



St. Matthew, Pentrich

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2025

St Matthew, Pentrich – Annual Report for 2025

Administrative Information

St. Matthew's Church is situated on Main Road in Pentrich, Derbyshire with postcode DE5 3RE. It is part of the Diocese of Derby within the Church of England.

Correspondence Address:	Benefice Office, The Old School House, 22 The Green, Swanwick, DE55 1BL (telephone 01773 570011).
Registered Charity Status:	The Parochial Church Council is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.
Independent Examiner:	Martin Dye, [Home Address Redacted]
Principal Bankers:	HSBC

Charitable Objectives

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend John Ferguson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Governance

The PCC is a body corporate established by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. Members of the PCC, who are also the charity Trustees, are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following people were Members of the PCC:

Clergy:	The Reverend John Ferguson (<i>Curate until 06 September 2025, Priest-in-Charge and Chair from 07 September 2025</i>)
Churchwardens:	Veronica Wragg (<i>Vice-Chair from 5 June 2025 to 9 July 2025</i>)
Readers:	None
Deanery Synod Representatives of the Laity:	Arabella Simpson (<i>Treasurer and Electoral Roll Officer</i>)

Elected Members: Marguerite Haskins (*until 11 May 2025*)
Maurice Greasley
Richard Wycherley
David Hitchcox (*from 25 November 2025*)

Co-opted Members: Tim Dening (*Vice-Chair until 5 June 2025 and again from 9 July 2025*)

Other Officers

The following are Officers of the PCC but not Members of the PCC and are therefore not eligible to vote at PCC Meetings:

PCC Secretary: Sharon Matan

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO): Anne Flemming (*until 23 November 2025, from 24 November 2025 Joint Parish Safeguarding Officer*)
Bethan Davies (*Joint Parish Safeguarding Officer from 24 November 2025*)

Committees

The only committee required by law is the Standing Committee. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the PCC.

There are no other committees.

Electoral Roll

All eligible church attendees are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll which allows them to vote in the APCM and stand for election to the PCC.

There were 15 on the roll as of the APCM on 11 May 2025. This comprises of eight people resident within Pentrich Parish, and seven who live outside of the Parish. There have been no additions or removals, so there are still 15 on the roll for 2026.

Bella Simpson, Electoral Roll officer

Our Group of Churches

While legally our PCC is independent of other churches, we are part of a group of Churches which comprises Pentrich: St. Matthew, Swanwick: St. Andrew, and Ripley: All Saints. Our minister has responsibility for all three churches and we always look for ways to work together to support each other in our shared Christian ministry. When referring to our group of churches, we currently use a working name of "The Butterley Churches".

Charitable Activities

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of St. Matthew's Church, Main Road, Pentrich, Derbyshire DE5 3RE. The PCC are currently investigating the legal status of the Pentrich Village Hall, which it is believed was gifted to the PCC by the Duke of Devonshire around 1955. There is a Lease and Trust Deed dated 2 September 1985 which granted the Pentrich Village Hall charity (charity no. 517131) full management and maintenance responsibilities for the hall. The hall is located at Main Road, Pentrich, DE5 3RE

We are a community whose aim is to share the good news of Jesus' love for all people through worship, Bible study, prayer, friendship, fellowship and fun. We see the use of our buildings and other facilities as a crucial part of our mission to reach out to the local community in ways that promote this aim.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Matthew's. Our services include scripture and teaching, prayer, music and

sacrament, and aim to help people put faith into practice. We regularly update our website with information about upcoming events and we publish details of all our service on the Church of England's "A Church Near You" website. This enhances our reach into the wider communities which we serve.

We aim to enable everyone to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer
- learning about the gospel
- developing knowledge and trust in Jesus (discipleship)
- provision of pastoral care for members of the congregation and people living in the parish, and
- mission and outreach work.

Review of the Year

Church Attendance and Services

All are welcome to attend our services. There were around 14 adults (16 years or older) and 0 children (under 16 years of age) in church each Sunday. Festival services were held in church again in 2025 for Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. There is a marked increase in attendance for festivals, with 26 attending for Easter, and over 100 people attending services during the Christmas period. We were encouraged to see that despite our aging congregation, there are small signs of growth in our worshipping community. While three people left us during 2025, four new people joined.

