



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Saint Gabriel's Church, Huyton Quarry

Huyton Deanery

Diocese of Liverpool

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SAINT GABRIEL'S HUYTON QUARRY

“The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for his kingdom in the world ... The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow, challenges to take up, and urgent tasks to perform. This is all part of what is known loosely as fellowship.”

Bishop Tom Wright: 'Simply Christian'

Our Bible focus throughout 2025 was Micah 6 verse 8

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Bigger Church, Bigger Difference

If we are to see a bigger church making a bigger difference with more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world, then we all need to be involved. At St. Gabriel's we **thank God** for the very many ways we have been blessed and encouraged this last year, enabling us to grow in faith and action, connecting with more people from around our parish than every before. Of all the blessing we have received, chief amongst them is the gift of each other and we thank God that we are a **growing church** with every member encouraged to participate as fully as possible.



Administrative Information

The Parish of St. Gabriel's Huyton Quarry is part of the Deanery of Huyton in the Diocese of Liverpool. As a Church of England Parish Church, the church is overseen by The Parochial Church Council which is defined in law by **The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956**. You can find the full text of the PCC Powers Measure in its currently amended form on the [legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) database at:
www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/Eliz2/4-5/3/contents

The Church Representation Rules 2020 (as amended in 2025) provide clear procedures for decision making and accountability throughout The Church of England. Together with The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, The Church Representation Rules form the governing documents used by The Parochial Church Council of St Gabriel's Parish Church in the exercise of their duties. You can find the full text of The Church Representation Rules in its current amended form on The Church of England website
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-services/church-representation-rules/introduction>



Clergy, lay ministers, staff and other officials



The Reverend Canon Malcolm Rogers MBE

Vicar of the Parish

Area Dean of Huyton

The Bishop of Liverpool's Canon for Reconciliation

Chair of The Apple Trust

Chaplain, 1982 Squadron, Royal Air Force Air Cadets

Senior Fellow, Liverpool Hope University

Fellow, Westminster Abbey Institute



The Reverend Lynne Connolly

Associate Vicar for Mission and Ministry

Schools Ministry Clergy Lead

Eco-church Clergy Lead

*Rev Lynne is a self-supporting minister with
'Permission to Officiate' granted by The Bishop*

Both Canon Mal and Rev Lynne can be found on the National Register of Clergy

www.churchofengland.org/about/national-register-clergy

The National Register of Clergy provides real-time assurance of a clergy-persons authorization to carry out ministry within the Church of England which, for example, requires full completion of all mandatory safeguarding training etc



Clergy, lay ministers, staff and other officials



Angela Rowlands

Angela is our reader and member of our ministry team. She leads our weekly Bible Study on Wednesday evenings, assists with the leading of worship and is the ministry team lead for our prayers for healing ministry. Angela is licensed as a reader by The Bishop of Liverpool.

To find out more about reader ministry visit

<https://liverpoolcofe.org/supporting-reader-ministry/called-to-be-a-reader/>



Rebecca Hooton

Bec is a member of our ministry team and co leads our Flame and Spirit youth ministries. She is also Huyton Deanery's Schools and Youth Worker and is active in all Kinds of children's and youth networks including 'Prayer Spaces for Schools' and 'Messy Church'.

Other officers and staff

Jill Jevons is our administrator

Ben Murray is our head vergers

Brenda Hughes is our sacristan supported by Pauline Murray our assistant sacristan (9am service)

Although not in this financial year, we wish to record our Appreciation to the late Ian Adderley, assistant sacristan Who passed away in April 2026.



The Parochial Church Council

PCC Elected Representatives (Term expiring 2026)

Jane Cardwell

Irene Wibberley

Linda Bryan

Brenda Hughes

PCC Elected Representatives (Term expiring 2027)

Rhona Richardson

Jan Shearon

Les Suddes

Jacqui Houghton

PCC Elected Representatives (Term expiring 2028)

Suzy Leonard

Gwen Hogg

Rebecca Richardson

Dawn Woods

PCC members are charity trustees and have particular duties around ensuring compliance, sustainability, vision and overall good management. Prior to their first PCC meeting following an APCM, all members must complete safeguarding training and submit a self-declaration form. They are each required to have an enhanced DBS check. For further details on PCC members as trustees see www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/CofE_TrusteeBooklet-v3.pdf



Meet our churchwardens

Irene Wibberley (left) and Linda Bryan (right) are our churchwardens and both exercise important roles and ministries at St. Gabriel's.

They are jointly the most senior lay members of St. Gabriel's, elected annually as officers of The Bishop of Liverpool. They are ex-officio Members of the Parochial Church Council. Being a church warden is A voluntary role and we are so Grateful for Irene and Lin's energy and enthusiasm supporting the life of St. Gabriel's attending meetings, advising the ministry team and much more!



Church Wardens' Report 2025

We start our report reminding us of the bible verse we adopted for this year "*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*" Micah 6:8. What a wonderful verse to remind us of the values that Jesus showed us as a guide to lead our daily lives, as we celebrated the 130th Anniversary of St Gabriel's Church.

Our worship continues with the two regular services held on Sundays at 9.00 am and 10.30 am. Also, the 10.00 am short service of communion held on a Thursday morning has continued with regular faithful attendees.

Once again, we are grateful to Rev Malcolm for his tireless efforts to secure funding for the various events we provide for the local community. Our Winter Wellness sessions, which ran regularly each week (starting in November 2024) until the end of March, provided hot food, warmth, transport and a warm welcome, but more importantly, a safe place for members of our community. We would be lost without the commitment and love shown by those who provide this service, ably led by Dawn Woods, who affectionately calls her group of volunteers "The Dream Team!" We are grateful to Gwen Hogg and her willing helpers who provide a 'Lunch Club' that takes place on the second Thursday of each month. Again, this is a very successful event in our Church diary, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend. Funds attained through grants for these events enable us to provide transport for those who need it. 'Café 46' continued to run weekly. This was aimed specifically for those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and their carers, providing refuge and a safe place to enjoy appropriate activities. We are very grateful to Jan Suddes who led this venture. Jan always appreciated the support from Angela Rowlands and June Soo who helped during these sessions. The chair-based exercises, Love to Move, continues successfully and attracts a good number of participants who want to keep themselves mobile. Irene Wibberley leads these fortnightly sessions with enthusiasm and a good deal of fun is had. We find that our 'after service' hospitality provides a valuable time for people to meet after the service to have a chat and find out what is happening in each other's lives. A big thank you goes to the small team of people who regularly provide us with a lovely cuppa and delicious goodies.

Events through the year have included:

- our Toy Service held at Candlemas. We are blown away by the generosity of our congregation who donate these gifts, which provide birthday presents for children in need throughout the year.
- Chinese New Year was celebrated in our parish rooms when worshippers from the Chinese community led the praise and worship. Chinese food was enjoyed by all, followed by fun craft workshops.
- Lots of fundraising activities took place to raise funds for the Pilgrims, who travelled to Virginia, USA, in the summer.
- During Lent 6 sessions were held where Rev Mal led us with a geographical study of the Nicene Creed.
- Bible Study continues to meet regularly throughout the year, ably led by Angela Rowlands.
- We were blessed to inherit various relics due to the deconsecrating of Holy Spirit, Dovecot. Amongst these were banners, crosses, chairs, altar cloths and a beautiful bible, which will all be treasured by St Gabriel's.
- Bishop Ruth was installed as suffragan Bishop of Wigan and Interim Bishop of Liverpool in May. Nana Kessie and his wife Grace came to Liverpool to celebrate this historical event and stayed with Rev Mal. Mal held an open house following the ceremony and on the following day Nana Kessie presided at our 10.30 am Service. During the service gifts were exchanged and a bring and share buffet was held afterwards to mark Nana and Grace's visit.

