

The parish of St Michael and All Angels, Ashton-on-Ribble with St Mark, Preston

2025 Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council

Our Aim and Purpose

Our vision is to be an *Inclusive Church* which welcomes everyone and demonstrates our Christian faith by action in our local community. We want to: increase our involvement with families, young people, and older members of our community; demonstrate our care for God's world; and grow in faith, as individuals and as a church family.

The church was set up in 1906, as a chapel of St Andrew's, to serve the southern part of that parish – down Tulketh Road and towards Preston Dock. It became a separate parish in 1930. After the closure of St Mark's in 1982 the two parishes were formally united in 1993. The joint parish now covers a large area of 3,000 households including the whole of the Dock area and Maudlands as far as the canal, including the traveller site and some University residences.

Most of the people who regularly attend St Michael's live outside the parish.

Our Objectives

We are an *Inclusive Church*: a church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race, or sexuality. The PCC aims to offer a church which welcomes and serves everyone in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

We are a church which wants to grow and to raise our profile in the community. We are committed to supporting Blackburn diocese's *Vision 2026: Healthy Churches Transforming Communities*. Growing the congregation is the only sure way of increasing income and making our church sustainable.

Our Achievements and Impact in 2025

We took new steps towards growth and sustainability

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

- We continued with the *Leading Your Church into Growth* programme
- Simon started a new Bible Study Group
- Nine people were confirmed
- We set up a welcome group and started serving coffee at the back of church

Being witnesses of Jesus Christ

- We sent cards to homes in the parish at Easter and Christmas
- We held a successful mission weekend – the Big Birthday Bash at Pentecost (the birthday of the Christian Church)
- We joined with Ashton Methodist Church and Sacred Heart at Easter and Christmas

Growing leaders for Jesus Christ

- Three church members completed the Diocese's Authorised Lay Ministry programme
- Junior Church leaders led our All Angels family services

Inspiring children and young people

- We held a Film night for young people
- We commissioned a special short processional cross, which was donated in memory of Jillian Eather.
- Some of our newly confirmed young people volunteered to train as servers and crucifers

Resourcing our mission

- We encouraged regular givers to pledge to increase their contribution to St Michaels
- We joined the national Parish Giving Scheme which collects Gift Aid automatically
- The vicar, acting treasurer, and churchwardens learned about the Church of England's Cornerstone toolkit which provides insights and pathways to encourage Generosity.

Our clergy

David Roscoe, our vicar, has been with us, in a half-time post, since September 2023. To grow and develop as a church community we need a full-time vicar, and the PCC hoped that the *Leading Your Church into Growth* programme, which we have been following, would assist with this.

During 2025 we were additionally blessed by the ministries of Bill and Gisela Raines, until they moved to Manchester in late summer, and also of Jeff and Rosie Radcliffe who still provide support. These four retired clergy freely and willingly provided cover for David, preached, and undertook other essential tasks in church.

Our volunteers

Our churchwardens, Jane and Elaine, gave weeks of their time in the service of our church. Ron, our treasurer who retired from the role at the end of our financial year, and Stephen, acting treasurer, also devoted countless hours finding funding for projects and supervising works on site as well as balancing the books.

While the vicar is paid a stipend and the organist receives an honorarium, St Michael's is otherwise run entirely by volunteers. As part of their Christian ministry and witness our volunteers give thousands of hours to make our church what it is, 365 days of the year. The list of their names is too long to note here, but every contribution to the life of our church, however small, is valuable and valued, and the PCC records its thanks to each of them here.

Even if your name is not mentioned in this report, we are deeply grateful to you for what you do, whether it is the most menial behind-the-scenes task, (washing-up is highly valued) or a high-profile, front of church role. We would have no achievements to report without you. Thank you all.

Our Church Members

In line with Church of England procedure, we created a new electoral roll this year with eighty members. On 31 December 2025 there were seventy-nine members on the electoral roll (134 in 2024).

The average regular weekly attendance is calculated in October each year. In 2025 it was forty-eight.