In 2025 there were two weddings, three baptisms (2 infants aged below 1 year and 1 child aged between 1-4 years), and one funeral.

We have a single morning service on the first and second Sunday of each month at 10.30am. We normally celebrate Holy Communion in all of our services using Order One from Common Worship. Our services have music which is usually led from the Organ. We generally sing hymns, but sometimes include more modern worship songs. Towards the end of 2025 we installed an upgrade to our sound system to allow us to play music over Bluetooth. This enhanced our worship over the Christmas period and will allow us to use recorded tracks if we are unable to have an organist lead our music. We usually serve free refreshments after our services to allow those attending our services to socialise with one another.

Home Groups

The church has a number of Home Groups, enabling worship and Bible study and encouraging discipleship in small groups, and providing practical and pastoral support. All those who worship with us regularly are encouraged to join one of our Home Groups. We provide Home Groups across The Butterley Churches which gives opportunity for people to mix with a wide variety of people across our churches.

Mission Giving

We hold specific church collections during our Harvest and Remembrance services. In 2025 the Harvest collection were split between The Padley Centre and the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal (Trees for Berundi). The Remembrance collection was donated to the Royal British Legion.

There is no mission giving from our regular giving and collections.

Activities and Events in 2025

Again in 2025 we were pleased to welcome pupils from St. John's Church of England Primary School and Nursery who came to look round our Church as part of their module on the Pentrich Revolution.

We also offered an Alpha Course after Easter across The Butterley Churches. This was held in All Saints Ripley with the final weekend being held in The Old School House in Swanwick. The course was well attended with various people coming together from across the three Parishes of The Butterley Churches.

On the first Sunday of each month we book a table at The Village Inn in Marehay. Anyone is invited to sign-up and attend to share a meal together. The Butterley Churches also hosted a Christmas Meal (in January) and a Summer Meal at The Village Inn, Marehay. The Butterley Churches also have an active Men's Group and Ladies' group who meet monthly for meals at various venues in the local area. These are all bookable and the meals are paid for by those attending.

Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average attendance level of 79 per cent. The Standing Committee did not meet in 2025.

Routine discussions took place throughout the year regarding:

- Finances
 - o Agreeing the amount to pay towards the Derby Diocese's Common Fund request
 - o Reports on the Statutory fees being paid to the Diocese for Occasional Offices
- Officer's reports (provided elsewhere in this report)

This year also saw considerable discussion around the advertising of the vacancy and subsequent appointment of Rev'd. John Ferguson as Priest-in-Charge.

The PCC also continue to work through the process of closing the Churchyard to new burials. As the Churchyard is now full, it would allow the PCC to transfer the responsibility for maintenance to the local Parish or Borough council, significantly reducing our expenditure in this area. The closure would not affect access to the Churchyard, burials of ashes in the Memorial Garden, or burials in reserved grave spaces.

In November the PCC agreed to consider a potential restructuring of The Butterley Churches. If this goes ahead, the parish of Pentrich: St. Matthew would merge with the parish of Swanwick: St. Andrew to form one new parish. Our current Benefice of Swanwick and Pentrich would then merge with the Benefice of Ripley to form one new Benefice with all three Churches in two Parishes (the new Parish for Swanwick and Pentrich, and the current Parish of Ripley). Discussions on this will continue in 2026.

In November Rev'd John also informed the PCC he would like to review service patterns in the coming year. Ideally this will be guided by a new Mission Action Plan. However, based on availability of the ministry team, and the fact that The Butterley Churches current services all overlap, the changes may need to happen sooner.

Financial Report

The overall balance of all accounts at 01/01/2025 was £ 46,702.13

Our overall balance of all accounts on 31/12/2025 was £ 60,825.28

The value of our investment accounts on 31/12/2025 was £ 36,229.07

This comprises of £26,229.07 designated to the Fabric fund and £10,000 designated to the General fund.

