

Parish of
Saint Mary the Virgin, Kenton

Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2025

Administrative information

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin is situated in Saint Leonard's Avenue, Kenton. It is part of the Harrow Deanery in the Diocese of London within the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Kenton is registered with the Charity Commission.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Incumbent / Chairman | The Rev'd Richard Norman | |
| Vice Chairman | Mr Kenrick Elliott | |
| Self-supporting Minister | The Rev'd Mike Still | |
| Churchwardens | Miss Johnette Clarke | |
| | Mr Kenrick Elliott | |
| Representatives on Deanery Synod | Prof Luke Anand | |
| | Mrs Leila Bullard | |
| Elected members | Mrs Sakuthala Ahluwalia | |
| | Mr Robbie Anand | (from 11 th May 2025) |
| | Mrs Janet Cameron | (to 11 th May 2025) |
| | Ms Lizz Coppin | (from 11 th May 2025) |
| | Mrs Gloria Cowans | (to 11 th May 2025) |
| | Mrs Patricia Edwards | |
| | Mr David Griffiths | |
| | Ms Bernadette Labastide | |
| | Ms Talatu Masozera | (to 11 th May 2025) |
| | Ms Carmin Paul | (to 11 th May 2025) |
| | Ms Joanna Service | (to 11 th May 2025) |
| | Ms Jean Williams | |
| | Mrs Cynthia Yorke | |

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc, Harrow Group, 355 Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2AN

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

The Incumbent / PCC Chairman

The Vicarage, 3, St. Leonard's Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 8EJ

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1132234

WEBSITE www.stmaryskenton.org

Background

The Parish of St Mary The Virgin Kenton is in The Diocese of London, part of The Church Of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary The Virgin Kenton, co-operating with the Incumbent, has the responsibility of promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and mission of The Church, within the parish and more widely. The Church of England has been described as the one institution that exists for the benefit of those outside. Due to the established nature of the Church, and for the public benefit, everyone within the geographical boundaries of the parish can look to St Mary's as 'their' parish church, offering a place of worship for anyone who wishes to attend. We are always glad to welcome people into the family of the Church.

Practically, the Incumbent and PCC have responsibility for maintaining the Church plant, together with the Church Hall and the former Curate's flat at 268a Kenton Road, which is rented out.

The Parish Church

For 98 years the parish has held full catholic privileges and was built for anglo-catholic worship. The original missionary parish and temporary church was dedicated to St Leonard. Fr Johnson (1st Vicar) was then given a sum of money towards the building of the actual parish church from the sale of St. Mary's Church, Charing Cross Road, on condition it was dedicated to Our Lady, hence the two dedications. St Leonard is now our secondary Patron.

Let it be clear that St Mary's welcomes everyone and values each person who comes through her doors. Our passion is God's passion for souls. We want to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone. All are valued and welcome. Saint Mary's is a field hospital for sinners.

Introduction

2025 was arguably a year of sustained hard work to consolidate and strengthen the life of the parish, as is described in this year's Annual Report. However, it is our solemn duty first to remember and honour the memory of Theresa Labastide and Alan Anyon, members of our congregation who died this year - and to pray for the happy repose of their souls.

Worship

The daily offering of prayer and praise in the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours remains the bedrock of all our endeavours. *Average* Sunday attendance remained stable, at 62 souls; *usual* Sunday attendance increased modestly on 2024, by 4%, to 55 adults and 4 children; and *usual weekly* attendance grew slightly, by 3%, to 71. At Easter, attendance rose (from 188) to 200 - and we were joined at Mass on Easter Day by our MP, Bob Blackman CBE. At Christmas, attendance at Mass went up from 142 to 148, including an unexpectedly well-attended Christmas morning. There was one more person at Mass on Ash Wednesday in 2025 than in 2024; and - although only *one* Mass was celebrated this year for All Souls, nevertheless the number of worshippers present climbed to 54 (from 48). There were two Baptisms in 2025.