During the year there were eight baptisms (9 last year), two weddings(2) and 5 funerals in church (6). There were also 7 interments of ashes in the memorial garden (2) . Bishop Jill confirmed 9 adults and young people in June.

At present we have no formal network of pastoral care in the parish, but the vicar and several church members offered support to people who were sick or housebound – phoning, emailing, and visiting.

Worship and Prayer at St Michael's

We always welcome everyone to all our church services. In most weeks we offered a single service of Holy Communion at 10am on Sunday, with a shorter service at 10.30am on Thursday. There was a Book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion at 8.30am on the first Sunday of each month.

We held regular all age services so that children and families could join us for the whole service. Mothering Sunday and the Christingle Service were particularly well attended. During the year we developed a café-style service attended by **fifteen families – 26 children**.

The vicar recorded the main Sunday services and uploaded them to his YouTube channel for people to watch later.

From January 2025 we served Fairtrade refreshments in church on Sunday as an element of our ministry of welcome. Numbers staying for a drink after the service increased during the year from a dozen or so in January to **25-30 people** by the end of the year. We had to buy extra coffee jugs and a new kettle and coffee machine!

Jane Bagwell took over the running of the weekly prayer chain. The **sixteen members** prayed each week and brought before God people, organisations and situations that needed our prayers. We also prayed for the growth of our own church community.

Music

The PCC is grateful to the choir, to Josie Moss, the organist and choir leader, and to Stephen Davies, (who played the piano when the organist was not available) for leading the music for our worship.

The music - organ, piano and choir - enhanced our worship each week, with appropriate hymns linking to the readings or service themes. The choir derived pleasure and enjoyment from singing together which benefitted their well-being and provided companionship. The annual Christmas Eve carol service was enjoyed by a large congregation of people from Ashton and beyond.

Evangelism

The PCC has been working on the *Leading Your Church into Growth* programme, working and praying to increase the number of people coming to church and to make sure that we have a sustainable future.

The *Big Birthday Bash* in June was supported by a team from the diocese. Everyone in the congregation was challenged to invite five people, who did not usually attend St Michael's, to take part in the weekend. About sixty people attended the Thurlby Club on Egerton Road on the Friday evening for a quiz, a curry supper, and an opportunity to question a team of clergy about Christian issues. Many new families joined us on Saturday for a highly successful fun day, despite the weather; but

church attendance on Sunday was less than we had hoped and prayed for. People attending the weekend were invited to a 3-evening *Hope Explored* course.

Our Ecumenical commitment and links

We have worked closely with Ashton Methodist church and with Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church to demonstrate our shared Christian faith, continuing the links with West Preston Methodist minister, Mike Grimsley, and with Luke Eidsforth of Sacred Heart, sharing spiritual and practical events. Snow cancelled the Methodists' annual Covenant service in January 2025, but we joined at Easter for a walk of witness, and Christmas for shared services and mission events.

Our mission: children and young people

Junior Church

Junior church meets once a month. Fifteen families with a total of twenty-five children regularly attend both Junior Church and the All Angels family service. Junior church meets in the hall and starts with prayer, followed by breakfast, fellowship, and crafts. The sessions follow the lectionary so that Junior Church receives the same message as the rest of the congregation.

The All Angels café-style family services are usually held on the first Sunday of the month. They are led and planned by the Junior Church leaders. A coffee break halfway through gives everyone the opportunity to talk and discuss what they are doing and learning.

Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group

During term time, Little Fishes runs as an affordable Monday afternoon drop-in for local families and childminders. We welcomed an average of around twelve adults and a similar number of children each week, with some regular attendees and others joining as they were able. Little Fishes helped reduce isolation, build friendships, and create informal support networks within the local community. For many parents and carers, groups like ours are a lifeline.



Adults chatted over a brew in a relaxed, friendly environment, while children explored a variety of educational toys and books. Through play they developed important social skills, learning how to share, take turns, and interact confidently with other children and adults. Parents said that attending groups like this had a positive impact on their mental health and wellbeing. For some it was their only adult conversation of the day.

