

6. TREASURERS REPORT AS AT 30TH AUGUST 2025 FOR PCC MEET SEPT 2025

Opening Balance 2025 £10187.85Cr, Income £44582.65 Expenditure £46962.98, Closing Balance as at 30th August £7807.52

INCOME

July. £1326.23 Funds received from Concert given by The Greater Manchester Male Voice Choir (Raffle raised minus contactless fee £310.53, Refreshments £38.67, Donations minus contactless fees £977.03, Grant £1100 towards the cost of the Quinquennial Inspection (£2100)

Aug. £104.85 EFR Qrtly Donation

EXPENDITURE

July. £1200 Costing Report from Quin Inspection (funded from CCLA Restoration Fund). £284.40 Locksmith, replacement of locks following break in, £488.51 Agreed Donation to Police Choir 50% of Concert Donations.

Aug.

OTHER ITEMS

Contactless payments received July £147 and August £40, Total to date £687, less concert £42 raffle & £25 Donations

EFR. Quarterly Donations to date for 2025 £273.75. Donations since 2021 Commencement £1245.11. Donations including amounts still to be paid £1597.91

Locks. It was unfortunate that we had to replace the locks to one of the doors only about 6 weeks after new ones had been installed. We also upgraded the locks to the door near the vestry's, and replaced lock at the Rectory. This cost of £284.40 should be covered by the insurance claim, however, we will have to find £500 to settle the required excess fee.

Greenery Clearance. Clearance of undergrowth on the pavement area surrounding the church footprint, to remove some overhanging branches and removal of a diseased Ash tree. Quotes were obtained for this work, and it was decided to go with G4orce who appear to have a better understanding to what we need. The removal is due to be carried out on the 1st September at a cost of £450+VAT for the protruding undergrowth and £550+VAT for the Ash tree = £1200. This will have to be funded from Concert Donation and a previous Donation from a benefactor.

In addition to the above we also need to remove the undergrowth to the rear of the Church, which if not dealt with will just creep through the railings again, and onto the pavement areas.

Unfortunately, due to the condition of this area we are looking at an additional cost of £1300+VAT which will be funded either from the Restoration account Interest or again previous donation held in the COIF Account. This unexpected cost will put a strain on our Balances, especially as our monthly income isn't sufficient to meet our monthly outgoings. We are already using the COIF account for coverage these costs, but it's not something we can continually do as obviously these funds are reducing and not being replaced.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 2025

INCOME	£		EXPENDITURE	£
G/A Envelopes	2368.64		Parish Share	4000.00
NG/A Envelopes	1654.31		Clergy expenses	2761.06
Plate	2000.15		Upkeep Ch/gdn	9818.98
HMRC	1309.98		Utilities	3549.18
Refreshments	38.67		Governance	4247.97
Donations	2563.97		Salaries	120.00
Contactless	687.00			
Grants	10176.35		Church repairs	
Fund Raising	269.00		PCC Property	
Investments	5600.00		Trading	
PCC Fees	1281.00		DBF Loan	
DBF Fees	1341.00		DBF Fees	1341.00
Sales/Trading	37.30		Transfers	20748.56
Sundry income	313.11		To Charity	582.61
Restricted income			Fees/Charges	7.88
Grants - restricted				
From other a/cs	15201.43			
TOTAL	44841.91		TOTAL	47177.24

7. Rector's report

a) PCC Governance

The September pastoral letter mentioned the possibility of the co-option of at least one member to the PCC from members of the Electoral Roll.

b) Worship

**Baptism Policy and Practice*

The baptism of an infant of members of the worshipping community on 31st August, inserted into the BCP Holy Communion Service was well received.

** Young People's Provision*

Thanks to other noises off, such as All Saints Garden maintenance, and electrical challenges there is nothing to report this time. Ongoing.

**Rota review*

Recalling the discussion on restoration of the Offertory, discussion is welcome on whether it is practicable to restore this weekly/monthly or at all. If there is an Offertory, the hymn that 'covers' it could replace the Gradual Hymn/Metrical Psalm.

**Mid-week groups and worship*

Groups were mentioned in the September Pastoral Letter.
Discussion invited.

**Organ hymn Library update.*

There have been additions to the libraries of hymns and pieces.

There has been a suggestion that we could learn a new setting of 'the mass' for variety.

NB The recent technical issues with the midi-sequencer not reading 'new' data has been resolved. Files are to be uploaded to the SD Card rather than Folders with files in them. PCC members will recall the emails about that palaver and voyage of discovery.

