

St Michael's Church, New Malton



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Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2025

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St Michael's Church – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Administrative Information

St Michael's Church is situated in the Market Place, Malton (YO17 7LP). It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address was The Vicarage, 17 The Mount, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7ND. The current address is 6 Pinfold Garth, Malton, YO17 7XQ.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2025 until the date of this report was approved, (10th March 2026) are:

Vicar The Revd Canon Richard Walker (from 16th Dec 2025)

Wardens Mrs Heather Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)

Mr Mike Rhodes (Lay chair)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod Mr Barry Gillespie (until June)

Mrs Tracey Young

Elected members Mrs Tracey Young

Mrs Sue Wright

Mrs Samantha Free (Safeguarding Representative)

Mr Robert Hall (Treasurer)

Mr Barry Gillespie

Mrs Janet Patten

Mr Hendrik Klaver/Mavis Klaver (ex officio)

Mrs Susan Thackray

Mrs Rachel Watson

Mr Andrew Watson

Mrs Patricia Atkinson

Secretary Mrs Helen Shaw

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parish Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission as “The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, New Malton”

The charity number is: **1130648**

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

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to work alongside the clergy in promoting the mission of the church in matters pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St Michael’s embraces the five marks of Mission of the Church of England:

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

St Michael’s is a church which invites and welcomes others, to journey together, growing in our love of Christ and deepening our relationship with Him.

All the activities of the parish noted elsewhere in this report are in furtherance of this objective.

Achievements and Performance

2025, saw the scrapping of the old Electoral Roll (as required by church law) and the creation of an entirely new one, prepared for the 2025 ACM. There are now 97 people on the Electoral Roll, comprising 72 living within the parish and 25 outside our parish boundaries.

Despite the parish being in vacancy for almost the whole of 2025 the number of people attending services remained steady.

The total number of communicants on Easter Day was 88 (88 - 2024)

The total number of people attending worship on Easter day was 128 (105 – 2024)

The total number of communicants on Christmas Eve/Day was 95 (94 – 2024)

In 2025 there have been:

No weddings

Two baptisms

Six candidates (from St Michael’s) confirmed.

Eleven funerals.

Our Saturday morning Coffee Stops continued in 2025 and provided a welcome space for both locals and tourists. Festival days were for the benefit of St Michael’s and they raised £925. Coffee Stop donations at other times enabled us to donate £2785 to charity. This year we have supported:- Ryedale Sight Support (£783), Christian Aid (£56), Better Days Appeal - Day Room at Malton Hospital (£1227) and Save the Children (£718).

The church continues to be a drop-off point for Ryedale Community Food Bank. Approximately 300 kg of food was donated by the church during 2025 including the Harvest and Christmas donations.

Other aspects of performance are described in the following reports.

Church Wardens’ Review of 2025

At the risk of repeating ourselves from previous years, 2025 proved to be just as challenging and interesting as 2023 and 2024!

The big difference was that we were actively seeking a new incumbent and ultimately, we were successful when Revd Canon Richard Walker was installed and licensed on 16 December 2025. Whilst this might seem late in the year, Richard was actually interviewed for the role on 30 July 2025 and the subsequent vetting procedures delayed the announcement until 21 September 2025. Then followed his notice period and time for the contractors to finish the renovations at Pinfold Garth.

There had been an earlier interview process in April which proved unsuccessful.

We would like to thank the previous Archdeacon, Sam Rushton and Acting Archdeacon Liz Hassall and the members of the Benefice Profile Team, from St Michael’s and St Mary’s who worked extremely hard and prayerfully to produce the Benefice Profile that resulted in the appointment of Canon Richard.

As the vacancy lasted for almost the full year, we continued to rely on our trusted band of visiting clergy to preside at our Eucharistic services. Thanks to their dedication, only a very small number of Wednesday services were cancelled. All Sunday

services were covered. Our heartfelt and grateful thanks go out to all clergy who guided us spiritually, not only through the 20 months of vacancy, but also previously during Glyn's illness.

Our All-Age Team has worked tirelessly to maintain the momentum established in 2024 despite the absence of an incumbent. It is due to their efforts that so many young people are now involved in our church life. The Navigate Team, with the help of Canon Simon, were successful in encouraging and guiding 6 young people from St Michael's in their journey to confirmation on 15th June. St Michael's hosted the service on behalf of the Deanery at which 11 young people were confirmed by Bishop Flora.