48th Preston Girlguiding groups

Girlguiding plays a significant role in empowering girls and young women in Ashton. It strengthens their confidence, helps them develop life skills, fosters supportive peer and mentor relationships, and encourages active participation in our community — all of which contribute to long-term personal and social development.



We are pleased to host thriving groups here at St Michael's. Last year 70 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides enjoyed the activities and benefits of Girlguiding as well as supporting our Cupboard Love Food bank and raising £200 for Baby Beat. They attended Church parade on Mothering Sunday and at the Christingle service.

The groups are supported by 9 Young Leaders and eleven adult volunteers. In 2026, they will re-open their Ranger group for 14-18 year olds which will provide a new opportunity for this age group to build positive relationships and learn and develop valuable life skills.

Our mission: social justice and action in the community

We try to demonstrate to people in Ashton that everyone is valued and loved by God, and that all are welcome at St Michael's. Elaine Buckley is our Vision Champion. St Michael's has a long tradition of celebrating and caring for God's creation, and a commitment to social justice. We are a Fairtrade church and aspire to becoming registered as an Eco-church. Our coffee mornings on the first Saturday of each month welcome the wider community for a brew and a chat.

The reports from the activities and organisations below demonstrate our work in the local community

Cupboard Love - distribution of food to those in need

Cupboard Love is funded by financial and physical donations from local Roman Catholic, Methodist, and Anglican church communities together with grants from Preston City Council. In 2025 the team of 10 volunteers gave over 40 hours each month to support more than 150 households in the Ashton and West Preston area. We held twenty-four community food pantry sessions at St Michael's, delivered bulk drops of food for eighty family parcels at Sacred Heart Primary School, supported St Ignatius Primary School, and provided support to refugees attending an English class.

The challenges for 2026 are to recruit new volunteers so that we can scale up the activities to make sure that we are identifying and reaching the people in our community who are truly in need.

Farmers' market

For 20 years the farmers' market has been a regular and popular community outreach event for St Michael's. Based on Fair Trade principles the twelve markets in 2025 supported local producers and helped reduce food miles as well as providing a place for shoppers to meet and chat. Church members sold bread, handmade cards, and knitwear, ran occasional stalls with plants and jigsaws etc, and offered refreshments, to enable the markets to raise around £1000 for church funds. Judi Argall's stalls for church funds paid for the wipeable tablecloths in church, a new kettle, and a coffee machine.

Blue Flamingo dementia-friendly café and community hub

Blue Flamingo's mission is to reduce loneliness and isolation and provide quality dementia support. The organisation started at St Michael's but, while still anchored

there, it has expanded to operate from three locations in Preston and South Ribble and is now a separate Community Interest Company.

Last year its members gave it 4.9 ★★★★★ for the second year running and 100% people asked, said that attending Blue Flamingo sessions lifted their mood.

During the year 47 sessions, reaching 140 people, were held at St Michael's including a special afternoon event on Christmas Day.

Our Church premises and assets

Inspections

All inspections have been conducted at the prescribed intervals. The last Quinquennial Inspection [required by the Church of England every 5 years] took place in October 2023.

Major schemes

During the year we undertook work on the vestry roof and gutter repairs. We installed a new boiler in the kitchen (paid for by a member of the congregation) and the churchwardens investigated alternative ways of heating the church to save both energy and money. They also investigated a replacement ramp between the church and church hall. Attempts to install Wi-Fi in church were unsuccessful.

Churchwardens keep the inventory under revision; the wooden processional cross has been added this year

Outstanding issues

The most significant issue from the 2023 Quinquennial Inspection report is the condition of the bell frame, which shows signs of corrosion. The bell therefore continues to be out of use and will continue to be so unless there is significant fund-raising to repair it.

Use of our buildings

Income from lettings is essential to generate income to keep the church open. The hall is used regularly by Little Fishes, Cupboard Love, and affiliated groups - Blue Flamingo, and the 48th Preston Girlguiding - whose reports are above. There are regular hirers - Taekwondo and Preston Opera meet weekly; and there is a growing number of private parties.

