



**St John's  
Colchester**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements  
Of the Parochial Church Council of  
St John's Church,  
St John's Close,  
Colchester  
CO4 0HP**

For the year ended 31 December 2025

**Incumbent:**

Rev'd Paul Dever

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# **Parochial Church Council of St John the Evangelist (St John's) Annual Report for 2025**

## **Introduction – Aim and Purpose**

St John's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Paul Dever, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It oversees and directs the mission and work of the Parish Church of St John's within the parish boundaries.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Buildings and the community centre.

This report, along with the reports of the various ministry streams of the church, illustrate how the PCC fulfils its obligations to benefit the public – mainly to the worshipping congregations and to the local communities, as well as nationally and internationally.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St John's.

When planning our activities, the PCC always has in its mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through worship, prayer, teaching, scripture, music and sacrament. To connect to as many different demographics as possible, our 9:00 am service is more traditional including liturgy and hymns, our 10:30 service with a particular focus on young families, our afternoon congregations which connect with many who do not normally come to church, including Kaleidoscope for those who special educational needs and Messy Church. Our evening services connect especially with young adults, teenagers (for whom we provide specific teaching) and their parents.

This year we launched our vision for St John's which is to see our lives and our city transformed by the love of Jesus.

Our vision is supported by our values, as we are building a church where:

- everyone is welcome
- everyone gets to play
- we champion the next generation
- we are spirit-empowered authentic and courageous disciples
- we exist for those beyond our doors

## PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year 2025 the following were member of the PCC:

Rev Paul Dever	Chair	Started Sept 24	Ex-officio
Anna Sallis	Treasurer	Started June 25	Ex-officio
Jane Shelley	PCC Secretary	Started Sept 22	Ex-officio
Andi Short	Ex-officio	Started Feb 25	Ex-officio
Jonathan Mulvey	Ordinand	Started April 25	
Peter Hassard	Church Warden	Elected 25	
David Gentry	Church Warden	Elected June 25	
Mary Anthony	Deanery Synod	Elected 23	
Nicky Sirett	Deanery Synod	Elected 23	
Jane Cornell	Deanery Synod	Elected 23	
Vacant	Deanery Synod		
Nik Read	PCC	Elected 23	
Carol Cockrill	PCC	Elected 23	
Peter Theodosius	PCC	Elected 23	
Tina Rose	PCC	Elected 24	
Tony Berry	PCC	Elected 24	
Chris Oldham	PCC	Elected 24	
Lucie Lovell	PCC	Elected 24	
Kristin Ritchie	PCC	Elected 25	
Andrew Tiffin	PCC	Elected 25	
Rick Moore	PCC	Elected 25	
Clare Luxton	PCC	Elected 25	

**The PCC Operates through several committees/ groups which meet between the full meetings of the PCC –**

**Standing Committee**

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings. There was one meeting of the Standing Committee in 2025.

**Mission Group**

The group was formed to serve this area on behalf of the PCC with the aim of overseeing and supporting our Mission Partnerships, both individually and with organisations.

Below is a list of the Mission Partners and organisations that SJC gave to in 2025:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Nortons	£6,237
Toths	£4,158

**Safeguarding Compliance Group**

The safeguarding compliance group, chaired by our Parish Safeguarding Officer, keeps SJC both fully compliant with the Safeguarding Policy of the Church of England and to enable SJC to continue to develop a safeguarding culture around every area of church life. St John’s is now using the Safeguarding Dashboard to create an action plan for safeguarding improvements.

**Electoral Roll**

There was an Electoral Roll Renewal in 2025. There were 216 people on the electoral roll in May 2025.

Being listed on the Electoral Roll of St John’s gives you a say in how your Church is run. To vote at the APCM or to stand for election onto our PCC you must be on the Electoral Roll of the Church.

**Attendance**

The average Sunday attendance at St John’s, counted during October 2025 was 177 adults and 44 children. Compared with in 2024, there were 176 adults and 41 children. There was an average of 58 views of the services online for each Sunday during October.

