

TREASURERS REPORT AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2026 FOR PCC MEET MARCH 2026

Opening Balance 2025 £11051.10Cr, Income £6562.02 Expenditure £9367.70, Closing Balance as at 28th February 2026 £8245.42 Cr

INCOME

Jan. £87.16 Christingle Donations.

Feb. £176.18 EFR ¼ 4 Donation

EXPENDITURE

Jan. £87.16 Transferred to The Children's Society

Feb. £655.20 Annual Clearance of Gutters. £624.00 Repair/Replace Flashing where needed.
£153.48 Fire Extinguishers Serviced. £180.00 Annual Audit Fee.

OTHER ITEMS

Contactless payments received Jan £31 and Feb £77, Total to date for 2026 £108, 14 Transactions.

EFR. Quarterly Donations received for 2026 £176.18. Donations since 2021 Commencement £1533.85. Donations including amounts still to be paid £1746.76

No3 account has finally been opened by Barclays, and all residue Flower fund monies are now in this account.

Insurance. Payments from January onwards are now being made to our new providers Trinitas by monthly Direct Debit.

We have pigeons in the tower again, the fee for removing and making the area safe again will be £1250.00 which will need to be funded from our reserves.

Parish Share. We are continuing to pay £500pm till our revised £ for 2026 has been reviewed by the Diocese. To be discussed by the PCC in March's meeting.

EFR. The amount held in the COIF No2 for the Donations received is now fairly substantial, do we need to amend the Cause receiving these monies to a more generic one, that can be used for the benefit of the church? To be discussed by the PCC in March's meeting.

2025 Audit now complete and ready for agreement by PCC.

GA & Non GA Envelopes. To be reviewed by PCC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 2026

INCOME	£		EXPENDITURE	£
G/A Envelopes	827.40		Parish Share	1000.00
NG/A Envelopes	327.36		Clergy expenses	531.91
Plate	404.13		Upkeep Ch/gdn *	2417.24
HMRC	1101.84		Utilities	1916.19
Refreshments			Governance **	1371.80
Donations *	576.34		Salaries	
Contactless	108.00		Church repairs	
Grants			PCC Property	
Fund Raising			Trading	
Investments			DBF Loan	
PCC Fees	597.00		DBF Fees	545.00
DBF Fees	714.00		Transfers	1497.10
Sales/Trading			To Charity	
Sundry Income **	244.00		Fees/Charges	1.21
Restricted income				
Grants - restricted				
From other a/cs	1661.95			
TOTAL	6562.02		TOTAL	9367.70

*£176.18 EFR Recurring Donation, £400.16 Non Rec Don

* Incl Annual Serv + Flashing Repairs

** £244. Funeral Fee Received in error to be returned.

** Incl Replacement of Safe + Filing Cab

7. Rector's report : NB please refresh yourselves with my memo from 11th February

a) **PCC Governance**

2026 Parish Share increase

The January statement from the DBF contained a typo: £710 given where £500 was intended for the share contribution we made that month.

The share allocation given for the year, and of which we had no previous notice, and about which we were not consulted, was given as £10,247. This was not a typo. It is an 86.8% increase on 2025.

Correspondence with the Finance Team at St John's House ensued.

Nice to hear from you and thanks for your e mail.

If you recall when we met in early 2025 to discuss share we reduced to £5,500 to be revisited in 2026. We also discussed how it would be important for Newton Heath to improve overall financial health to begin to increase share back towards the minimum level which is £10,274 this year.

I appreciate that the increase is too high however I would like you to review the amount you are giving and come back to me with the figure you feel is affordable but stretching for 2026. We will be coming out again to chat through share for 2027-2029 later this year.....

.....I hope this makes sense – if you would like to speak to the PCC and come back to me with your proposal for 2026 I will review in line with your financial position

Thanks so much

Please read the text from CM's response of 16th February

CM gets it, understands us, and she has job to do. I suggest we meet, and counter with 'x' (tbc) and settle for £6.5k and offer to increase this by £1000 a year until we reach floor level in real terms. Remember: thanks to the delays in the electrical work we are £5k down already for this year, even if we get the 25% grant from the DBF, for which I believe we are eligible.

In my reply I noted that I was disappointed to have learnt about our new share this way, and which was without notice or consultation.

Parish Annual General Meeting elections

This is where we elect Church Wardens, and any one resident in the parish is eligible to attend. I'm happy to explain why.

Ability to elect Church Wardens is a litmus test of a Benefice's viability. If there are vacancies habitually, especially where the church community is small, then a benefice/church moves closer and closer to being deemed 'fragile' after which it is given even closer scrutiny by the DMPC.

PCC co-options

Given our current numbers, The Church Representation Rules (a fascinating read) permit us to co-opt another member. How well do we know our people, and have we identified any gifts which can be shared with us, especially among our newer members?

b) Worship

Rota review

We have added another adult to our number, and I am very pleased with the way 'buddying-up' is working.

Midweek groups and worship

see also 7 g)

i) adult

No specific plans yet.

ii) young people

In discussions with All Saints School and with some support from KP I hope we can launch "Play, Pray, and Pizza"

See supporting documentation which explains the initiative.

Should any of the PCC, DBS-checked of course, be able to give any time to this, please let me know. Likewise, we may receive offers of help elsewhere, and volunteers will need to be safely recruited.