**Serving/team/ altar guild*

On going, with two adults indicating they would buy their own cassock and surplice/cotta.

**Restoration of the Offertory*

See above.

**Sunday cover for the Rector's absences*

We are grateful to Frs Paul Hutchins and Alan Simpson for the cover provided thus far.

Sunday 28th: 9.00 am (BCP) (said) Fr Ben Jennings from Holy Family; 10.00 am Service of the Word led by The Reverend Helen Kidd, Assistant Curate (deacon's year) at The Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas.

**Temporary repositionings*

Stet with the Book of Remembrance.

For the Dedication Service, to move the Lectern to the S of the Altar platform to de-clutter the front of the S pews for VIP seating? See how we like the effect?

**Advent and Christmas Provision.*

To confirm the switching on of the community Christmas Tree at 5 pm, Saturday 29th November, with activities/ refreshments centred around the church. Detailed discussions in course with Cllr Flanagan and the Neighbourhood Team. Funding: NIF and other community grants.

Implementation: us and community groups such as ECO YOUTH.

Discussion invited.

Rector also in discussion with Cllr Flanagan about weekend events in December, and including the GMPMVC Concert here on 18th December. All Saints is envisaged as a venue. Discussion invited on what we could make available: building/volunteers. NB All Saints would be one of a number of venues across Newton Heath.

c) Wider Church News

i) Missional Community

The teaching resource *Chrisitan Basics* is due for launch soon.

ii) Deanery

Chapter meets on the last Wednesday of the month, the most recent meeting having been here on 27th. A fraction of those required to attends, under the T&Cs of their licence, (bother to) attend.

We have a delightful supportive core of clergy which meets for prayer, discussion and food.

The next meeting of Deanery Synod is 14th October, at St Elizabeth, Reddish.

d) Schools

i) *All Saints*

The academic year ended with a glorious Yr 6 Leavers Service in Church on 22nd July, with some surprise, but choreographed dancing in the aisle. Leavers are now presented with an embossed scroll, with tube and ribbon on behalf of the church community. Thank you to the production line that produces those.

Rachel has begun her first term officially in role as Head Teacher.

**Governance*

OW stepped back as Chair of BOG at the end of last term, and resigned as a Foundation Governor. A new Chair will be elected at the first meeting of the BOG on Thursday 18th. There are some Foundation vacancies, and others possibility emergent over the course of the year.

**Rebuild*

Frustratingly, at the time of writing there is nothing more to report.

**School Community*

The All Saints community gathers to support a Yr 8 boy and his family who suffered a catastrophic episode at the end of last term. Members of his family attended worship across both services on Sunday 27th July. The school is looking at a fund-raiser for support to the boy and his family as adaptations to their home are highly likely.

ii) St Wilfrid's

The Year 6 Leavers Service was held in church on Friday 11th July. It was the most dignified service to date. The leavers spoke very well.

Short listing for a new Head Teacher is on Wednesday 23rd September.

Interviews are over two days, 29th/30th September when the Rector is on leave, booked many months ago.

e) Fabric

**Electric Outage, East End*

DATO paid another site visit towards the presentation of a scheme for the 'fix'. Given that both temporary and permanent work would be invasive to the fabric, even if using existing structures, permission under Faculty Jurisdiction will be required. The DAC responded swiftly thanks in part to the H&S dimension to the work and an Interim Faculty application is in course. When completed the work will receive 'confirmatory' permission, either 'under Faculty' or as a 'List B' matter. We still have just over £2165.00 in our £10,000 allocation for emergency/small repairs for 2025.

Funding: please see this redacted extract from a email of 1st September from Daniel Bainbridge:

I would need to see quotes for the lighting work in order to bring it to F&GP [of the DBF] for approval at the meeting on 10th November. [By which time the work, hopefully, will be complete.]

If you require further funds for the lighting project, the [Church Building Grant](#) is still available, however you would need to fund 50% of the costs from other non-diocesan sources.

PCC approval of this work will need to be conducted electronically.

**JE Dean*

The annual service of the boiler will be due soon. The thermostat needs to be connected. It's pointless to install the 'Hive' until there is wireless in the church. When we have it the heating system can be operated remotely.

All Saints Garden

Significant progress over the last month. Members will be aware of Compliance issues with MCC, from the briefing paper of 250814 and other correspondence before and since (which is all uploaded to the PCC Folder).

G4orce came on 1st September to trim back the overgrowth. While they were on site, they felled an ash which had succumbed to Stage 3 (of 4) die-back. This saves us a call-out fee for a separate job.