We conducted the following: 5 Baptisms, 0 Marriages, 10 Funerals in the Church or conducted elsewhere, e.g. Crematorium.

## **Vicar's Annual Report**

As I sit to write this report, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and encouragement. This has been a significant and exciting year in the life of our church. We have seen growth across all our congregations—not just in numbers, but in depth, in participation, and in a growing sense of expectation of what God is doing among us.

And alongside that, I find myself deeply thankful—for all that God has done, and for each one of you who plays a part in the life of this church.

### **A Church Becoming – Vision & Values**

Our vision continues to shape us:

**“We long to see our lives and our city transformed by the love of Jesus.”**

This is more than something we say—it is something we are increasingly seeing lived out among us. Over this past year, our values have helped give that vision real expression. Not perfectly, but genuinely. Let me reflect on each of these briefly.

#### **Everyone is Welcome**

One of the most encouraging things this year has been the continued sense of openness and welcome. Almost every week it is so wonderful to be able to welcome visitors into our community – and many comment to me at how welcoming the find St John's

We have seen this particularly at key moments—Christmas and Easter services, where many have joined us, some exploring faith for the first time, others returning after time away, some just occasional visitors. What a privilege to be able to hold the door of the Kingdom open.

What stands out is not just that people come—but that they are received well. There is a warmth and authenticity here that really matters.

#### **Everyone Gets to Play**

This is an area where we are seeing real encouragement—and where there is more to grow into.

I love seeing those who are deeply committed to the life of St John's: For example, serving in our worship bands, at Refresh, at Messy Church, through Thursday Generation, in hospitality and refreshments, Welcome, in our children's and youth work, through Eco Church, and in so many other ways. There is something beautiful about people giving themselves in service like this. And at the same time, I have a growing sense that there is more for us as a church.

My hope and prayer for this coming year is that many more of us will discover our unique place of service—that this would increasingly be a church where everyone knows they have a part to play.

I also want to take a moment to say a very heartfelt thank you to the team at St John's—both paid and unpaid. The sacrifice, commitment, and willingness to go far beyond what might reasonably be expected has been truly exceptional, much of what they do goes unseen and I am so grateful for their support we are truly blessed at SJC to have such a talented and gifted Staff team and wider Ministry team.

### **We Champion the Next Generation**

I have been particularly encouraged this year by what we are seeing among children, young people, and families.

It has been a joy to see the life and energy of Messy Church, Kaleidoscope, and of course Big Church—spaces where families are not just attending but exploring faith together. I love seeing families beginning to engage, to ask questions, and to take steps towards Jesus.

I was also hugely encouraged by the Joe Hardy worship night. For me, that evening gave a real taste of what we long to see more at St John's, especially in the evenings: a space where young people and young adults encounter the presence of God, engage deeply in worship, and respond openly to the Spirit. It felt like a glimpse of what could be, and I believe that matters. Next year my prayer is that we will be able to invest in our youth ministry and at the APCM I will share a little more of our plans

My hope and prayer is that in this coming year we will grow even further in how we intentionally champion the next generation.

As part of this, we are planning to launch a new congregation after Christmas, particularly aimed at connecting with families with under 7s, called Bubble Church. I'll share more about this at the APCM, but we are excited by the potential this holds as we look to reach and serve young families in our community.

### **Spirit-Empowered, Authentic & Courageous Disciples**

This year, there has been a growing sense of hunger for God among us.

We see it in our worship, in prayer, and in the willingness of people to take steps of faith—sometimes quietly, sometimes more visibly. There is a deepening desire not just to attend church, but to grow as disciples—people whose lives are being shaped by Jesus.

One of the most significant developments this year has been the launch of Connect Groups. It has been so encouraging to see these take shape, and I am hugely grateful to Nicky for the way she has led this. These groups are such an important part of who we are becoming—a place of belonging, of spiritual growth, and of learning to follow Jesus together in everyday life.

