



EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETINGS 2026

Sunday 17 May 2026, 10.15am in Church

A. ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Meeting open to all those whose names are entered on the electoral roll of the parish and those who reside in the parish and whose names are entered on a register of local government electors

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Election of Churchwardens

B. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Meeting open to those whose names are entered on the roll of the parish and specified others

No	Item	Encl.
1.	Apologies for absence	Verbal
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting	✓
3.	Report on changes to the electoral roll	✓
4.	Annual report of the PCC	✓
5.	Financial statements for year ended 31 December 2025	✓
6.	Appointment of independent examiner for the coming year	Verbal
7.	Annual fabric report	✓
8.	Deanery Synod report	✓
9.	Safeguarding report	✓
10.	Elections to PCC	Verbal
11.	Elections to Deanery Synod	Verbal
12.	Questions	Verbal

**Anyone wishing to ask a question under item 12 is requested to submit it at least 48 hours in advance by email to:
admin@euxtonparishchurch.org**

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

HELD ON 25 MAY 2025 AT 10.20AM IN CHURCH

Present:

Rev Jo Smith (Incumbent)	G Jones (notes)	D Banbury
Paul Howard (Chair)	J Leap	M Ainscough
A Armstrong	S Lee (Treasurer)	G Steele
E Butcher	E Lowe	M Dunning
T Cahill	A Reid	D McCluskey
C Glen	M Clarke	J Marston
E Heaton	M Rooney	A Howard
F Jenkins	A Francis	S Whyte
	K Banbury	D Whyte

1) Chair and quorum

Paul Howard took the chair and noted that due notice of the meeting had been given. He therefore declared the meeting duly convened and constituted.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Gail Bolton, Sarah Ball, Kate Power, Joan Thompson, John Thompson, Andy Grant, Kathleen Grant, Mavis Pincock, Jacoba Vanderpuye, Grant Ingham, Rosie Goodwin, Joanne Wilson, and Paul Lowe.

3) Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on **28 APRIL 2024** were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record.

4) Report of New Electoral Roll

A report had been circulated with the agenda which highlighted 139 members of the new electoral roll as at 11th May 2025. The meeting received the report and noted the content.

5) Annual report of the PCC

Paul Howard presented a report which had been circulated with the agenda. Paul gave thanks for the work of the PCC and spoke of the volume of business that had been undertaken over the 12 month period. The meeting received the report with no questions and noted the content.

6) Annual Fabric Report

Paul Howard summarised the fabric report including the signing off of the Church roof work, Chancel netting, gifting of the defibrillator, and jet-washing of the flags. Special thanks was given to Bob Hardwick for his continued works in the churchyard but specifically with regards to the felling and disposal of the diseased Ash which had become a significant building risk. The state of the Church car park was noted again, recognising that remedial works would be a huge financial challenge. Thanks was also offered to all those volunteering and serving in any capacity.

7) Deanery Synod Report

The minutes of all Deanery Synod meetings during 2024 had been circulated with the agenda in advance of the meeting. The Chorley Deanery includes 21 parishes within Chorley and the surrounding local area. The meeting received the minutes, no questions were raised and the content was noted. Paul Howard expressed his thanks to Chris Glen for her continued attendance and feedback.

8) Safeguarding Report

A report had been circulated with the agenda to update the meeting on matters relating to safeguarding. This remains of paramount importance and must be pro-active. The meeting received the report and noted the content.

Paul Howard expressed his thanks to all APCM report contributors and authors.

9) Elections to PCC

Paul Howard announced there were 5 vacancies on PCC. Susan Whyte, Sarah Ball and Shona Lee's PCC terms have been completed and were due for renewal.

4 nominations were duly nominated as PCC representatives of the laity for 3 year terms:

Richard Gambon proposed by Jennifer Gambon, seconded by Paul Howard.

Susan Whyte proposed by Pauline Owen, seconded by Ann Francis.

Shona Lee proposed by Andy Grant, seconded by Sarah Ball.

Sarah Ball proposed by Shona Lee and seconded by Andy Grant.

10) Deanery Synod Representation

Our Deanery Synod Representative is Chris Glen, however 2 vacancies are unfulfilled.

11) Questions

1. Are there car park plans?

- a. Paul Howard advised that as per the Fabric report, significant investment is required to improve the surface as well as a project leader. Volunteers for this role are welcome.

