missionary activities and opportunities within the church.

Safeguarding Committee

Considers matters relating to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults in order to promote a safe environment and culture for church activities. It advises the PCC on national Safeguarding Standards, safeguarding practice and guidance and on raising awareness and the promotion of safeguarding training. It is chaired by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Personnel Committee

Provides oversight of the PCC's responsibilities as the employer of paid staff, including legal compliance, recruitment & selection, ensuring effective management and championing staff wellbeing. It seeks to ensure that All Saints is seen as a trusted Christian employer where issues are addressed and resolved for the greater good of all.

Leadership Team

In addition to the Committees, the Leadership Team provides guidance on our spiritual journey, assisting the Vicar in the spiritual oversight of All Saints and in discerning God's vision and the strategy needed to release the whole church into mission. Leadership Team helps define and support the direction of our services and teaching as our congregation grows and the scope of our work with those in need in Hoole. Team members have pastoral oversight for specific ministries.

Operations Manager

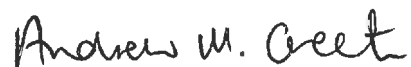
The Operations Manager works with the Vicar, the PCC and its committees to ensure the operational implementation of the church's vision, taking a lead in the management and care of the staff team and having operational oversight of the church's resources (buildings, IT, finances) and day-to-day management of the administrative staff.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Dr A M Creeth
Trustee

16 March 2026



Rev C S Gaudion
Trustee

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HOOLE

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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

The 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 year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HOOLE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints' Hoole (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

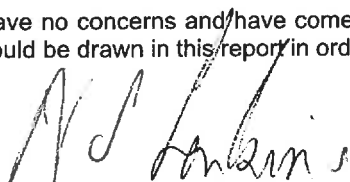
Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



Nicolaus Jenkins FCA

St John's Chambers
Love Street
Chester
CH1 1QY
16 March 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HOOLE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds development fund	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	254,707	-	6,240	260,947	244,009
Other trading activities	4	70,062	-	-	70,062	65,456
Interest on bank deposits		3,596	38,714	-	42,310	48,063
Total income		<u>328,365</u>	<u>38,714</u>	<u>6,240</u>	<u>373,319</u>	<u>357,528</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	5	356,818	-	6,330	363,148	366,339
Depreciation		-	3,242	-	3,242	2,431
Total expenditure		<u>356,818</u>	<u>3,242</u>	<u>6,330</u>	<u>366,390</u>	<u>368,770</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(28,453)</u>	<u>35,472</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>6,929</u>	<u>(11,242)</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>35,000</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	6	<u>6,547</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>6,929</u>	<u>(11,242)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		<u>84,309</u>	<u>905,834</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>990,692</u>	<u>1,001,934</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		<u><u>90,856</u></u>	<u><u>906,306</u></u>	<u><u>459</u></u>	<u><u>997,621</u></u>	<u><u>990,692</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HOOLE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds development fund	Restricted funds	Total
	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	236,580	-	7,429	244,009
Other trading activities	4	65,456	-	-	65,456
Interest on bank deposits		5,737	42,326	-	48,063
Total income		<u>307,773</u>	<u>42,326</u>	<u>7,429</u>	<u>357,528</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	354,497	-	11,842	366,339
Depreciation		-	2,431	-	2,431
Total expenditure		<u>354,497</u>	<u>2,431</u>	<u>11,842</u>	<u>368,770</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(46,724)	39,895	(4,413)	(11,242)
Transfers between funds		12,000	(12,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	(34,724)	27,895	(4,413)	(11,242)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		119,033	877,939	4,962	1,001,934
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>84,309</u>	<u>905,834</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>990,692</u>

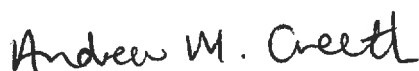
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		10,636		13,878
Current assets					
Debtors	11	25,437		23,140	
Cash at bank and in hand		975,331		960,444	
		1,000,768		983,584	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(13,783)		(6,770)	
Net current assets			986,985		976,814
Total assets less current liabilities			997,621		990,692
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds - general	13		90,856		84,309
Unrestricted funds - development fund	14		906,306		905,834
Restricted income funds	15		459		549
			997,621		990,692