- On 30 July 2025, a special day was held at our Church in commemoration of Anthony Walker's 20th anniversary. The Church was open all day for anyone wishing to attend for quiet prayer and reflection. White boards were available for people to write messages and memories of Anthony. Ribbons on the cross were added to those originally placed 20 years ago and this cross is now encased at the back of Church as a lasting memory and a symbol of what we proclaim "not in our name".
- All Souls and Remembrance Sunday services were held with their usual reverence and we are grateful to Rev Mal for his compassionate and sensitive approach.
- The Autumn (Harvest) dance, another favourite in our calendar, was held a bit later in the year on 7 November. Again, this proved to be a very popular occasion, with a different Ceilidh band leading us in the dance and we were delighted to be joined by our friends from the Chinese community.
- We were honoured that Bishop Ruth was able to join us during her first year of office to conduct the service of Confirmation held at our Church in November with 20 candidates from several Churches in our Deanery.
- Our Christmas Fair was held again at the end of November and a great amount was raised for the Church. Thanks to Suzy and all who helped make this an amazing day. We were extremely grateful to receive matched funding from Barclays, which has significantly boosted this fundraising activity and thank you to Elaine (O'Gorman) for arranging this.
- Following the trial last year, our Christmas meal was held again in our parish rooms using outside caterers. This is proving to be popular with delicious food served and great company.

The PCC appointed the services of a new architect and we welcomed Martyn Wilshaw from Finlason Partnership Limited to guide us through the upcoming Quinquennial inspection due later in the year.

St Gabriel's have been actively fulfilling our obligations regarding safeguarding in the Church of England. Jacqui Houghton (our Parish Safeguarding Officer) and Canon Mal have worked tirelessly to meet the legal requirements for safeguarding in our Church. This has been a massive undertaking with many hours of work and we are extremely grateful to them both in bringing us up to date with legislation. We are also thankful to members of our congregation, who have taken this so seriously by completing the courses necessary pertaining to their role, to ensure our Church is a safe place for all.

Once again, we can report that it has been a true privilege for us both to serve as Church Wardens for another year. We are helped so much by a very efficient team of people who serve in many different capacities and that inspires us with great confidence. Sub-groups such as the Operations Group and the Standing Committee have helped with the efficient running of the parish.

Before we end our report, we would like to put on record our sincere thanks to the Vergers and Sacristans, to our PCC Secretary, Suzy, our PCC for their commitment and all those behind the scenes who make St Gabriel's the Church that it is. We are so grateful to Les Suddes, for continuing his role as Treasurer. The children's ministry in St

Gabriel's could not happen without the dedicated team who lead our Jam Club, Spirit and Flame. We are thankful to Ben Murray for his devotion in creating the many displays and work in and around the Church.

Thank you for all you do in the name of our Lord!

We are blessed at St Gabriel's to have such a committed ministry team and special thanks go to Rev Lynne for her massive contribution to all aspects of our church life. Also, our thanks go to Angela Rowlands for her continued lay ministry and Rebecca Hooton, for the work she does both in our local schools and in our church.

Finally, our thanks go again to our minister Malcolm and we are very grateful that we celebrated 25 years of his wonderful service to St Gabriel's. We thank God that he was led to us, encouraging the whole congregation on our Christian journeys. His vision, inspiration and love for St Gabriel's have brought us to where we are today. God bless you in your continued ministry.

With every blessing Irene Wibberley and Linda Bryan
Church Wardens

A 'Love2Move'
To move session
In full swing

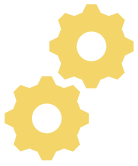


Report of The Electoral Roll Officer: David Bargh

Dave Bargh maintains our electoral roll which is not the same as the local authority list of the same name. All Church of England Parish Churches have an annually reviewed roll which in essence is a register of electors. Joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC. Adding your name to the electoral roll is a way of saying 'I belong' or 'St Gabriel's is my church' although the same is true of all members irrespective of whether their names are listed.

As at 30th April 2026 and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the total number of people on our electoral roll is 76.

For further information about joining including qualification criteria visit
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/resourcing-church-administration/introducing-church-england/key-times-churchs-year/electoral-roll>



Safeguarding

Jacqui Houghton (right) is our Parish Safeguarding Officer
And Canon Mal Rogers is our Ministry Team
Safeguarding Lead. Jill Jevons took over as our
Verifier in 2025, and we wish to record our sincere
Thanks to Rhona Richardson who had been in this
Role for many years.



Safeguarding in the Church of England has changed considerably in recent years and is likely to continue changing in the foreseeable future. New policies and procedures are making churches safer, but they have also brought a significant increase in the amount of administration for Parish Safeguarding Officers, incumbents and PCCs. In 2025 we embraced new software called 'Safeguarding Dashboards' designed to address this challenge by making safeguarding administration simpler for everyone. Towards the end of 2025 St Gabriel's completed level two and aims to complete level three (the highest level) in 2026.

The Dashboards generate safeguarding reports for every meeting of the church council, and pro-actively alert us when things like policies and procedures need updating or other areas where we might need support.

The Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework came into force in January 2025 and governs all aspects of safeguarding training including who needs to be trained, how and to what level, the frequency of training refreshers etc

For further information visit

<https://www.safeguardingdashboards.org.uk/safeguarding-training>

Safeguarding Summary

St Gabriel's Huyton takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding You will find posters containing instructions on how to respond to a safeguarding concern around our buildings and on our website. In addition, at every APCM our safeguarding commitment statements are read out by the safeguarding team, annual poster updates are introduced. Membership of the PCC or other roles is only confirmed after relevant checks have been carried out, clearances obtained and training undertaken. Our DBS verifier maintains records and safeguarding updates are provided to the PCC at every meeting.



Sidespeople (welcomers)

Thank you to all our sidespeople who have ensured people arriving for worship experience the best welcome this year! Being a sidesperson is one of the most important ministries in our church

Their welcome and care makes the difference in how people experience St Gabriel's and impacts on whether they return.. or not!

Sidespeople are appointed by the Parochial Church Council meeting following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Anyone on our electoral roll can be a sidesperson (16 years and above). Training is offered and all sidespeople in St Gabriel's are required to complete Basic Safeguarding Training prior to commencement.

We need more sidespeople!

To find out more please speak to one of the ministry team or churchwardens. Signing up doesn't mean a duty every week in fact, you sign yourself up on our rota at the frequency which works for you!

Some statistics you may be interested in...

Did you know...?

Our volunteers are amazing! We're sure you did know that! We are so grateful to everyone who gives up their time and talents each week for a whole range of activities.