2. When will weekly 8am BCP commence again?

- a. Paul Howard advised this remains under review but pointed to the resource required to offer 3 Sunday services as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

3. Where are the accounts?

- a. Paul Howard had addressed this earlier in the meeting and re-iterated that they will be presented at a follow-up meeting. Production of accounts is done on a voluntary basis and is exceedingly resource heavy.

12) AOB

Kathy Banbury offered a heartfelt thanks to all clergy - Jo, Paul and David for all of their hard work.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 10:38.

Chair

Date:

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EUXTON PARISH CHURCH
DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
HELD ON 25th MAY 2025 AT 10.15AM IN CHURCH

Present:

Rev Jo Smith (Incumbent)	G Jones (notes) J Leap	D Banbury M Ainscough
Paul Howard (Chair)	S Lee (Treasurer)	G Steele
A Armstrong	E Lowe	M Dunning
E Butcher	A Reid	D McCluskey
T Cahill	M Clarke	J Marston
C Glen	M Rooney	A Howard
E Heaton	A Francis	S Whyte
F Jenkins	K Banbury	D Whyte

1. Chair and Quorum

Paul Howard opened the meeting, took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that the meeting had been convened in accordance with the provisions of ss. 4 and 5 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Gail Bolton, Sarah Ball, Kate Power, Joan Thompson, John Thompson, Andy Grant, Kathleen Grant, Mavis Pincock, Jacoba Vanderpuye, Grant Ingham, Rosie Goodwin, Joanne Wilson, and Paul Lowe.

3. Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 April 2024 were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record.

4. Election of Churchwardens

The Chair confirmed that nominations had been received, duly proposed and seconded and accompanied by the necessary statements to confirm that the nominees were willing to serve and were not disqualified from serving, for the following individuals:

- a) Mr Martin Shaw, proposed by M Rooney, and seconded by J Marston.
- b) Mrs Lisa Butcher, proposed by M Rooney, and seconded by K Banbury.

The candidates were duly **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**.

Maureen Rooney and Andy Grant have committed to creating a team to support and help facilitate services. Paul Howard thanked outgoing Churchwarden Maureen Rooney for all her hard work in her 3 years of service.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was declared closed.

Chair

Date:



EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING**

HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 10.15AM IN CHURCH

Present:

Rev Jo Smith
(Incumbent)

Paul Howard

A Armstrong

L Butcher (Chair)

T Cahill

C Glen

E Heaton

F Jenkins

G Bolton (Secretary)

J Leap

S Lee (Treasurer)

J Vanderpuye

A Reid

J Wilson

M Rooney

M Ainscough

D Banbury

K Banbury

G Dalley

M Pincock

G Steele

G Smith

D McCluskey

J Marston

A Howard

J Thompson

J Marston

1) Chair and quorum

Lisa Butcher took the chair and noted that due notice of the meeting had been given. She therefore declared the meeting duly convened and constituted.

2) Financial statements for year ended 31 December 2024

The Treasurer, Shona Lee presented the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 which had been circulated with the agenda via the Update email / website. She confirmed that these had been subject to independent examination by Stephanie Rankin at the Diocese. Thank you to Stephanie for her support.

The Receipts and Payments account are listed on page 8. Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £213980, of which £71098 was unrestricted voluntary donations. A legacy of £60500 was gratefully received and approximately £10200 from Gift Aid. Restricted donations of £416 were also received.

Overall income was 8% higher than the previous year. a big thank you to everyone who supported our autumn Stewardship campaign. £170000 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry and includes the contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share.

Shona summarised, the overall bank balance for 2024 is positive. Income was boosted by a generous Legacy donation, 10% of which was put towards our Parish Share costs, with the remainder set aside for a new Youth Minister post / salary, following initial grant funding.

The 2025 Parish Share is a higher burden on expenditure. It was initially set at £106000 but following positive consultations with the Diocese, an £80000 figure was agreed. We are currently £11000 short to meet our Parish Share total. Therefore, we need to seek funds to meet our Parish Share. We could ask the CCC to support the payment or request for generous giving over Xmas before the end of year. We are currently reliant on more people to give beyond the building and maintenance of the church.

Shona announced the 2026 budget will be a deficit budget of £47000. This is due to increased expenditure.

The Chair thanked Shona, the Treasurer for her dedicated work throughout the past few years.

Questions

1) Chancel Ceiling

Q – When is it being looked at?

It has been made safe. To take it further would require a team and financing.