Our church weekend away was another real highlight. It was a special time of being together as a community, but also a time where many encountered God in fresh ways and relationships were deepened.

Looking ahead, I am really excited that John and Anne Coles will be joining us for this year's weekend away. I want to say this clearly: this is one of the most important moments in our life together as a church. If you can come, don't miss it. These are the moments where something is formed in us—both as individuals and as a community—that shapes so much of what follows.

We are learning, step by step, what it means to be a church of Spirit-empowered, authentic, and courageous disciples—and there is a real sense that God is leading us deeper.

### **We Exist for Those Beyond Our Doors**

This continues to be a central part of who we are—and who we are becoming.

We are seeing encouraging signs of people connecting in through services, events, and relationships. Moments like Christmas, Easter, Alpha, and other gatherings remind us that there is a real openness in our wider community.

Alongside this, it has been a real privilege to deepen our partnership with Attila and Adel in Romania. I had the opportunity this year to see their work first-hand among the Romany people—and it left a deep impression on me. The sacrifice they make, the commitment they show, and the love they carry in often very challenging circumstances is both humbling and inspiring.

As a church, it is a real joy to be able to support them—to pray, to give, and to stand with them in what God is doing. I was particularly encouraged by how we responded this Easter, supporting their work with such a significant donation. That will make a real difference to some of the most vulnerable people.

It reminds us that we are part of a much bigger story. At the same time, this value continues to stretch us. It is so easy for any church to become inward-looking, but the call of Jesus always draws us outward—to those who are not yet here, to those who are exploring, questioning, or simply wondering if there might be more. Our invitation is to keep leaning into this—to be a church that carries an open heart, an open door, and a genuine invitation in all that we do.

### **Finally, I want to say thank you again.**

Thank you for welcoming us so warmly into your church family. It is a real privilege to serve as your vicar and to journey alongside you in all that God is doing among us.

As I look ahead, I find myself genuinely excited about the year to come.

I've hinted at some of the areas we will be focusing on, but one that I am particularly drawn to is the renewal of the Prayer Chapel—not just physically, but spiritually. My hope is that we might reshape that space to be warm, welcoming, and prayer-filled—a place that helps form a deeper foundation of prayer in the life of our community. Because if we are serious about seeing lives and our city transformed by the love of Jesus, then prayer must sit at the very heart of who we are.

Alongside this, we are continuing conversations with the National Church about what it might look like for St John's to grow into a resource church—serving not just ourselves, but becoming a hub, particularly for young people and young adults across the city. This is an exciting possibility, though there is still much to explore and formalise.

So, we step forward with both expectation and humility.

Trusting God for what is ahead. Playing our part in what He is doing.

And continuing to become the church we long to see.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Rev Paul Dever

Vicar, St John's Colchester

## Financial Review 2025

Total income received in 2025 was £394,421 an increase of £64,868 on the 2024 income of £329,553.

There was a campaign to encourage the congregation to increase their giving this year after finishing 2024 with a deficit and to be able to move forward with the vision of being a welcoming church and increase activities.

One off donations totalled £34,700 and planned giving increased from £182,853 to £226,335.

Total spend increased from £355,658 in 2024 to £367,924 in 2025.

It was agreed with the Diocese board of Finance that we would not pay the full parish share in 2025. This was to allow us to get back on track after the deficit in 2024 and to give us space to be able to continue with the vision for the church.

However, expenditure for the church running expenses doubled and this covered additional expenses on publicity, IT, special services, hospitality and youth and families work.

The year finished with a surplus of £26,087 and the general fund is now £92,151 (2024: £35,885).

The restricted funds hold the property fund of £971,140, computers and equipment £6,493 and the Romania mission £8,391. The C7 fund, which was the account the local churches used to fund the summer fun in the park, was paid across to Colchester Baptist Church who are now acting as the bankers for the activity.