The total Gift Aid claimed back on donations made by Standing Order, regular and one-off envelopes, as well as offertory collections, during 2025 was £2,409.82, split between the General fund (£2,229.82), and the Fabric fund (£180).

The total Common Fund paid to the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2025 was £1,600 which is approx. 16.3% of the requested £9,820. This was due to limited funds during 2025. The requested amount for 2026 is £8,901.

I wish to express thanks to Martin Dye for giving up his time to examine our accounts, as well as all those who continue to financially support St Matthew's Church.

Common Fund Contributions 2025

Church Name Pentrich, St Matthew
Six Digit code 11-PENT
Amount requested for 2025 £9,820.00

Payments made

Date	Method	Amount	Total owed
14/04/2025	Xfer	£200.00	£9,620.00
01/05/2025	SO	£50.00	£9,570.00
01/06/2025	SO	£50.00	£9,520.00
01/07/2025	SO	£50.00	£9,470.00
01/08/2025	SO	£50.00	£9,420.00
01/09/2025	SO	£50.00	£9,370.00
01/10/2025	SO	£50.00	£9,320.00
01/11/2025	SO	£50.00	£9,270.00
28/11/2025	xfer	£1,000.00	£8,370.00
01/12/2025	SO	£50.00	£8,320.00

total paid £1,600.00

Mowing Fund 2025

Invoice Date	Mowing Dates	Cost	Balance remaining	Paid by transfer
17/04/2025	Monies received	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
03/04/2025	03/04/2025	£220.00	£1,780.00	11/04/2025
23/05/2025	24/04/2025	£220.00	£1,560.00	
	17/05/2025	£220.00	£1,340.00	23/05/2025
31/07/2025	11/06/2025	£220.00	£1,120.00	
	17/07/2025	£220.00	£900.00	01/08/2025
11/09/2025	monies received	£2,000.00	£2,900.00	
30/09/2025	19/08/2025	£220.00	£2,680.00	
	23/09/2025	£220.00	£2,460.00	26/09/2025
28/11/2025	05/11/2025	£220.00	£2,240.00	28/11/2025
31/12/2025	Year end balance		£2,240.00	

Accounts Overview

Account Name	FUNDS	Balance 31/12/2024	31/01/2025	28/02/2025	31/03/2025	30/04/2025	31/05/2025	30/06/2025	31/07/2025
Pentrich Church Current Account	ACTUAL Balance	£7,182.17	£8,191.54	£8,910.42	£8,853.69	£10,685.47	£12,198.46	£12,461.80	£12,589.11
HSBC	General	-£2,967.45	-£3,033.10	-£2,454.92	-£2,571.65	-£2,683.87	-£1,184.34	-£946.61	-£719.30
	Gisborne	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43
	Tower	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00
	Fabric	£7,279.70	£8,354.72	£7,495.42	£7,555.42	£7,615.42	£7,821.88	£7,881.88	£7,941.88
	Vestry	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21
	Altar Cloth	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00
	Kitchen NEW	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Assigned	£241.00	£241.00	£241.00	£241.00	£345.00	£592.00	£598.00	£598.00
	Agency	£240.39	£240.39	£240.39	£240.39	£240.39	£240.39	£200.00	£0.00
	Mowing NEW	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,780.00	£1,340.00	£1,340.00	£1,340.00
	Lychgates NEW	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	Sound system	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89
	Subtotal	£7,167.17	£8,176.54	£8,895.42	£8,838.69	£10,670.47	£12,183.46	£12,446.80	£12,574.11
	difference	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00
			reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	RECONCILED
Deposit Acct	ACTUAL Balance	£3,219.91	£3,219.91	£3,219.91	£3,234.53	£3,234.53	£3,234.53	£13,248.32	£13,248.32
HSBC	General	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
49-38-22	Sound System	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Tower	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57
	Vestry	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19
	Fabric	£1,151.15	£1,151.15	£1,151.15	£1,165.77	£1,165.77	£1,165.77	£1,179.56	£1,179.56
	Subtotal	£3,219.91	£3,219.91	£3,219.91	£3,234.53	£3,234.53	£3,234.53	£13,248.32	£13,248.32
	difference	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled
Z12 / CB3024579	Fabric	£23,287.51							
Z13	Fabric	£1,123.07							
Z14	Fabric	£9,434.06							
Z16	Fabric	£2,384.43							
	Subtotal	£36,229.07							
		reconciled							
Petty Cash	General	£85.98							
	OVERALL TOTAL	£46,702.13							