2) CCC Accounts

Q - Is there a separate update due on the CCC Accounts? - No, Section 4 of the Financial Review – the CCC accounts are consolidated within the church accounts with CCC funds of approx. £47000 – see sections 3b, 3c, 4e for breakdown.

3) General Charitable Giving

Q - Are there plans for any General Charitable Giving?

Shona responded, there is not enough income within the budget for this. We are currently relying on donations and CCC income to pay the Parish Share.

The meeting received and noted **ACCEPTED** the annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2024.

Lisa encouraged any further questions at anytime with contact details available on the website. Lisa normally attends the 9-15am service.

Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2025

Total on roll : 140

Resident in the parish : 116

Resident outside the parish : 24

Gail Bolton,

Electoral Roll Officer

Parochial Church Council Report for 2025

The purpose of the report is to provide an annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally.

Meetings

We met as a PCC on six occasions during 2025. Each meeting was well-attended, and the attendance of each PCC member is shown in the table below (A = PCC meetings attended, B PCC meetings held within membership term)

Name	A	B	%	Name	A	B	%
Revd Jo Smith	1	6	17	Grant Ingham (term ended May 25)	2	2	100
Sarah Ball	5	6	83	Gareth Jones	6	6	100
Gail Bolton	5	6	83	Jenny Leap	5	6	83
Lisa Butcher	4	4	100	Shona Lee	6	6	100
Tim Cahill	5	6	83	Joseph Marston	6	6	100
Laura Fooks	0	6	0	Kate Power	6	6	100
Chris Glen	5	6	83	Maureen Rooney (term ended May 25)	2	2	100
Richard Gambon (From May 25)	3	4	75	Martin Shaw	4	6	66
				Sue Deane	3	6	50
Anne Howard	3	6	50	Sue Whyte	4	6	66

Membership

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 25th May 2025, the following appointments were made:

Sarah Ball, Sue Whyte (both 3 year terms) and Shona Lee (1 year term) renewed their PCC memberships. Richard Gambon was also elected as lay member of the PCC for a three year term of office, concluding at the APCM in 2028.

At the Meeting of Parishioners (25th May 2025), Martin Shaw and Lisa Butcher were appointed as Church Wardens

At the PCC meeting on 30th June 2025, Martin Shaw and Lisa Butcher were both appointed as Vice-Chair. The following officers were reappointed: Shona Lee as Treasurer, and Sarah Ball as Gift Aid Secretary. Gail Bolton was reappointed as Secretary. Standing Committee – Church Wardens: Martin Shaw and Lisa Butcher, Treasurer – Shona Lee and PCC Representative – Susan Deane.

Thanks to Grant Ingham for his contribution whilst on PCC and Maureen Rooney for her 3 years' dedicated service as Churchwarden.

Summary of business transacted

The table below shows the key items of business transacted by the PCC at each of its meetings during the year, in addition to the standing reports considered:

February 2025	March 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remainder of 2024 Parish Share paid off • Approved APCM date • Approved safeguarding procedures – 1) responding to concerns & allegations of abuse, 2) Support for victims and survivors of abuse, 3) awareness/review of displayed info for victims and survivors of abuse • Approved list of non-church activities for Safeguarding dashboard • Discipleship – formation of 2 Lenten groups (evening and afternoon) – 5 week course, with 10 week Lords Prayer course to follow on. • Diocesan application made for Ignite Youth Worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committee – approved CCC Deakins quotes for – replacement radiator in Snug, replace hot water geyser in CCC Annexe, repair CC toilet flush/cistern and 2 toilet seats • Standing Committee – approved Abide Youth Worker application • Review of 8am Pilot feedback, pilot to continue • Safeguarding – approve list of church activities for Dashboard • Grounds – approved tree felling, grass cutting rota in place and whatsapp group communication • Church clean up day pencilled 26/27 April • Finance – Reserves policy discussion for further development • Finance – approved staff salaries increase rate • Approved Children & Youth Minister funding agreement • Approved CCC & Church PAT Testing quote • Approved CCC fire alarm works to meet Fire Brigade Emergency standards • Approved 4 sanitary hygiene bin contract • Outreach team – ideas shared for Euxton Gala Day and Mission partners
25 th May 2025	June 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APCM – appointment of PCC members and new churchwardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committee approved urgent CCC geyser/water heater repair and replace radiator/valve both in main hall • Approved skip hire quote for July for waste disposal • Appointment of officers – Gail Bolton – Secretary, Vice Chair – Lisa Butcher & Martin Shaw, Standing Committee – Sue Deane • Approved 8am fortnightly service pattern – BCP HC / Common Worship, to be continually reviewed and feedback welcome • Approved Church Safeguarding policy • Approved purchase of CCC Garden Waste bin