The multi-purpose room is still used as the choir vestry but is also available for small meetings and training sessions.

The church itself was used for several successful concerts and piano recitals during the year and is used for the twice-monthly Cupboard Love food pantry.

Church grounds and Garden of Remembrance

The church grounds and memorial garden are the responsibility of the PCC, which ensures that major works are carried out. However much of the work of maintaining the grounds is undertaken by volunteers.

George Brown and Ian Wallbank have given countless hours of their time throughout the year to keep the grounds and the Garden of Remembrance tidy. They have kept the car park free of leaves and small branches and used the fallen leaves and mature compost as mulch to improve the soil. The PCC is hugely grateful to them and to the other people who have helped in the grounds. Judi Argall and her team used flowers

and foliage from the grounds in church flower arrangements for festivals and other special occasions.

In 2025 the PCC agreed new rules for the Garden of Remembrance. These were approved by the Diocese. We erected signs so that people can read how they can help to keep the Garden a special place for everyone. There is still work to do to remove memorials which have been placed in the Garden without a faculty from the Diocese.

Communication

We published our weekly service and news sheets on the internet and social media as well as handing them out in person. Giving adequate advance notice of future events and services has been well received by church members, especially those who are not able to attend every Sunday because of other commitments.

Online engagement with St Michael's increased during 2025. We regularly updated our main church website and our pages on *A Church Near You* where there were 23,170 page views on this national site (15,000 in 2024).

Facebook had almost seven hundred followers, most aged between 35-44 (up 100 from 2024). Instagram, which is popular with younger people, had 148 followers (140 last year)

The PCC is grateful to Jonathan Moss and Helen Gordon for their work with the website and social media.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parish

The Anglican parish of St Michael and All Angels, Ashton-on-Ribble with St Mark, Preston is in the deanery of Preston in the diocese of Blackburn. The correspondence address is **St Michael's Vicarage, 2 Egerton Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, PR2 1AJ.**

The Church Council - PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules) and has charitable status for the collection of Gift Aid donations: Number:X23879

The PCC includes the vicar, two churchwardens, two deanery synod representatives, and, most importantly, nine individuals elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of our church.

Everyone who attends our services is encouraged to register on the electoral roll, and all communicants are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. The method of appointment is set out in the *Church Representation Rules*. PCC members usually serve for 3 years.

St Michael's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of working with the vicar to promote the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical, within our ecclesiastical parish of St Michael and All Angels with St Mark.

As well as deciding how the church funds should be spent and caring for our Grade 2* listed church building, the PCC is also responsible for maintaining the church hall, the church grounds, and the garden of remembrance. It is important that we maintain the fabric of the church and hall, and care for the grounds, to provide a safe and pleasant space which makes people feel welcome to our church and wider community activities

The PCC met seven times during 2025.

To ensure that PCC meetings focussed on mission and growth and that everything on the agenda supported or resourced our mission, the finance committee and the fabric committee were scheduled to meet in alternate months, when there was no PCC meeting, in order to concentrate on those issues.

Safeguarding

The PCC has a duty under section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure* 2016 in respect of children and vulnerable adults. It has continued to fulfil this responsibility in 2025. **Erin Singleton** was formally appointed as Safeguarding Officer on 14 August last year. The church Safeguarding Policy was updated during the year and new posters displayed. PCC members, group leaders, and sidespersons have undertaken safeguarding training.

St Michael's PCC 2025

members who held specific roles (ex officio)

Vicar (chairman)	Revd David Roscoe
Churchwarden	Jane Bagwell from July 2023
Churchwarden	Elaine Buckley from July 2023
Deanery Synod Reps	{ Elaine Buckley from 2020 { Jacque Crosby from summer 2023

Nine members elected by the congregation as their representatives

Elected 2023 **Joanne Moss**
Linda Richardson
Jennifer Smethurst

Elected 2024 **George Brown**
Meg Davies
Helen Gordon

Elected 2025 **Sophie Bagwell**
Josie Moss
Lynda Young

Co-opted members

The PCC is permitted each year to invite up to two additional people to join its membership for that year

Stephen Davies co-opted as interim treasurer in 2025

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee comprises the vicar, the churchwardens, the treasurer, and the secretary. The Standing Committee met before every PCC meeting to set the agenda. It also made any urgent decisions required between PCC meetings.

