

Parish Profile

This form is designed to give an overview of a parish to be used in a vacancy for the appointment of a new parish priest. It will be accepted as the "statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish" required by the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986. Please check all pre-populated data carefully and provide any corrections if needed. Additional information may also be appended.

1. Parish Information

1.a	Name(s) of parish(es):	St Michael and All Angels, Westgate Common Wakefield
1.b	Name(s) of parish church(es):	St Michael and All Angels, Westgate Common Wakefield
2.	Name(s) of other C of E church(es)/centres for public worship in the parish(es):	N/A
3.a	Are you linked formally or informally with any other parishes in the benefice (Y/N):	No
3.b	If Y, please give the name(s) of linked parish(es):	
4.	Deanery:	Wakefield
5.	Population: <i>[Information as of 2021 census. Please indicate if and how this might have changed]</i>	Parish Population Under 20 2758 20 to 64 6384 Over 65 1266 Total 10408 Occupied Households 4359
6.a	Electoral Roll Number:	28
6.b	Date of Declaration:	23 rd March 2025

7. Worship Attendance

Please provide details of average attendance at Sunday and weekday services. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

October count 2023

Church	Service	Time	Number of communicants	Adult attendance	Under 16 attendance
St Michael's	Sunday	10 am	30	25	2 to 7

8. Occasional Offices

Please provide figures for the last 12 months. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Church	Baptisms	Confirmees	Weddings	Funerals in church	Funerals taken by clergy
St Michael's	1	0	0	3	1

9. Communications

Please only include names and contact details that can be shared when this document becomes public. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Church	Clergy	Licenced Lay Ministers	Lay staff eg Youth worker, Administrator etc	Churchwardens
St Michael's			Mrs Elaine Bramald Lay Pastoral Minister 5 Hawthorne Terr Alverthorpe Wakefield, WF2 0AY 01924 782394	Mrs Elaine Bramald 5 Hawthorne Terr Alverthorpe Wakefield WF2 0AY 01924 782394 Mr Peter Baldwin 57 Sycamore Copse Wakefield, WF2 8DQ 01924 784752

2. Parish/Community Information

1.a	Briefly describe the demographic composition of the parish(es) (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity).	A breakdown of parish is attached at the end of this profile.
1. b	Are there any specific issues you wish to highlight in relation to the above description (eg high unemployment)?	From the parish returns website the deprivation index for the Parish is 678. (Deprivation rank (1=most deprived, 12,154=least deprived))

2. Other local institutions

Please provide information and details (if known) of other important local institutions. Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Institution	Quantity	Details
Schools (Primary and Secondary)	2	St Michael’s CE Academy Lawefield Lane School
Youth Centres		None
Hospitals		None
Nursing/elderly care homes		Sheltered Housing – Bembridge Court, Lupset, Wakefield
Local Businesses		Mainly retail – Supermarkets and Car Sales Light Industry
Neighbourhood initiatives (eg NWA)		Wakefield District City of Sanctuary to provide activities for Refugees / Asylum Seekers
Local Associations (eg tourist groups, historic societies)		Wakefield is a city which has a large number of societies, and voluntary groups but they are not based in the Parish
Other Christian Churches		Elim Pentecostal Church
Other Places of Worship		A Mosque
2.b	Do the clergy hold any civic responsibilities in relation to the above institutions or within the wider community? If so, please provide details. <i>Add any additional rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.</i>	
None, though Wakefield District City of Sanctuary is based in the Church hall, and a Church Warden is on the Trustee Board, and we are keen to develop these links		

3. Local religious partnerships

Please provide information on the parish(es) relationship with local religious groups. Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

3.a	Please state any involvement in local Churches Together	St Michaels is a member of the Wakefield Churches Together
3.b	Please state any formal covenants held with other denominations	None
3.c	Please state any informal ecumenical contacts held by the parish(es)	None

3. Church Information

Please give details for each church individually by copy/pasting the table below or by repeating the information on a separate sheet.