Guest preachers in 2025 included Bishop Norman Banks; the Archdeacon of Hampstead; the (now-) Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford; the Sub-Dean of Westminster, and a welcome return visit from Fr Matthew Cashmore, sometime Assistant Curate in this parish, and now Vicar of Bovey Tracey with Heathfield, in the Diocese of Exeter. The clergy of the parish officiated at 14 funerals, and one more burial of cremated remains. They also supported the mission of the wider Church through the generous provision of Mass cover in other parishes: Fr Mike Still offered cover on no fewer than 54 occasions, in 16 different parishes(!) - and the Vicar presided or preached elsewhere on six occasions.

Our close ecumenical friendship with All Saints RC Church, Kenton was expressed in another impressive May Devotion (this year with a brass band), and St Mary's again provided refreshments to the *Kenton Group of Churches* following the Good Friday Walk of Witness. With All Saints, we shared a Lent course and Stations of the Cross; a pilgrimage to The Friars, Aylesford; the provision of "care boxes" to in-patients and out-patients supported by St Luke's Hospice, and carol-singing on the

hospice's IPU. We likewise continue to rejoice in Christian fraternity with those other congregations and denominations which make use of our church and Hall from time to time, including the Antiochian Orthodox; the (Korean Presbyterian) *Grace Bible Reading Centre*; *Emanuel Romanian Pentecostal Church*, and the *True Teaching of Christ Temple* - an international evangelical ministry, who now meet regularly in our Hall on Sunday afternoons. Members of the congregation together attended Evensong at St Martin-in-the-Fields, and the Fulham Festival in Southwark Cathedral: with our friends from other local parishes, a significant number of parishioners travelled to Walsingham for the Pilgrimage for Healing and Renewal.

We also now host the Romanian Orthodox parish of St Stephen the Great, Harrow, in the church on Sunday afternoons - and an application for a Licence under Faculty, to regularise and make permanent this arrangement, has been scheduled for early 2026.

We continue to live-stream all services at St Mary's - including from the Blessed Sacrament chapel, following the replacement of the camera - thus facilitating the participation of the housebound and those who may be travelling.

Mission, Ministry and Fellowship

In July 2025, our pastoral assistant Ryan Davey concluded his year on placement with us, with the happy news of his recommendation for ordination training (to begin in September 2026): we are delighted for him, and pleased to have contributed to his formation. We also hosted Solène Rossa, a French Lutheran minister, for a day placement, and - for three months - welcomed Fr Joseph Barnes to the parish, on an extended placement between curacy appointments.

Our Youth Group enjoyed outings to an escape room and an immersive exhibition about dinosaurs. A remarkable *nine* young people from St Mary's participated this year in the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage (the largest parish contingent in the wider London-Fulham group). One of our number took part in the inaugural "Source and Summit" youth event for Anglo-Catholics in London. *re:generation* Harrow assisted us with a week of Christmas workshops for Mount Stewart Infant School; and classes from Elmgrove School again visited the church, to learn more about Christianity - as did the 3rd Kenton Beavers. The Harrow District Scout Christingle is now an established feature in our Christmas community provision.

Various of the Caribbean High Commissions generously contributed to the rum punch served at this year's parish barbecue! In the face of inclement weather, nevertheless our Christmas Market proved a logistical, social and financial success. The stand-out occasion in our community calendar was, arguably, the Macmillan coffee morning, which raised the astonishing sum of over £1,100. We were joined at Christmas for a return visit to the pantomime at the Harrow Arts Centre by residents from Carlton House Care Home, in Hatch End.

We were pleased to welcome the *Stanmore Choral Society* to St Mary's for further concerts, as well as the pupils of two Romanian music teachers. Fr Stephen Gallagher, the Bishop of Fulham's Missioner, facilitated a well-supported and fruitful "parish conversation" on Holy Cross Day, in which the foundations were laid for a new Mission Action Plan. The parish "look-out groups" were revived, to encourage shared pastoral concern for one another. The advocacy organisation *Refugee Tales* staged a summer concert in the church, with a large group of walkers staying overnight in the church and Hall.