Preston Deanery Synod ¹

The Diocese of Blackburn (the Church of England in Lancashire) is divided into fourteen areas – deaneries. Each deanery synod is a meeting of elected representatives from every Anglican church in that area. Representatives are elected by each church at its annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and serve a term of

¹ This section reproduced with thanks to Stephanie Rankin of Preston Deanery Synod to add clarity to our report.

three years. Deanery synod representatives are automatically members of the PCC. The last synod cycle started in July 2023. Elaine Buckley and Jacquie Crosby are the current members. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in 2026.

The deanery synod considers items of concern to the wider church and members then share these ideas with their own PCCs. They are also the group that elects members to the diocesan synod (the collection of representatives of the deaneries throughout the diocese of Blackburn). The diocesan synod then debates items that are under consideration by the General synod. The deanery synod can also be asked by the diocesan synod to consider matters and report back to the diocesan synod. Deanery synod may in turn ask PCCs to consider these issues. In turn, a PCC can ask the deanery synod to debate a motion that can then be debated by the diocesan synod and ultimately by the general synod.

The meetings include any necessary business but also provide an opportunity for churches to hear from each other about various ministries being offered by churches across the deanery.

Preston deanery synod met three times in 2025. In April there was an open meeting at Preston Minster, led by Bishop Philip, which looked at progress with developing a vision for the diocese after 2026. At Ingol St Margaret's in May we heard about plans for celebrating the centenary of the Diocese of Blackburn in 2026 and learned that every parish will hold mission events during the weekend of 11-13 September. At St Martin's Fulwood in October we heard from Dave Champness about Creation Care – the fifth mark of Anglican mission about the Church of England's net zero work and discussed how we might play our part as churches and individuals.

Financial Review by Stephen Davies, Interim Treasurer

The Receipts and Payments Account shows an excess of expenditure over income of £12,570.41 during 2025. £20,068.20 was spent on repairs arising from the Quinquennial Report for which grants had been received in 2024. These included repairs to vestry glazing, roof leaks, pointing, and architects' fees. The cost of replacing the hall boiler was met by a generous donation.

It might be thought that our day-to-day income and expenditure are close to breaking even. There are, however, major fabric issues that must be addressed in our planning, with no guarantee of grant funding. They include stopping new leaks in the roof, replacing the church boiler, and undertaking essential work on the organ.

Our most generous givers are from the older members of our congregation. Younger families are facing financial pressures not experienced by the older generation. Contactless payments totalled £1029.83 last year (£1568 in 2024).

A considerable proportion of our expenditure is unavoidable, including the parish share paid to the Diocese and church insurance, but there are areas of discretionary expenditure that can be controlled. Our churchwardens have already taken steps to reduce heating costs. This may not be popular, but a compromise between comfort and cost has to be reached for a sustainable future.

As a PCC we have a responsibility to ensure that all income due to the parish is collected efficiently; I have to report that there is room for improvement here.

I will be standing down as Interim Treasurer at the Annual Meeting. Unless a successor is found, the burden of managing our finances will fall on our already overworked churchwardens. I will do my best to ensure that our records are handed over in good order

Our plans for 2026

- To welcome more people to St Michael's
- To do more to encourage and support children and young people
- To set up a pastoral visiting team which provides spiritual support as well as friendship to church members who are not able to leave their homes
- To become an Eco-Church
- To make our church building watertight
- To increase our income through a Giving Campaign at Harvest
- To celebrate the centenary of the diocese with mission events in September 2026