It is fair to say that "the powers that be" have been amazed that our church has continued to thrive during the vacancy as so often attendance slumps. This has been a result of the whole church coming together to support its work and each other. Our vergger, Andrew, continues to be a stalwart and we thank him for his hard work and willingness to help out. Our church continues to be blessed with a large number of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of church life and without whom we as a church would not function. We are immensely grateful to each and every one of you for all your help and assistance. A very special thank you, however, must go to Janet Rogers who stepped down from her sacristan, and other duties in October after 30+years of faithful service. Throughout this time Janet has always shown patience, kindness and a generosity of spirit that is an example to us all.

Sadly during 2025 a number of our dear friends who have worked hard and supported St Michael's for many, many years were laid to rest: David White, Nan Noble, Mike Elvy and John and Jennifer Loseby. They will be sorely missed.

As in previous years our church has been open every day for visitors and private prayer. It is gratifying to see the positive comments in our visitors' book.

Services continued unaltered during the year:-

Our scheduled services	One-off events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Age Worship (no Eucharist) • Parish Eucharist (Wednesdays) • Parish Eucharist (Sundays except first Sunday of month) • Rise and Shine • Iona style service • Navigate • Lego Church (fourth Sunday) • Benefice Eucharist (see below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefice Profile prepared with St Mary's • Pancake Party • Processional Palm Sunday Service • Passiontide Service • Maundy Thursday Service • Good Friday Family Event • Ascension Day Service • Confirmation Service • Harvest Festival • Service of Light • St Clement's Event • Christmas Fayre • Advent Processional Service • Civic Carol Service • Licensing and Installation Service • Carols by Candlelight • Crib Service • Christingle Service • Light and Sparkle Event

The Benefice Eucharist has continued whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. Four Benefice services took place during 2025

Our association with the Methodists continues. They visited us for Palm Sunday and Remembrance Sunday and we visited the Wesley Centre for the Covenant Service in January and a further service on 10 August.

We would like to thank all at St Mary's and everyone at the Wesley Centre for their welcome and hospitality on these occasions. The Men's Breakfast discussion group meet on the last Saturday of each month, except August (see below) during 2025.

Tuesday Tea meets once a month on the second Tuesday and continues to help combat loneliness and isolation providing a warm, safe place for conversation and fellowship.

The St Michael's role in the St Clement's Festival, in November, is now firmly established. The church was thronged from early morning to late afternoon with nine choirs and bands providing five hours of live entertainment. Coffee Stop ran all day in aid of church funds and everyone enjoyed the day.

This year's Christmas Fayre, magnificently organised by Sue Wright, was held in church and proved to be a great success. The amount raised was similar to previous years but we did not have to pay out hire charges for the Milton Rooms.

Mike Rhodes, Heather Williams (Church Wardens)

Fabric Report 2025

The Repair-reordering project stalled at the beginning of 2025 mainly because of the work involved in running the church during a vacancy and the church architect moving offices.

A special PCC meeting was held in June, specifically to discuss and agree a way forward with the project. The strategy agreed upon was to treat the structural repair of the clerestory as Phase I and to apply to the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) for a Heritage Grant of up to £250,000. The total bill for the clerestory work is £463,090. It was further agreed to employ Irving Patrick as our consultant to make the application to NHLF for funding and help draw up the programme of community engagement and activities which is a necessary requirement for such Funding.

The Repair and re-ordering committee used the suggestions put forward by Irving Patrick to write an Activity Programme designed to serve the needs of the church and also the wider community, as well as satisfying NHLF requirements. Letters of support for the repairs and activity programme were sought from members of the wider community as these are also required by NHLF.

The grant application was submitted to NHFL on Christmas Eve 2025. We have now been informed that the application was successful and the grant offered is £249,090, practically the maximum amount that can be awarded.

Helen Shaw collated the reports, costed schedules, drawings, permissions, statements of need and of significance and submitted our request for a Faculty to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC). Once DAC had discussed and vetted our application it was then passed to the Consistory Court of York for official approval.

Approval was granted on 21 January 2026.

Phase II of the project will follow on and involve levelling the inner lobby to enable automated inner entrance doors to be fitted and then removing the pews and pew platforms and replacing them with chairs. Another Faculty will be required for this work.

