



St Mary's Church, Richmond with  
St Michael and All Angels Church, Hudswell

# Annual Report 2025

For the Period January to December 2025

Registered Charity 1132585

## **Aims and purposes**

St Mary's Church, Richmond with St Michael and All Angels Church, Hudswell Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Canon Martin Fletcher, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical to the people of the town of Richmond and the village of Hudswell. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Richmond and Hudswell churchyard.

## **The Wider Church**

The United Benefice of Richmond with Hudswell and Downholme and Marske is in the episcopal area of Ripon under the Bishop of Ripon, The Right Reverend Anna Eltringham within the Diocese of Leeds.

## **Objectives and Activities**

Worship in the churches has continued and developed, based on regular, mainly eucharistic services with the addition of non-eucharistic services particularly directed to all ages from young to old. Retired, visiting and Licensed Lay Ministers provide a major contribution to our services.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church of St Mary's Richmond.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **Worship and prayer**

We continue to welcome all who wish to attend our regular services. This includes Sundays, major feast days and some weekdays. On Sundays the 8am Holy Communion continues to use the Book of Common Prayer (1662) pattern. On the first Sunday in the month we have our 'informal' non-eucharistic Morning Worship which is inclusive of all ages whilst during the rest of the month we have our eucharistic Parish Communion at 10am. We also offer Fun-Key Church, Café Church and Choral Evensong.

We have regular mid-week Communion Services each Wednesday at St Mary's and Thursday at Holy Trinity Chapel. Morning Prayer takes place at 8.30am every Tuesday to Friday at St Mary's.

Many of our services and occasional offices are live streamed and available online via YouTube and Zoom or by telephone for those who prefer this method thus opening up our worship to a wider audience around the world as well as to those who are unable to attend our services in person.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. During 2025 we celebrated 6 baptisms, 4 weddings and held 17 funerals. We also provided ministers for 8 funerals and cremations outside the parish.

The Rector's involvement in the community includes being trustee of various local charities, acting as Chaplain to Richmond Town Mayor, the Company of Fellmongers, the Company of Mercers, Grocers and Haberdashers, the Richmond branch of the Royal British Legion and to the Green Howards Association.

We keep the church open for visitors and for private prayer during daylight hours and there is a votive candle stand for those who wish to light a prayer candle.

St Michael and All Angels' Church, Hudswell was formally closed following resolution of access across a privately owned field. The vision that the church would become a hostel for walkers and cyclists visiting the Yorkshire Dales led to a successful opening in May, with bookings continuing to grow.

## **Fabric and Churchwardens' Report**

### **Fabric Report**

The marginally overdue Quinquennial inspection was completed in January 2025.

The report led to a number of actions including treatment of wood boring insects in the church tower, a structural survey for reassurance concerning the long-standing cracks in the church walls, removal and replacement of defective external rendering and pointing, inspection and clearance of gutters and downpipes and replacement of leaking central heating pipes.

Temperature monitoring to determine whether de-stratification would be of use showed the temperature difference between rafters and nave was too small for this to make a difference.

### **Churchwardens Report**

Our new Curate Rev'd Lorna Heatley has settled in very well and has made a huge difference to all aspects of church life.

We continue to ensure the church is open every day to welcome visitors for worship, prayer, or those interested in local history and ancestry. A welcome leaflet and prayer cards are now provided by the front entrance.

The church provides volunteers to act as welcomers, provide refreshments, open and lock the church, operate the AV system and help to clean the church. All are much appreciated.

A locally organised song squad for children takes place on Monday evenings and Fun Key church takes place once a month. This is in addition to regular Sunday services, café church and a weekly service in Holy Trinity Chapel in the marketplace.

Friends of Saint Mary's church arrange concerts in the church building including Blues in the Pews evenings. The church also hosts school concerts, military carol services and the like. As the largest "open access" community space in Richmond, the church is pleased to host many other community events and concerts including Swaledale Festival, Station Singers and Richmondshire Choral Society

concerts throughout the year. The step-free access to the church which enables wheelchair users to attend these events has been much appreciated.

A recently established Future Vision group are looking at progressing all aspects of our church making it fit for years to come.