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Rev. Paul Dever

(Chairman)

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St John's Church, Colchester**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of St John's Church ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

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

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Charity are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts. I have carried out my examination under section 145 of 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, with respect to the Charity, were not kept as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiners report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or this report.

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**Name: Giles Kerkham FCA DChA**

**Larking Gowen LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
1 Claydon Business Park  
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**Date: 30 April 2026**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the period ended 31st December 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME &amp; ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Voluntary income (direct giving)	2(a)	288,047	-	288,047	235,642
Other voluntary income	2(b)	34,771	10,835	45,606	41,715
		<u>322,818</u>	<u>10,835</u>	<u>333,653</u>	<u>277,357</u>
Charitable activities	2(c)	60,188	-	60,188	51,325
Other trading activities	2(d)	5	-	5	-
Investments	2(e)	575	-	575	871
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; ENDOWMENTS</b>		<b><u>383,586</u></b>	<b><u>10,835</u></b>	<b><u>394,421</u></b>	<b><u>329,553</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities:					
Missionary and Charitable Giving	3(a)	22,720	14,791	37,511	54,974
Directly relating to the work of the church	3(b)	303,510	26,903	330,413	300,684
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>326,230</u></b>	<b><u>41,694</u></b>	<b><u>367,924</u></b>	<b><u>355,658</u></b>
<b>NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS</b>		(410)	-	(410)	152
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>56,946</b>	<b>(30,859)</b>	<b>26,087</b>	<b>(25,953)</b>
Transfers between funds:	10	(680)	680	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b><u>56,266</u></b>	<b><u>(30,179)</u></b>	<b><u>26,087</u></b>	<b><u>(25,953)</u></b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT					
Opening balance 1 Jan 2025		35,885	1,016,413	1,052,298	1,078,251
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>					
At 31st December 2025		<b><u>92,151</u></b>	<b><u>986,234</u></b>	<b><u>1,078,385</u></b>	<b><u>1,052,298</u></b>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	5(a)	977,633	996,205
Investments	5(b)	-	6,821
Total Fixed Assets		<b>977,633</b>	<b>1,003,026</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	22,247	11,149
Short term deposits		36,564	39,083
Cash at bank and in hand		52,571	3,322
		<b>111,382</b>	<b>53,554</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	8	<b>(10,605)</b>	<b>(4,282)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		100,777	49,272
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		1,078,410	1,052,298
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	9	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,078,410</b>	<b>1,052,298</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted		92,151	35,885
Restricted	10	986,234	1,016,413
		<b>1,078,385</b>	<b>1,052,298</b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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 Rev. Paul Dever (Chairman)

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 SORP 2015 (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

#### Funds

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

Restricted funds are those funds that must be spent on restricted purposes, and details of the funds held and restrictions are provided in note 10.

#### Incoming Resources

*Voluntary Income and Capital Sources:* Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by various activities are accounted for gross.

*Other Ordinary Income:* Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

*Income from investments:* Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

*Gains and Losses on Investments:* Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

#### Resources Used

*Grants:* Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

*Activities directly relating to the work of the Church:* The diocesan quota or parish share is accounted for when payable. Any quota unpaid at 31 December is provided for in these accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability, and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

#### Fixed Assets

##### *Consecrated Land and Buildings and Movable Church Furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to (2000) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January (2000) have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (initially over 10 years) on a straight-line basis.

##### *Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment*

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated over 4 years. Buildings at 2% on a straight line basis per annum. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £2,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

##### *Investments*

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

##### *Current Assets*

Amounts owing to the PCC on 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit, either with the CBF Church of England Funds, or at the bank.