We are more sustainable, healthier, connected and effective due to our volunteers and it's important we recognise this incredible contribution to the life of our church.

Each week in 2025, we estimate volunteers contributed ninety-six hours of volunteering here at St. Gabriel's. That could be flower arranging, leading groups like Love2Move or assisting at lunch club or JAM, maintenance, church officers etc. Much of the work of our associate vicar is undertaken as a volunteer (Rev Lynne is what's called a 'self supporting minister' and only receives any payment when she conducts an occasional office and receives a portion of the statutory fee).

This incredible team effort not only strengthens our community life, it saves the church tens of thousands of pounds a year – money we just don't have. Positive impacts also include the effect on volunteering to the volunteers themselves. Research shows that the experience gained, the sense of belonging and contributing together together with other physical and mental health benefits of keeping active through volunteering makes it very worthwhile.

We love our volunteers and thank God for them! If you would like to find out more about volunteering at St. Gabriel's arrange a chat with a group leader or speak to one of the ministry team.

Using the Office of National Statistics calculator, which provides the 'in kind' monetary value of volunteering should volunteers be replaced by paid employees

In 2025 **£73,535.28** 'worth' of volunteering hours were completed at St. Gabriel's

God of Blessing, our hearts are full of gratitude to the army of dedicated volunteers here at St Gabriel's. We thank you for their talents and time. As they have been a blessing to our parish and the ministries you have led us to, we pray that you would be a blessing to them. Protect them and their families, give them wisdom and strength. We offer you praise Almighty God for your provision and lay before you those challenges of which we are aware and not currently aware, knowing that in You, merciful God, is our hope and our foundation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Canon Mal Rogers

Spirit and Flame Report

Who is Spirit and Flame and what do we do together? - Welcoming, Friendly, Safe Space. A place where we come together and talk and listen to one another. We can grow in our faith together through, bible studies, reflections, church seasonal discussions and learning. Also, a place where we can create memories, laugh and have fun together through film nights, baking nights and games nights. We also eat food together, support one another and encourage one another on our own personal journeys of faith.

SPIRIT is our Church Youth Group for young people ages 13 upwards (Year 8 and upwards). Spirit meets together on a Sunday evening between 7-8.30pm. Spirit has had an average weekly attendance of 4-5 young people. The decline in numbers is due to many leaving for University this year.

Flame meets together on a Sunday evening between 6:30 and 7:30pm. Flame has an average weekly attendance of 5-6 young people. We have an overlap of 30 mins between Flame and Spirit so when it comes to the transition in Year 8 they will know one another. They will be able to support one another through important transitions in their school life. Many of our Spirit group attend secondary schools where some of our Flame young people hope to attend.

Flame is led by our young people from Spirit. Chloe is our Leader of Flame with support from Rebecca and Lynne as Leaders of Spirit for guidance and support.

During the last year we have been focusing on bible verses and reflection . Also focusing on our relationship with God and going on a journey. Also we want to celebrate confirmations which took place. Nine of our young people were confirmed and Lynne led us in 6 weeks of brilliant Confirmation Classes together during Flame.

Sadly we lost our lovely Christine who was a huge part of our team at Spirit and Flame. She was a huge encourager, amazing leader and dear friend to all of us. We spent some time during Flame and Spirit to remember Christine through her favourite Bible passage – Psalm 23. In Christines memory we created and shared memories through the design of a Recipe Book and baking cakes to raise money for Spirit and Flame. I just want to extend a huge thank you in memory of Christine for the 9 years of leadership, friendship and love she shared with Spirit and Flame.

Overall Flame and Spirit are a huge blessing to us as leaders and we are truly inspired by each and every one of them and excited for the next chapter for our young people in their faith journey. I extend a massive thank you to Lynne and Chloe our Spirit and Flame leaders for their never-ending support, encouragement and love for our young people in our church.

Rebecca Hooton, SPIRIT lead

Lunch Club Report

Our Lunch Club at St. Gabriel's is a very successful event that is held on the second Thursday of every month except August, we provide a menu of soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea & coffee. Our membership has grown over the last year and we usually have a gathering of 35-40 people.

Alongside the food we offer a warm and friendly atmosphere for people to socialise and enjoy varied entertainment such as bingo, quizzes and we have a local chap Dave, who is a favourite with his sing-alongs.

We have also been joined by a group of the Liverpool under 18's football club who help with serving and entertaining us and they bring everybody a lovely gift.

Last year we had a few days out together to Acorn Farm and the garden centre and thanks to some very generous donations and lots of fundraising events we were able to take everybody to Sefton Park Palm House for afternoon tea and entertainment and in December we went to Oswaldtwistle Mill for Christmas dinner, these events were completely free of charge to our members and we hope to repeat these outings again next year.

The success of our Lunch Club is down to the great team of volunteers, Dawn, Yvonne, Linda, Irene, Brenda and Helen who give their time to cook and look after everybody, it is a privilege to work alongside them. My thanks to them all.

Gwen Hogg (St Gabriel's Older Persons' Champion and Lunch Club lead)



Lunch club had a wonderful time celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. They were entertained by Dave who led all of the old familiar war songs and encouraged members to get up and dance



Gwen (shown in red on the back row) with members of the LFC academy who are regular visitors to lunch club, together with some lunch club members and helpers.

Winter Wellness / Gabbies Report

After receiving a funding grant from Knowsley Community Fund (Connected Communities) we were able to offer our new version of Winter wellness sessions for 22 weeks commencing 6.11.2025 till 2.4.2026

After careful consideration of who could benefit most from our sessions we decided to include a variety of events every Thursday from 11am till 2pm to enable us to serve all ages and capabilities of people in our community, thinking especially of the most vulnerable whether that is loneliness, financial or friendship.

Whilst the funding was a wonderful gift it did not meet the much needed transport costs, pick-up and return home. With careful planning and costing we decided to charge a small amount of money to meet the shortfall and our guests were more than happy to pay the difference of £2.00 each for a return journey.

The structure of the sessions differed each week to include guests who may have mobility restrictions and guests who have Alzheimer's/dementia as well as able bodied guests, we offered 2 sessions of a Love 2 Move activity which is chair based exercises run by one of our volunteers who is specifically trained in elderly people's movement and mobility.

We also included our long standing monthly lunch club into our program, offering again subsidy for transportation and enabling our newer guests to integrate into all the offered events. We set aside the last Thursday of every month as a drop in session that offered a more relaxed atmosphere and a chance for chatting with friends or a quiet chat with our clergy who were part of all the sessions offered.

Every session we provided a free home cooked hot meal with puddings, unlimited teas and coffees and a variety of entertainment including bingo, raffles, and age appropriate quizzes. At several events we were blessed with free entertainment from a local singer and Karaoke sessions, plus a great afternoon with a Ukulele band.

With the support of our dedicated volunteers we have had the privilege of serving our community, people who otherwise would be isolated or struggling financially and mentally within their own homes.

The feedback we received each week from our guests reassured us that we were meeting our community's needs. With the valued connections to Liverpool Football Clubs Youth teams we were offered support of help from the boys who came and served dinner and sat and chatted with our guests, plus providing great fun filled activities with super prizes donated from the club.