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025

Annual Receipts and Payments Account 2025

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Cupboard Love (Restricted)	Contra items	Total 2025	Total 2024
INCOME					
Voluntary receipts					
Tax-efficient planned giving	33943.47			33943.47	28028.50
Other planned giving	1059.50			1059.50	1779.70
Collections at services	3199.56			3199.56	5678.94
Other voluntary sources	694.64			694.64	1299.47
Gift Aid recovered	5239.86			5239.86	11110.30
Fundraising activities					
Letting	9036.25			9036.25	7306.36
Deposit	385.00			385.00	0.00
Church activities					
Statutory fees	2433.00		3190.00	5623.00	6694.00
Gross trading income	2612.32			2612.32	12518.43
Parish mission	1111.50			1111.50	0.00
Other income					
Grants and donations	22028.54	6209.22		28237.76	41599.57
Legacies	0.00			0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	81743.64	6209.22	3190.00	91142.86	116015.27
OUTGOINGS					
Church activities					
Gifts and donations	300.00			300.00	12359.01
Parish share	28194.00		1643.00	29837.00	27971.00
Honoraria and Salary	5472.00			5472.00	3442.00
Clergy expenses	5234.71			5234.71	6508.78
Occasional offices			1130.00	1130.00	0.00
Church expenses					
Running expenses	3185.77	4547.42		7733.19	11622.51
Utility bills	16378.97			16378.97	19147.06
Cost of trading	313.04			313.04	0.00
Parish mission	857.20			857.20	0.00
Property expenses					
Church routine	9919.41			9919.41	32305.83
Quinquennial	20068.20			20068.20	
Hall	3057.40			3057.40	2617.12
Organ	934.05			934.05	
Other outgoings					
Booking deposit refunds	300.00			300.00	760.00
Administration	2178.10			2178.10	167.91
TOTAL Payments	96392.85	4547.42	2773.00	103713.27	116901.22
Income less Outgoings	-14649.21	1661.80	417.00	-12570.41	-885.95
Opening balance 1/1/25	19962.67	3606.15	0.00	23568.82	20755.25
Deposit Fund transfer	0.00			0.00	3500.00
Organ Fund transfer	934.03			934.03	0.00
Late banking	0.00			0.00	179.52
Unpresented cheques	0.00			0.00	20.00
Fund balance	6247.49	5267.95	417.00	11932.44	23568.82

Notes to 2025 Accounts

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The following assets are recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities – moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
3. There were fewer income-generating events compared with 2024.
4. Blue Flamingo is now an independent CIC
5. Protracted enquiries into high vicarage water bills led to probable conclusion of excess consumption
6. Increased hire of buildings
7. Nearly half of the bank balance at 31/12/2025 is in the restricted Cupboard Love fund.

Accounts produced by Stephen Davies Interim Treasurer

15 March 2025

Approved by the PCC on 27 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:-

Chairman: D J Roscoe

PCC Member: J Bagwell

Fund Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Designated Fund CCLA 0616S : Organ Fund (77.19 share units)

Interest is paid into CCLA 007D Acct

Closing value at 31/12/25 **£1713.46**

Designated Fund CCLA 238S: Roof Repair Fund (243.86 share units)

Interest is paid into CCLA 007D Acct

Closing value at 31/12/25 **£5413.36**

Designated Fund CCLA007D – General Purposes Fund

Opening Balance £972.56

Interest £278.08

Closing Balance **£1250.64**

Note: CCLA 061S and 238S are accessed via the Diocesan Finance Department, while 007D is accessed directly by the PCC

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 December 2025

Monetary Assets

Bank Current Account £11932.44

CCLA Deposit Funds £ 8377.46

TOTAL £20209.90

Liabilities

Nil

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance in our unrestricted funds which equates to two months' unrestricted payments. For our parish this is equivalent to £15500 and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet unforeseen emergencies. It has not been possible to achieve this in the current financial climate.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS,
ASHTON-ON-RIBBLE WITH ST MARK, PRESTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of PCC and the examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC 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 (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual 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 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 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 accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : R Grime, Independent Examiner

Date: 17 March 2026

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