(Heather Williams and Helen Shaw – Members of the Repair and Re-ordering committee)

Annual Report on the PCC in 2025

As we continued in vacancy, PCC meetings were chaired by one or other of the Church Wardens. Mavis Klaver attended meetings during the year as Associate Minister for the 20-40s age group and Nigel Hardwick continued as an observer from the Methodist Circuit. Sam Free continued as Safeguarding officer and Sue Wright ensured all necessary DBS checks were carried out. The Health and Safety Policy and the Safeguarding Policy were reviewed and approved by the PCC prior to the ACM.

It was decided at the January meeting that the Action Plan recently drawn up would be put to one side until such time as a new vicar was appointed. Permission was obtained for the holly trees on the north side of church to be pruned.

The March meeting was attended by Phil McBride, the Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser, and he gave a short presentation to the PCC on how to encourage increased giving by the congregation. At this meeting, the PCC agreed to trial running the Christmas Fayre inside church, as the Milton Rooms were unavailable on any suitable Saturday in November.

The APCM was held within the Parish Communion service on Sunday 18th May, led by Revd Canon Simon Wright and Warden Mike Rhodes. Heather Williams and Mike agreed to continue as church wardens and Rob Hall continues in his role as Treasurer. Tracey Young remains our representative at the Deanery Synod and Barry Gillespie stepped down. All members of the PCC continued in office.

The May meeting was not held as it would have been only a few days before the APCM. Instead, a special meeting was held in June to try to progress the clerestory repair and re-ordering project.

A special PCC meeting was held in June, which was attended by John Patten, and called specifically to discuss and agree a way forward with the repair-re-ordering project. (see Fabric Report) The PCC voted to begin the process of applying for a faculty for the structural repair work.

The July meeting saw a discussion about the chancel step and the difficulty it poses for some elderly members of the congregation. The offer of a helping hand by those on duty was determined to be the best answer. How to maintain the church gardens was discussed again and the idea of a rota or gardeners was decided upon. How to spend two legacies was considered and the money left by Margaret Makins was earmarked for new robes for the choir since Margaret had been a long-standing choir member. The PCC also agreed some funding for both Navigate and Men's Breakfast.

In September, the PCC received a letter from Janet Rogers, who explained that she needed to relinquish her duties of setting up for mid-week Holy Communion and ordering consumables. Trish Atkinson and Barry Gillespie volunteered to join Helen Shaw on a rota for Wednesday mornings and Barry will take over the ordering job. Janet was presented with gifts and sincerely thanked at the last Sunday service in October. On 18th September, Bishop Flora informed us that Revd Canon Richard Walker had accepted the offer to become our new priest in charge.

At the November meeting, the PCC agreed that Barry Gillespie should be permitted to administer the chalice and Warden Heather applied to Bishop Flora. The logistics of the Induction and Installation service in December were discussed and the PCC approved Version 6 of the Activity Plan required by the National Lottery to be considered for grant funding. The December meeting was, as usual, a short business meeting followed by a bring and share buffet social gathering. Revd Canon Richard attended as an observer for the business part of the meeting.

Helen Shaw (PCC Secretary)

Vicar's Report 2025

I am writing this short report a little more than two months into this post as the new priest in charge for Malton and Old Malton. This will be short as I arrived only within a couple of weeks of the year end and the end of this reporting period. I have to say how delighted I am to discover something of the warmth and generosity of our people here. I thank God continually for calling us to such a wonderful place. Coming from a choral and cathedral tradition, especially in these last years, I am delighted to find our worship here is both deeply musical, attentive to the detail and yet, refreshingly informal and grounded. However, when I asked God that I might be re-embedded in pastoral ministry, which was something that I was missing, I didn't quite expect so many funerals within the first months. And yet, though these are sad times, I am enjoying meeting the parish in its most needy moments and rejoice at the deep connections that people have for our churches. It is important that I reiterate my thanks to the Churchwardens, all the many people on rotas, and the PCC that have not just kept St. Michael's going, not even just surviving, rather presenting a church fellowship that has thrived throughout the vacancy. While I know this has come at a cost to those upon whom the burden has fallen most heavily, it is a remarkable achievement compared to what is normal in an interregnum. This shows the depth of your love for the church and for the Lord whom you follow. Thank you again, and I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months as together we seek to serve the Lord who blesses us daily with his life and presence.

With blessings from Richard.