Church name:		
A. Congregation		
i	What percentage of the congregation lives outside the parish?	30%
ii	Briefly describe the demographic composition of the congregation (eg employment status, population ages, ethnic groups, home ownership, cultural diversity, gender).	Our congregation is made up of mainly retired but active people and three families with young children. We regularly have 18 females, 10 males and 6 children attending services. There are four families who regularly attend who are from ethnic minorities.
iii	How would you describe the worship tradition at the church?	• Modern/Liberal Catholic • Full Eucharistic Vestments - Cassock/alb, stole & chasuble - are worn. We use both incense and bells within our service, and we have many icons in church.

B. Finance

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I	What is the average regular weekly giving by persons in the parish(es) 16 years & over? What (if any) proportion of this giving is gift aided?	The regular average weekly giving among those aged 16 and over is approximately £3.30 per person, with around 50% of the giving being gift aided.	
ii	What is the date of the church’s last stewardship campaign?	The last official campaign was a number of years ago but in the last two years we had two stewardshio campaigns, but we have had someone from the stewardship team come to talk to us during our Sunday worship on the 8th of February, and we are looking to discern and build more on that - it is our wish to ensure our financial sustainability for years to come, and we are looking to further strengthen our financial standing . Recently we have introduced Parish Giving Scheme for online giving and have one regular donor from that source.	
iii	How does the church supplement direct giving in order to meets its financial needs?	We rent the church hall to Wakefield District City of Sanctuary who are based in that building. Social functions – Summer / Christmas Fayres, faith lunches after services and Parish meals.	
iv	What was the amount of working expenses paid to the clergy in the last financial year? Were these needs met in full? (Y/N) <i>If N what was the estimated shortfall</i>	None N/A	
V	Please provide details of the amount of share requested and paid: - in last financial year (2024) - in the current year (2025) - in the next financial year	Requested £10,380 £9,850 10,350	Paid £1100 1200 £100 (as of January 2026) The PCC has agreed to increase this to £200/month

	<i>Please provide explanation for any discrepancy between requested and actual payments</i>	We are doing our best to balance our circumstances with the wider objectives of the diocese and we are eager to do our bit as much as possible.
	Do you anticipate meeting this year's requested payment in full? (Y/N) <i>If N provide explanation</i>	No No, but the PCC has voted to increase its Parish Share giving by £200pcm as of our January PCC. We look forward to any new ideas and strategies that will help us better meet our commitments in this regard over the years to come.
vi	Are there any ongoing capital projects? (Y/N) <i>If Y please give brief details of estimated costs and how these will be met</i>	We are hoping to make a kitchen area at the west end of the church and we are investigating upgrading the radiators. We are currently in discernment regarding both initiatives. Two years ago we installed a gas boiler for the Church to replace the oil boiler and a few years ago we upgraded the entire heating system in the Hall. We have restricted funds for the kitchen area that will cover approximately 50% of the cost. applied for a grant for the radiator replacement
vii	Please append a copy of the last PCC accounts.	See attached accounts for 2025. Note these have not been audited but have been agreed by the PCC.
viii	Please provide details of the any overseas work supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations	None
ix	Please provide details of the any mission agencies and charities supported by the Church including the value of any annual donations	We have an annual Christingle service for the Children's society and are members of Wakefield Churches Together

C. Buildings

i	Please provide a general overview of the general state of repair of the church building and environs <i>This can usually be found in the 'Executive Summary' of the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report</i>	Considering the age of the buildings the general state of the church is reasonable, but the architect inspection identified areas that require work.
ii	Please highlight any major maintenance requirements identified during the most recent Quinquennial Inspection	• Stone work - there are several areas that require attention • Tower roof repair as the flat roof's life has exceeded its projected useful lifespan. • Flat roof above the Vestry needs to be replaced • Porch gutters - clean and paint - we think we can complete this job ourselves. • West end -re-plaster inside.