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed risk assessments – pastoral team, Youth Group, plus outdoor activity and social
Sept 2025	Oct 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved CCC written framework and financial procedures governance structure New CCC Caretaker appointed Approved purchase of new CCC kitchen fridge Approved 2% increase in CCC hire fees for 2026. All hirers to pay same fees from Oct 25. 2 free First Aid qualifications sourced for Youth Group Leaders - completed Church clean up day scheduled for 13th September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved 2024 Financial accounts and report
Nov 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on volunteer roles and relevant PCC leads Approved 2026 Budget Approved pads for CCC defibrillator Approved purchase of CCC 6 fold away tables Approved employment policies Approved purchase of church roof tiles 	

Other matters

At the APCM we will be looking for new members to join our PCC, to replace those whose terms of office have come to an end. If you are not sure whether to stand for election, please do pray about it or, alternatively, feel free to speak to someone to find out more about what the role entails. Thank you to the members of the PCC, all volunteers and all members of the church for your support in a challenging year.

GAIL BOLTON, PCC Secretary

**Parochial Church Council of Euxton Parish Church
2025 Report and Accounts**

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Trustees Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of Parochial Church Council of Euxton

1. Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton (the PCC) has the responsibility for cooperating with the Incumbent, The Revd Jo Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance and insurance of Euxton Parish Church, Wigan Road, Euxton, PR7 6JH and the Church Community Centre on School Lane Euxton, PR7 6JL.

2. Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our church family. The PCC also continues to ensure that the fabric of the church and surroundings are well maintained.

When planning activities for the year, the PCC is mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines with respect to public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable everyone to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, encouraging growth as disciples of Christ, recognizing and using their God given gifts.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and
- Missionary and outreach work

During 2025, we continued to encourage people to grow in their own faith and also focused on equipping people to share their faith with others. This was further enhanced by working to create a more family feel and help people find their place in our church family here at Euxton Parish Church.

3. Achievements and Performance

During 2025 our focus was on ensuring the long-term sustainability and growth of the church in Euxton with a focus on enabling the spiritual growth of those who are already members of our church family and on enabling others to know God and to develop a lasting relationship with him. Our approach had three key themes:

- Promoting individual and corporate discipleship, with the aim of bringing us all closer to Jesus and fostering a bible centred culture of continuous learning.
- Facilitating outreach activities so that we can be a key part of the local community and share the gospel more widely.
- Ensuring that we have the right resources to provide a church for today as well as building a healthy church for tomorrow.

To continue the focus on these areas, the dedicated teams established by the PCC monitored progress during the year and took responsibility for continually developing the areas for which they had oversight.

Discipleship: This year we promoted discipleship in different ways. We ran several small groups, some for specified courses such as the Lent Course and Christianity Explored. During Lent and Advent, we used the diocesan resources with daily readings and prayers and over 150 took booklets to participate at both Advent and Lent. Youth group has continued to meet each week in term time.

The 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed was celebrated in 2025, and our first sermon series of the year was based on the Creed as a way of celebrating the anniversary, but also as a way of deepening our understanding of the fundamental doctrine of the church to support our growth as disciples. We also spent time in our services focusing on prayer as a way of connecting with God, and on using the key moments in the life of St Paul to encourage our own faith journeys.

Outreach: Euxton Gala day provided an opportunity to promote and share what we do with our local community. Through pastoral visiting, we met with many who are unable to get to church including those at Euxton Park Nursing Home. Along with other churches in Euxton, a monthly coffee & chat was held during the autumn and winter.

Resources: We know that we need to use our resources well for the ministry of Euxton Parish Church to continue and to grow. The church family has held a number of clean up days during the year, and we were delighted that in December we appointed a Children and Youth Minister as part of the diocesan Ignite programme.

During 2025 we conducted 16 baptisms and 3 weddings. Each of these occasional offices is an event for both the family concerned and the community; a milestone in a person's life and we are delighted that we were able to provide these and prepare those involved.

During the year we conducted 18 funerals and 3 committals or burials of ashes. Pastoral care is provided in all cases so that the joys and sorrows of life are marked and people are supported, loved, and welcomed into the church with respect and sensitivity. We believe, and have seen to be true in experience, that the Christian hope of resurrection is transformative. Accordingly, we issue Jesus' invitation to walk with him through life to all people.