Invitations were hand-delivered around the parish in advance of Christmas and Easter, and passers-by were especially appreciative of our creative Easter banner facing the Kenton Road.

Fabric

Works to the fabric of the church included modifications to the sound system; the employment of a professional gardener to tidy the memorial garden, and significant remedial works at 268a, Kenton

Road. Preventative and periodic maintenance (including the servicing of the boilers; lightning conductor installation; fire extinguishers, and organ - plus the cleaning of the gutters) was scheduled, to maintain our plant in good working order and as a safe environment for all. Our fire extinguisher testing contract was transferred to *SafeLincs*.

Our Sunday *Community Payback* team having fallen into abeyance with the retirement of the supervisors at the beginning of the year, we were pleased later in the year to welcome a new team on Wednesdays, who undertake some of the more arduous tasks in the church grounds, and clean the interior of the church on a weekly basis.

Correspondence was received from *Express Solicitors* in respect of an injury allegedly sustained on-site by a *Community Payback* participant in January: this was shared with our insurers, who contested the claim. No further communication has to date been received, but the claimant has three years to issue additional legal proceedings.

Electoral Roll

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, all parishes are required to compile a new Electoral Roll every six years, and this fell due in 2025. This essentially removes everyone from the previous Roll and a new application must be made for admission onto the new Roll. Despite considerable publicity and approaches by Mrs Cynthia Yorke attempting to contact former members of the Electoral Roll, there were several notable omissions of known worshippers who had not taken steps to re-register. At the time of the Annual Church Parochial Meeting in May there were 76 members on the Roll, compared to 108 in 2024 (a reduction of 32 members). Of the 76 who were registered on the new Electoral Roll, 33 being resident in the Parish and 43 non-resident. There were 5 new members (not previously registered); 4 former members had sadly passed away. We continue to be grateful to Cynthia for all her endeavours in trying to keep the Electoral Roll up-to-date.

Stewardship

We are very grateful to all those who support the mission and ministry of the parish financially. A stewardship campaign involved mailings to regular givers. Fifteen charities and good causes were supported throughout 2025 (mainly via monthly appeals, to which the PCC also contributed a set sum each month), including (by means of a Lent Appeal for) the *Additional Curates Society* (£1,546.22); *Tariro UK - Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe* (£900), and local charity *Bereavement Care* (£768.10, including a special collection at our All Souls Requiem).

The largest cost is the Parish Share of the Common Fund. This is the amount that we pay to the Diocese of London which is our contribution towards administration, salaries and pensions of all those who are employed by the Diocese (including our own Incumbent - but also the Finance Advisers, Safeguarding Teams etc.) Each Parish makes an offer annually of the amount they consider that is a viable contribution. The "target" figure is in excess of £100,000, but in 2025 we offered to contribute £55,125 as our Parish Share, an increase of £2,625 (5%) on our contribution in 2024. It is always a struggle, but it is also a commitment as we are part of the Diocese and have to play our part. Another 5% increase to our Common Fund payment has been agreed for 2026.

Safeguarding

It is imperative that we keep Safeguarding of young people, and the vulnerable of whatever age, at the top of our priorities. The Parochial Church Council has fully complied with its duties under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (and in so doing has taken due regard to The House of Bishops Guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults). Details of The Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and contact details of our Safeguarding Officer are clearly displayed in Church. There is information on our web-site and prominently displayed on notice-boards to explain what to do if there are any Safeguarding concerns.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Ms Joanna Service, and our Lead Recruiter, Fr Mike Still, spoke to the whole congregation about the importance of Safeguarding on Safeguarding Sunday, 17

November. With the Vicar, they comprise a parish Safeguarding Team, which meets regularly. Hard work in this field meant that our online "Safeguarding dashboard" was substantially complete and up-to-date throughout 2025.