4. Church Education and Social Provision

1.a	Name(s) of Church School(s) if applicable:	St Michael's CE Academy
2.	How is the school governance structure organised? <i>eg aided, controlled, foundation</i>	VC Academy
3.	Approximately how many pupils are currently enrolled?	480
4.	What is the level of engagement between the church(es) and the school(s)?	We are investigating the development of a regular service at the school

5. Outreach and Mission

Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.a	Please provide details of any regular mission and outreach activities	• Social time immediately following our Sunday service. • Over 50's Coffee Club that runs on Mondays in the summer with three regular attendees • Christingle Service with Carols every year. • Parish prayer/boundary walks - our last curate (on placement) regularly walked the parish in cassock and talked/prayed with/and offered blessings to people. It has generated interest in faith and topics such as death. It also has potential to raise the profile of St. Michaels on the estates, which by virtue of geography might feel a little distanced from us. For the moment this has been led by clergy on placement but this is something we would like any incoming clergy to consider continuing. • Videos have been posted on social media giving reflections on Saint's Days (as they fall in the calendar) and their contributions - these have generated online engagement. This was initially started by a curate on placement here, but we would like incoming clergy to consider continuing them. • We have run an all age Alpha course Jan/Feb 2026 - whilst most of the participants have been part of our worship community, there have been some new faces and new interest in worshipping with us as a result. We have run Alpha courses in the past, and we would like them to continue running periodically. • Collective worship/schools talks: our Curate on placement instituted collective worship twice weekly on a Wednesday morning in St. Michael's Academy. There have also been nativity talks, and Christingle talks involving both St. Michael's and Lawefield Lane. St.
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		Michael's Academy also had an interactive Christingle Service in school, which we would like to continue. We are looking into setting up a team of volunteers to help with this - but would appreciate encouragement, training and direction.
1.b	How are you helping people find out about Jesus?	We have organised an Alp[ha course, and outreach to the local schools.
1.c	How are you helping people to grow in discipleship?	• Collective Worship in St. Michael's academy twice weekly. • Assorted school visits by clergy and/or members of the congregation. • Annual Christingle Service – 19 adults / 4 children attended in 2025 Parish boundary/prayer walks • We are running an Experience Easter event in Church for St. Michael's Academy (the children come into church). • Regular video reflections posted on facebook by clergy. Occasional offices (baptisms and funerals)
1.d	How are you helping people to grow in leadership?	Regular services and an Alpha course was run several years ago, Another Alpha course is currently running: Jan-Feb 2026. We have a dedicated team of altar servers, we have lay eucharistic and pastoral ministers. Our Experience Easter event is also designed to encourage congregational participation and growth in leadership confidence - leaders are each in charge of a display/activity.
2.a	Are there any overseas link(s) with the parish(es)? (Y/N)	No
2.b	If Y, please give details:	
3.a	Do you have an organised system to provide outreach and welcome to new members of the community? (Y/N)	Yes

3.b	If Y, please give details:	The PCC are in the process of discerning/setting up both Social Committee and Collective Worship team in order to spread out initiative and get people more invested and equipped.
4.	What role do you play in meeting the needs of the local community?	We support the Wakefield District City of Sanctuary in its mission and a member of the PCC is a Trustee on their board. When there is a priest, we offer direct sacramental and pastoral care ranging from the giving of last rites, to counselling the bereaved, and being a visible presence to the community. In interregnum, our core team of lay eucharistic ministers have taken responsibility for ensuring, as far as needed, home communion to the housebound and sick, and monitoring the wellbeing of unwell members of the congregation.
5.	How do you engage with young people outside of church-based organisations? <i>eg open youth work</i>	Annual Children's Society Christingle service