Revd Canon Richard Walker (Priest in Charge)

Deanery Synod Report 2025

The Southern Ryedale Deanery continued a pattern of meetings with Synod meetings alternating with Deanery Gatherings and planned events for all.

Meetings of Synod and Deanery Gatherings

Deanery Synod met in February on Zoom. Thanks were extended to Bill Ankers for running multiple training sessions on 'Eucharistic Ministry and Leading Intercessions'. Updates were given concerning the 'Rhythm of Life' toolkit and its use in the parishes and also the 'Cornerstone Project', a financial reporting system in development, led by Revd Cate Turner. It was suggested that a Benefice wide model of Cornerstone would be helpful when finished.

March saw the launch of a new season of Deanery Gatherings, a collective time of fellowship, learning and prayer. This March Gathering focussed on Eco Church with Revd Jan Nobel, Green Ambassador for the Diocese of York as guest speaker.

The Deanery welcomed two special events in Spring '25. St Peter's, Norton hosted a day with the evangelist Gram Seed which was very well received. Churches Together in Southern Ryedale also hosted Ian Birkinshaw to perform Mark's Gospel, unabridged in May and the event was well attended and profoundly moving.

At the June Deanery Synod, Rev Jane Brown was welcomed to the Deanery. Daphne Rose and Barry Gillespie stood down from their communications roles and were thanked for their hard work. Rev Cate and Ian Turner will temporarily fill these roles.

There was also a joyous Deanery Confirmation service at St Michael's Malton in June. The service was led by Bishop Flora.

The July Deanery Gathering was a BBQ at St Peter's, Norton with Bishop Flora which was well supported and enjoyed. In July there was also a recital at St Margaret's, Hutton Ambo, in thanks for the life, work and legacy of Martin Monkman. In September, the Deanery gathered for Evensong at Castle Howard. It was noted how successful the Evensong had been.

The Deanery Quiet Day at Birdsall House with Bishop David Wilbourne in October, went well and it was agreed that the venue encouraged a sense of space and quiet. It is hoped to repeat this at the same venue at the same time in 2026 with a pre-arranged theme.

At the October Deanery Synod, it was announced that funding had been given for the Appointment of a part-time Deanery Administrator for 2 years to support Deanery Leadership Team. (This position was filled in December '25 by Sarah Keller.) Revd Nigel introduced the first edition of 'Quest', the Ryedale Deanery Mission News. It is hoped to place 4 copies in every church and to encourage sponsorship/advertisers to support production costs.

Deanery Training

In response to the call for more opportunities for guidance and training at Deanery level, over the year several specific sessions led by invited guests were arranged.

In June, Synod invited Peter Middleton of Trinitas to give support and guidance on Church Insurance matters. This session was well received.

Again, in October, there was an opportunity to access 'In-person Safeguarding Training' led by Jenny Price. This session was well attended and the 'in-person' approach much appreciated by those attending.

The Deanery is in negotiation to deliver a face-to-face leadership programme for 2026.

Tracey Young (Deanery Synod Rep)

Safeguarding Report 2025

Introduction

Safeguarding involves ensuring that the church and all its activities are a safe space, especially for children and vulnerable adults. It means that the care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church.

The PCC is ultimately responsible for upholding high standards of Safeguarding and receives regular updates as well as approving policies.

Safeguarding is a standing item at PCC meetings and the PCC has complied with its duty to have “due regard” to the House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding policies and actions

The necessary policies have been accepted by the PCC and are in place, and the appropriate information is displayed on our church noticeboards and the website (please do take time to familiarise yourself with the content of the safeguarding noticeboard at the back of church, in particular). Activities run on behalf of the church are managed appropriately.

DBS checks

Four new Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks were completed this year, with certificates obtained, and one other has been renewed. These have been completed by our Parish Verifier, Sue Wright. For information, all members of the PCC must have a DBS at enhanced level, as well as all church members who are involved in children’s work or work with vulnerable adults. Thank you Sue!

Training

All of those who have responsibilities within the church have been safely recruited and are up to date with their safeguarding training. Members of the PCC regularly renew their basic safeguarding training, and those in positions of responsibility for work with children and vulnerable adults are in the process of completing their safeguarding training at a higher level. If any members of the church generally would like to complete basic safeguarding training, please do let me know. We will be introducing descriptions for roles that people volunteer to help with in order to help volunteers understand expectations of the area they are volunteering.

The parish safeguarding dashboard continues to work well, making it easier to collate and update safeguarding information and training.