Church and Schools

We continue to enjoy strong links with our own school, Euxton Church of England Primary School, through the involvement of clergy, governors, and parents. We also have a link with Trinity Buckshaw Primary School which is a joint Church of England and Methodist foundation school in the parish, having a presence on the governing body. It has been a joy to welcome a new Headteacher to St Michael's in January 2025 and we have continued to support and build our links with the school.

In addition to these church schools, we have relationships with the other three schools in our parish. Many of our village schools visit us and use the church building for their Christmas celebrations. The effect of worshipping together at Christmas with those who do not usually attend church, as well as doing so in a historic and beautiful church rather than in a school hall, is immeasurable.

Volunteers

Many people give their time and talents to make the church family a warm and vibrant community. The church would not function without them, and we are grateful to all of them. However, as with most charity organisations we are always in need of more volunteers to enable us to continue the ministry and for it to grow.

Deanery Synod

The PCC is represented on the Deanery Synod. This provides the church with important communication between the parish and the wider church.

4. Financial Review

Financial performance for the year ended 31st December 2025 is summarised on page 8 in the Receipts and Payments account.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £177,862, of which £71,608 was unrestricted voluntary donations, grants totaling £6,668 and legacy payments totaling £12,727 were received and a further £15,146 was received from Gift Aid. Restricted donations of £314 and a restricted grant of £2,305 were also received and are detailed in the financial statements.

The planned giving through Parish Giving Scheme, envelopes and banker's orders totalled £57,143 (2024 £52,690), an increase of 8% from 2024. We are grateful to all those who give to support the ministry here.

Total unrestricted income from donations including tax recovered but excluding legacies was £93,421 (2024 £86,345), an increase of 8%. We are also grateful to receive payments of pecuniary legacies totalling £12,727.

£150,867 (2024 £170,272) was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from Euxton Parish Church including the contribution to the diocesan parish share that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

The sum that the churches in the diocese have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based on a combination of the number of stipendiary clergy, congregation size and relative level of deprivation. Our calculated share request was £107,554 but we received share support of £27,554 to reduce this to £80,000. By 31 December 2025 we had managed to pay £69,000 of this and in addition paid £18,850 share for earlier years. The remaining Parish Share was paid in full in January 2026.

The church continues to play an active part in the community and were able to hold fundraising events throughout 2025 including Gala Day. General church fundraising income was £3,275 (2024 £4,676). Thank you to all those who have contributed and supported our fundraising events in 2025.

The Church Community Centre lettings to external groups totalled £51,443 (2024 £44,487) and from internal groups £3,136 (2024 £3,326). Operating costs of the Community Centre were £29,444 (2024 £47,209) so there was a surplus of £25,135 (2024 £604) in the year. Additional Fundraising for the Church Community Centre raised an additional £5,425 (2024 £5,338), so overall the Church Community Centre generated a surplus of £30,560 supporting the mission and ministry of the church.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £26,690 on unrestricted funds. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31 December on unrestricted funds totalled £147,558.

5. Reserves Policy

Reserves are held in short term deposits and investments to ensure that they are readily available to meet the financial requirements of the church's activities.

The church plans to keep three months' expenditure in reserves to ensure that liabilities can be met and staff can be paid. This requires reserves to be at a level of around £20,000. The unrestricted reserves of £147,863 held in bank and deposit accounts are above this level but future work on buildings/grounds and other ministry expenditure including the payment of parish share arrears will return the reserves to the appropriate level.

6. Plans for Future Periods

The key priority for the trustees in 2026 is to revisit our vision and priorities (ensuring that we always keep our eyes fixed on Jesus) and ensure that our structures support and enable our continued growth. We are also committed to ensuring the long-term financial viability of the ministry of the church in Euxton. All expenditure is scrutinised and strategies to increase income continue to be considered.

7. Structure Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton is situated on Wigan Road Euxton. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. Its correspondence address is The Vicarage, Wigan Road, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6JH.

8. Administrative Information

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity under registration number 1130598.