In line with Diocesan policy, all those working with children and young people are required to hold an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Financial review

Careful budget monitoring by the PCC and Standing Committee, together with considerable time, energy and patience given by Fr Richard in negotiating 'best deals' (particularly on energy suppliers) once again resulted in a surplus of income over expenditure for the second year running (although, were we to meet the Diocesan 'suggested figure' for Common Fund, this would have resulted in a deficit).

The Financial Assets of the PCC are therefore held in 4 separate accounts.

- Barclays Bank plc holds the Current Account in which the weekly income is deposited and from which all expenditure is paid;
- Barclays Bank plc Business Premium Account;
- Barclays Bank plc Business Premium Account (Leaseholder Deposit);
- The CCLA (Church of England Central Board of Finance) holds the Reserves, primarily for any major building repairs.

New tenancy agreements with St. Bertha Daycare and our tenants at 268a, Kenton Road were authored and signed in 2025, bolstering parish income. Our gas and electricity contracts, negotiated through the *ParishBuying* service, were moved from *TotalEnergies* to *Corona Energy* (gas) and *Ecotricity* (electricity), in October 2025.

We have been blessed with the generosity of several grant funders during the year. These have supported different areas of our mission and ministry. We are grateful to:

the Additional Curates Society and the Anglo-Catholic Ordination Candidates Fund (Ministry Experience Scheme); the Community of St Mary at the Cross Edgware, The Diocese of London "Spark Fund", the Society of Mary, the Fellowship of St John the Evangelist and (in 2024) our Archdeacon Catherine from her Discretionary Fund (for Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage).

Thanks are expressed to Mr Steve Purcell (Saint Thomas, Hanwell) who has very kindly been on hand to assist our interim Treasurer with queries relating to the Finance Coordinator Software we use to manage the church accounts.

The Church Hall is leased to St Bertha's Nursery. The premises to the south of the main hall is a self-contained flat which is also rented out.

On 31 December 2025, the PCC total assets were £97,098 (2024: £84,335).

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy, which was set by the PCC several years ago, is to "maintain a balance in the General Fund, which equates to a minimum of three months expenditure".

Summary of the work of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the year

During 2025, the PCC met on 6 occasions for formal meetings. The Standing Committee met between meetings or transacted business by e-mail or WhatsApp. The following issues were discussed and decisions made:

- Supported Ryan Davey during this placement with the Parish on the Ministry Experience Scheme;
- Reviewed the rent charged for those properties hired and leased by the Parish, including the Church Hall, Flat and Church;
- Made a commitment to a programme of charitable giving throughout the year;
- Held the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 11 May 2025;
- Reviewed the Safeguarding Policies and Safeguarding Audit, and submitted these to the Diocese Safeguarding Team;

- Provided encouragement to PCC members to complete obligatory Safeguarding Training and DBS applications;
- Approved works in the Church which included the installation of alternative lighting and the reconfiguration of the webcam and sound in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, remedial work to bring the sound system back to full working order;
- Approved remedial works to the Flat which included a new toilet and shower, in addition to other essential works;
- Commissioned a deep-clean of the Church Hall and effected remedial works, including the installation of new lighting in the corridor and repairs to the mechanism for the stage curtains;
- Made greater provision for children and young people to participate, with termly outings for young members, participation in the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage and activities at Christmas to involve local school children;
- Appointed Robbie Anand as the Parish Disability Champion;
- Supported ecumenical activities, including the Good Friday Walk of Witness and a joint May Devotion with All Saints RC Church.

Review of Meetings of the Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met for three sessions during the year.

The first meeting took place at St Peter's West Harrow on 4th February. The Revd Jon Lindsay-Scott (Vicar) welcomed synod members, guests and led the worship. The Revd Matthew Stone (Area Dean) conducted brief Synod business including welcoming the Revd Irene Lawrence and reviewing deanery vacancies. This was followed by updates from Diocesan and General Synods.