## 2. Incoming Resources

		<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	
		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
2(a)	<b>Voluntary income</b>		
	Planned giving:		
	Gift aided donations	178,984	150,740
	Tax recoverable	49,104	38,475
	Other giving	37,351	32,113
	Collections	12,497	5,069
	Grants	1,500	-
	Sundry donations	8,611	9,245
		<b>288,047</b>	<b>235,642</b>
	[2024: Restricted £0, Unrestricted £235,642, Total £235,642]		
2(b)	<b>Other voluntary income</b>		
	Donations, appeals, etc.	45,606	40,083
	Income tax recoverable	-	1,632
	Government grants	-	-
	Legacies	-	-
		<b>45,606</b>	<b>41,715</b>
	[2024: Restricted £41,715, Unrestricted £0, Total £41,715]		
2(c)	<b>Charitable activities</b>		
	Church community centre income etc.	50,127	48,373
	Events	6,775	1,173
	Fees - other	3,286	1,779
		<b>60,188</b>	<b>51,325</b>
	[2024: Restricted £0, Unrestricted £51,325, Total £51,325]		
2(d)	<b>Other trading activities</b>	5	-
		<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
2(e)	<b>Investments</b>		
	Dividends and interest	575	871
		<b>575</b>	<b>871</b>
	[2024: Restricted £337, Unrestricted £534, Total £871]		
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; ENDOWMENTS</b>		<b>394,421</b>	<b>329,553</b>
	[2024: Restricted £42,052, Unrestricted £287,051, Total £329,553]		

### 3. Resources used

		TOTAL FUNDS	
		2025	2024
		£	£
3(a)	Grants		
	Missionary and charitable giving:		
	Church overseas:		
	Missionary societies and charitable giving	-	-
	Home missions and other Church Societies:		
	Parish mission	3,881	4,364
	Mission partnership	18,094	14,318
	C7 - funds no longer held by SJC	5,873	8,324
	Romania mission	8,918	24,415
	Other	745	3,553
		-	-
		<b>37,511</b>	<b>54,974</b>
	[2024: Restricted £35,989, Unrestricted £18,985, Total £54,974]		
3(b)	Activities directly relating to the work of the Church		
	Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	87,259	109,890
	clergy expenses	2,908	2,127
	Church - running expenses	42,840	21,318
	Independent Examination fees	2,040	1,950
	Church maintenance	22,582	24,493
	Training	5,172	2,567
	Church community centre running costs	45,998	42,895
	Mortgage Interest	-	229
	Salaries	121,614	95,215
		<b>330,413</b>	<b>300,684</b>
	[2024: Restricted £26,306, Unrestricted £274,378, Total £300,684]		
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>367,924</b>	<b>355,658</b>
	[2024: Restricted £62,295, Unrestricted £293,363, Total £355,658]		

### 4. Total staff costs

	2025	2024
Wages and salaries	107,453	88,112
Social security costs	12,097	5,825
Pension costs	2,064	1,278
	<b>121,614</b>	<b>95,215</b>
Average number of paid staff	5	6

The wages and salaries for 2025 include payments for a cleaner and for caretaker cover which are sub-contracted. During 2025 the PCC employed no staff earning over £60,000

#### Related parties

##### Trustee Remuneration

None of the Trustees received any remuneration from SJC related to their roles as trustees.

##### Connected persons:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries paid to members of staff having connections with the PCC:		
A Short (Ex-officio PCC member)	35,247	2,269
C Luxton (PCC member)	32,250	28,568
E Darby (PCC member)	-	14,284
J Roberts (wife of PCC member)	-	11,840
M Read (wife of PCC member)	-	264
Sub contracted work:		
C Oldham (PCC member) caretaker cover	759	262

No further payments or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, person connected with them or related party.

## 5a. Fixed assets

	Land and Buildings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
<b>5(a) Tangible fixed assets</b>			
<b>Cost</b>			
At 31 December 2024	1,394,947	24,908	1,419,855
Additions	-	8,331	8,331
Disposals	-	(23,829)	(23,829)
At 31 December 2025	<b>1,394,947</b>	<b>9,410</b>	<b>1,404,357</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 31 December 2024	399,739	23,911	423,650
Charge for year	24,068	2,835	26,903
Disposals	-	(23,829)	(23,829)
At 31 December 2025	<b>423,807</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>426,724</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 December 2025	<b>971,140</b>	<b>6,493</b>	<b>977,633</b>
At 31 December 2024	995,208	997	996,205

The freehold land and buildings comprises the church community centre and associated land. Freehold land costing £120,000 is not depreciated.

