

Shirley Parochial Church Council

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements**

For the year ending 31st December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Shirley Parochial Church Council

Charity registration number: 1131912

Bank: Lloyds Bank, 248 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 3AE

Independent examiner :-

Philip Beedon
54 Rothwell Drive
Solihull B91 1HG

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2025 Trustees report

Aims and Purposes

The PCC has the responsibility, as stated in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 "To cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical".

Objectives and Activities

The Parish motto is "Knowing Christ, Making Him known" and this sums up well the objectives of the PCC.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings of St James the Great, Shirley, St John the Divine, Tidbury Green and Church House.

Achievements and performance

Ministry

Rev Paul Day and Reader Kate Day retired at the end of August; Rev Rich Brooker completed his curacy and moved to the Coventry Diocese at the end of September. We are thankful that Rev Richard Haynes has remained with us and is supporting us during the Interregnum. In addition, the support of retired/self-supporting clergy, Rev Theresa Jones, Rev Wendy Carter, Rev Lynn Busfield and Rev Gordon Steele is appreciated. Our Readers, Sarah Penfold, Gill Gough and Denise Smith, are involved in many services and activities and again are much appreciated.

Worship and Prayer

With the reduction in the ministry team and the decreasing numbers in the congregations of St John's and Christ the King it was agreed that worship at Christ the King would cease from 24th August and St John's would have two services a month, one Communion and one Morning Worship.

Parish Communion services are held at St James on the first, third and fifth Sundays, the second Sunday is Morning Worship, the fourth Sunday is Worship 4 Everyone. Numbers attending these services have increased during the year.

In addition, there is a monthly Celtic style Reflective Worship and a weekly Eucharist at St James on Thursdays.

Messy Church continues to thrive, and a number of our volunteers have increased their responsibilities since Paul and Kate retired.

Kids Church continues to take place in Church House on Sunday mornings while the sermon and prayers are happening in St James Church.

Easter Sunday was very well attended, as were our Christmas carol service, crib service and midnight Eucharist.

Live streaming on YouTube of the main St James services continues allowing those who cannot make it to church to take part in our regular worship.

Musically, Conservatoire student, Harry Brown, plays the organ for us when he is available (or arranges for one of his fellow students to cover for him) and he has also led a choir for special services during the year including the visit of the Bishop of Aston. Shirley Beedon continues to faithfully play for St John's.

There have been thirty baptisms in the year and three weddings.

Mission and evangelism

In our Lent Conversations we used the Church of England's 'Living Hope' material. These were well attended and well received. In addition, two study groups have met monthly.

Both the Easter Journey and the Journey to the Stable were great successes once more.

Our links with St James School continue well – regular services in church, a weekly Bible Art session and assisting with collective worship. Open the Book continued in Widney, St James and Kingswood schools. Some of the older children from Hazel Oak School have continued to come to the Welcome Café for conversation. We take occasional assemblies at Woodlands Infant School, Cranmore Infant School and Widney Junior School.

The Welcome Café continues to be a great strength, with numbers increasing and a real buzz of chatter each week.

Other regular activities in the parish are Coffee Mornings, Mothers' Union, Jimmy Tots, Ploughman's lunches, Nordic walking and a Book Club.

Pastoral care

As well as a lot of informal pastoral support amongst the congregations, the Welcome café and the Sunday Lunch/Afternoon Tea Club have helped us keep in contact with many. The Pastoral Group have continued to host quarterly afternoon Communion services in St James for our Home Communion Community – those who are unable to get to church unaided.

Regular services, led by our Readers, take place in local nursing and residential homes, including taking part in an ecumenical service organised by Shirley Churches Together at Solihull Village.

We were saddened by the deaths of some church members during the year including Donald Abbey, Eleanor Green, Norman Blackford and Peter Hill.

Community activities

We have continued to support the Sparkhill Foodbank, Narthex and ADAVU during the year. In addition, during Lent, our Mothers' Union branch organised a collection of sanitary items and toothbrushes and paste for children.

Donations from our Christmas Tree Festival went to the Parish and to the Open Doors charity.

The Friends of St James ran many successful fund-raising events through the year, Coffee Mornings, book and jigsaw sales, harvest supper and barn dance, Shirley Band concert, Christmas by Candlelight as well as continuing to run a '100 club'. We are extremely grateful for all their hard work in support of the maintenance and development of our buildings.