Account Name	FUNDS	31/08/2025	30/09/2025	31/10/2025	30/11/2025	YEAR END 31/12/2025
Current Account	ACTUAL Balance	£12,647.77	£15,371.89	£15,795.24	£11,671.13	£11,896.24
HSBC	General	-£422.29	£1,035.02	£1,380.37	£788.29	£1,238.71
	Gisborne	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43	£1,278.43
	Tower	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00
	Fabric	£8,091.53	£8,211.53	£8,271.53	£5,700.00	£5,790.00
	Vestry	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21	£113.21
	Altar Cloth	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00	£857.00
	Kitchen NEW	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Assigned	£650.00	£52.00	£70.00	£269.00	£199.00
	Agency	£0.00	£184.81	£184.81	£245.31	£0.00
	Mowing NEW	£900.00	£2,460.00	£2,460.00	£2,240.00	£2,240.00
	Lychgates NEW	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Sound system	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89	£124.89
	Subtotal	£12,632.77	£15,356.89	£15,780.24	£11,656.13	£11,881.24
	difference	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00
		RECONCILED	RECONCILED	RECONCILED	RECONCILED	RECONCILED
Deposit Account	ACTUAL Balance	£13,248.32	£13,292.30	£13,292.30	£13,292.30	£13,340.71
HSBC	General	£10,000.00	£10,043.98	£10,043.98	£10,043.98	£10,092.39
	Sound System	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Tower	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57	£261.57
	Vestry	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19	£1,807.19
	Fabric	£1,179.56	£1,179.56	£1,179.56	£1,179.56	£1,179.56
	Subtotal	£13,248.32	£13,292.30	£13,292.30	£13,292.30	£13,340.71
	difference	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled	reconciled
Z 12	Fabric					£23,025.46
Z 13	Fabric					£1,078.17
Z 14	Fabric					£9,056.91
Z 16	Fabric					£2,442.79
	Subtotal					£35,603.33
						reconciled
Petty Cash	General					£0.00
	OVERALL TOTAL					£60,825.28

Gift Aid Claimed

2025 Gift Aid reclaimed - Pentrich St Matthew					
	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Tower Fund	Subtotals	Running Total
January	£257.20	£15.00	£0.00	£272.20	£272.20
February	£211.25	£15.00	£0.00	£226.25	£498.45
March	£178.25	£15.00	£0.00	£193.25	£691.70
April	£174.53	£15.00	£0.00	£189.53	£881.23
May	£117.50	£15.00	£0.00	£132.50	£1013.73
June	£132.50	£15.00	£0.00	£147.50	£1161.23
July	£327.68	£15.00	£0.00	£342.68	£1503.91
August	£130.00	£15.00	£0.00	£145.00	£1648.91
September	£230.10	£15.00	£0.00	£245.10	£1894.01
October	£138.75	£15.00	£0.00	£153.75	£2047.76
November	£193.31	£15.00	£0.00	£208.31	£2256.07
December	£138.75	£15.00	£0.00	£153.75	£2409.82
Subtotals	£2229.82	£180.00	£0.00	£2409.82	Annual Total

Bella Simpson, Treasurer

Churchwardens Report (including the Annual Fabric Report)

This year we were delighted to welcome the Reverend John Ferguson, who had been the Curate, as Vicar of Ripley and Priest-in-Charge of St Andrew’s and St Matthew’s. The Licensing service was held on the 7th September at All Saints’ Ripley.

The year began with a heavy snowfall which made access to the church dangerous and for the first Sunday of January we had to close the church. Otherwise we have continued with services held on the first and second Sundays of the month as the general pattern.