Dawn Woods (Winter Wellness Lead)

JAM Club Report

JAM stands for 'Jesus and Me' and is the name of our main children's ministry on two Sunday's a month. Led by experienced and committed volunteers, all DBS checked and trained in safeguarding, the children have a brilliant time crafting, playing games, praying and worshipping together, learning about God's world and what it means to be loved by him and to follow Jesus.

Before a child attends a JAM session their parents/carers need to complete a registration form available at the back of the church and hand it to the JAM leader on duty. This ensures we can meet any specific dietary and learning requirements. Parents and carers are welcome to join their children in JAM by arranging this with the leader before the service. We are always on the look out for new leaders and helpers and can guide you through the safer recruitment process. For further information please speak to one of the ministry team.

Study Group Report

The Study Group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Rooms kitchen. There are currently sixteen people who attend. Our main objective is to learn from scripture and each other; how the Lord is working in our lives and how by using us He can bring about transformation in our own lives, our families and our community.

This year we have used various mediums to study ie videos and music and have brought these together through reading of scripture. We had watched one series of 'The Chosen' and then discussed each episode in relation to the scripture from which the episode was taken – this was greatly appreciated as a different format to our usual studying. Prayer is also an important part to our evening and it is a privilege for us to pray for each other and any needs of family, friends and the world, at the end of the session, bringing our worries and concerns to the foot of Jesus' cross.

The group are really friendly and welcoming and I would really like to encourage you to come along as there is always room for more. Within our group, there is always fellowship, laughter, (sometimes tears too) but most of all, we come together to learn more about our Lord Jesus and how to live the life that He offers for each one of us.

Angela Rowlands

Deanery Synod Report

Thank you to Linda Bryan who, together with Les Suddes and Suzy Leonard are our representatives on Huyton Deanery Synod. Their term of office expires at our APCM 2026 and we need to appoint three people to represent us moving forwards. Please do speak with them to find out what's involved, and if you wish to stand please speak to one of the clergy as there are forms to fill out and a nomination process.

Linda Bryan writes:

Huyton Deanery Synod met three times in 2025

23 January 2025

The first Synod meeting of the year was held at St Gabriel's Church. The meeting welcomed David Banbury from the Liverpool Diocese, who gave a presentation to the group on the background of Fit for Mission. There followed a questions and answers session. Next steps will be for all Church PCCs in the Deanery to meet with a representative from the Diocese and a decision made later this year on whether churches wish to go to the next stage of this initiative. *(The vote was subsequently taken in October and the Deanery voted not to proceed.)*

22 June 2025

Synod took place at St Gabriel's Church again. This was a slightly different meeting that included hymns and a focus on the day's bible reading (Luke 8 vs 26-39). Representatives from each church gave little updates on what is happening in their own parish and what areas they wished to hold one another in prayer. Canon Mal urged everyone to keep praying for Fit for Mission, the voting for which is to take place in October.

Notice was given that Deanery Confirmation is to be held at St Gabriel's on 12 November.

The Pilgrimage is set to take place on 29 June, but sadly the pilgrims from Ghana were not granted visas so unable to travel.

16 November 2025

Huyton Deanery launched their new Deanery charity and welcomed Andy Cook as the new CIO Chair. In celebration we were treated to a special cake with the Deanery's logo printed on top. Our Pastoral Dean, Elaine Harrison, gave a review of Huyton Deanery Academy, which has delivered some 58 events since the last review in 2024. Annie from Faiths4change (an environmental charity working across Liverpool) gave a presentation, with big congratulations going to St Luke's and St Jude's on their recent bronze Eco church award. Reps from churches around the Deanery spoke to 3 photographs that they had chosen and in 3 minutes each gave an uplifting snapshot of what is happening in their parishes, involving school's ministry, growth, new groups forming, community ministries, baptisms by immersion, using church buildings creatively and much more!



Huyton Deanery
Conference 2025



For the last four years, St. Gabriel's has completed The Church Development Tool (CDT) every September.

This has been a valuable exercise providing us with Information about how St Gabriel's is changing and where change is needed, where there is growth and where there has been decline.

We made the decision in 2025 **not** to complete the CDT, but we will be returning to it in 2026. Despite not having CDT data from this current year, there are some headlines which we can share based on our recording of attendance and other information we gather regularly.

- Christmas Attendance in 2025 was **up 17%** on the previous year.
- Occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals in church) are all **significantly lower in 2025** compared to previous years.
- We have welcomed **new, regular members** into the church family of all ages and from many different backgrounds.
- Overall, the church family size has remained **largely static** mainly due to the passing of existing elderly members.
- On average, we estimate **92** hours of volunteering is undertaken in and around our church building each week.
- In 2025, the revenue income and use of our parish rooms **increased significantly**.
- Whilst the 10.30am service continues to grow, the 9am congregation has continued to reduce in number. In 2026 we will be looking at ways of refreshing this congregation and at our worship patterns generally in a worship survey undertaken in the summer.
- **We continued to reduce our Carbon Footprint** as we work towards ECO GOLD status
- We have **doubled the number of schools** we provide chaplaincy to from three to six.
- Measures we took to **stabilise and improve church finances** several years ago are starting bear fruit.
- **We have not yet successfully recruited a treasurer**, relying on the commitment of the interim treasurer to oversee the financial affairs of the church.
- In 2025 we reached level 2 of 3 of the new **Parish Safeguarding Dashboards**.

Report from the Associate Vicar for Mission and Ministry (Incorporating her eco-church report)

Rev Lynne Connolly writes

Outreach & Mission:

Our schools' ministry continues to be one of the most strategic aspects of our outreach and mission. It provides a unique opportunity to engage with children, staff and families both in our church setting and by school visits.

I'm delighted to report that we are currently working with 6 local schools. Delivering regular morning assemblies, and occasional Experience Days and Prayer Spaces. Increasingly we are being asked to support RE lessons, with year groups visiting church to enhance the children's learning with our firsthand knowledge of Christian beliefs and practices.

By maintaining a visible and supportive presence we can demonstrate Christian care, values and witness in a meaningful and consistent way. Interacting with the children through assemblies, classroom visits and collective worship, we are able to share stories, encourage reflection and introduce Christian teaching in an accessible and age-appropriate way.

Earlier this year we began a joint project with St Gabriel's school. It's called Story Explorers. The idea is to breach the gap between home – school – and church, which we hope will lead to further engagement with families beyond the school environment, including invitations to our church events and family services.

I believe our schools' ministry is a core expression of our mission. It enables us to live out our faith in practical ways, build meaningful relationships and invest in the next generation. I'm grateful to Rebecca, our deanery schools worker for her continued help and support and ask you all to continue to pray for this important , 'greener' ministry and its development.

Eco News:

Over the past year St Gabriel's has continued to grow in its commitment to caring for creation and reducing our carbon footprint even further. This work reflects our belief that environmental stewardship is an integral part of our faith and responsibility.

One of the key areas of progress we continue to work on is improving the energy efficiency of our buildings. We have taken steps to monitor and reduce our energy usage – for example, we started new, greener, supply agreements from 1st January 2026.

All users of our facilities are encouraged to be conscious of consumption – heating separate zoned areas, keeping doors closed during sessions, switching off unnecessary lights etc. Small steps which, over time, contribute to a reduction in emissions.