6. Lay Discipleship and Participation

Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.	What are your education and training provisions for:	Details	Approximate numbers
	- Children (<i>eg Sunday School</i>) - Young People (<i>eg Youth Projects</i>) - Adults (<i>eg Alpha</i>)	We are running an Alpha course that is aimed at all age ranges Safeguarding training of PCC members Lay Eucharistic Minister Training of readers	3-4 6 1 7
2.a	Please give details of any house/prayer groups	None	
2.b	Are these groups led by lay or clergy?	N/A	

3.a	How would you rate the strength of lay leadership?	Quite a number of our congregation do activities and contribute, and are capable of development – we would say low to moderate, but with significant potential and a desire to enable and strengthen lay leadership significantly over coming years. Currently we have a Church Warden who is a Trustee of the Wakefield District City of Sanctuary, and is actively involved in the building maintenance. Both Wardens are actively involved to ensure the smooth running of the Church, its services and ensuring best use of its resources.
3.b	What is the source of lay leadership strength or weakness?	Honestly, interregna are hard for laity, and the increased responsibilities (and their range) has taken up much of our time and effort that could otherwise have been expended in potential growth areas. That said, our Over 50's club and the Asylum Seekers activity have seen a need and stepped into that need, as with our Experience Easter events. As a community, we have a way of rising to the needs of the occasion that is perhaps not quite reflected in our formalised training/leadership structures.

7. Mission

In this section you are encouraged to consider your future priorities and aspirations. You are invited to contemplate areas you feel need addressing, evaluate any limitations which may prevent you from addressing them, and envision what your new priest's role could be to help you achieve your ambitions. Expand the rows as required or if hand-written continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

1.	Which areas of church life do you feel would benefit from further development in future?	• Mission development and outreach • Developing lay leadership of the Church • Increasing attendances at services. • Working with young families and children.
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		• Pastoral Care • More social activities in church so that people get to know each other
2.	What are the main areas of mission that you would like your new priest to prioritise?	• Spend more time in school and do Assemblies/Collective worship. Our relationship with the Church Academy is a priority. • A priest who is committed to parish life who will be a visible presence, particularly on the estates and newer housing developments.
3.	What are the biggest potential challenges which you and the new priest will need to address? Name and elaborate on no more than three	• Growing the congregation numerically, spiritually, and in terms of confidence and discipleship too - with an emphasis on children and families • Encouraging greater lay participation and leadership, especially amongst the long standing faithful. • Ensuring our financial viability and good stewardship.

8. Additional Information

Use this space to record any other information which you would like the Patron and the Bishop to be aware of regarding the conditions, needs, or traditions of the parish(es). Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

St Michael's Church is in a very prominent position in the West of Wakefield, at the junction of two busy roads. We have our own Car Park. The Church is about 170 years old and was re-ordered 20 years ago and the pews have been replaced with comfortable chairs.

Traditionally the Parish was known as "High Church" with the use of incense and ceremonial. In more recent years the worshipping life of the parish has become more flexible in expression. The parish might best be described as Liberal Catholic, with scope for liturgical development, provided the underpinning theology remains broad Anglican.

The Church needs some repair – as identified in the most recent quinquennial inspection, and this will require ongoing attention and investment. Quote taken from the Quinquennial Inspection Report "The Church generally is in good condition and it is clear that the buildings have been well cared for. It is clean, tidy and clear of clutter, which makes it very pleasant to visit".

As already stated, we recognise the need for someone who can work with and attract those who have

moved into the parish in recent years. At the same time, the parish longs for a priest who will care for, guide, lead and support us spiritually. We have been without a priest for a considerable period and are seeking someone willing to share the pastoral and spiritual burden with us.

We have active engagement with both schools in the Parish with the pupils attending visiting the Church and inviting the Church to their premises.