Progress is in place for a Way of the Cross Mission play for Easter 2027.

Home groups, Lent and Advent courses continue to be held.

The Church hosts the Green Howard's Chapel which we maintain.

The church hosts the town's Remembrance Day, Civic services and Green Howard's Day services. On many occasions, including Christmas services, the church is full, often with standing room only.

We are very fortunate in having a number of retired clergy and one lay preacher who are able to share the load with the Rector and Curate. Our Churchwarden Emeritus is invaluable in the day-to-day running of the church, this especially so in the absence of a vergers team.

We have an audiovisual system used during most services enabling us to upload services to YouTube and make them available on Zoom as well as enabling us to project services onto the drop-down chancel screen. This enhances our outreach and facilitates flexible services. Careful attention is paid to children's safeguarding issues when recording.

David Frankton  
Wendy Pritchard  
Peter Trewby

## **Pastoral Care**

The Pastoral Team meet every 6 weeks to consider those who may need pastoral support and who would be best placed to provide that support. Pastoral care is undertaken in many ways across the church and our community: practical assistance from The Happy Bodgeys, bereavement support through After The Cards and individual prayer support via the Prayer Circle and pew sheet, listening, visiting and home communion. The team has also supported the annual All Souls-tide Service of Light which is much appreciated by those who attend. We regularly review the support we provide to ensure it always meets pastoral needs.

## **Education**

The links with the CofE Primary School, Trinity Academy Richmond, and the joint CofE and Roman Catholic Secondary School, St Francis Xavier School (SFX), continue to flourish. The Rector sits on the local governing body of each school and members of our congregation are foundation governors at both of the schools with the Curate also a member of the governing body of Trinity Academy.

At SFX we have continued to work closely with the school chaplaincy co-ordinator, and we have seen pupils increasingly involved in the creating and planning of activities and whole school worship. We have welcomed pupils to services in St Mary's and the Rector and Curate are regular visitors to the school. It has been delightful to watch the children grow in their own personal faith and follow the ethos of the school.

We conduct collective worship at the Primary School every Tuesday and the school community is welcomed at St Mary's for special services and visits throughout the year.

## Mission and Evangelism

The mission of the church is in part provided through the regular worship and work of the clergy and laity of the parish including the PCC.

Support for the activities of the church elsewhere include support for the Children's Society through an annual Christingle service. The monthly 'Charity of the Month' voluntary retiring collection continued successfully throughout 2025 to support both British and international charities.

Representatives of the Church are trustees of local Charity Trusts and are members of the local Town Council.

## Ecumenical Relationships

The formal organisation Churches Together in Richmond was wound up some years ago, although most of the joint activities within the Christian communities in Richmond have continued much as previously.

Activities in 2025 included a shared meal in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and a Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Richmond Churches continued to provide food contributions for the StoreHouse foodbank and collaborated in the running of the Warm Welcome Hub hosted at the Methodist Church.

## Other Groups and Organisations

A Thursday morning Toddlers Group continues to meet in the Methodist Church Hall catering for children up to 5 years old and their adult carers. Refreshments and a warm welcome are provided by a team from Richmond Methodist Church and St Mary's.

The Mothers Union continues as an active integral part of parish life with various events including (as The Belles of St Mary's) providing refreshments for parish events. Primulas are distributed on Mothering Sunday. We supported all the Mothers Union appeals, donated to the warm Hub at the Methodist Church (including members volunteering regularly) and the Colburn village hub. Christmas and Easter gifts were given to residents at the Beacon.

A book group has been set up and meets monthly to study various Christian books. Poetry and Puds meets monthly to reflect on a wide variety of poetry, with the bonus of puddings.

The Ladies group meets on the last Friday of each month at the Morro Lounge in Richmond Market Place. "After the Cards" meets on the first Wednesday of the month also in the Morro Lounge to provide support for bereaved people.

The regulars of the "Yarns" knitting group continue to meet at The Restaurant at Greyfriars, on Flints Terrace, Richmond on Friday mornings and welcome occasional visitors.

A Men's Group has been established and meets on the evening of the first Thursday of the month in the Town Hall pub in Richmond Market Place.