We have also made efforts to further reduce waste and provide more sustainable habits within church life. All our recycling facilities are clearly available, and bins labelled to avoid cross contamination. We are working to minimise single-use plastics at events and gatherings, choosing reusable or environmentally friendly alternatives. Helping to embed a culture of sustainability in our shared activities.

In line with our Diocese and the Church of England's Net Zero 2030 goal, [which promotes sustainable, eco-friendly church flowers] our flower arrangers use locally sourced flowers whenever possible. Often the greenery for our arrangements comes from the vicarage garden and we're grateful to Canon Mal for his generosity.

While there is still much to do, our progress is encouraging. Reducing our carbon footprint is an ongoing journey that requires commitment and co-operation. As we look ahead, we aim to build on these foundations, exploring further opportunities to improve efficiency, reduce waste and care for our environment.

Our eco work is a practical expression of our faith in action. By continuing to prioritise sustainability, we not only reduce our environmental impact but also offer a positive example to our community and future generations.

Rev Lynne Connolly



**Throughout the year, volunteer flower arrangers
Help us to appreciate the beauty of God's
Creation.**

We are so thankful for this important ministry and thank each person involved for their time, dedication and skill.

Flowers can be a fitting memorial to a loved one and also a celebration. Whatever your reason, if you wish to dedicate altar flowers please see the lists near the server at the back of the church or speak to Jill in the office.

Vicar's Report

It's hard to believe that this is my twenty-fifth report as your vicar, here in St. Gabriel's. The years have shot over, but then when you pause, reflect and appreciate all that the Lord has done in us and through us during that time you wonder how we have fitted it all in! We have much to give thanks for, and as we look back not just over this past year but perhaps over a longer period, we can be filled with hope. For it is true, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 3). As we have been blessed and called, so we are refreshed and redeployed as Christ's hands and heart and ears and eyes. That our broken community, part of our broken world, might be transformed through justice, mercy and humility that points people to Jesus their Saviour who died for them and rose again, that life today might have meaning and purpose.

In addition to thanking God for His blessing and presence, I want to thank each and every member of our church family community for their support, attendance, prayer and generosity this last year. As always there have been great times of joy, profound times of sadness, stresses, strains and also huge encouragement. Such seems to be the rhythm of life we are called to as a busy parish church with a heart for the vulnerable and a determination to be a Christ-like presence for each other and in our area.

In particular this year I am going to depart from my usual discipline of thanking anyone personally by name. I learned a long time ago the dangers of unintentionally missing someone out! This year I do want to name three people though, because they stand down from years of service in key roles in our church. Irene Wibberley has been warden, on and off, for much of my time as vicar. The time has come for her to retire as warden although we are delighted that she is continuing in her leadership of Love2Move. Jacqui Houghton retires as our Parish Safeguarding Officer, having helped overhaul our policies, procedures and systems and been a constant reminder that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



Finally, I want to say thank you to Rebecca Hooton for her years as a member of the ministry team with particular responsibility for our youth ministries SPIRIT and FLAME. Life is changing significantly for Bec in 2026 as she becomes a mum and we pray God's richest blessing on her and her family.

Thank you too to all our church officers, volunteers and partners, and a special thank you of course to our associate vicar for mission and ministry, Rev Lynne Connolly for all the many ways she adds to our fellowship and supports wider ministry with her presence, also to Jill for somehow managing to make sense of my diary!

Much of our time this year has been spent considering Important matters of governance. Along with 93% of Our deanery, we prayerfully decided not to join the Fit For Mission programme the diocese were inviting all churches to consider. This was at times a painful period for me and others, as we wrestled with an exciting vision for growth and increased collaboration (with which we could easily align, in fact as a deanery we have been embedding these values for some years) with significant concerns about some aspects of the proposals, particularly around representation, trusteeship and decision making.

We pray God's blessing on all those who decided to join Fit For Mission, and receive their prayers for those of us who didn't with thanksgiving. Moving forwards we commit ourselves again to the flourishing of our parish, deanery and diocese, that Jesus who is indeed the same yesterday, today and forever might lead us all afresh into deeper relationship, numerical growth, greater engagement and humble service. We welcome the invitation from Bishop Ruth Worsley, acting Bishop of Liverpool and Bishop of Wigan to 'dwell in the word' this year and in particular, to reflect deeply on the message of Colossians 3. I commend this to you as someone who doesn't always find the list of qualities and values St Paul lists in that passage very easy! You will already know that. Nonetheless this is the challenge to all Christian's that we might become more Christlike and therefore effective in witness and ministry.

Celebrating my silver anniversary as your vicar was certainly a high point of the year for me, and in 2026 I celebrate thirty years ordained which is even more arresting for me. It seems like yesterday that I first went to see Rev Geoff Buckland, vicar of St Mary's Grassendale where I was organist, having felt called to explore ordination. I wonder if the Lord is calling you or someone else forward to be a priest? All those years ago I took the first step of discernment with great fear and trepidation. I still feel like that most Sundays and every time I stand to speak. But my testimony is of God's strength throughout that time. Particularly when things have been tough, I have known the reality of Luke 12:12! My heart as I write this is full to overflowing with a sense of God's provision and leading and the same is absolutely true for anyone the Lord calls. Do come and chat if you feel called to any lay or ordained ministry and I would love to chat and pray with you.

St. Gabriel's is a big-hearted church, reflecting our Saviour's heart for us. At times that means things can get a bit messy but I wouldn't have it any other way. The 'heart beat' of our church is in the sound of tiny feet, the serving of lunch, the singing of

worship songs and hymns and in prayerful waiting on God for guidance when something unexpected or heartbreaking happens.

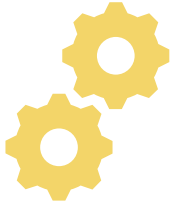
We turn to the future confident of His love and presence. There are some challenges ahead – elsewhere in this report you will read that attendance at some of our services has fallen to a concerning level. Occasional offices (baptism, weddings and church funerals) are also down (this seems to be a national trend). This coming year we will spend time reflecting on this, and what we might be able to do to refresh these ministries in some way. But there are also encouragements as we journey together. Look around on any Sunday morning and you will see faithfulness, diversity and joy in the faces of those around you. God is working God's purpose out and that for us has included new children and adults joining our church family this last year. I want to formally welcome them (again!) in this report. St. Gabriel's is your church, and we are delighted to welcome you!

What will 2026 look and feel like for us at St. Gabriel's? It's hard to tell but we know we are in safe hands. This coming year we will have our quinquennial report undertaken by our new architect Martyn Wilshaw. It is likely that we shall receive news of some fairly major building works required. The roof to our church and also to our parish rooms are both decades old, and despite regular maintenance are coming to the end of their lives. Our independent fire risk assessment carried out for us in November 2025 was helpful but laid upon us some urgent upgrade requirements to our fire alarm system and use of storage space, particularly in our basement rooms and loft area. I am grateful to members of the operations team for their commitment to dealing with everything we have been made aware of, and in 2026 all of the outstanding requirements from that risk assessment will be actioned.