There is an in-person meeting tomorrow (previously circulated) at 1.00 pm tomorrow, 17th September, with interested parties concerning maintenance of All Saints Garden. This may be peripatetic and move between Garden and Church/Rectory.

f) Fundraising

**Stewardship Programme*

The meeting to grant final approval for the stationery for this, to be launched on Sunday 5th October.

**QI Codes*

To be deployed as and when the need arises

**Upgrade of Contactless Equipment*

No update necessary for now. The Rector donated a phone to complement the contactless pad.

The PCC will reimburse JC monthly by BACS for the SIM only contract with Lebara. After rekeying in passcodes etc, the new phone/pad combo worked on 31st August.

g) All Saints Youth and Community Centre

Re-constitution progress.

Nothing substantive to report.

Rector to meet with Jonathan Collinson-Taylor later this month, date tbc, who has experience of similar compliance issues. He is also active in Scouting and could be the Scout Association's link with the 'real' interests of the now defunct 12 Manchester Scouts.

h) Places of Welcome

Nothing to report.

Ideas/discussion welcome.

i) Eco-Church

Nothing to report.

j) Housekeeping

** Persistent debt*

Conversation invited about next steps, concerning three representations of an invoice for Narthex hire May/June.

Utilities Update

If not covered under Treasurer's reports, printed or verbal.

** Insurance claim*

A claim was raised shortly after the disturbance in late June. Other events and pressing matters delayed its pursuit. Ecclesiastical phoned today (Friday 12th June) to follow this up. The Rector advised EIG would be updated asap after the PCC meeting with proposals for replacement objects on the basis of 'new for old' which cover the theft of the safe and the irreparable damage to the filing cabinet. The value of the cash lost remains the same. There is a £500.00 excess on this claim, but its value makes it worthwhile.

8. Restoration and Development

Some of this amplifies matters raised under Item 7 e) Fabric. Execution of all of the matters contained in this report will depend on the advice offered by IPC and Insall, as well as the necessary ecclesiastical permissions.

There's quite a lot of 'Rector-splaining' in this, and deliberately so, mainly for the benefit of newer members, and as a refresher for those of us who have been here a while and may find something new, or be reminded of some things forgotten.

ELECTRICS

We await the scheme for the East End, and a costing. I don't believe that in this instance it will be necessary to go out for tender on this, neither has this been implied. It is essential work potentially to be undertaken by contractors who know the building well.

The job is likely to take a couple of days.

I think it is likely we will go for a solution which is permanent and which can be subtracted from the overall re-wiring scheme which is a few years away in implementation.

The most expensive 'non-labour' cost will be a mobile platform/scaffolding. DATO may be able to source their own. The proprietor of G4orce has given us a contact of his.

ALL SAINTS GARDEN

We have fulfilled our side of the bargain by engaging G4orce to tidy up the site, and to remove hazards which affect pedestrians on the pavement side of the perimeter.

I have been very encouraged by the engagement of the new neighbourhood team in progressing matters, and I hope for agreed objectives to emerge at or soon after our meeting on 17th September. I have shared the relevant portions of the QI costings, and drawn attention to the 'labour' costs of those which may well be covered by the work being covered by business meeting their social responsibility obligations.

Frontage

For whichever reasons, the interventions on the weeds which grow up between stones are unsatisfactory to date. The spraying by PQ has been ineffective, and poor value for money in my view. Consensus from gardening friends, amateur and expert, is that heavy spraying from a good concentration of glyphosate, even neat is the solution. There are other more 'organic' methods perhaps, such as vinegar. It is a problem; it is unsightly, and makes us look neglected and even closed. This area for maintenance will be on the agenda for 17th.

Grass

The fee for cutting this is reasonable given the square area. Meeting that cost is perhaps subsidised by the £10 a pop I pay for the two minutes it takes for my front grass to be cut, very cautiously and could be deeper into the verge. When wet the clumps of cuttings are unsightly as they are in All Saints Garden.

I hope that one of the outcomes of the meeting covers grass cutting, which may allow us to dispense with the present arrangement. *The Peace Garden* is cut in such a way that the cuttings are broken down more finely, and clumps of cut grass are avoided.

Privacy and Health and Safety signage

Public Notices are absent and need to be installed. The area between the N Side of the church and All Saints Street is very, very uneven (collapsed graves and vaults?). Now the diseased ash on that side has been removed there is a further void in the railings which may encourage short cuts.