## Community Links

Within the broader community, concerts and other events were held during the year in St Mary's by Richmond Choral Society, the Station Singers, the Swaledale Festival, Reeth Brass Band, The Richmond Books and Boots Festival, Richmond School, Trinity Academy Primary School and the Band of the Royal Armoured Corps.

## Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues to report.

Safeguarding has been actively adhered to for many years, in line with Diocesan guidelines. Efforts are made to ensure that all taking part in, and particularly those organising, church activities are aware of their responsibilities and trained appropriately. Actions include featuring safeguarding on the home page of the church website, making information on appropriate contacts for anyone needing support more readily available, recording the roles undertaken by members of the congregation and identifying who has had safeguarding training and at what level, and/or DBS clearance. A team headed by the Safeguarding Officer keep track of all relevant information via the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard and report to the PCC on a regular basis.

## Financial review

Our annual accounts have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments method.

This report illustrates our financial position at our year-end 31st December 2025:

Total receipts	£ 134,519
Total payments	£ 134,982
Our total financial assets at the end of the year were	£ 106,000
Comprising	
HSBC bank accounts	£ 25,771
Deposit Fund held with CCLA	£ 10,000
Investment Fund shares held with CCLA	£ 70,228

### Receipts

The church's day-to-day running costs could not be met without those people who give financially on a regular basis. We would like to express our thanks to those who continue to support us in this way as regular planned giving helps parishes with their financial stability. The £60,836 received in 2025 (an increase of almost £2,000 on 2024) represented 50% of the amount being received into the church's General Fund.

All other giving was £115,418 lower, but it has to be borne in mind that 2024 was an exceptional year because we received eight grants totalling £102,950 for our 'Access For All' project and our new car park.

### Payments

This year the Diocesan Parish Share Request was £96,794 (0.4% higher than in 2024) and the PCC were able to make a contribution of £73,515, but this only represented 76% of the total. The Parish Share Request is our contribution to funding clergy stipends, housing and pensions and the resources to maintain ministry and mission across the Diocese of Leeds.

### Outcome

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments (i.e. a surplus) of £1,430 on unrestricted funds. One contributor to this surplus was a £2,281 reduction in electricity costs, having taken out a new contract partway through the year.

Designated Funds saw a small surplus of £771 but Restricted Funds experienced a shortfall of £2,663, in the main due to the restoration works carried out to the organ which cost £5,058.

Including bank and deposit balances, the unrestricted funds available at the end of 2025 were £35,771, a decrease of only 1%. The value of investments (in restricted and unrestricted funds) decreased by £2,932 (4%) as compared with the end of 2024.

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy (in line with Diocesan recommendations) to aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This is equivalent to £25,000. The cash balance of £25,217 held in unrestricted funds at the year-end met these aims.

## **Deanery Synod Report**

Synod acts as an intermediary between the Parochial Church Councils of each parish in its Deanery and the Synod of the Diocese as a whole. The Rector, three lay members of the PCC, and a lay Diocesan Synod representative are members of Richmond Deanery Synod which covers the most northerly part of the Diocese taking in mainly Swaledale and the area to the East towards the A19 south of the River Tees.

During 2025 Synod met in February, June and October.

The Deanery Synod continued with the regular meetings every two months and has been visited by the Archdeacon and also the area representative of the Mothers' Union during the year as guest speakers. There has been an ongoing project to secure funding for a project to further enhance the profile of rural churches and ministry using all media especially video clips and social media. Revd. Lorna gave a tutorial on how to achieve this with limited skills using the facility of mobile phones.

The sad death of the Lay Chair, Peter Nicholls was announced after he had been ill for a considerable length of time. A replacement has not yet been put in place.

Thanks was given to Canon Martin for his time as Area Dean and appreciation for his time in post as he passed the appointment on to Revd. David Bartlett and his new assistants Revd. Simon Dowson and Canon Caroline Hewlett.

## **Electoral Roll**

All who regularly attend our services or are members of our congregations are encouraged to be registered on the Electoral Roll of the parish and take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to stand for election to the PCC.

Following a revision of the Electoral Roll there are now 138 parishioners on the Roll, of whom 21 are not resident within the parish.