The main part of the meeting focused on the return of the Willesden Area Roadshow led by Bishop Lusa, Archdeacon Catherine, and the Directors of Mission and Ministry. They reminded Synod members of the Diocesan Vision and how in Willesden there is an overwhelming desire to create a culture of leaning into being intergenerational, intercultural and missional.

The second meeting on 10th July, at St Paul's South Harrow, began with Evening prayer led by the Revd Steve Taylor (Joint Vicar), followed by an introduction to the church and worship.

The main focus of the evening was churches and disability, led by the Revd John Beauchamp, Diocesan Disability Ministry Enabler. John noted that while some churches are well equipped, there is always room for improvement. He emphasized the responsibility to ensure that buildings and services are accessible and inclusive for all.

This was followed by a short presentation of the Ministry Experience Scheme, a review of deanery accounts, and four applications with presentations of £1000 Mission Fund Grant. All four applications were successful: St Anselm, Hatch End to improve the sound system; St Peter West Harrow towards "Bubble Church"; St Anselm Belmont for improved signage; St Mary Kenton towards the Ministry Experience Scheme. Further Synod business included welcoming new clergy, celebrating the newly ordained priests, Diocesan and General Synod Reports, Confirmation of elections (Emma Webber as Honorary Secretary, Graham Hamwijk as Foundation Governor Holy Trinity School Northwood, Graham Nicholson and Marjorie Mott as foundation governors of St John's School, Stanmore. Following the meeting Fr Mike Still was elected as a clergy representative on the Deanery Standing Committee. And finally, Robert May was thanked for over 16 years of exemplary service as deanery secretary.

The final meeting of the year began with refreshments and student led worship at Holy Trinity School, Northwood on 4th November. The choir were from Holy Trinity, the orchestra from St John's School Stanmore. This was followed by a welcome and introduction to the new grouping of four local CofE Schools through the Ecclesia Partnership.

This was followed by presentations by four local speakers on Embracing Interculturalism looking at welcoming, openness, diversity, learning from one another and mission. This section was concluded by a time of questions to the panel. And the meeting was then concluded with news of the Bishop of London consultation, and a request for Carollers at St Lukes Hospice.

Thanks

Although we endeavour to thank all individuals for the tasks they undertake and the contribution they make to the Parish, it is so easy to miss someone out and unintentionally cause upset by this omission. However, we do try to acknowledge where members of the congregation have taken on specific roles and responsibilities. Fr Mike Still contributes so much to the life and worship of St Mary's, and we are so grateful for his Ministry amongst us.

We were richly blessed with the ministry of Ryan Davey in the first half of the year (a continuation of his placement since September 2024), who took on several roles which were undertaken with great enthusiasm.

The Vicar and Parochial Church Council wish formally to thank the Churchwardens, Miss Johnette Clarke and Mr Ken Elliott. They are officers of The Bishop. We are blessed with exemplary Churchwardens who care for people first and foremost. Their other work is important (and takes much time), but looking out for individuals is vital. It is a privilege to work alongside them. Sincere thanks to Mr David Griffiths - our Honorary PCC Secretary, interim Honorary Treasurer, Gift Aid and Stewardship Co-ordinator and Parish Administrator! Much of his work is "behind the scenes", such as producing this Report. However, it is vital work to ensure that we comply with all the requirements of the Diocese and the Charities Commission. We express our thanks likewise to our Independent Examiner, Sheila Burt.

Mrs Cynthia Yorke is Head Server and also responsible for the Sacristy. Thanks to all those who serve at the Altar.

We are grateful for the contribution of Mr Peter Crawford, our organist, and the few faithful singers who comprise our small choir, especially those new to the gallery this year.

Work continues in the background to ensure that our church is kept in tip-top order, and we have the usual suspects to thank for this. In particular Ms Bernadette Labastide and Mrs Patricia Edwards, instrumental in the organization of our social and fundraising events, are supported by a team of willing helpers to ensure that our event-catering remains at a notably high standard. We thank also the flower-arranging team. We record our gratitude similarly to Mrs Lorna Abbott, who does so much work behind the scenes. Church cleaning is a tiring job, but is undertaken faithfully.