NB even if we post adequate signage we may still be liable for injury even if access is technically a trespass – we were all young and curious once, were we not?

All Saints Garden is legally still a church yard; it is a portion of one; the ground is consecrated with human remains in situ in abundance. This needs to be respected and more rigorously enforced.

Access out of hours, reasonably interpreted, is technically a trespass. The detritus of drink and drug consumption left is desecration. The taking banned substances can be deemed likewise. The consumption of alcohol is also inappropriate, and disrespectful, unless there are special provisions for it such as a social occasion, with the appropriate licenses when required.

Urination and defecation are also desecration.

Currently, and for numerous reasons, it is not possible to secure the churchyard. This is ordinarily a matter of ecclesiastical law. I am unsure whether this still applies (as strictly) now that, it seems, MCC has joint occupancy with us.

All Saints Garden is not a Public Right of Way, even and especially the ‘path’ which runs alongside the Garden of Remembrance to the frontage, with the currently padlocked gate at the Droylsden Road end. When those gates are fixed it will still be necessary to close them overnight at least once a year.

The CCTV camera cluster recently installed on the front of the Rectory pans the S side of the church. This is hardly a deterrent currently. We may have to consider CCTV for that side of the building. This has been raised by our insurers and GMP.

Notice board (s)

The cheapest and smartest solution maybe is to replace the work of fiction on Culcheth Lane would be to deploy a digital or manual sign-writer, to include points of contact, and even a QR code; and to allow a space for important current notices to be added.

In fairly recent times, but before my time here, there was also a notice board attached to the masonry to the right, as you look at it, of the Great West Door. Is it worth restoring that? Given its absence for a couple of decades, permission under Faculty Jurisdiction may be necessary. The original fixing points in the masonry are still there, which may help.

Give the extent of All Saints Garden, and the footfall there, there may be merit in due course of having an additional church notice board/sign at the ‘west’ end ie facing Droylsden Road.

Garden of Remembrance

This is part of the churchyard, and facing a much-abused portion of it. A sign indicating its presence, and with a Code of Conduct is recommended.

As a part of the churchyard the GoM falls under The Chancellor’s Regulations for Churchyards. These were last updated in 2016 when his Honour Geoffrey Tatershall was Chancellor. The new Chancellor, The Worshipful Gregory Jones, KC, does not adopt the light touch of his predecessor.

(Chancellor here means Diocesan Chancellor who is always a senior, experienced lawyer, often a Barrister and KC. The Chancellor presides over an ecclesiastical court known as The Consistory Court for the Diocese. NB a judgement in one of these is not binding or dependent upon

judgements on similar cases in other Consistory Courts. Such judgements can be classed as persuasive authority.)

Ours is a bit of mess. The allocated spaces for the interment of ashes are not graves. Cremated human remains in consecrated ground may not be disturbed without a Faculty. Such Faculties are rarely granted. Previous incumbents may have made undertakings to people seeking burial of cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance, as I have no evidence that they have not. No kind of marker ought ever to have been permitted where cremated remains have been placed, let alone flower roses, and detailed inscriptions. I have felt pastorally obliged to honour 'agreements' made by my predecessors.

I will not grant permission for any kind of marker, as it is beyond my power. I am unaware of any more undertakings proven or otherwise. If more come to light, I shall disregard them proven or not. As is the applicant's right they can petition the Chancellor.

Such flowers as may be placed in the Garden of Remembrance need to be cut flowers, laid on the soil, and not in holders, removed when wilted by those who placed them there. Potted plants ought not to be there either. Artificial flowers are not permitted, even on graves. I have reminded those who place such of this. I remove them after a week.

The PCC would be wise to approve and issue/ renew a policy along these. (I've not found one so far.)

POSTION STATEMENT FOR DEDICATION FESTIVAL 16TH NOVEMBER

You'd be right if you thought there is something about this which is putting the cart before the horse. As we celebrate the conclusion of the Stewardship Campaign on that day, I hope we can also make an announcement about progress towards the last major phase of church repair, and/or developments with the Garden, and even work with young people, and our work hand in hand with school life.

Our architect, Becky at Insall, and our consultants, John and Anne at IPC, have this date in their diary. We have two month run-in on that. Maybe we can agree the statement at our November meeting scheduled for the previous Tuesday, 11th November.

Hopefully there will be a flurry of correspondence between all the interested parties, details of which will be circulated to you all; and there may well be a site visit between now and then. Let there be light for the East end in the meantime!