## 5b. Investments for use by the PCC

	Listed Investments
<b>5(b) Investments</b>	
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2025	6,821
Sale proceeds	(6,412)
Loss on sale	(410)
At 31 December 2025	-

CBF's Investment Fund in trust - sold in April 2025

## 6. Analysis of net assets by fund

	2025	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets		-	977,633	-	977,633
Investments		-	-	-	-
Current Assets		22,247	-	-	22,247
Current Liabilities		(10,605)	-	-	(10,605)
Liabilities greater than 1 Year		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank		80,508	8,602	-	89,110
<b>Fund Balance at 31 December 2025</b>		<b>92,150</b>	<b>986,235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,078,385</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Fixed assets		-	996,205	-	996,205
Investments		-	6,821	-	6,821
Current Assets		11,149	-	-	11,149
Current Liabilities		(4,282)	-	-	(4,282)
Liabilities greater than 1 Year		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank		29,018	13,387	-	42,405
<b>Fund Balance at 31 December 2024</b>		<b>35,885</b>	<b>1,016,413</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,052,298</b>

<b>7. Debtors</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income tax recoverable	20,585	9,847
Other debtors	837	-
Prepayments & accrued income	825	1,302
	<b>22,247</b>	<b>11,149</b>

<b>8. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	(60)	-
Accruals and deferred income	(2,040)	(1,950)
Other creditors	(8,505)	(2,332)
	<b>(10,605)</b>	<b>(4,282)</b>

<b>9. Liabilities: Amounts falling due more than one year</b>		
Loans	-	-
	-	-

<b>10. Restricted Fund Details</b>	<b>1.1.2025</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31.12.2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Land and Buildings Church community centre	995,208	-	(24,068)	-	971,140
Computers and Equipment	997	-	(2,835)	8,331	6,493
Investments	6,821	-	-	(6,821)	-
Finish what we started	-	-	-	-	-
Other	829	-	-	(829)	-
C7	4,398	1,476	(5,873)	(1)	-
Men in sheds	210	-	-	-	210
Romania Mission & foodbank	7,950	9,359	(8,918)	-	8,391
	<b>1,016,413</b>	<b>10,835</b>	<b>(41,694)</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>986,234</b>

	<b>1.1.2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31.12.2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Land and Buildings Church community centre	1,020,952	-	(25,744)	-	995,208
Computers and Equipment	1,329	-	(332)	-	997
Investments	6,669	152	-	-	6,821
Finish what we started	2,875	-	-	(2,875)	-
Other	2,892	923	(1,597)	(1,389)	829
C7	3,574	9,148	(8,324)	-	4,398
Men in sheds	1,864	-	(1,654)	-	210
Romania Mission & foodbank	11,533	21,088	(24,415)	(256)	7,950
Loans	(24,461)	10,741	(229)	13,949	-
	<b>1,027,227</b>	<b>42,052</b>	<b>(62,295)</b>	<b>9,429</b>	<b>1,016,413</b>

Transfers represent adjustments for subsidies from general funds, and timing between receipt and payment.

#### **11. Contingent Liabilities**

There is a potential contingent liability in respect of a grant given by Surestart of £272,996 for the Church community centre building project. The liability extends for 25 years from the initial receipt of the grant in 2011, during which period there is a requirement that the usage of the facilities is for the provision of registered childcare for 25 years. At 28 February 2025, the 13th anniversary of the building opening, the potential claw back stood at £131,038 calculated on a straight line basis.

#### **12. Reserves policy**

A target reserve of £90,000 is set to finance both day to day cash flow fluctuations, and to provide a contingency available for unexpected costs, in particular building repairs. Unrestricted funds at the year end £92,151 (2024: £35,885) are in excess of this figure.