The method of appointing members of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The members of the PCC from 1 January 2025 to the date this report was signed were:

Revd Jo Smith, Incumbent (Chair)
Sarah Ball
Lisa Butcher (from 25 May 2025)
Tim Cahill
Laura Fooks
Richard Gambon (from 25 May 2025)
Christine Glen
Anne Howard
Grant Ingham (until 25th May 2025)
Gareth Jones
Jenny Leap
Shona Lee
Joseph Marston
Kate Power
Maureen Rooney (to 25 May 2025)
Martin Shaw
Susan Deane
Sue Whyte

Approved by the PCC on 11TH May 2026 and signed on their behalf by The Reverend Jo Smith as PCC Chair.



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Revd J Smith
PCC Chair

Independent Examiners' Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Euxton Parish Church.
I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stephanie Rankin FCA
Ribble Accounting Services Limited
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9 May 2026

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

		2025		2024	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	3a	106,149	2,619	108,768	147,261
Income from charitable activities	3b	11,570	2,749	14,319	17,419
Other trading activities	3c	60,143	-	60,143	54,501
Investments	3d	-	394	394	450
Other income	3e	-	-	-	329
Total Receipts		177,862	5,762	183,624	219,960
Note 2b					
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Ministry costs	4a	91,919	1,423	93,342	90,924
Church activities	4b	5,911	3,532	9,443	6,059
Administration	4c	17,471	-	17,471	13,112
Premises costs	4d	6,122	306	6,428	17,504
Church Community Centre	4e	29,444	-	29,444	47,209
Total expenditure on charitable activities		150,867	5,261	156,128	174,808
Raising funds	4f	-	-	-	191
Total Payments		150,867	5,261	156,128	174,999
Note 2b					
Surplus/shortfall for the year before transfers		26,995	501	27,496	44,961
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in		-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out		-	-	-	-
Surplus/shortfall for the year after transfers		26,995	501	27,496	44,961
Cash/bank reserves bfwd		120,868	4,008	124,876	79,915
Cash/bank reserves carried forward		£147,863	£4,509	£152,372	£124,876
Note 2b Note 2b					

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Investments						
Investment Fund (Robinson)	-	10,566	10,566	-	11,006	11,006
Investment Fund (Walsh)	-	1,890	1,890	-	1,969	1,969
Total	£-	£12,456	£12,456	£-	£-	£12,975
			Note 2a			Note 2a
Bank balances						
PCC Santander	80,589	3,878	84,467	83,450	2,042	85,492
CCC NatWest	67,274	-1,424	65,850	37,418	-	37,418
Alliance & Leicester	-	10	10	-	10	10
Deposit Fund Anthony Legacy	-	232	232	-	222	222
Deposit Fund Lymer Legacy	-	1,788	1,788	-	1,711	1,711
Deposit Fund CB3020611	-	25	25	-	23	23
Total	£147,863	£4,509	£152,372	£120,868	£4,008	£124,876
			Note 2b			Note 2b

Other assets include

	2025	2024
Gift Aid reclaims outstanding	£5,173	£7,729

Other liabilities

The parish also had outstanding Parish Share at each year end, but this is not a legally enforceable debt. The outstanding amount has been reduced and has been as follows

	2025	2024
Parish Share outstanding at year end	£15,593	£22,739

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

b. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted. Details of the designations are set out in note 2 below.

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in note 2 below.

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

2. Movement in funds during the year

The movements in the different funds can be summarised as follows:

a. Investments	1 Jan 2025	Decrease in valuation	31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£
Churchyard (Robinson Legacy) - 476 shares	11,006	(440)	10,566
Religious Purposes (Walsh Legacy) - 85.14 shares	1,969	(79)	1,890
Restricted Investments A	£12,975	(£519)	£12,456
	SOAL 2024		SOAL 2025

The Investments are held in the CBF Church of England Income Fund. Dividends received are shown in Note 3d. The Walsh Legacy is for religious purposes and used for flowers whilst the Robinson Legacy dividends are used for churchyard upkeep.