We support Wakefield District of Sanctuary (WDCoS) by renting the hall and active involvement with the charity. WDCoS was introduced by the then Bishop of Wakefield (Bishop Tony Robinson) in 2005. Asylum seekers have often arrived in the Wakefield area with only the clothes on their backs. Soon a clothing store and food store developed. Conversation cafes were set up around Wakefield to help asylum seekers and refugees learn English and make new friends. It started free online English classes. In 2021 the charity moved to the church hall at St Michael's church on Westgate now called "The Sanctuary" where it remains today. In 2023 the focus turned to developing a social space to encourage interaction and conversation in addition to delivering clothing and food. It is a social space offering signposting, problem-solving, support for English, and, above all, a place of welcome.

9. The New Priest

Use this space to identify and list the qualities and skills you would like to see in the new priest. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

- Strong people skills, with a genuinely pastoral heart.
- A good communicator and organiser, who takes time to know and care for the congregation.
- A priest with a good sense of humour and an approachable manner.
- Someone who can support and develop us in our shared mission.
- Someone willing to be cherished, supported, and enabled by us in return.

Agreed by the PCC of St Michael's Church

On the (date) 8 (month) February (year) 2026

Signed: E. M. Bramald

Print Name: ELAINE M. BRAMALD

Office Held: CHURCHWARDEN

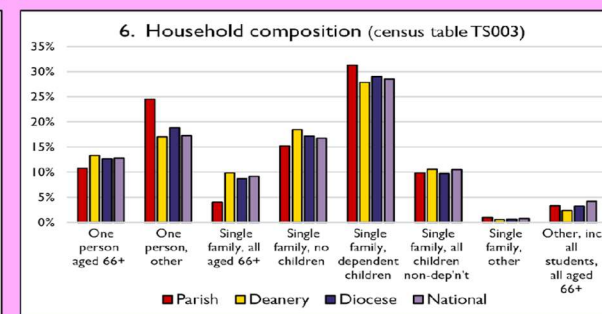
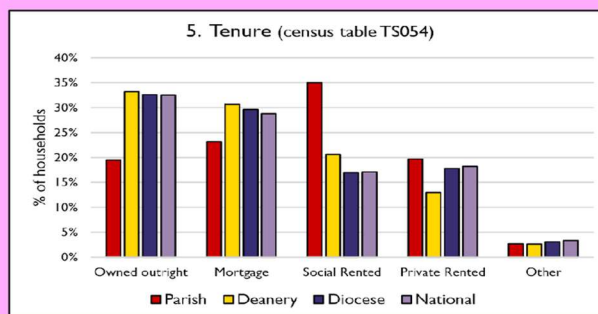
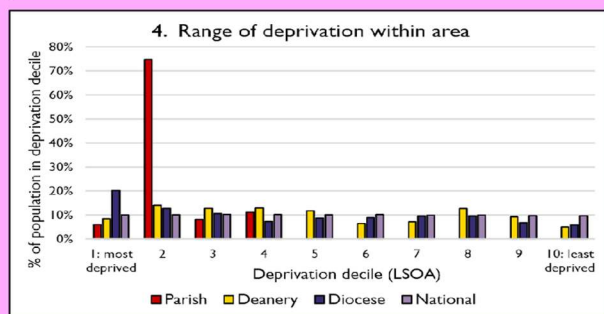
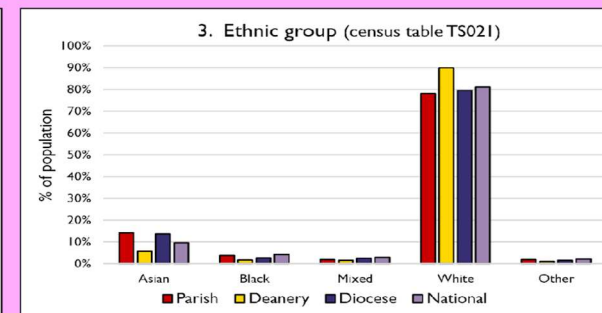
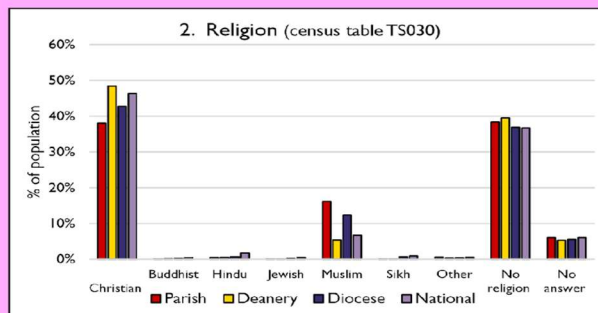
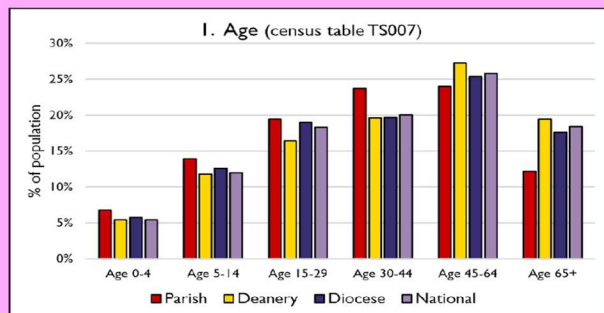
Once completed and signed as agreed by the PCC, this form should be sent directly to the Archdeacon's office and to Gemma Shearwood:

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17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX
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Copies will be circulated by the office to the Patron and Bishop

Please make sure copies all PCC members retain a signed copy of this form for their records.

National Census 2021 Dashboard for the Parish of Wakefield: St Michael in the deanery of WAKEFIELD



7. 2019 Deprivation Statistics

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), domains, and subdomains

IMD - overall deprivation 7%			
Employment	8%	Crime	4%
Health	8%		
Income	8%	Education	4%
Income: Children	11%	Children & Youth	7%
Income: Old people	10%	Adult Skills	3%
Housing & services	85%	Living Environ't	51%
Local services	83%	Indoors	58%
Affordability	20%	Outdoors	16%

Shading shows severity of deprivation compared to other parishes, colour-coded by decile. E.g., a figure of 25% means that 25% of parishes are more deprived than this parish.

	Parish	Deanery	Diocese	National
Population	10,408	181,891	2,776,775	56,506,784
Occupied households	4,359	78,578	1,160,372	23,444,438
Living in households	10,259	180,284	2,730,675	55,542,946
Average household size	2.35	2.29	2.35	2.37
Living in communal estab'ts	149	1,607	46,100	963,838

Parish, Deanery and Diocese codes

Parish	460446 St. Michael, Westgate Common
Deanery	46403 WAKEFIELD
Diocese	46 Leeds

Notes & definitions

Census and deprivation statistics have been mapped onto parish boundaries (as of June 2025), and are therefore approximations. Census data as shown in figures 1-3, 5, & 6 are derived from the National Census 2021 produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). For details from ONS see: https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/sources/census_2021. Deprivation statistics are derived from the English Indices of Deprivation 2019, produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government. More details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>. Deprivation statistics are published at LSOA level. Figure 4 shows how the population of each area is split across LSOAs, categorised by LSOA deprivation decile. For more detailed parish census and deprivation information, see: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/data-services/resources/publications-and-data#na>. For an interactive map showing parish deprivation and census statistics, see: <http://arcgis.com/1RaS4CS>.