Safeguarding Incidents

There have been no safeguarding incidents this year to report.

Samantha Free (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Choir and Music Report 2025

If anything, the past year has been even busier for both choirs than the preceding one. The choirs have risen to each service and challenge with commitment, enthusiasm, musicianship – and a great deal of laughter!

Joint Benefice services on the fifth Sunday of the month have seen the choirs from both St Michael’s and St Mary’s combine to lead the Eucharist.

Highlights during the past twelve months include:

1. Palm Sunday 2025, complete with a donkey-led procession around the Market Place. Bishop Flora presided. She was delighted and impressed by the music produced.
2. St Michael’s hosted the Deanery ‘Songs of Praise’ service in May, with a full church and great singing.
3. Also in May, the Darlington and District Organist Association visited St Michael’s as part of their tour of organs in North Yorkshire.

4. Eleven members of our local church community were Confirmed by Bishop Flora in June. Five choristers were among the number. The choir's congregational singing was excellent.
5. Following her trip to play the organ at St Paul's Cathedral in 2024, 2025 saw Alison heading across to Hereford to have a go on Hereford Cathedral's world famous "Father Willis" organ (in temperatures of 30 degrees centigrade!).
6. Advent Sunday witnessed our now traditional candlelight Advent Processional Service.
7. December was a particularly busy month:
 - a. The Civic Carol Service, complete with brass band.
 - b. Richard's Installation and Licensing Service. Packed church and epic singing from choir and congregation alike.
 - c. The Service of Nine and Carols, which was as popular and successful as ever. The combination of the choristers and the augmented adult choir produced a choir of 24 singers who sang a range of music to a packed congregation.

The choristers have completed and been presented with their RCSI white awards. George has also completed his Light Blue Level, using it as part of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, and will be presented with his medal soon.

Finally, following a very generous legacy, the choir can buy a completely new set of cassocks. Hopefully these will be ready in the mid-late Spring.

Alison Forster. (Director of Music)

All-Age Services and Working with young children and families within our community.

2025 has been another year of change and constancy in the life of our mission to the families of our parish. The constancy of seasonal festivals and events continues to be a source of joy and opportunity for outreach and change has come in the shape of the regular worship for young families at our church. Our monthly Rise and Shine and All-Age Worship services have continued to be lay led by the 'All-Age Team' during the vacancy. They continue to meet our families where they are on their faith journeys and as a result, we have seen a growing number of baptisms. It is a privilege to be part of the adventure as our young families grow in faith together. After a little break, Lego Church re-started on the 4th Sunday of the month and has been most valuable for the small number of children who attend. The children's expressions of faith in Lego are always a lesson to us all.

'Children and Young Family' events have again taken on a pattern of seasonal celebration. They are seen as an important mission to the community and are well supported by a 'broad sweep' of families from our local community. Our 'Easter Adventures' event on Good Friday morning was again a happy celebration of the Easter season with crafts, story and song. Due to leaders' commitments, our alternative Halloween event, the 'Light and Sparkle Party' took place at the end of November rather than October. This time we linked this with the coming of Advent and the awaiting of Christ as the light of the world. However, the luminous pasta, glow stick games and 'light' challenges were still hugely enjoyed by all, as were the hot dogs and sparklers in the Market Place. It was wonderful to join with the young people from Navigate on this occasion.

This year saw a change to the way we celebrated Christingle. We combined Christingle with our All-Age Service for Advent. So wonderful to see members of our congregation, young and old, working together to create a Christingle and then join together in a circle around church to light their candles.

Our promise of 'nativity costumes for all' at the Christmas Eve Crib Service was again severely challenged. Over 240 people, children and adults joined us for this wonderfully chaotic service! The Church was heaving with angels, (not so many) shepherds, kings and an innkeeper as we retold the story of Christmas.

We have long seen the value of opportunities throughout the year to meet together as a Church Family, young, old and in-between, to encourage fellowship and nurture faith. The Pancake Party in February was a great example of this type of event, as all enjoyed being together over a delicious pancake or six!

Palm Sunday was a very special service in St Michael's led, not only by Bishop Flora but also Owen the donkey. Owen enjoyed leading us round the market place so much he will back again next year!

This year has seen many, many blessings none more so than the arrival of Richard. He arrived just in time for our Rise and Shine Christmas Party and the Crib Service. What an introduction into the life of young families at St Michael's. We are now working and praying with him to seek out the ways God wishes to lead us next.