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16 March 2026



Dr A M Creeth
Trustee



Rev C S Gaudion
Trustee

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HOOLE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is All Saints Church Centre, Vicarage Road, Hoole, Chester, CH2 3HZ.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a 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 financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Not depreciated
Plant and equipment	Not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' 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 the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 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 the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Planned giving	185,420	6,240	191,660	174,850	7,429	182,279
Other giving	10,254	-	10,254	9,869	-	9,869
Income tax recoverable	45,827	-	45,827	43,383	-	43,383
Support donations and grants	12,706	-	12,706	8,478	-	8,478
Memorial donations	500	-	500	-	-	-
	<u>254,707</u>	<u>6,240</u>	<u>260,947</u>	<u>236,580</u>	<u>7,429</u>	<u>244,009</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other trading activities		
Hire of church hall	48,832	44,639
Parochial fees received	1,246	2,541
Cafe income	19,984	18,276
	<u>70,062</u>	<u>65,456</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Undertaken directly 2025 £	Grant funded 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Undertaken directly 2024 £	Grant funded 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs						
Youth and childrens work	55,029	-	55,029	50,844	-	50,844
Electricity, gas, insurances, water,cleaning	30,917	-	30,917	38,925	-	38,925
Repairs and maintenance	40,177	-	40,177	37,592	-	37,592
Administration	15,440	-	15,440	16,125	-	16,125
Diocesan parish share	77,605	-	77,605	75,344	-	75,344
Secretarial and management	78,705	-	78,705	85,213	-	85,213
Mission and Evangelism	10,461	-	10,461	6,612	-	6,612
Overseas projects	-	6,330	6,330	-	11,842	11,842
Cafe direct expenditure	25,128	-	25,128	21,691	-	21,691
Overseas missions	-	11,839	11,839	-	9,831	9,831
Local donations	-	10,970	10,970	-	11,570	11,570
National support	-	547	547	-	750	750
	<u>333,462</u>	<u>29,686</u>	<u>363,148</u>	<u>332,346</u>	<u>33,993</u>	<u>366,339</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	333,462	23,356	356,818	332,346	22,151	354,497
Restricted funds	-	6,330	6,330	-	11,842	11,842
	<u>333,462</u>	<u>29,686</u>	<u>363,148</u>	<u>332,346</u>	<u>33,993</u>	<u>366,339</u>

6 Net movement in funds

2025
£

2024
£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,260	1,200
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	3,242	2,431

7 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Other related parties transactions are disclosed in note 17.

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8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
8	8
<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was 6 (2024: 6).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	1	100	16,208	16,309
At 31 December 2025	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>16,208</u>	<u>16,309</u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2025	-	-	2,431	2,431
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	3,242	3,242
At 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,673</u>	<u>5,673</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2025	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>10,535</u>	<u>10,636</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>13,777</u>	<u>13,878</u>

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	149
Prepayments and accrued income	25,437	22,991
	<u>25,437</u>	<u>23,140</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	4,587	-
Accruals and deferred income	9,196	6,770
	<u>13,783</u>	<u>6,770</u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These do not include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes. The only designated fund is the 'development fund' is shown under a separate heading because the trustees consider it to be material.

	At 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2025 £
General funds	84,309	328,365	(356,818)	35,000	90,856
	<u>84,309</u>	<u>328,365</u>	<u>(356,818)</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>90,856</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	119,033	307,773	(354,497)	12,000	84,309
	<u>119,033</u>	<u>307,773</u>	<u>(354,497)</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>84,309</u>

14 Unrestricted funds - development fund

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2025 £
	905,834	38,714	(3,242)	(35,000)	906,306
	<u>905,834</u>	<u>38,714</u>	<u>(3,242)</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>906,306</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
	877,939	42,326	(2,431)	(12,000)	905,834
	<u>877,939</u>	<u>42,326</u>	<u>(2,431)</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>905,834</u>

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15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£
	549	6,240	(6,330)	459
	<u>549</u>	<u>6,240</u>	<u>(6,330)</u>	<u>459</u>
Previous year:				
	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
	4,962	7,429	(11,842)	549
	<u>4,962</u>	<u>7,429</u>	<u>(11,842)</u>	<u>549</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds development fund	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£	£
At 31 December 2025:				
Tangible assets	101	10,535	-	10,636
Current assets/(liabilities)	90,755	895,771	459	986,985
	<u>90,856</u>	<u>906,306</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>997,621</u>
	<u>90,856</u>	<u>906,306</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>997,621</u>
	Unrestricted funds general	Unrestricted funds development fund	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
At 31 December 2024:				
Tangible assets	101	13,777	-	13,878
Current assets/(liabilities)	84,208	892,057	549	976,814
	<u>84,309</u>	<u>905,834</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>990,692</u>
	<u>84,309</u>	<u>905,834</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>990,692</u>

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17 Related party transactions

During the year, the wife of one of the trustees received total remuneration of £17,446 (2024: £16,858) for their role in the organisation. There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year.