## **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all volunteers who make our church the place of peace and rest that it is. They demonstrate their realisation of the importance of the sustainability of the mission and ministry of the church within the communities of Richmond and Hudswell.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2022) and is registered with the Charity Commission, registered number 1132585. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, Assistant



Curate, Licensed Lay Ministers, two Churchwardens, three members of Deanery Synod and laity members elected by those who are on the Electoral Roll of the church. There may also be co-opted members. Members of the PCC are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Given the wide range of responsibilities in a benefice of this size, the PCC has a number of sub-committees/teams which look after particular areas. These sub-committees which include finance, fabric, worship, charitable-giving, fundraising, communications and pastoral are all responsible to the PCC and report regularly on what has been discussed at their meetings. They make recommendations to the PCC for decision and action and confirm completion of actions previously authorised by the PCC.

## **Administrative information**

St Mary's Church is the parish church of the town of Richmond and is situated on Station Road, Richmond. The now closed St Michael and All Angels' Church was the parish church of the village of Hudswell and is situated back from Hudswell Lane, towards the western end of the village. The parish also includes Holy Trinity Chapel in Richmond Market Place (originally part of a Chapel of Ease within the bailey of Richmond Castle). The United Parish is part of a larger benefice, which also includes the Parish of Downholme and Marske having the churches of St Michael and All Angels, Downholme and St Edmund, Marske, the benefice being part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England.

## **Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

PCC members who have served at any time from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

### **Ex-Officio Members**

#### **Rector**

Reverend Canon Martin Fletcher

#### **Assistant Curate**

Reverend Lorna Heatley

#### **Churchwardens**

Wendy Pritchard

Peter Trewby

#### **Synod Representatives**

Colin Hicks (Deanery)

Susan Welch (Deanery)

#### **Elected members**

Anne Clarke (from APCM 2025)

Martin Clarke (co-opted from May 2025)

Linda Curran

Sharon Digan

David Frankton

Judith MacLeod (from APCM 2025)

Carole McCormack

Annette Richardson (until APCM 2025)

Stuart Rowan (until APCM 2025)

Libby Sands (from APCM 2025)

Isobel Short

Stephanie Williamson

#### **Officers**

Paul Carnell (Treasurer)

Colin Hicks (PCC Secretary)

Alan Judge (Electoral Roll Officer until APCM 2025)

Martin Clarke (Electoral Roll Officer from May 2025)

Jan Beeton (Safeguarding Officer)



## Trustees Annual Report Approval

Approved by the PCC on 6 May 2026  
and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Canon Martin Fletcher

*Martin Fletcher*

## Appendix 1

St Mary's, Richmond, with St Michael's and All Angels, Hudswell PCC

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

Receipts and Payments accounts

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
<b>Voluntary Receipts:</b>						
Planned giving	1a	60,836	-	-	60,836	58,892
Collections at Services	1b	11,254	-	2,497	13,751	11,246
All other giving/voluntary receipts	1c	21,420	2,107	1,500	25,026	140,444
Gift Aid recovered	1d	14,251	-	-	14,251	16,188
		<u>107,759</u>	<u>2,107</u>	<u>3,997</u>	<u>113,863</u>	<u>226,769</u>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	1e	5,304	2,505	-	7,810	11,218
<b>Investment income</b>		2,266	818	-	3,084	6,347
<b>Church activities</b>	1f	6,942	-	2,820	9,762	6,294
<b>Other Receipts</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>122,272</u>	<u>5,430</u>	<u>6,817</u>	<u>134,519</u>	<u>250,628</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Church activities:</b>						
Diocesan parish contribution		73,515	-	-	73,515	77,138
Clergy and staffing costs	2a	9,021	-	-	9,021	8,860
Church running expenses	2b	32,292	-	-	32,292	32,882
Church repairs & maintenance	2c	2,228	-	7,037	9,265	5,118
Mission giving and donations		-	-	2,443	2,443	2,589
		<u>117,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,480</u>	<u>126,535</u>	<u>126,586</u>
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>	2d	3,371	132	-	3,502	2,751
<b>New work to the church</b>	2e	-	4,528	-	4,528	135,943
<b>Other payments</b>	2f	416	-	-	416	1,465
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>120,842</u>	<u>4,659</u>	<u>9,480</u>	<u>134,982</u>	<u>266,746</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		1,430	771	(2,663)	(462)	(16,118)
Transfers between funds		(2,663)	-	2,663	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January		<u>26,449</u>	<u>9,784</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,233</u>	<u>52,351</u>
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		<u>25,217</u>	<u>10,554</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,771</u>	<u>36,233</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
HSBC current account	12,363	-	-	12,363	23,267
HSBC Deposit account	12,854	554	-	13,409	2,966
CBF Deposit Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>25,217</u>	<u>10,554</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,771</u>	<u>36,233</u>
<b>Investment Assets</b>					
Deposit Fund CB3013444	710	-	-	710	740
Deposit Fund CB3013454	4,706	-	-	4,706	4,902
Deposit Fund CB3032895	56,231	-	7,711	63,942	66,604
Deposit Fund CO3053454	870	-	-	870	914
	<u>62,517</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,711</u>	<u>70,228</u>	<u>73,160</u>
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b><u>87,734</u></b>	<b><u>10,554</u></b>	<b><u>7,711</u></b>	<b><u>106,000</u></b>	<b><u>109,393</u></b>