During 2025, St Matthew’s has had 3 baptisms, all children of parents married at the church. Also we had one funeral of a farmer, who was buried in his field adjoining the Glebe Land. We have had a re-interment of bones (see below for details). We also hosted two marriage ceremonies, in May and June.

Forty-six Year 5 children from St John’s School Ripley came for the morning of 6th June to hear about Pentrich revolution and a brief history of Pentrich church.

We were privileged to welcome Bishop Libby to celebrate Holy Communion with us on 14th September.

A special service was held to mark Remembrance Sunday, and a short service at the Memorial Cross in the churchyard on Remembrance Day.

The Christmas Carol service on the 14th December was well attended by over 100 people, and we had our usual Holy Communion service on Christmas morning. Our thanks for the invaluable work done by those who delivered the calendar of Christmas services to every household in the parish of Pentrich.

Our treasurer, Bella Simpson, has arranged for donations to the church to be made online. Our sincere thanks are due to Tim Dening for arranging faculties, and John Sterland for over-seeing the fabric of the church building - arranging the necessary repairs and servicing. It is to be expected that a church as old as St Matthew’s, which is at least 876 years old, to be in need of constant attention!

Thank you to all the people in the congregation, and the village of Pentrich, who do so much to help with the running of St Matthew's.

It's been quite an eventful and busy year when the church fabric or premises are considered. The more routine items such as boiler service, PAT testing and fire extinguisher maintenance have been completed so as to ensure compliance with standards. These were completed generally without issue although boiler flue seals needed replacement.

As a result of a generous donation, we've been very fortunate to be able to continue mowing the churchyard to the standard we've enjoyed for many years which, without it, would not have been possible. Also externally, gutters (low level) have been cleaned and the steps have been cleared of leaves.

In October, we received a section 75 enforcement notice from Severn Trent Water informing us of a leak in our water service pipe and we were required to take action in order to avoid further sanctions. Bearing in mind the age of this lead pipe, the point of connection to the main and its route beneath graves into the vestry, the decision was made to abandon it in favour of a new pipe. Having consulted specialist contractors and obtaining faculty approval on an "emergency" basis, the service was installed alongside the path from the lychgate and together with a new mains connection all was completed just before Christmas. A condition of the faculty required us to maintain the presence of an archaeologist during the excavation works and their specialism was utilised when human remains were found adjacent to the vestry. After consultation with the Registry, these were re-interred nearby.

Whilst the water pipe can now largely be forgotten simply because it's buried, the recently installed bespoke replacement gates to the lychgate will be a feature of the village for many years to come.

On a more disappointing note, we still await faculty approval for two items:

Firstly; to replace two defective timber lighting columns and their fittings with new replacements to match an existing one that was installed in more recent years and secondly removal of the organ. These approvals have, unfortunately and not of our making, been awaited for several months.

We have also begun the process to formally close the churchyard as there's no room for future graves, although the facility to continue burials in reserved plots will continue. The initial stage is almost complete with approval being obtained from local authorities Amber Valley Borough Council and Pentrich Parish Council (verbal at present).

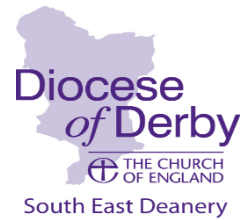
Dealing with a building of St Matthew's age continues to present its challenges and we're experiencing roof leaks above the chancel steps and tower door together with damp penetration through the south west corner wall. At the time of writing, we're taking steps to identify the root cause of both these matters to eradicate the problem.

The bells continue to be rung for Sunday services at least once a month and at other times where possible utilising additional resources that St Andrew's have available. A joint practice night continues to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Bearing in mind that the bells received a major overhaul during the 1990's little or no maintenance has been necessary, and the new ropes that were fitted in 2024 have been well received.

*Veronica Wragg, Churchwarden
(with Fabric and Bell-tower information added by John Sterland)*

Report on the Proceedings of the South East Derbyshire Deanery Synod

For 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meetings: Church Representation rules: M5(1)(e)



The South East Derbyshire Deanery Synod met formally on three occasions in 2025.