In May St John's Church celebrated its Centenary. The Bishop of Birmingham led the service on the Sunday – the church was full and the service was relayed to the marquee and garden outside. A fete was held the next day on the Bank Holiday Monday which was supported by parish groups and local charities – and our local MP.

Ecumenical relations

Shirley Churches Together organised the Good Friday Walk of Witness which started at Our Lady of the Wayside, with stops outside St James, at the entrance to Shirley Park and outside ASDA.

Commemoration services were also held for VE Day and VJ Day and the annual Remembrance Parade and service were very well attended.

The buildings

The Pod - a kitchen and toilet in St James Church - was completed in April and has been a huge asset to the building – how did we manage without it?!

The gas fired central heating in St James Church was replaced with electric chandelier heating in November.

We give thanks to Kate Crocker for her tireless work on both these projects.

Eco Church

The Eco group continue their work to bring matters to the congregation's attention and to ensure all our developments are as green as possible as we look toward progressing from silver to gold status. They also held a successful 'Green Fair' in October.

Financial Review

Total receipts in the year were £236,500, with unrestricted receipts of £137,800 and £98,700 of restricted donations. The unrestricted receipts can be further broken down into £83,300 of voluntary donations, £15,800 relating to church activities and activities for generating funds, £14,000 of Gift Aid received and £7,100 of investment income. A further £17,500 was received from the sale of just over half of the parish holding in the CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund, excluding this the unrestricted receipts would have been £120,300.

Planned giving stewardship income at £60,600 was approximately the same as in 2024. In total unrestricted voluntary donations were £7,200 higher than the previous year, the main cause being the £6,500 increase in one-off unrestricted donations received. Gift Aid receipts, which totalled £14,100 were down from £17,900 in 2024 but Gift Aid receipts outside the Parish Giving Scheme are still not up-to-date due to administrative issues, so this is likely due to timing. A new cloud-based Gift Aid claim will be introduced in 2026; this will enable Gift Aid to be brought up-to-date and after which Gift Aid will be reclaimed on a more frequent basis.

There were two major building projects in St James Church, the Pod project and the heating project. For the Pod project donations and grants, totalling £35,200 were received; this included a large donation from a parishioner of £10,000, £15,000 from the Joseph Rank Trust and £10,000 from the Friends of St James. Donations and grants, totalling £49,500 were received for the heating project; this was made up of two parishioner donations totalling £15,000, £8,000 from the Friends of St James and due to its status as a demonstrator project £26,200 from the Archbishop Council.

There were no legacies left in the year but two donations, totalling £10,900 were received to be spent on non-routine buildings and tree maintenance works and a further £2,700 from the War Memorial account, which was set to manage the funds raised in 2018 to restore the monument in the church yard and will be restricted to maintenance expenditure to the memorial.

The value of the PCC investment in the CBF Global Equity Fund decreased by £1,700. In October shares with a value of £17,500 were sold, representing roughly 55% of the parish holding in the CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund, to increase the balance of our bank and deposit accounts, resulting from day-to-day expenditure exceeding receipts. In addition, the parish transferred £20,000 from the CBF deposit account into the current account; £1,200 of interest was received and rent of £5,100 was paid by the nursery behind St Johns.

Total payments in the year were £247,700, with unrestricted payments of £138,000 and £109,700 of payments from restricted funds. Unrestricted payments break down into £58,500 for the Diocesan parish share contribution, £20,100 clergy and staffing costs and running expenses including Church House totalling £59,400.

The parish contributed £58,500 for the diocesan parish share for the provision of clergy, clergy housing and other services, £5,100 more than in 2024. The parish also contributes £3,900 directly for curate housing costs for the curate, including this the contribution is £62,400.

Payments from restricted funds, detailed on page 17 were £57,500 for the cost of the new heating system and £52,200 on the pod project (construction works and architect fees). In total payments for all other repairs and maintenance totalled £10,800, of which £6,700 was spent on churchyard/ church grounds works at St James and St Johns.

Running costs, excluding buildings and churchyard/ church grounds maintenance amounted to £48,700, and were broadly similar to the prior year. The largest elements of this spend are utility costs of £15,800, insurance costs of £6,600, printing and stationery costs (including magazine costs) of £6,400 and cleaning costs of £3,500.