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The movements in Designated and Restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Transfers	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
<b>Designated</b>					
Anne Simpson Legacy Fund	7,180	-	-	-	7,180
Access For All Fund	2,103	-	2,425	(4,528)	0
Christmas Lunch Fund	500	-	-	-	500
Mark Whyman Legacy Fund	-	-	500	-	500
2026 Connections Fund	-	-	2,505	(132)	2,374
	<b><u>9,783</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>5,430</u></b>	<b><u>(4,659)</u></b>	<b><u>10,554</u></b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
Bell Fund	604	-	-	-	604
Fabric Fund	(35)	-	-	-	(35)
Fun-Key Church	300	-	-	-	300
Organ Fund	9,281	-	1,890	(5,537)	5,634
Choristers Fund	1,195	-	-	-	1,195
Audio-Visual Fund	(81)	-	930	-	849
Boiler Appeal Fund	(1,009)	-	1,500	(1,500)	(1,009)
Charity of the Month	119	-	2,497	(2,443)	173
	<b><u>10,374</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>6,817</u></b>	<b><u>(9,480)</u></b>	<b><u>7,711</u></b>

**Access For All Fund**

Receipts: £818 CBF Deposit Fund interest; £269 Donation from The Friends of St Mary's  
£1,338 Grant from Richmond Town Council re tarmacing  
Payments: £540 architects; £776 Everard Nurseries; £3,212 retention

**Organ Fund**

Receipts: use of organ fees included within funeral, wedding & hire fees  
Payments: £478 annual tuning & maintenance; £5,058 full restoration of pedal board

**Audio-Visual Fund**

Receipts: live streaming fees

**Boiler Appeal Fund**

Receipt: Donation from The Friends of St Mary's for leak detection survey  
Payment: Leak detection survey

**Charity of the Month**

Receipts: £120 RNLI (Jan); £185 Paul Curran Celebration Trust (Feb); £172 Mothers' Union (Mar);  
£228 Holy Rood House (Apr); £299 Christian Aid (May); £200 Christians Against Poverty (Jun)  
£192 Homestart (Jul); £225 Just The Job (Aug); £214 Friends of Garget Walker House (Sep);  
£227 Liver Cancer UK (Oct); £262 Combat Stress (Nov); £173 D'ton Women's Refuge (Dec)  
Payments: to charities plus payment to Church Mission Society from December 2024