Sue Thackray (All Age Worship Team)

Report on Parish News for year 2025

The newsletter continues to be published every 3 months, keeping the St Michael's family in touch with what is going on. It is much appreciated by those who don't or can't use online facilities. About 25 copies are printed and distributed each quarter and a dozen are printed and left at the back of church for any visitors. Most people will read it online when it is sent out along with the pew sheet. Many thanks to all the contributors for your continued support.

Janet Patten (Parish News Editor)

Navigate

Our youth discipleship group, Navigate, has continued to meet over the last 12 months and have enjoyed exploring the fruits of the spirit and what it means for us in our lives today. Over the last few months, we have been working our way through 'How to Pray' by Pete Grieg looking how we can Pause, Reflect, Ask and Yield as we pray. Our sessions are filled with fun, food, games and faith-based discussions that often challenge the adults as much as the young people!

Andrew Watson (All Age Worship Team)

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast happens on the last Saturday of the month at the slightly later time of 8.30am (we all needed a bit more beauty sleep!). We have a faithful group who enjoy being challenged by a bible reading and sharing testimonies and real life examples of how God has impacted our lives. The coffee is always strong, the food is always eaten and the faith is certainly growing! We always welcome new members to join us for a free breakfast and it was fantastic to have Richard join us in the new year.

Andrew Watson (All Age Worship Team)

Prayer

Prayer is an important part of the life of the church and the Lady Chapel is a quiet space in our church for people to use for personal prayer. The Prayer Board is used to display pictorial prayers, for reflection, and is kept up to date following the seasons of the church's year. There is also the 'Try Praying' board where prayers can be written and placed in the board. On the table at the entrance to the church is a prayer sheet for visitors to write the names of people they know needing prayer, along with a basket on the altar in the Lady Chapel where personal requests for prayer are put and all these are mentioned in the intercessions during church services.

The candle stand at the entrance to the Lady Chapel is well used by visitors to light a candle as a form of prayer.

There are resources available on the Lady Chapel altar for visitors to take and reflect on, plus booklets on the table at the back of church which offer words of encouragement.

It is extremely encouraging to see so many people using the church to stop a while, to look around, or spend quiet time with God.

Trish Atkinson

Treasurer's Report 2025

2025 was a positive year from the perspective of the Church's finances.

Income rose overall by a little over 1% (with the legacies stripped out). This is positive, - as income had fallen for the previous two years. Expenditure has fallen for the third year running to a little over £70,000 leading to a very small operating loss of less than £100.00. (less any major repairs).

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be a success albeit with a small reduction in the amount given in 2025. Collections have increased by about 40% with Yellow Envelopes and one off donations also showing healthy increases. Sales of coffee and candles held up well, with Dona/Sum Up receipts slightly declining.

Expenditure dropped satisfyingly with Church running costs down substantially. I think we have weathered the storm of the increase in our utility costs. It is now a significant amount annually (£8,900) with the costs in the cold winter months nearing £1000 per month. I do hope there is not a really cold winter! The largest item was the freewill offering (quota) at £43,985.00.

It costs us about £1,350 a week to run the church and I would be surprised if our running costs stay low again for 2026.

By far the most important financial event for St Michael's during the year was the receipt of a number of legacies for which we are very grateful. One of the legacies is a really transformational sum from the estate of Martin Monkman. We are not entirely certain how much we will receive from his will but it will be in the region of £1.1m. We have received so far £395,000 and thus a further £700,000 to come, however it is not clear when this money might arrive. This is an extraordinary amount of money and we will need to decide how we should utilize this gift. Currently there are plans to fund the clerestory window repairs, improve accessibility through the church entrance and improve the seating.

One big challenge going forward will be managing our investments. Currently I have invested all the Martin Monkman monies with CCLA (The Church Commissioners main investment agency). We will need to agree if this is the best platform for us and if we need advisors to support this decision making.

Our investments were valued at slightly less than at the end of 2024 at a little over £245,000 (2024: £259,000). There was a reduction in value of our investment fund monies of over £10,000 and we realised a small sum (£5,000) to pay for some of the major works we undertook during the year.