I've already mentioned safeguarding and rightly so as Jacqui has supported the introduction of a new framework and as a church we are well on the way to fully meeting its requirements. At the APCM I will be able to share news on how we will progress to level 3 of the parish dashboards over the course of 2026 and again, I want to thank each member of our church for their support and commitment to safeguarding. I know the in person training can be difficult to access, and if you aren't confident with a computer that can be a challenge too. But safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, not just the PSO or clergy and I am grateful for your patience, commitment and determination to make St Gabriel's as safe as possible for all.

I end my report where I began with thanksgiving. Forasmuch as at times there aren't enough hours in the day or days in the week, what I receive as your vicar far outweighs that which I am able to give, and for that I am profoundly thankful. And in my heart, although there are probably less years as vicar of Huyton Quarry ahead than behind me, the privilege of service in Jesus' name as vicar of St Gabriel's is something that energises me as much now as in 2000. I believe the Lord I still calling me to be vicar here, and in that, it feels in some ways that we are just getting started!

Blessings in His name and in His love. Mal.



Significant Links with other bodies

St. Gabriel's is part of Huyton Deanery

www.huytondeanery.org and

The Diocese of Liverpool

www.cofeliverpool.org

As a church we set up a charity in 2005

Called The Apple Trust

www.theappletrust.org.uk which provides

childcare and family support. Several church

officers and members are trustees of the

charity including Canon Mal Rogers, Rev

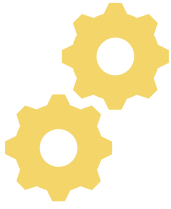
Lynne Connolly, Jim and Jan Shearon and

Keith Birkett. Rev Kim Mannings (Vicar of Prescot) is also a trustee.



St. Gabriel's provides chaplaincy to a number of primary schools in our area including St Gabriels CE Primary School, Sylvester Primary Academy, Willow Tree Primary School And Central Primary School. On occasion we provide ministry support to Lord Derby Academy and other schools in the area by request.

Shown above: Retired founding trustee Brenda Williams, sat in the newly opened 'Trevor Williams Library' in memory of her late husband Trevor, also a longstanding member of St Gabriel's and founding trustee.

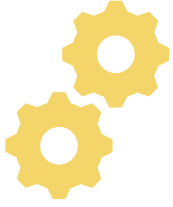


Significant Links with other bodies

The Triangle of Hope is an international partnership between The Diocese of Liverpool, The Diocese of Kumasi (Ghana) and The Diocese of Virginia (US). St. Gabriel's plays a significant part in the Triangle of Hope with many members involved including our youth and clergy. We hope this will be further strengthened in the coming year. We are delighted that Rev Father Kessie (shown below with two of our servers) is able to visit St Gabriel's regularly as part of his work alongside our vicar Canon Mal, as co-leads of the triangle, together with Rev Canon J. Lee Hill JR from Virginia.



Rev Fr Nana Kessie and his wife, Grace. Shown here with two of our servers



Significant Links with other bodies

The ministry of our vicar, Canon Mal Rogers is significant in the region.

Below are some of his strategic responsibilities which we support prayerfully as a church as a way of further developing our impact as Christians working in Jesus' name for the common good.

Canon Mal's wider responsibilities include

Civic chaplain to The Mayor and Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley
 Faith Representative, Stronger Communities Steering Group (KMBC)
 Merseyside Lieutenancy Panel Member for Knowsley
 Trustee of Tsedaqah House, Liverpool
 Chair, The Triangle of Hope, Liverpool
 'World Reimagined' National Steering member
 Independent Remuneration Panel Member (KMBC)
 Bishops' Representative - United Society Partners in the Gospel

In addition to her work at St. Gabriel's, Rev Lynne Connolly also is a volunteer leader with Girlguiding.

Ecumenical Links, whilst informal are longstanding. We have a very good relationship with the clergy and people of both St Agnes RC church and Huyton URC.

We also have an emerging relationship with the Liverpool Chinese Gospel Church which includes visiting each others services and events, and regular prayer for each other.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting in accordance with Church Representation Rules. Chaired by the incumbent. Meets regularly throughout the year. Executive responsibility for ensuring mission focus

The Ministry Team

This includes the incumbent, other clergy and readers and our schools and youth worker. Meets regularly to pray, plan and develop worship.

Governance



Standing Committee

Key church officers and PCC representatives meet as required between PCC meetings to transact matters of an urgent nature. The standing committee provides a report to the next full PCC meeting, setting out what decisions have been made and why.

Operations Group

This group meets regularly and includes the wardens, clergy and other church officers. The operations group focuses entirely on ensuring our site is fit for purpose and that internal communications and planning is of a good quality



2025 FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Meet Our PCC Treasurer Les Suddes

St. Gabriel's is fortunate to have a highly skilled and experienced lead financial officer in Les. He maintains the records, works with the examiner, provides updates to the PCC, pays and raises invoices and much more! St. Gabriel's benefits hugely from a lifetime of senior professional experience. Assisted by Jill in the office, Les has a role which is just as missional as the vicars! We are so grateful to God for blessing us with the resources we need, and part of that is about the way we steward what we are blessed to receive.

There are many ways to make a donation to the ministry and mission of St. Gabriel's including online giving, The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), direct banking, gift aid and free will offering via the collection plates at the back of the church or used in services.

A gift in your Will to St Gabriel's is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry. Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church. For further information please see the leaflets at the back of the church or speak in confidence to Les or one of the ministry team.

For further information including how you can have your will written for free through a partnership we have with Farewill, visit
<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/church-legacy>

Financial Report 2025

Income

Unrestricted giving and donations in 2025 totalled £37,587, a decrease from the previous year but still a strong reflection of the congregation's generosity. Income in 2024 was unusually high due to significant one-off restricted and unrestricted donations, including legacies of £11,000.

Income from PCC use of the building increased to £5,746 (2024: £4,469), largely reflecting a higher number of funeral services held during the year.

Restricted grant income amounted to £4,083 and, consistent with 2024, was primarily used to enhance resources supporting safe and inclusive community spaces.

Other receipts include £7,836 charged to the Diocese of Liverpool in respect of Malcolm's secondment as Canon for Reconciliation. The Christmas market, organised by Suzy and her team, generated £2,204, including £774 of match funding from Barclays Bank. The PCC records its thanks to Elaine O'Gorman for securing this support.

Third-party hire income continued to grow and reached £27,592 in 2025, reflecting ongoing agreements as well as one-off events, following recent improvements to church facilities.

Expenditure

Increased building usage resulted in higher utility costs, rising by approximately £2,000 during the year.

There were no significant maintenance projects in 2025. The largest individual cost was £936 for the restoration of the stone pillars at the side entrance. Restricted expenditure included £9,000 for the commissioning and installation of the new church organ, funded by donations received in 2024. Further restricted spending of £14,152

was incurred on site security, access control improvements, and new flooring in the community building.

Ministry Team costs increased to reflect the appointment of an administration assistant based at St Gabriel's, who also provides support across the Deanery.

Surplus / Deficit

The accounts show an overall deficit of £18,610 for the year. This largely reflects the planned expenditure of restricted and designated funds received in prior years.

Excluding this impact, day-to-day church operations generated a surplus of £5,880.

Balance Sheet

At year end, cash resources totalled £38,902, of which £25,329 was unrestricted. After accounting for debtors, creditors, accruals, and prepayments, net unrestricted assets stood at £17,629.