In February we focussed on Deanery Structures with the then Archdeacon, Ven. Karen Hamblin. We also welcomed Sam Frith, Director of Strategy and Engagement for the Diocese of Derby. Sam enabled us to realise the great extent of community engagement that was happening in our parishes.

The June Synod focussed on Spirituality with support from Rev. Cameron Ballard, the Bishop's Spirituality Advisor. We also introduced what we aim to be a regular agenda item: representatives sharing 'Good News' stories.

We welcomed Bishop Malcolm to our October Synod to talk about 'Growing Younger'. Dawn Knight also spoke about 'Faith Fostering and Adoption'.

Deanery chapter has continued to meet during the year focussing on mutual support for our clergy. The Deanery Leadership Team has also facilitated support for parishes in vacancy.

Our Deanery Leadership team was strengthened with the appointment of Rev Anne Wilkins as our Assistant Area Dean, providing valuable support to Dawn.

*Rev'd Dawn Knight, Area Dean
Rev'd Anne Wilkins, Assistant Area Dean
Brian Parker, Lay Chair*

Safeguarding

The Trustees have adopted the Church of England's safeguarding policy relating to children, young people and vulnerable people and have appointed two Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO). At last year's APCM Sharon Matan stood down from the Joint Parish Safeguarding role and Bethan Davies was put forward to share the role. Bethan went through the Safer Recruitment process before being appointed in November 2025 and is now working on the relevant courses for the role. Anne Flemming has already completed the Diocese's training courses in safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults.

The 'Parish Dashboard' is a helpful online tool to assist PSOs in their tasks and now includes a section to record completed courses of PCC members and those who hold office. This helps us to review our policies and procedures and ensures that our staff and volunteers have the correct level of training according to the Church of England guidelines. Safeguarding concerns within the church are dealt with using the support of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team within the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance. They also provide 'Drop-In' sessions each month to 'air and share' and regularly keep us up to date by email.

We continue to work hard to make the church a safe and welcoming place for everyone. Safeguarding continues to be a regular agenda item at our PCC meetings. We work to keep the displayed information in both our churches up to date and annually approve safeguarding policies and procedures.

During 2025 the PCC have complied with the requirements imposed by the code undersection 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

*Anne Flemming and Bethan Davies
Joint Safeguarding Officers*

Approval

The Annual Report was approved by a meeting of the PCC on 7 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ferguson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Reverend John Ferguson (Chair)

Financial Statements

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St. Matthew, Pentrich

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St. Matthew Pentrich (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Name: MARTIN DYE

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): QUANTITY

Address: [Home Address Redacted]

SUEVADE,
BSc (Hons)

Date: 01/04/26.

Statement of Financial Activities

Pentrich, St Matthew

Balance sheet (Church of England) As at: 31 December 2025

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Investments	£35,603.33	£36,229.07
Cash at bank and in hand	£25,221.95	£10,473.06
	<u>£60,825.28</u>	<u>£46,702.13</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	£240.39
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>£60,825.28</u>	<u>£46,461.74</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£60,825.28</u>	<u>£46,461.74</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>£60,825.28</u>	<u>£46,461.74</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	£11,810.03	(£2,655.54)
Designated		
Designated - Altar cloth	£857.00	£857.00
Designated - New kitchen installation	—	—
Designated - Lychgates	—	—
Designated - Mowing	£2,240.00	—
Designated - Vestry	£1,920.40	£1,920.40
Designated - Agency	—	—
Designated - Fabric	£42,563.46	£44,650.49
Designated - Assigned fees	(£270.50)	£24.50
Designated - Tower	£301.57	£261.57
Designated - Sound System	£124.89	£124.89
Restricted		
Restricted - Gisborne	£1,278.43	£1,278.43
Funds of the church	<u>£60,825.28</u>	<u>£46,461.74</u>