Looking forward, there are few items I would like to draw your attention to:

Income: We need to continue increasing our regular giving. In 2025 a Diocesan representative came to talk to us about generating additional income. As a result, we have made small inroads to breaking even, but it was the reduction in running costs that have helped substantially (this excludes utility costs). The receipt of legacies has masked this issue and we need to be careful that the legacies are used to grow the church family and adapt to changing circumstances and not simply used for our day-to-day operational costs

The Freewill Offering has been increased in 2026 to £45,000. I anticipate this will need to increase in the next two years to approx. £50,000.

Investments: With the increase in our assets (when the final amount of the Monkman legacy is received the Church's value will probably quadruple), we need to decide how we should manage and utilize this money.

Church Water Rates: I continue to work with Yorkshire Water about installing a water meter. So far, we have been unsuccessful in securing their support in this matter. I fear we will have to raise the matter with the Chief Executive.

Reserves: I have been asked by our independent examiner to review our reserves policy which current stands at £35,000. He has suggested it should be £45,000. I will be asking the PCC for this authority in due course.

Since the start of the new financial year, we have received confirmation of a grant of a little under £250,000 from The National Heritage Lottery Fund for the repair works to the Clerestory windows. (Estimated total cost £463,090). Our bid for the grant was greatly helped by the PCC being able to pledge at least £100,000 of our reserves to the project. We have already received 50% of the grant which has been put into deposit accounts for use as the project progresses.

Overall, the Church is in good financial health; indeed we are very fortunate to be in such a position.

Robert Hall (Treasurer)

April 2026

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of St Michaels Church, Malton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Michaels Church Malton for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiners Statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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: Andrew Richardson

Name: Andrew W Richardson FCCA

Address: White & Hoggard, 1 Wheelgate, Malton, YO17 7HT

Dated: 17th April 2026

St Michaels Church, Malton
Statement of Financial Activities - Year ending 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income	7a	54,596.00			-	54,596.00	49,775.00
Legacies	7b	401,000.00				401,000.00	-
Activity for generating funds	7c	3,091.00			-	3,091.00	3,575.00
Church Activities	7d	5,320.00			-	5,320.00	11,242.00
Income from Investments	7e	7,216.00			-	7,216.00	4,427.00
Other	7f	-			-	-	-
		471,223.00	-	-	-	471,223.00	69,019.00
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Cost of generating funds		400.00				400.00	599.00
Charitable Activities		219.00				219.00	2,237.00
Ministry	8	76,285.00				76,285.00	79,744.00
Major Repairs	9	-		13,256.00		13,256.00	8,095.00
		76,904.00	-	13,256.00	-	90,160.00	90,675.00
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES							
		394,319.00	-	- 13,256.00	-	381,063.00	- 21,656.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on CBF Investment a/c	-	5,623.00	-		-	5,623.00	3,758.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on Chancel Fund		-	-	2,443.00	- 3,409.00	966.00	5,636.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on RBS Shares		-	985.00			985.00	-44.00
Other and Agency Funds		-	-			-	-
Transfer between funds		- 8,267.00	-	8,267.00		-	-
		- 13,890.00	985.00	10,710.00	- 3,409.00	- 5,604.00	9,350.00
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS							
		380,429.00	985.00	- 2,546.00	- 3,409.00	375,459.00	- 12,306.00
Balances b/f 1 January 2025		163,722.00	14,669.00	3,430.00	85,253.00		267,074.00
Balances c/f 31st December 2025		544,151.00	15,654.00	884.00	81,844.00	642,533.00	

St Michael's Church, New Malton
Balance Sheet - Year Ending 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
FIXED ASSETS							
Investments		147,356.00	16,538.00	-	81,844.00	245,738.00	259,057.00
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors		695.00	-	-	-	695.00	338.00
Prepayments		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		315,966.00				315,966.00	8,205.00
Cash at Bank		83,546.00				83,546.00	534.00
LIABILITIES							
Creditors		- 3,412.00				- 3,412.00	- 1,060.00
Accruals						-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS							
		544,151.00	16,538.00	-	81,844.00	642,533.00	267,074.00
PARISH FUNDS							
Unrestricted		544,151.00	-	-	-	544,151.00	163,723.00
Designated		-	16,538.00	-	-	16,538.00	15,553.00
Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	2,546.00
Endowment		-	-	-	81,844.00	81,844.00	85,252.00
		544,151.00	16,538.00	-	81,844.00	642,533.00	267,074.00