These are just some of the "front of house" people who, together with greeters, sidespeople, readers, intercessors and eucharistic ministers contribute so much to the life and mission of St Mary, Kenton.

Approved by the PCC on 8th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by The Rev'd Richard Norman.
(Incumbent & PCC Chair)



Date

09/04/26

The Parish of St Mary the Virgin Kenton

Registered Charity Number 1132234

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

| <u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u> | <u>Notes</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>2024</u> |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <i>VOLUNTARY INCOME</i> | | | | | |
| Standing Orders / Direct Bank Payments (Gift Aided) | | 18,599 | | 18,599 | 18,760 |
| Envelopes (Gift Aided) | | 1,518 | | 1,518 | 2,293 |
| Parish Giving Scheme | | 867 | | 867 | 804 |
| Freewill Offering Envelopes | | 8,726 | | 8,726 | 13,045 |
| Loose Plate, Good Box & Collection Boxes | | 5,965 | | 5,965 | 4,920 |
| Gifts & Donations | | 12,024 | | 12,024 | 21,519 |
| | | 47,699 | | 47,699 | 61,341 |
| Tax recovered on Gift Aid | | 8,350 | | 8,350 | 8,189 |
| | | 8,350 | | 8,350 | 8,189 |
| <i>OTHER FUNDS GENERATED</i> | | | | | |
| Grants | (4) | 8,012 | 5,680 | 13,692 | 20,178 |
| Legacies | | 3,500 | | 3,500 | 0 |
| Fund-raising Activities | | 1,069 | | 1,069 | 2,406 |
| Other Funds Generated | | 7,638 | | 7,638 | 4,685 |
| | | 20,219 | 5,680 | 25,899 | 27,269 |
| <i>INVESTMENT INCOME</i> | | | | | |
| Interest Received | | 874 | | 874 | 602 |
| | | 874 | | 874 | 602 |
| <i>RENT FROM LAND OR BUILDINGS</i> | | | | | |
| Rent from Flat (268A Kenton Road) | | 20,109 | | 20,109 | 17,882 |
| Rent (St Bertha's Nursery) | | 50,453 | | 50,453 | 48,567 |
| Rent (Orthodox Church / Romanian Church) | | 4,813 | | 4,813 | 6,420 |
| Lettings (Church Hall) | | 6,098 | | 6,098 | 6,632 |
| | | 81,473 | | 81,473 | 79,501 |
| <i>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</i> | | | | | |
| Fees | | 892 | | 892 | 1,040 |
| | | 892 | | 892 | 1,040 |
| <i>OTHER INCOME</i> | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | 159,513 | 5,680 | 165,193 | 177,949 |