Les Suddes, Treasurer, St Gabriel's Church, Huyton Quarry

From the vicar:

I cannot adequately find the words to properly thank Les. I also recognize that he undertakes this important role as our 'interim' treasurer, having served in the capacity of substantive treasurer for many years. We are now seeking to appoint a treasurer-designate to work alongside Les for a period with a view to taking on this role. If you are in any way interested, please speak to him directly or one of the clergy.

St. Gabriel's Blessing Fund

Some years ago now, The Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's decided to adopt the Biblical principle of tithing to guide how it blesses others through the gifts God has provided. Each year, 10% of our year end 'surplus' is made available for a wide range of purposes supporting the common good. This includes individuals and families in acute and urgent need, together with a range of organisations aligned with our values

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. GABRIEL'S,
HUYTON QUARRY, LIVERPOOL**

**Financial Statements for the
Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's, Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's, Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025 as set out on pages 2-6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Jayne Dennett

Date 19/03/2026

Jayne Dennett FCCA
JDT Accountants Ltd
45 South Mossley Hill Road
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L19 3PY

Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's, Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

Income	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<u>Donations and Legacies</u>						
Donations	6,038	6,973	13,011	16,748	14,562	31,310
Church Offerings	14,709	-	14,709	13,737	-	13,737
Loose Collections	5,581	-	5,581	5,133	-	5,133
Envelope Collections	-	-	-	1,338	-	1,338
Contactless Sunday Giving	3,896	-	3,896	5,462	-	5,462
Other Services	897	-	897	1,214	-	1,214
Funeral/Wedding Collections	375	-	375	365	-	365
EasiFundraiser Income	109	-	109	29	-	29
Gift Aid	5,982	-	5,982	6,362	-	6,362
New Garden Plaques	-	-	-	383	-	383
PCC Use of Building	5,746	-	5,746	4,469	-	4,469
Remembrance Candles	276	-	276	220	-	220
Grants received	-	4,083	4,083	-	26,721	26,721
	43,609	11,056	54,665	55,460	41,283	96,743
<u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>						
Other Receipts	11,086	-	11,086	14,351	-	14,351
Rental Income	27,592	-	27,592	16,880	-	16,880
	38,678	-	38,678	31,231	-	31,231
<u>Income from Investments</u>						
Interest Received	442	-	442	530	-	530
Total Income	82,729	11,056	93,785	87,221	41,283	128,504

Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's, Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

Expenditure	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church						
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Water Rates	689	-	689	603	-	603
Heat and Light	16,737	-	16,737	14,095	-	14,095
Diocese Fees	31,375	-	31,375	31,335	-	31,335
Cleaning	4,174	-	4,174	4,064	-	4,064
Ministry Team Expenses	6,244	-	6,244	3,567	-	3,567
Insurance	2,399	-	2,399	2,142	-	2,142
Printing, Postage and Stationery	273	-	273	246	-	246
Telephone	200	-	200	200	-	200
Sundry Expenses	1,645	-	1,645	1,694	-	1,694
Repairs and Maintenance	5,158	-	5,158	10,082	-	10,082
Fundraising Costs	474	-	474	258	-	258
Assigned Fees PCC Use of Building	2,408	-	2,408	2,589	-	2,589
Donation Paid	807	-	807	477	-	477
Professional Fees	864	-	864	396	-	396
Bank Charges	36	-	36	144	-	144
JAM	176	-	176	10	-	10
Hardship Fund Godsend	438	-	438	226	-	226
Corness & Underwood Legacy	2,040	-	2,040	14,315	-	14,315
In Memory of Trevor Williams	300	-	300	123	-	123
In Memory of Eve Carmichael	535	-	535	-	-	-
Community Blessing Fund	289	-	289	224	-	224
Lunch Club	-	1,159	1,159	-	616	616
Community Garden	-	73	73	-	-	-
Organ Donations	-	9,445	9,445	-	500	500
Skelton Alzheimer Memory Café 46	-	1,424	1,424	-	-	-
One Knowsley	-	477	477	-	369	369
KMBC Winter Warm & LTM Grant 2024/25	-	3,159	3,159	-	1,850	1,850
One Knowsley L2M Transport 2024/25	-	1,760	1,760	-	-	-
Winter Wellness Grant - Snug, Gabbies	-	114	114	-	9,668	9,668
Winter Wellness 2025/26	-	631	631	-	-	-
KMBC Addnl Chairs & Tables	-	1,285	1,285	-	-	-
A4A Lottery Floor & Access Control	-	14,152	14,152	-	-	-
Hughes Church Painting	-	-	-	-	1,875	1,875
Skelton Alzheimer Memory Café 46	-	-	-	-	376	376
KMBC Stronger Communities (Kitchen)	-	-	-	-	15,267	15,267
Net Zero Carbon BZC	-	-	-	-	4,140	4,140
In Memory of T Hogg - Bench	-	-	-	625	-	625
Merseytravel Garden Grant Eco Grant	-	-	-	-	111	111
Cuddy Hailwood In Memory	-	-	-	479	-	479
Streaming Camera	-	-	-	28	-	28
In Memory of Ethel Vickers	-	-	-	476	-	476
In Memory of Doris Tunstall	-	-	-	454	-	454
	77,260	33,678	110,939	88,852	34,772	123,624
PCC Management & Administration						
Photocopier Rental	1,456	-	1,456	686	-	686
Total Expenditure	78,716	33,678	112,395	89,538	34,772	124,310

Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's, Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Total Income	82,729	11,056	93,785	87,221	41,283	128,504
Total Expenditure	78,716	33,678	112,395	89,538	34,772	124,310
Net Surplus/-deficit	4,013	- 22,622	- 18,610	- 2,317	6,511	4,194

Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's, Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

Balance Sheet As At 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank Current Account	3,959	-	3,959	5,070	-	5,070
Building Fund Account	-	722	722	-	722	722
Deposit Account	18,410	12,851	31,261	12,277	32,604	44,881
Cash in Hand	2,960	-	2,960	441	-	441
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	25,329	13,573	38,902	17,788	33,326	51,114
Current Assets						
Other Debtors	1,374	-	1,374	2,453	-	2,453
Current Liabilities						
Other creditors	2,976	-	2,976	3,994	-	3,994
Accruals and Deferred Income	6,099	2,869	8,968	2,631	-	2,631
Total Current Liabilities	9,075	2,869	11,944	6,625	-	6,625
Net Current Assets	17,629	10,704	28,332	13,616	33,326	46,942
Total Net Assets	17,629	10,704	28,332	13,616	33,326	46,942
Charity funds						
Opening Reserves	13,616	33,326	46,942	15,933	26,815	42,748
Surplus/-Deficit from Financial Activities	4,013	- 22,622	18,610	- 2,317	6,511	4,194
Total Charity Funds	17,629	10,704	28,332	13,616	33,326	46,942

Approved on behalf of the The Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's

Signed..... *M. Rogers*Name *CANON MAE ROGERS*Date *16/03/26*Signed..... *LSuddh*Name *LESLIE SUDDA*Date *16.3.2026*

Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's

Notes to the Accounts As At 31 December 2025

Note 1: Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the accruals basis and historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Parochial Church Council of St. Gabriel's, Huyton Quarry, Liverpool

Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

This page does not form part of the financial statements.