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1 The Financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.
- 2 Reserves Policy: It is the intention of the PCC to retain a balance of at least £45,000 being approximately six months committed expenditure within the unrestricted funds.
- 3 In accordance with the guidance by the Church Commissioners, any collections taken at special services - including weddings and funerals which go to charity are excluded from the 2024 accounts. Funds raised this way were as follows:

Dementia Forward	728.37
League of Friends, Malton Hospital	108.87
Marie Curie	196.89
Martin House Hospice	341.18
Ryedale Special Families	262.28
Sight Support Ryedale	118.23
St Catherine's Hospice	196.35
The Alheimers Society	70.78
Whitby Museum	103.67
Total	<u>2,126.62</u>

In addition to these sums, the money raised from the coffee stop mornings held in Church on many Saturdays was sent to:

Christian Aid	56.47
Fitzwilliam Ward, Malton Hospital	1,227.70
Save The Children	718.73
Sight Support	783.02
	<u>2,785.92</u>

- 4 The Expenses paid to the clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No payment was made to PCC members apart from the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.
- 5 Working expenses of the incumbent (as though there was an interregnum for the majority of the year) and Hendrik Klaver are shared equally with St Mary's PCC, Old Malton.
- 6 Movement of Funds
 - a There were no restricted and designated funds held in bank accounts during the year. All restricted and designated funds are held as investments
 - b Total restricted and designated funds as at 31st December 2025

Designated	16,538.00
Restricted	-
Total	<u>16,538.00</u>

7 Income Resources		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
a Voluntary Income						
	Gift Aid (Incl Parish Giving Scheme and CAF)	29,492.60	-	-	29,492.60	31,683.36
	Other Regular Giving	3,396.50			3,396.50	-
	Tax Recoverable	7,120.54			7,120.54	7,717.92
	Collections (Loose Plate)	3,891.17			3,891.17	2,777.19
	One off Gift Aid (Yellow Envelopes)	3,313.64			3,313.64	2,648.00
	Sum Up Income	1,992.32			1,992.32	1,737.38
	Non-recurring Giving/donations	5,389.23			5,389.23	3,210.91
	Sub total	54,596.00			54,596.00	49,774.76
b	Legacy	401,000.00			401,000.00	-
	Sub total	401,000.00	-	-	510,192.00	-
c Activities for generating funds - receipts						
	Church Lettings	860.00			860.00	1,085.00
	Fund raising - St Michaels	2,231.63			2,231.63	2,258.68
	Fund raising - Charities				-	231.50
	Sub total	3,091.63	-	-	3,091.63	3,575.18
d Receipts from Church Activities						
	Fees	1,277.50			1,277.50	5,428.70
	Coffees	3,473.30			3,473.30	3,862.45
	Other (Receipts from St Marys)	569.04			569.04	1,951.17
	Sub total	5,319.84	-	-	5,319.84	11,242.32
e Income from Investments						
	Dividends and Interest	7,216.00			7,216.00	4,427.00
f Other receipts not counting as gross income						
					-	-
	Overall total	471,223.47	-	-	471,223.47	69,019.26
Resources Expended		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Cost of generating funds	400.00			400.00	598.97
	Donations (grants) to Charities	4,924.64	-		4,924.64	2237.00
8a Church Activities						
	Fees -Diocesan Board of Finance	502.00			502.00	1233.00
	Visiting Clergy Costs	763.40			763.40	1028.20
		1,265.40	-	-	1,265.40	2261.20
b Ministry						
	Diocesan Freewill Offering	43,985.45			43,985.45	42999.96
	Working Expenses of Incumbent	-			-	632.87
	Working Expenses of Assistant	-			-	1019.67
	Church Utility Costs	8,953.08			8,953.08	8790.43
	Church Running costs	4,457.10			4,457.10	12061.00
	Salaries, Wages and Honoraria	12,918.33			12,918.33	11953.78
	Mission and Evangelism	-			-	25.00
		70,313.96	-	-	70,313.96	77482.71
9 Major Expenditure						
	Major Repairs to Church Buildings	-	-	13,256.00	13,256.00	8094.93
	Major repair to other PCC Properties	-	-	-	-	0.00
	New Building or major works	-	-	-	-	0.00
		76,904.00	-	13,256.00	90,160.00	90674.81

10 During the year St Michael's made a withdrawal of £5,000.00 from the CBF Investment Fund to fund capital and revenue exper