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

| RESOURCES EXPENDED | Notes | General | Restricted | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| COST OF GENERATING FUNDS | | | | | |
| Costs of Fund-raising & Stewardship Campaign | | 2,766 | | 2,766 | 1,281 |
| Payment Processing Charges | | 471 | | 471 | 541 |
| | | 3,237 | | 3,237 | 1,822 |
| CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| Charitable Donations | | 9,289 | | 9,289 | 10,324 |
| | | 9,289 | | 9,289 | 10,324 |
| London Diocesan Common Fund | | 55,125 | | 55,125 | 52,500 |
| Willesden Area Mission Fund | | 0 | | 0 | 525 |
| Repayment of Diocesan Loan | (5) | 0 | | 0 | 2,000 |
| | | 55,125 | | 55,125 | 55,025 |
| Clergy Expenses | | | | | |
| Incumbent Working Expenses | | 1,741 | | 1,741 | 1,951 |
| Vicarage (Decorating, Phone, Water Rates etc.) | | 796 | | 796 | 1,408 |
| Assistant Staff Costs | | 0 | 7,674 | 7,674 | 5,280 |
| Education/Training | | 36 | | 36 | 0 |
| | | 2,573 | 7,674 | 10,247 | 8,639 |
| Parish Training and Mission | | 1,252 | | 1,252 | 2,252 |
| Insurance | | 8,597 | | 8,597 | 8,377 |
| Church Telephone and Internet | | 709 | | 709 | 731 |
| Music and Organ Repairs | | 10,096 | | 10,096 | 9,118 |
| Church Maintenance and Repairs | (6) | 4,900 | | 4,900 | 25,121 |
| Upkeep of Services | | 8,444 | 69 | 8,513 | 7,248 |
| Upkeep of Churchyard | | 953 | | 953 | 3,105 |
| Administration | | 2,127 | 270 | 2,397 | 1,667 |
| Visiting Clergy | | 1,540 | | 1,540 | 373 |
| Church Electricity | | 1,347 | | 1,347 | 1,918 |
| Church Gas | | 3,331 | | 3,331 | 5,896 |
| Church Water | | 1,272 | | 1,272 | 902 |
| Hall Electricity | | 3,606 | | 3,606 | 4,746 |
| Hall Gas | | 824 | | 824 | 1,539 |
| Hall Repairs and Maintenance | | 2,099 | | 2,099 | 728 |
| Flat and Grounds Maintenance | (6) | 12,049 | | 12,049 | 3,144 |
| Photocopier/Printing/Postage | | 3,241 | | 3,241 | 2,727 |
| Children & Youth Mission | | 7,717 | | 7,717 | 2,526 |
| Data Developments | | 75 | | 75 | 75 |
| | | 74,179 | 339 | 74,518 | 82,193 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | 144,416 | 8,014 | 152,431 | 158,018 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | 159,513 | 5,680 | 165,193 | 177,949 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | | 15,096 | (2,334) | 12,762 | 19,931 |

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as pence are not shown

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| SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS | General £ | Restricted £ | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash Funds Last Year End | 82,353 | 1,984 | 84,335 | 64,403 |
| Net of Receipts (Payments) | 15,096 | (2,334) | 12,762 | 19,931 |
| Transfers Between Funds | | | | |
| <i>General Fund (Undesignated)</i> (7) | (2,981) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Pastoral Assistant Fund (Restricted)</i> (7) | 0 | 2,981 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Funds This Year End | 94,468 | 2,632 | 97,098 | 84,335 |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash at Barclays Bank (Current A/c) | 55,473 | 42,541 |
| Cash at Barclays Bank (Deposit A/c) | 30,395 | 30,000 |
| Petty Cash | 40 | 40 |
| Central Board of Finance (CCLA Account) | 10,834 | 10,364 |
| Hall Leaseholder Deposit (Barclays Business Premium) (8) | 3,698 | 0 |
| CURRENT ASSETS DEBTOR | | |
| Tenancy Deposit Scheme (Landlord Bond) (8) | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| | 102,190 | 84,695 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 102,190 | 84,695 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Agency Collections | 1,404 | 361 |
| LONG-TERM CREDITOR | | |
| Hall Leaseholder Deposit | 3,688 | 0 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | 97,098 | 84,334 |
| REPRESENTED BY | | |
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 65,421 | 58,620 |
| Fabric Reserve (Designated) | 10,834 | 10,364 |
| Flowers | 394 | 50 |
| Children & Youth Fund (Designated) | 17,819 | 13,318 |
| Web-site (Restricted) | 405 | 675 |
| Pastoral Assistant / Ministry Experience Scheme (Restricted) | 0 | (916) |
| Pilgrimage Assistance (Restricted) | 475 | 475 |
| Landlord Bond (Restricted) | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS | 97,098 | 84,336 |

**NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025**

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2014.

The financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis. The financial statements include all transactions

which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b. Funds accounting

Funds held by the PCC are:

Unrestricted Funds:

the General Fund, which can be used by the PCC for ordinary purposes;

Designated Funds:

the Fabric Reserve Fund and Children & Youth Ministry Fund, are set aside by the PCC out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes;

Restricted Funds:

a number of grants that were received during the year were restricted on account of the conditions related to the purpose of the grant application.

c. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for gross and recognised when received.

d. Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Church Activities

The diocesan parish contribution is accounted for when paid. Any parish contribution unpaid at 31st December will be shown in the following year's accounts.

e. Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income will appear in the following year's accounts. See Notes below.

2) STAFF COSTS

The Organist receives remuneration as Organist on a sessional basis. Organists' fees were paid gross.

| 3) FUNDS | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Balance 1 st January | 1,984 | 2,586 |
| Receipts | 5,680 | 14,227 |
| Payments | (8,015) | (14,879) |
| Transfer between funds | 2,981 | 50 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 646 | (602) |
| Balance 31st December | 2,630 | 1,984 |
| General Fund (unrestricted) | | |
| Balance 1 st January | 82,353 | 61,818 |
| Receipts | 159,514 | 163,723 |
| Payments | (144,416) | (143,138) |
| Transfer between funds | (2,981) | (50) |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 12,117 | 20,535 |
| Balance 31st December | 94,470 | 82,353 |

Occasionally monies are received for specific small projects. These are spent in the same years as they are received.

4) GRANTS

In 2025 the following organisations and charitable trusts gave grants towards costs for specific projects:

| | | |
|---|--------|--------------------------------|
| Additional Curates Society | £5,000 | Ministry Experience Scheme |
| Harrow Deanery Mission Fund | £1,000 | Ministry Experience Scheme |
| The Anglo-Catholic Ordination Candidates Fund | £ 680 | Ministry Experience Scheme |
| Listed Places of Worship Scheme | £ 612 | VAT paid on Church Maintenance |
| Community of St Mary at the Cross Edgware | £2,000 | Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage |
| Diocese of London "Spark Fund" | £2,500 | Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage |
| Fellowship of St John the Evangelist | £ 900 | Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage |
| Society of Mary | £1,000 | Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage |

In 2024 (and shown in the accounts for that year) the following grant was received towards the costs of the 2025 Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Archdeacon's Discretionary Fund | £ 500 | Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|

5) LOAN REPAYMENT

In 2019, a Grant was made for the replacement of the Church Heating Boilers. There was also a loan of £10,000 from the Diocese of London which was being repaid over five years and which was fully repaid by December 2024.

6) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Comparatively, spending on Church maintenance in 2024 was higher than 2025 due to the focus on addressing the recommendations in the 2022 Quinquennial Survey. This included additional electrical works and safety checks and inspections.

During 2025, the lease for the flat at 268A Kenton Road was renewed and the rent increased to current market value. As part of the review of the lease, a number of improvements were identified and the urgent repairs were completed by the end of the year.

7) GRANT FUNDING FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANT / MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME

At 1st January 2025, the Pastoral Assistant / Ministry Experience Scheme was in deficit by £916. A grant from the Additional Curate Society (£2,500) was received in February 2025, and a further grant from Harrow Deanery Mission Fund later in the year. The cost to the Parish was £2,981 which was met from the General Fund.

8) LANDLORD / TENANT DEPOSITS

To comply with current legislation, a tenant's deposit of £1,750 is held in a Tenancy Deposit Scheme. During 2025, as part of the renegotiation of the Church Hall lease to St Bertha's Nursery, a restricted Deposit Account was opened at Barclays Bank to hold a deposit (under the terms of the lease) equivalent to one month's rent.

Approved by the PCC on 8th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

The Rev'd Richard Norman (Incumbent & PCC Chair)

 _____ Date 09/04/26

Mr Kenrick Elliott (Churchwarden & PCC Vice-Chairman)

 _____ Date 9-4-2026

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Parochial Church Council of Saint Mary the Virgin, Kenton**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As Trustees of the charity, the members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no other matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act
 - have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sheila M Burt

Date 23 / 4 / 2026

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