Movement in funds during the year (continued)

b. Cash and bank	1 Jan 2025	Receipts	Payments	31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	114,864	177,502	(150,867)	141,499
Buildings Designated	6,004	360	-	6,364
Unrestricted Cash and Bank Total	B	120,868	214,980	(150,867)
Restricted Funds				
Building Fund	34	1	-	35
DBF Fees	1,215	2,996	(3,410)	801
Choir	438	-	-	438
Flowers	389	67	(87)	369
Ignite worker	-	2,305	(1,458)	847
Churchyard (Robinson Legacy)	-	306	(306)	-
Church & Churchyard	1,932	87	-	2,019
Restricted Cash and Bank Total	C	4,008	5,762	(5,261)
Total Cash/bank balances (B + C)	D	£124,876	£183,624	£156,128
		SOAL 2024	R&P	R&P
				£152,372
				SOAL 2025

3. Further Analysis of Receipts

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
3a Donations and legacies				
Planned giving	56,896	247	57,143	52,690
Other giving at services	5,079	-	5,079	7,244
Donations - Sundry	9,273	-	9,273	11,046
Donations - Roof Appeal	360	-	360	443
Donations - Flowers	-	-	-	91
	71,608	314	71,922	71,514
Tax refund	15,146	-	15,146	10,246
Legacies	12,727	-	12,727	60,500
Grants	6,668	2,305	8,973	5,001
Donations and legacies	106,149	2,619	108,768	147,261
3b Income from charitable activities				
Fees	7,495	2,749	10,244	12,298
Remembrance plaque fees	480	-	480	990
Church heating	460	-	460	805
Church Community Centre lettings	3,135	-	3,135	3,326
Income from charitable activities	11,570	2,749	14,319	17,419
3c Other trading activities				
Fundraising events and activities	3,275	-	3,275	4,676
Church Community Centre fundraising	5,425	-	5,425	5,338
Church Community Centre lettings	51,443	-	51,443	44,487
Other trading activities	60,143	-	60,143	54,501
3d Investments				
Interest	-	88	88	98
Dividends	-	306	306	352
Investments	-	394	394	450
3e Other income				
Other income	-	-	-	329
Other income	-	-	-	329
Total receipts	£177,862	£5,762	£183,624	£219,960

4. Further Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	Total £	2024 Total £
4a Ministry costs				
Share - current year	69,000	-	69,000	61,150
Share - prior years	18,850	-	18,850	24,000
Clergy housing	3,279	-	3,279	4,302
Clergy working expenses	790	-	790	1,472
Employment costs – Ignite worker	-	1,423	1,423	
Ministry costs	91,919	1,423	93,342	90,924
4b Church activities				
Charitable giving	485	-	485	-
Discipleship	132	35	167	167
Outreach	58		58	70
Services	1,424		1,424	983
Visiting clergy	2,406		2,406	
Flowers	54	87	141	151
Sundry	34		34	736
Sundry fees paid	1,318		1,318	-
DBF Fees paid over		3,410	3,410	3,952
Church activities	5,911	3,532	9,443	6,059
4c Administration				
Administrator	12,921	-	12,921	11,468
Administrative costs	1,187	-	1,137	529
Independent Examination	1,800	-	1,800	-
Website	1,509	-	1,509	1,017
DBS Checks	54	-	54	98
Administration	17,471	-	17,471	13,112
4d Premises costs				
Routine maintenance	205	-	205	977
Insurance	1,092	-	1,092	1,518
Car park/churchyard	714	306	1,020	3,342
Utilities	4,111	-	4,111	2,562
Major Repairs - Church	-	-	-	9,105
Premises costs	6,122	306	6,428	17,504
4e Church Community Centre				
Running costs	1,149	-	1,149	2,425
Staff team	10,025	-	10,025	12,104
Insurance	1,088	-	1,088	781
Routine maintenance	4,471	-	4,471	17,118
Minor repairs, upkeep, and maintenance	3,323	-	3,323	3,202
Utilities	9,388	-	9,388	11,579
Church Community Centre	29,444	-	29,444	47,209
4f Raising funds				
Stewardship costs	-	-	-	50
Raising funds	-	-	-	141
Raising funds	-	-	-	191
Total payments	£150,867	£5,261	£156,128	£174,999

Fabric Report 2025

Overall, our 600-year-old church is holding up remarkably well. Our roof repairs from the past few years have been fully successful, with no further issues identified.

We are currently looking at having some new signage made up for the car park, and also hoping to fund some new noticeboards, both the smaller board on the Lychgate and the larger one in the car park, hopefully through a diocesan grant.

The recent car park repairs were kindly funded by Euxton Parish Council and have addressed the worst of the areas - we are blessed to have had this work not just paid for, but also fully managed by the local council and I wish to express my deep gratitude to them on behalf of the Church.

We do have several future tasks which are yet to be addressed: repairing the sanctuary ceiling will be a significant task and will require both funding and also a project leader.

The wooden Lych gates, which have suffered with some wood rot and therefore been temporarily removed, is on hold - again for funding and project management requirements.