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Further analysis of Receipts and Payments (1)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
<b>1a Planned Giving</b>					
Standing Orders	36,902	-	-	36,902	44,854
CAF Standing Orders	4,800	-	-	4,800	4,800
via The Parish Giving Scheme	19,134	-	-	19,134	9,238
	<u>60,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,836</u>	<u>58,892</u>
<b>1b Collections at Services</b>					
Regular Services	4,482	-	-	4,482	4,262
Holy Trinity	770	-	-	770	484
Contactless via the Goodplate	716	-	-	716	966
Wedding Collections	289	-	-	289	235
Funeral Collections	3,814	-	-	3,814	2,517
Baptism Collections	202	-	-	202	108
Other Services	980	-	2,497	3,478	2,673
	<u>11,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,497</u>	<u>13,751</u>	<u>11,246</u>
<b>1c All Other Giving/Voluntary Receipts</b>					
General Donations	17,741	269	1,500	19,510	19,325
Yellow giving envelopes	510	-	-	510	620
Website Donations	411	-	-	411	519
Contactless via GoodBox device	1,621	-	-	1,621	1,614
Contactless via CollecTin device	612	-	-	612	-
One-Off donations via the PGS	70	-	-	70	-
Bequests	-	500	-	500	-
VAT Claimed via LPOWGS	454	-	-	454	-
Richmond Town Council Grant	-	1,338	-	1,338	-
National Lottery Fund Grant	-	-	-	-	20,000
North Yorkshire Council Grants	-	-	-	-	51,950
Benefact Trust Grant	-	-	-	-	7,900
Garfield Weston Grant	-	-	-	-	10,000
Jack Brunton Trust Grant	-	-	-	-	2,000
Zedra Trust Grant	-	-	-	-	3,000
Leeds DBF Grants	-	-	-	-	6,100
Beatrice Laing Trust Grant	-	-	-	-	2,000
Donations to Step-free Access Fund	-	-	-	-	14,916
Donation to Christmas Lunch Fund	-	-	-	-	500
	<u>21,420</u>	<u>2,107</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>25,026</u>	<u>140,444</u>
<b>1d Gift-Aid Recovered</b>					
Directly from HMRC Charities	9,871	-	-	9,871	13,879
via The Parish Giving Scheme	4,379	-	-	4,379	2,309
	<u>14,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,251</u>	<u>16,188</u>
<b>1e Activities for Generating Funds</b>					
Parish Magazine	1,472	2,505	-	3,977	4,824
Hire of St. Mary's	1,120	-	-	1,120	2,252
200 Club	1,945	-	-	1,945	2,110
Other Fund-Raising	767	-	-	767	2,032
	<u>5,304</u>	<u>2,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,810</u>	<u>11,218</u>
<b>1f Church Activities</b>					
Funeral Fees	5,569	-	-	5,569	3,014
Wedding Fees	1,373	-	-	1,373	1,032
Monument Fees	-	-	-	-	428
Use of Organ Fees (to Organ Fund)	-	-	1,890	1,890	1,260
Use of Live Streaming (to AV Fund)	-	-	930	930	560
	<u>6,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>9,762</u>	<u>6,294</u>

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Further analysis of Receipts and Payments (2)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	TOTAL 2024 £
<b>2a Clergy and Staffing Costs</b>					
Rector's expenses	1,474	-	-	1,474	1,418
Curate's expenses	234	-	-	234	307
Administrator's salary	5,873	-	-	5,873	5,815
Treasurer's fees	1,440	-	-	1,440	1,320
	<u>9,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,021</u>	<u>8,860</u>
<b>2b Church running expenses</b>					
Church building running expenses	15,729	-	-	15,729	17,386
Upkeep of services	2,122	-	-	2,122	1,481
Hudswell Churchyard	66	-	-	66	55
Organists & Choirmaster	9,560	-	-	9,560	9,400
Music costs	444	-	-	444	2,237
Other church running expenses	4,371	-	-	4,371	2,322
	<u>32,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,292</u>	<u>32,882</u>
<b>2c Church repairs and maintenance</b>					
Inspection of fire equipment	250	-	-	250	148
Roof Alarm maintenance	1,219	-	-	1,219	1,024
Bell service	-	-	-	-	396
Asbestos Survey	441	-	-	441	-
Gutter maintenance	-	-	-	-	200
Lighting works	-	-	-	-	376
Lighning Protection	-	-	-	-	162
Repairs to CCTV	210	-	-	210	-
Electrical Inspection & Certificate, PAT testing	-	-	-	-	470
Organ-related works	-	-	5,537	5,537	-
New lawnmower for Hudswell Churchyard	-	-	-	-	1,290
Boiler-related works	108	-	1,500	1,608	396
Tuning & repairs to the organ	-	-	-	-	656
	<u>2,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,037</u>	<u>9,265</u>	<u>5,118</u>
<b>2d Cost of generating funds</b>					
Parish magazine	2,274	132	-	2,405	2,185
200 Club	650	-	-	650	500
Purchase of a CollecTin contactless device	330	-	-	330	-
Purchase of four charity buckets	48	-	-	48	-
PGS transaction fees	1	-	-	1	-
Contactless transaction fees	68	-	-	68	66
	<u>3,371</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,502</u>	<u>2,751</u>
<b>2e New work to the church</b>					
Access for All project costs	-	4,528	-	4,528	90,945
New car park project costs	-	-	-	-	44,998
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,528</u>	<u>135,943</u>
<b>2f Other payments</b>					
Other Sundry expense	-	-	-	-	634
Graveyard mapping	416	-	-	416	306
Coach to Kirbymoorside	-	-	-	-	525
	<u>416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>1,465</u>