The net result for the year was unrestricted payments of £138,000 and unrestricted receipts of £137,800 but note this includes the £17,500 from the sale of just over half the CBF Global Equity Fund holding. Excluding this, the resultant excess of unrestricted payments over receipts would be over £17,000. To prevent a repeat of this, the PCC decided to reduce the contribution to the Diocese, so that the expectation is that in 2026 the payments and receipts should roughly match each other. Added together bank and deposit balances amount to £56,600 with restricted funds of £13,600, designated funds of £11,000 leaving a balance of £32,000 for day-to-day running costs.

Volunteers

The trustees wish to express their thanks to all parishioners for their continued support. Thanks are also due to committee members, treasurers, readers, wardens, deputy wardens, the employees and all others who have all worked hard to maintain church fellowship, working arrangements, and parish activities, especially during the times of change and transition.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), or co-opted at its members' discretion in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend the churches within the parish are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll, making them eligible for election to the PCC.

In accordance with the regulations governing a single benefice with two centres of worship, the governance of the parish is the overall responsibility of the Incumbent (the Parish Wardens during the Interregnum) and PCC.

The PCC delegates certain parish responsibilities to a Buildings and Finance Committee, a Mission, Ministry and Pastoral Committee, an Events Committee and the Eco Church Committee. Each of these committees operates in accordance with agreed terms of reference.

The PCC met six times in 2025. Other task groups operate on an *ad hoc* basis and report, through the main committees, to the PCC.

SHIRLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

LIST OF PCC MEMBERS (TRUSTEES)

The following people served as members of the PCC
For the year ending 31st December 2025

Clergy

Revd Paul Day (until 31 Aug)
Revd Richard Haynes
Revd Rich Brooker (until 28 Sep)

Parish Wardens

Gill Hanton
Linda Pitt

Ex Officio

Kate Crocker (Deanery Synod)
Gill Gough (Deanery Synod)
Denise Smith (Deanery Synod)
Sarah Penfold (Reader)

Elected Members

St James

Jon Churchill
Kate Day (until 31 Aug)
Margaret Foreshow
John Hogan
Ian Longbottom (Treasurer)
David Paice
Belinda Piasecki (Secretary)
Mark Strenz
Chris Terry

Christ the King

Jan Gardner

St John the Divine

Jean Wall
Linda Alford

SHIRLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Independent Examiners Report to the PCC of SHIRLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year to 31 December 2025, which are set out on the attached pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the s145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirements under section 144(2) of the Act do not apply 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 under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

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 PCC and a comparison of the accounts with PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

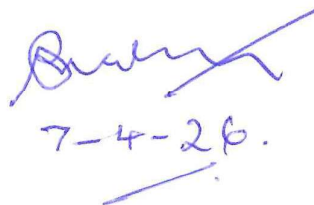
Please note I have not carried out an examination of the individual accounts for St John the Divine and Christ the King but have relied on the confirmations provided by the examiners of these accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act 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.

Philip Beedon
Sollihull



PCC 2025 Annual Accounts - Payments and overall position

Payments	Note	Parish Office	St James	St John	Christ the King	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds*	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Parish activities									
Diocesan parish share contribution		0	42,592	7,518	8,390	58,500		58,500	53,357
Clergy and staffing costs	5e	20,114	0	0	0	20,114		20,114	21,366
Running expenses	5f	132,934	15,849	6,485	1,189	46,779	109,679	156,458	84,265
Church House running costs	5g	12,640				12,640		12,640	10,311
Mission giving and donations	5h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	5i					0	0	0	0
Total payments		165,689	58,441	14,003	9,579	138,033	109,679	247,712	169,299
Total receipts		137,791	72,082	15,534	11,070	137,820	98,658	236,477	169,160
Excess of receipts over payments		-27,897	13,641	1,531	1,491			-11,235	-139
Office funding - internal transfers		18,237	-11,948	-3,302	-2,987			0	0
Other Transfers									
Transfer between funds		-9,660	1,693	-1,771	-1,496			-11,235	-139
Cash at banks at 1 January		50,405	7,187	4,712	5,512			67,816	67,955
Cash at banks at 31 December		40,745	8,880	2,941	4,016			56,582	67,816
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1