Pentrich, St Matthew

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	£5,625.00	£720.00	—	—	£6,345.00	£4,535.00
0111 - Gift Aid - Envelope Scheme	£975.00	—	—	—	£975.00	£1,595.20
0201 - Other planned giving	—	£4,000.00	—	—	£4,000.00	—
0301 - Loose plate collection GASDS Eligible	£1,444.86	—	—	—	£1,444.86	£1,262.35
0310 - Online Donations	£129.67	—	—	—	£129.67	—
0502 - Gift Aid - Pew envelopes	£873.60	—	—	—	£873.60	£818.51
0550 - Donations, appeals etc	£2,579.18	£1,040.00	—	—	£3,619.18	£3,280.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on gift aid	£2,142.14	£180.00	—	—	£2,322.14	£2,460.87
0701 - legacies	£10,000.00	—	—	—	£10,000.00	—
0801 - Grants - recurring	—	—	—	—	—	£147.00
0810 - Grants - one off	—	—	—	—	—	£238.47
Donations and legacies Totals	£23,769.45	£5,940.00	—	—	£29,709.45	£14,337.40
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
1101 - PCC fees for weddings and funerals	£1,200.00	—	—	—	£1,200.00	£2,215.00
1103 - Agency fees for eg organ/bells etc	£140.00	—	—	—	£140.00	—
1105 - Assigned fees for weddings and funerals	£247.00	£373.00	—	—	£620.00	£964.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	£1,587.00	£373.00	—	—	£1,960.00	£3,179.00
<i>Investments</i>						
1030 - Bank and Building Soc interest	£92.49	£373.71	—	—	£466.20	£385.25
Investments Totals	£92.49	£373.71	—	—	£466.20	£385.25
<i>Other income</i>						
1351 - Memorial plaques	£400.00	—	—	—	£400.00	£400.00
1352 - Memorial book entry	£40.00	—	—	—	£40.00	—
Other income Totals	£440.00	—	—	—	£440.00	£400.00
Income and endowments Grand totals	£25,888.94	£6,686.71	—	—	£32,575.65	£18,301.65

Expenditure

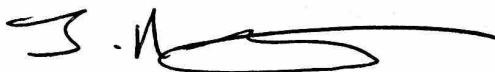
Raising funds

1705 - Fees to diocese for weddings etc	—	£668.00	—	—	£668.00	£841.00
2351 - Memorial plaques	£240.00	—	—	—	£240.00	£450.00
2352 - Memorial book entry	—	—	—	—	—	£30.00
2625 - Other costs	£81.38	—	—	—	£81.38	£1,431.82
Raising funds Totals	£321.38	£668.00	—	—	£989.38	£2,752.82

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>						
1910 - Parish Share	£1,600.00	—	—	—	£1,600.00	£4,200.00
2101 - Working Expenses of incumbent	£175.31	—	—	—	£175.31	£300.68
2210 - Education / children's activities	—	—	—	—	—	£13.00
2301 - Insurance	£3,013.12	—	—	—	£3,013.12	£2,817.06
2310 - Church office	£520.00	—	—	—	£520.00	£120.00
2320 - Organ / piano / choir costs	£990.00	—	—	—	£990.00	£800.00
2330 - Church maintenance	£705.60	—	—	—	£705.60	£179.65
2331 - Cleaning	£166.95	—	—	—	£166.95	—
2332 - Miscellaneous	£29.76	—	—	—	£29.76	—
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard / gardens	£287.00	£5,495.00	—	—	£5,782.00	£3,660.00
2360 - Administration costs	£97.77	—	—	—	£97.77	£253.05
2362 - Stationery	—	—	—	—	—	£45.29
2401 - Electricity - church running costs	£607.67	—	—	—	£607.67	£611.26
2410 - Gas - church running costs	£2,693.24	—	—	—	£2,693.24	£3,497.96
2420 - Water - church running costs	£215.57	—	—	—	£215.57	£190.64
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</i>	£11,101.99	£5,495.00	—	—	£16,596.99	£16,688.59
Expenditure Grand totals	£11,423.37	£6,163.00	—	—	£17,586.37	£19,441.41

Approval

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The Reverend John Ferguson (Chair)