Parish deprivation statistics in figure 7 are colour-coded by parish deprivation decile:

	< --Most deprived	Medium	Least deprived -->
Coding	5%	15%	25%
	35%	45%	55%
	65%	75%	85%
	95%		

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Every effort has been made to ensure that data are reliable. We would be grateful to be notified of errors and to receive comments/suggestions: please email statistics.unit@churchofengland.org

SUMMARY AND COMPARISON 2024 AND 2025					
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	2024	2025		2024	2025
Opening balances	£28,299.62	£34,332.06	Unpaid cheques f	£120.79	£0.00
Income			Gen running costs	£4,274.97	£4,909.57
Planned giving	£10,152.98	£7,094.01	Utilities	£6,505.76	£5,893.73
Other Income	£1,712.22	£1,375.69	Maintenance	£3,656.21	£1,068.00
Hall rent	£6,500.00	£6,000.00	Projects/refurbis	£1,726.21	£1,163.10
Donations-specif	£2,660.22	£1,781.67	Restricted funds	£0.00	£177.20
Restricted funds	£4,289.80	£3,896.57	Administration	£2,998.84	£3,834.18
Total Income	£25,315.22	£20,147.94	Total expenditure	£19,282.78	£17,045.78
Income+ starting bala	£53,614.84	£54,480.00			
SUMMARY					
Income+ starting bala	£53,614.84	£54,480.00	Payments not finalised at the end of accounting period		
Expenditure	£19,282.78	£17,045.78	Accounts payable		
Closing balance	£34,332.06	£37,434.22	Accounts receival	£0.00	£0.00
Split between re Split between restricted and unrestricted funds					
EOY balances			Expenditure in year		
Restricted funds	£23,426.50	£23,426.50	Restricted funds	£0.00	£177.20
Unrestricted funds	£10,905.56	£14,007.72	Unrestricted funds	£19,282.78	£16,868.58

Accounts for 2025							
	Income	Sub Total	Total		Expenditure	Sub Total	Total
Opening balances	Current account (1/1/25)	£1,500.00			Unpaid cheques from last ye	£0.00	£0.00
	Deposit account (1/1/25)	£32,832.06			Gen running		
	Petty Cash (1/1/25)	£0.00	£34,332.06		Misc.	£382.49	
					Liability Insurance	£4,527.08	£4,909.57
	Income 2025				Utilities		
	Envelopes	£2,668.80			Hall	£3,315.89	
	S/Orders	£1,042.00			Church	£2,577.84	£5,893.73
	Parish giving scheme (exc gift aid)	£1,253.05			Administrat		
	Donations from other services (baptisms,	£8.87			Running costs (chi	£98.30	
	Gift Aid claimed in 2025	£1,857.91			Parish Share	£2,300.00	
	Bank Interest (deposit account)	£263.38	£7,094.01		Worship	£175.88	
					Staff costs	£1,260.00	£3,834.18
Other Income	Hall rent	£6,000.00			Maintenanc		
	Leeds diocesan fees	£491.00			Total routine mair	£590.00	
	Misc. income	£269.48			Health and Safety	£478.00	£1,068.00
	summer and christmas fair	£514.65			Projects		
	votive candles	£1.20			Refurbishment	£0.00	
	General donations for Church developmen	£43.36			Hall	£1,163.10	£1,163.10
	Marriage fees / Banns	£56.00	£7,375.69		Restricted f		
Restricted funds	Hall utilities	£2,983.28			Open plate (restric	£97.12	
	Open plate (restricted for charity donation	£70.50			Charities	£80.08	
	Other	£842.79	£3,896.57		£20000 fund	£0.00	
					£5000 fund	£0.00	£177.20
Donations	To pay for specific items, gift aid-able	£1,781.67	£1,781.67		Total Expenditure - 2025		£17,045.78
Total Income 2025			£20,147.94				
Balance YTD - 2024	income + balance from 1/1/25		£54,480.00				
Summary	Income 2025	£54,480.00		Summary	Balance current A/C	£1,141.56	
	Expenditure 2025	£17,045.78			Balance deposit A/C	£35,956.66	
	Income - expenditure	£37,434.22			Cash in hand	£336.00	
Balance split	Restricted funds	£23,426.50			U/P cheques/bills		
	Unrestricted funds	£14,007.72			Balance total		£37,434.22
	Total	£37,434.22			Expenditure 2025		£17,045.78
					Balance + expenditure		£54,480.00
					Note that the church gas invoices are not correct		