## St Mary's, Richmond, with St Michael's and All Angels, Hudswell PCC

### Independent examiner's report to the members on the unaudited financial statements of St Mary's Church, Richmond for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the regulations) and the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC'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 :

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Date : 13th April 2026

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## Appendix 2

### Rector's Report

The PCC's plans for 2025 were to consolidate the progress previously made in our overall objectives to:

- grow spiritually (in discipleship and pastoral care),
- extend our community engagement (through mission and social action),
- improve our sustainability (by strengthening our finance, fabric, and administration).

Allied to this was the need to formulate a new long-term Vision: a clear sense of direction so that all short-term objectives set could be correctly aligned.

As the documents detailing church life prepared for the 2025 APCM showed, we have a renewed confidence in our strong traditions and in-house resources. Indeed, we saw afresh that many people are involved across all aspects of church life and that there is a solid foundation on which we can build. The slow but steady increase in the size and hence the capacity of our core congregation is already resourcing ongoing overall growth.

We have an abiding sense that in seeking to develop, so long as we remain genuinely rooted in prayer and the Holy Spirit, we can and *must* be strong, confident and joyful in who we are as the parish church of Richmond with Hudswell. We also have a deep sense of trust that newcomers will *want* to join us, increasing thereby our income and the capacity of our core congregation. Allied to this is an awareness that as the 'resource church' of our Deanery we have a responsibility to reach out to neighbouring parishes as well as our neighbouring churches of other denominations – giving but also receiving support, as appropriate.

A Parish Vision Team was formed to formulate a long-term Vision for presentation to the PCC. Meanwhile, in line with the three overall objectives detailed above, the PCC set out the following short-term priorities:

1. undertake a Christian Development survey to find out what is actually needed to encourage spiritual growth
2. attract and retain newcomers, including rearranging the back of the church to be more welcoming and less cluttered
3. make Morning Worship more accessible and better publicised
4. work more closely with local schools
5. build up the Verger team to support our community and outreach events.

Whilst seeking to make progress in each of these areas we have continued to see growth in lay leadership across all areas of church life, with the Friends of St Mary's expanding even further the number and range of the events on offer.

It was with great joy that we celebrated Lorna's priesting in June – along with the ordination as deacon of 'our own' Anna and Scott, both of whom are now serving as curates (at Ripon Cathedral and the Penhill Benefice respectively), and then in September the induction as rector of the East Dere Street Benefice of Gillian Lunn. This was complemented by Sharon McCormack being recommended for and



beginning training to become a Licensed Lay Minister (a Reader). They each have our ongoing prayerful and practical support and Lorna's ministry continues to grow ever richer and fuller. We are truly blessed to have her amongst us.

As we look back over 2025, we are thankful for the progress we have made, and I am grateful to each of my colleagues and to everyone in the congregation and indeed the wider community for the part they have played. Whether serving 'up front' or supporting behind the scenes, whether active in the community or carefully supporting us prayerfully and financially, I thank you for what *you* do.

Following the 2026 APCM our PCC will be meeting for an Away Day in June, when short-term plans will be made within the setting out of a long-term vision. They will need our prayerful support.

Martin Fletcher

Rector