I'm also concerned about grouting around the Indian stone tiles in the Garden of Remembrance, which may need attention in the next year or so but this is not an urgent job.

The church bell is also out still of action, although the PCC is currently investigating this so is in hand.

I'm immensely grateful to our grounds team for all that they do. We have several other 'odd jobs' that often need doing. There is a need for someone to lead this team. We could do so much more if we had a bigger team. If you would be willing to be part of this team (or to lead it) then do get in touch.

We had two clean up days in 2025 in which we tackled jobs inside and within our grounds. It was lovely to see church family of all ages getting stuck in!

Thank you all for your continued support and if anyone is in a position to take on any of these projects, I would be hugely grateful to speak to them about it!

God bless,

Martin

Chorley Deanery Synod

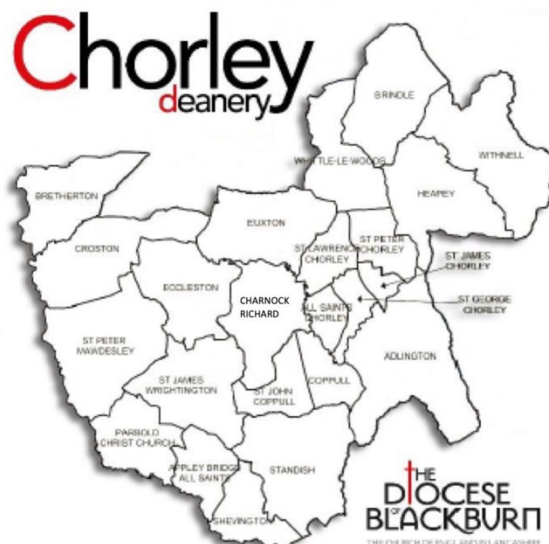
Met twice in the year. Summary of the meetings as follows....

3rd March 2025 – Clayton Brook Community Church

- Led by Stef
- Introduction of new Secretary – Tasha Leach
- New Vision announcement introduced by Bishop Jill – Vision 2033 to be launched in November 2026
- Discussion re Diocesan Vision and local parishes – group discussion – on a) vision purpose, b) hopes for the future
- Vision Refresh Process led by Carolyn Barton, Diocesan Director of Vision Delivery
- Presentation of 6 key themes from Parish Consultation, group discussion and feedback presented.
- Father Neil Kelley informed everyone of Stef’s retirement and was thanked by Bishop Jill for his Ministry.

14th October 2025 at Christ Church, Charnock Richard

- Led by Revd Steve Haskett – Director of Mission
- Evening on to discuss upcoming Diocesan Centenary of Mission for 2026.
- Planned Diocesan events include:
Diocesan Conference, Liverpool – July 2026,
Big Day Out, Blackpool – May 2026,
Launch of post 2026 Diocesan Vision
Weekend of outreach and mission in every Parish
- Centenary Mission Weekend – Save the Date! Friday 11 September until Sunday 13th September 2026 – parish involvement of mission and outreach – ideas shared. Focus on simple events that appeal to your area. The Mission weekend falls at the same time as Heritage Open Days, so also consider using our buildings creatively!



Safeguarding Report for 2025

The PCC have adopted the Church of England's 'Promoting a Safer Church' safeguarding policy / action plan which is available to view on our designated Safeguarding page on our website and on the noticeboard at the back of church.

The PCC approved a list of church activities (church services, pastoral visiting team, youth group) and non church activities (hall hirers for CCC) with safeguarding procedures in place for each – risk assessments, insurance, safe recruitment of leaders / volunteers with DBS checks and relevant safeguarding training. Two Youth Leaders also gained First Aid qualifications.

The PCC reviewed and approved the following Safeguarding procedures:

- Responding to concerns and allegations of abuse
- Support for victims and survivors of abuse
- Displayed Information for victims and survivors of abuse
- Discussion/review on promoting a healthy and safe church culture

Safeguarding is a permanent item on all PCC agendas and is embedded within all parish activities. Safeguarding is promoted on the noticeboards / screens and the Ministry team and PCC members are visible within the Church to assist the congregation with whom they can talk to.

Huge thanks to Gail Bolton and Georgina King, our DBS Administrators who do an incredible job. As I finish as PSO, I am delighted that Georgina King is now taking this role on from Spring 2026.

Our Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on 07800 519717 or Euxton.safeguard@gmail.com

Claire Holt

Euxton Parish Church Safeguarding Officer