PCC 2025 Annual Accounts - Further Analysis of Payments

Note	Parish Office	St James	St John	Christ the King	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds*	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
5e								
Clergy and staffing costs	6,051	0	0	0	6,051	0	6,051	8,042
Clergy and vicarage costs	12,883	0	0	0	12,883	0	12,883	12,424
Parish administrators' salaries	1,180	0	0	0	1,180	0	1,180	900
Organists - salary and fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baptism vergers' & other fees	20,114	0	0	0	20,114	0	20,114	21,366
5f								
Running expenses								
Utility costs and broadband	-73	8,357	967	0	9,250	0	9,250	9,729
School hall rent	0	0	0	963	963	0	963	1,391
Printing and stationery	4,083	0	0	0	4,083	0	4,083	5,204
Church consumables	471	0	0	0	471	0	471	1,190
Repairs and maintenance	1,102	1,059	0	0	2,160	0	2,160	5,047
Major repairs and all improvements	112,964	-1,930	501	0	1,856	109,679	111,534	40,385
Insurance and fire protection	833	5,123	621	0	6,578	0	6,578	6,042
Churchyard / church grounds upkeep	0	3,036	3,710	0	6,746	0	6,746	4,780
Administration expenses	3,644	204	47	0	3,895	0	3,895	3,238
Other expenses	4,404	0	640	226	5,270	0	5,270	2,771
Sunday Lunch Club	2,202	0	0	0	2,202	0	2,202	2,656
Music Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parish magazine printing & distributi	2,304	0	0	0	2,304	0	2,304	720
Children's activities	1,001	0	0	0	1,001	0	1,001	1,112
	132,934	15,849	6,485	1,189	46,779	109,679	156,458	84,265
5g								
Church House running costs								
Utility costs	6,541				6,541		6,541	6,227
Cleaner	3,475				3,475		3,475	2,070
Other costs	2,624				2,624		2,624	2,014
	12,640	0			12,640	0	12,640	10,311
5h								
Mission giving and donations								
Parish mission	0				0	0	0	0
Various	0		0		0	0	0	0
5i								
Investments								
CBF Global Equity Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PCC 2025 Annual Accounts - Receipts

RECEIPTS	Note	Parish Office	St James	St John	Christ the King	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
Voluntary receipts									
Planned giving - stewardship		0	49,723	4,944	5,917	60,584		60,584	60,519
Collections at services		83	10,392	1,915	584	12,974		12,974	12,397
All other giving/voluntary receipt	5a	106,200	1,475	700	0	9,717	98,658	108,375	32,372
Gift Aid recovered		0	10,492	1,632	1,932	14,056	0	14,056	17,941
Activities for generating funds	5b	0	0	971	2,634	3,605		3,605	3,980
Investment income *	5c	19,559	0	5,080	4	24,642	0	24,642	27,582
Church activities	5d	11,950	0	292		12,242	0	12,242	14,370
Total receipts		137,791	72,082	15,534	11,070	137,820	98,658	236,477	169,160

* Includes the disposal of CCLA investments (£17,500 in 2025, £20,000 in 2024)

PCC 2025 Annual Accounts - Further Analysis of Receipts

Note	Parish Office	St James	St John	Christ the King	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
5a	All other giving/voluntary receipts:							
	Miscellaneous income							
	9,017	0	700	0	9,717	0	9,717	3,168
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
	0	250	0	0	0	250	250	250
	2,676	0	0	0	0	2,676	2,676	90
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
	211	0	0	0	0	211	211	0
	35,119	50	0	0	0	35,169	35,169	26,839
	49,176	325	0	0	0	49,501	49,501	0
	10,000	850	0	0	0	10,850	10,850	1,000
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	106,200	1,475	700	0	9,717	98,658	108,375	32,372
5b	Activities for generating funds:							
	0	0	971	2,634	3,605	3,605	3,605	3,980
	0	0	971	2,634	3,605	3,605	3,605	3,980
5c	Investment income:							
	19,559	0	0	4	19,562	0	19,562	22,712
	0	0	5,080	0	5,080	0	5,080	4,870
			inc. in 5f		0	0	0	0
	19,559	0	5,080	4	24,642	0	24,642	27,582
5d	Church activities:							
	2,154	0	0	0	2,154	0	2,154	2,811
	1,580	0	0	0	1,580	0	1,580	1,430
	3,025	0	292	0	3,317	0	3,317	6,034
	2,334	0	0	0	2,334	0	2,334	2,701
	2,708	0	0	0	2,708	0	2,708	1,225
	150	0	0	0	150	0	150	168
	11,950	0	292	0	12,242	0	12,242	14,370