Organ hymn library update

In my view we still have a few gaps in (reasonably popular hymns); a few 'quiet pieces' before the service, and for use after the service as the need arises liturgically would be helpful. We will not need to spend on organ recording at the same level as we have been until recently – hence the discussion on our 'COIF' monies.

Serving team/altar guild

There will be some 'training' on all aspects of what being a server means, and I pray that at least one session to all comers/ages can be complete by Easter.

Review of Ash Wednesday

I was very pleased by the increased numbers this year. Maybe there is a perception that the end is nigh and repentance of sins is even more important than ever!

c) Wider Church News

i) Mission Community

Little to report other than I continue to work closely with Fr Chris Moore, and am really enjoying my mid-week contact with St Agnes, Longsight, whose

Bible Study group which I lead was the inspiration for the Lent podcasts.

ii) Deanery

Thanks to a dairy slip, I missed Synod on 24th February, but enjoyed Chapter the following day.

I would be thrilled if we could elect our allocation of two Deanery Synod lay reps this APCM.

d) **Schools**

i) All Saints

Foundation Governor vacancy.

As of 6th March we have two.

WA, whose term of office ended on Friday 6th is happy to be nominated to serve again. His professional background will continue to add depth to the Governing Body.

Hannah Batchelor, a past parent, a good friend to the school, and former governor would be happy to serve.

The PCC within which the critical mass of the Foundation subsists will be invited to approve the above as Governors, and recommend this to the Governing Body.

Rebuild updates

The site now identified for the temporary relocation of the school will take longer to assess for the placing of the buildings and landscaping. The mooted date for the relocation is summer 2027.

Playground/churchyard agreement

The school has very much the worse deal under the present agreement.

Over the next three years all parties to it will need to give very careful consideration to a new one. It will be a very careful balancing act of our mutual responsibilities for safety, as well as The Rector and PCC executing their fiduciary responsibility as charity trustees for the benefice.

I believe the LA's policy and practice of deducting the rent they pay "the church" from the school's annual capital allowance is not within the spirit of the Education Act, and is a strategically narrow interpretation of 'provision'. I suggest it may even be unlawful. Judicial review is expensive, win or lose.

Easter Service

I am disappointed that I will not be able to attend on the date and time suggested by the school, as I will be at the Cathedral. Back in January I suggested a service on Maundy Thursday when at least the liturgical colour is white and is that bit closer to Easter Day. I suggested a version of the liturgy we follow including the washing of feet and an explanation of Maundy Money. I was informed last week the school diary could not accommodate that. I have suggested the same for 2027.

ii) St Wilfrid's

Head Teacher recruitment

Given the minute of the last meeting, the Rector will speak about this in confidence.

e) **Fabric** (routine maintenance)

See also under item 8

Electrics

Update to my memo of 11th February 2026.

Bown Electrical have taken this on. Their scheme comes in at the same cost as DATO's for materials, parts and labour . There is no additional cost for their providing their own mobile tower for work at height. This makes a saving for us over the DATO scheme, where scaffolding would have needed to have been provided separately.

Anthony Lomas from Crossway Scaffolding had visited to quote for the provision of a tower, indicated its cost relative to the cost of the electrical scheme alone as it has to be worth their while. The Rector indicated we will need to go out to tender for future, much larger scale projects. It was fortunate for us, therefore, that Bown was able to include their own scaffolding provision within the cost previously quoted by them.

f) **Fundraising**

Development Funding opportunity for 2028

Manchester United: 70th Anniversary of the Munich Air Disaster: 150th Anniversary of the founding of Newton Heath Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Football Club.

I believe we should have a high profile in the respective commemoration and celebration. These are clearly monetizable opportunities.

Regular events

Discussion welcome

EFR/COIF

There is a substantial balance in COIF (£14,250) which even as a dedicated/reserve account is hard to justify under a church reserves policy in the current climate and our circumstances.

To discuss: a new purpose for EFR; and use of our funds in COIF (see 6b).

g) **All Saints Youth and Community Centre**

Re-constitution progress

ZG (MCC) and I will host a meeting of interested parties concerning this. A date will be determined soon. Representation from us, in addition to me, would be exceptionally helpful, reasons for which are not too hard to gauge.

See also under 7b i) and ii): Now that the “Wednesday Brownies” have ceased, there is an evening empty in use of the centred. “PP&P”, for All Saints School principally will take place there, before the Brownies would have met. I would look to block-book Wednesday evenings for this and other church group meetings, for the same aggregate cost as uniformed groups, which has included storage of their kit. I have yet to determine what these have been. I believe they will have been very advantageous. We need to re-claim what was once ours, and bring our “Youth Group” and Institute out of abeyance/revive them. It’s such a terrific resource.

h) **Places of Welcome**

Nothing to report

i) **Eco-church**

Nothing to report

j) **Housekeeping**

Persistent debt

The Rector will ratchet this up in the case of the body owing us which receives public funds. There is a six-year limitation on debt.

Banns Fee: we may have to write this off.

Noticeboard revamp

See memo of 11th February

Safety notices for All Saints Garden

Now that it’s more accessible, more people are accessing it. We have a duty of care to advise of the hazards.