Upon approving the accounts, we the trustees, confirm that we have considered the financial circumstances of the charity at the end of the accounting period and have made an assessment that the charity is a going concern.

Signed..... M. Roger Signed..... L. Sudds

Name..... CANON MAL ROGER Name..... LESLIE SUDDS

Date..... 16/03/26 Date..... 16.3.2026

Leaving a Legacy to St. Gabriel's

LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

1 Chronicles 29:16

Beyond our regular lifetime giving, a gift in your will can be a final and powerful expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help equip and transform St. Gabriel's Church for mission and ministry today and tomorrow. We pray that as you plan how to distribute your estate, you will feel encouraged to remember your church in your will.

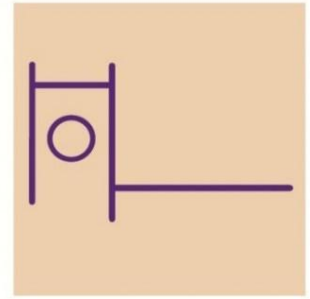
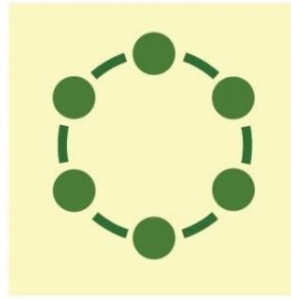
Legacies are not used for regular expenditure at St. Gabriel's. Working with remaining loved ones if possible, legacies are usually designated by the Parochial Church Council (or restricted by the donor) for a particular purpose. For example, the porch refurbishment on the church was only made possible through a generous legacy gift from the estate of the late Edna Corness, mother of the late Sue Glover.

To write your will for free online, visit farewill.com/cofe-web

Will writing can often seem like a time-consuming and difficult thing to do – and that's a big reason why many people put it off. To make it easier, the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will writer, to offer a free online will writing service which you can do from the comfort of your home in less than 30 minutes. Making a will and keeping it updated is the only way to make sure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support the family, friends and charities you love.

Farewill is an online service providing legal forms and information, and does not provide any legal or tax advice. Farewill is not a law firm or a substitute for a lawyer's advice about complex estate planning issues. If you require legal advice, we recommend contacting a solicitor

Parish Giving Scheme



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Through regular donations, your generosity enriches the life of our church and it's work in the name of Jesus throughout the Huyton Quarry community. The Parish Giving Scheme is in place to support this ministry of giving, safely and simply. Gifts made through this scheme use a Direct Debit. With your permission, we are able to reclaim the Gift Aid automatically. It is also easy to protect your donation from inflation if you choose; we will calculate the difference and notify you each year in advance, to ask if you are happy to increase your gift by the cost of living. There are three easy and secure ways to donate to your church through the Parish Giving Scheme. The PGS is administered nationally but benefits us locally. The easiest way to join PGS is via the scheme itself using this bespoke QR code, unique to St Gabriel's



Or you can call PGS directly on 0333 002 1271, Mon to Fri, 9am - 5pm, and they will take the information they need to complete your Direct Debit instruction for you. They'll also ask about your preferences for opting in to Gift Aid, if you are eligible, and whether you would like to increase your gift annually by the rate of inflation.

This call usually takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Looking forward

Throughout 2025 our Bible Focus was Micah 6 verse 8

What does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

Regular Bible stories, preaching including a sermon

Series in August 2025, and beautiful hangings from

The roof of the church made by Ben helped us

Reflect on this challenging and life-giving scripture

as a church. In 2026 our focus, along with every other

church in The Diocese of Liverpool is Colossians 3 verses

12-17. Again, we are fortunate to have visual reminders

Around the church of these foundational Christian

Values, and we are so grateful to Ben for them.

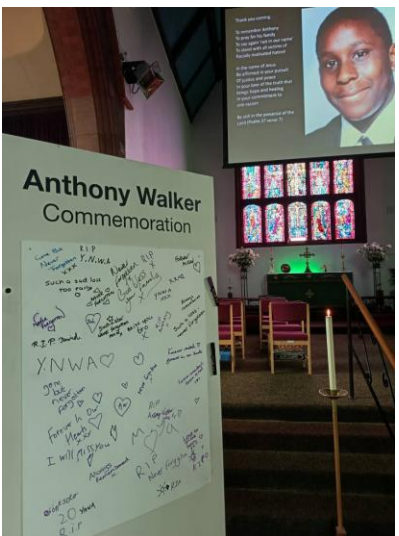


Through shared conversation and prayer, preaching and Bible Study we'll explore how compassion, kindness, humility and meekness can shape our everyday lives and be a witness in Christ's name to our broken world.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

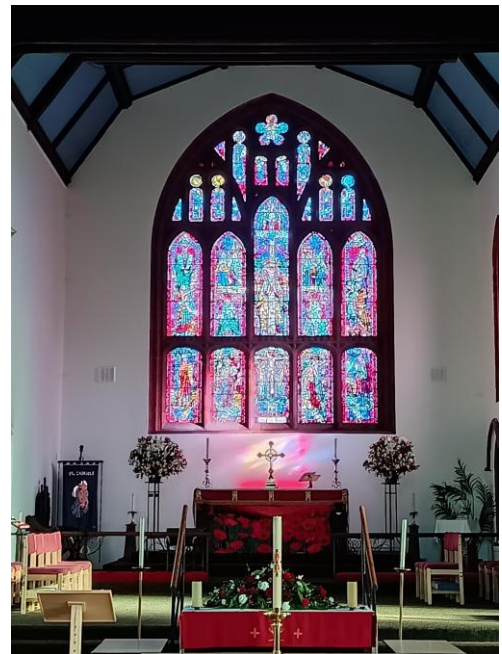
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Moving forward together – Huyton Deanery Academy

What is Huyton Deanery Academy?

Back in 2018 Huyton Deanery Synod made a commitment to encouraging deanery churches to work more collaboratively together, so that each church, parish, 'fresh expression' and school would be an encouragement and resource to each other. Part of this commitment was driven by a desire to make possible those things a church working on their own would find it impossible to resource.

Huyton Deanery Academy is our main strategy for resourcing the members of Huyton Deanery with the skills, knowledge and experience they need to thrive as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The academy operates from multiple locations around the deanery and throughout the year. Our intention is to have 'rolling' courses on growing in faith, prayer and Bible study at all times. Recent examples include a Romans Course, Prayer Course, The Difference Course and 321 course. In addition there are training events provided regularly on church administration and management, other practical ministries (for example first aid and fire marshalling), evangelism, children's and young people's ministry and so much more.

We encourage all members of St. Gabriel's to make use of the opportunities Huyton Deanery Academy provides. Everything is free and details can be found at **www.huytondeanery.org**

The academy is overseen by the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) which works on the planning and proposals of Jill Jevons, based at St. Gabriel's. So if you have any thoughts on how the academy can be improved or would like a particular training or course included please do speak with Jill.



This year's report is dedicated to the memory of
those from our church family called to glory in 2025

May their experience of Jesus and vision for God's kingdom on earth
Be a constant inspiration to those for whom the work continues.