PCC ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

FINANCIAL ASSETS	2025	2024
	31-Dec	31-Dec
Current account balances	40,354	31,678
Bank deposit accounts	472	2,567
CBF Deposit Fund balances	15,202	33,150
Cash in hand	553	421
	<u>56,582</u>	<u>67,816</u>
CBF Global Equity Income Fund bid market values	14,667	33,902
Other Assets: Freehold land and buildings	3,170	3,170
	<u>74,419</u>	<u>104,888</u>
Other Outstanding Balances		
Gift aid recoverable - via Parish Office to 31st Dec	8,400	8,400
- via Parish Giving for December	606	740
Tenancy Deposit - 37 Delrene Road	1,730	1,730
	<u>10,736</u>	<u>10,870</u>
LIABILITIES		
N/A		

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PCC Accounts 2025 - Fund transfers

	Ref.	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Gift Aid Recovered	Payments	Investments	Adjust.	Bal c/fwd
Restricted Funds								
Church House Garden Fund		661	0					661
Heating Project		90	49,501		-57,451		5,569	-2,291
War Graves		961	250					1,211
Buildings and trees			10,850					10,850
War Memorial		0	2,676					2,676
Pod Project		17,523	35,169	0	-52,228			464
Total Restricted Funds		19,235	98,446	0	-109,679	0	5,569	13,571
Designated Funds								
St James Alter Linen		482	0					482
Consolidated Legacy Fund		6,716	0					6,716
Music Fund		3,252	211					3,463
Clock Fund		348	0					348
Total Designated Funds		10,798	211	0	0	0	0	11,010
Unrestricted Funds								
Christ the King General Fund		11,312	11,070		-9,579			12,803
St James Fabric Unrestricted Fund		50,484					-5,569	44,915
St James General Fund		10,975	72,082		-58,441			24,616
St John General Fund		14,876	15,534		-14,003			16,407
St John Reserve Fund	(a)	8,219					-130	8,089
Parish Office fund		-27,314	39,134	0	-56,010			-44,190
PCC Reserve Fund	(a)	6,303				-17,500	-1,605	-12,802
Total Unrestricted Funds		74,855	137,820	0	-138,033	-17,500	-7,304	49,838
TOTALS		104,888	236,477	0	-247,712	-17,500	-1,735	74,419

Ref. (a) Adjustment.

This is the change in capital value of the Global Equity Income Fund investment. The St John Reserve Fund includes its share of the income received from this investment as well as the change in capital value

PCC 2025 ACCOUNTS - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS

Repairs and maintenance *	£		
Parish Office			
Church House - locks and lock repairs	653		
Church House - thermostat	328		
Miscellaneous electrical items	121		
	1,102	1,102	
St James			
Gas decommissioning costs	325		
Organ tuning	648		
Other	86		
	1,059	1,059	
Churchyard / church grounds upkeep			
Parish Office & St James			
Tree care	1,400		
Grounds Upkeep	1,636		
Parish Office & St James	3,036	3,036	
St John			
Tree care	2,940		
Grounds Upkeep	770		
	3,710	3,710	
Total Repairs and maintenance *			8,907
Major repairs & all improvements			
Parish Office & St James			
Heating Project			
System cost including installation	59,952		
Professional Fees	8,688		
VAT reclaim on invoiced activity	-11,189		
Heating Project	57,451	57,451	
Pod Project			
Construction works	49,464		
Architect Fees	9,504		
VAT reclaim on invoiced activity	-6,740		
Pod Project	52,228	52,228	
	109,679	109,679	
St John			
New altar curtains - PCC contribution	1,355		
New altar curtains	501		
	1,856	1,856	
Total Major repairs & all improvements			111,534
Grand total			120,441

Note *

Repairs and maintenance also includes items shown under Churchyard / church grounds upkeep