



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
2025**

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1. Proceedings of the PCC and activities in the Parish in 2025

Aims and purposes

The primary aim of the PCC is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The purpose is to co-operate with the incumbent, Rev'd Jacqui King, in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC considers the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family.

Achievements and performance in 2025

The year commenced with a PCC 'away day' with Rev'd Jacqui. This was an opportunity to think about moving forward from the interregnum and plan for growth at Holy Trinity in 2025. To steward our resources effectively, priorities were agreed for pastoral care, finance and fundraising, worship, 'growing younger' and communication.

- Pastoral care. A new group met to develop pastoral care of parishioners and to provide spiritual support for those experiencing difficult times.
- Finance and Fundraising. We thanked Angela Tuff who retired after many years service as Treasurer. Jean Jackman was welcomed as the new Treasurer and was formally co-opted to the PCC in June 2025. The PCC committed to meeting financial obligations to the diocese. Banking services, financial guidelines and accounting systems were reviewed. In addition to planned giving, our church continued to rely on a small group of volunteers who organised fundraising activities to contribute to our parish share. The shared meeting room at Holy Trinity remained available as a benefit to local organisations who were encouraged to make a donation for bookings.
- Worship. The monthly pattern of Sunday worship at Holy Trinity was maintained, with three Holy Communion services led by Rev'd Jacqui King or Rev'd Suzy Edmundson. We offered one Morning worship with thanks to Lay leaders Sheila Jenkins, Churchwarden and Lesley Watkin, who is training to be an authorised lay preacher. On the fifth Sunday we hosted or travelled to a shared Holy Communion service with fellow Hill & Vale Group parishes. The Catholic and

Methodist congregations welcomed new clergy, which provided an opportunity to renew relationships within the local ecumenical partnership.

- Growing the church. A workshop was held to explore different ideas to refresh worship. Rev'd Jacqui was involved in the wider community of South Woodham Ferrers. She led town events such as the Remembrance Day and Town Carol Services and responded to invitations from local organisations to lead services for special occasions. Opportunities to grow a younger church were explored through links with Trinity St Mary's school. The school continued to use the church during the week and Rev'd Jacqui led a collective worship every fortnight. Mission in 2025: 2 baptisms, 0 marriages, 0 funerals in church, 4 funerals at a non-church location.
- Communication. Regular PCC meetings took place with observers invited from our local ecumenical partnership. Rev'd Jacqui became Chair of the Joint Church Council (JCC) and welcomed new clergy, Father Angelus Houle for the Catholic Congregation and Rev'd Dr Jennifer Walters for the Methodist congregation. We distributed a weekly email newsletter and advertised in the local print magazines. The Church of England's website 'A church near you' and social media presence on Facebook were reviewed. The shared JCC website remained in use.

This year was an opportunity to renew our fellowship with commitment to be a Christian presence in our community. We thank Rev'd Jacqui for her enthusiasm, ministry and spiritual leadership of the four Hill and Vale churches. We thank everyone who volunteered to help with the different aspects of our church life at Holy Trinity. While challenges remain in meeting financial commitments and increasing our church congregation, we look forward to the new year of worshipping and working together.

Carol McMaster, PCC Secretary

2. Electoral Roll

There were 33 Church members on the new Electoral Roll of 2025.

There are 37 Church members on the Electoral Roll dated 22nd March 2026.

There is one church member not resident in this parish on the Electoral Roll dated 22nd March 2026.

Stella Jaconelli, Electoral Roll Officer.

3. Financial Review January 2025-December 2025

A comparison to the 2024 Annual Report shows that both Receipt and Payment totals have remained extremely similar. There has been a slight increase in Regular Giving and Gift Aid Claimed. We fortunately received a generous donation in the form of a legacy. Fund Raising is down against 2024 where the figure was £3,406.00, the 2025 figure of £3,268.00 less expenses of £550.00 = £2,718. (Funds Raised shown separately in Income, Expenses used for Fund Raising under Payments, in the past the expenses were deducted from funds raised)

The Payments total has increased mainly because we were able to make slightly larger payments of our Parish Share, and payments to the JCC have increased due to rising utility and maintenance costs.

At a PCC meeting, a proposal was made that we put in place a 'Reserves Policy'. This means that we will always try to retain a balance £6,500.00 in our Bank Accounts. This should ensure that in the case of unforeseen circumstances we should be able to meet at least 3 months invoices. This proposal was accepted. At the same meeting it was also agreed that £8,500.00 in the bank, which had previously been treated as Ring Fenced, should also be made available to meet our commitments. This balance is from legacies and had been donated without instructions on how the money should be used. But the PCC will always ensure that any money is used in a way to help and encourage the congregation.

The PCC also invested in a CollecTin Card Reader which is now in regular use for both Donations and Campaigns.

Jean Jackman, Hon. Treasurer

Anglican Church of The Holy Trinity – South Woodham Ferrers

Financial Statements for Year Ended 31st December 2025

RECEIPTS:	2025	2024
Church Collections	£11,580.76	10550
Other Collections	£237.47	0
Gift Aid	£2,675.96	2459
Fees Received	£1,247.00	293
Fund Raising	£3,268.62	3406
Bank Interest	£140.44	166
Investments Income	£2,409.70	2459
Donations Received	£1,355.82	4213
Bequest	£1,020.00	0
	<u>£23,935.77</u>	
PAYMENTS:	2025	2024
Diocesan Quota	£18,000.00	16985
Staff Expenses	£183.00	0
Worship/Outreach	£679.46	402
Donations Paid	£150.00	313
Adminstration	£4,335.83	3443
Fund Raising Expenses	£550.92	25
Special Items	£559.00	963
Sundry Expenses	£25.90	0
	<u>£24,484.11</u>	
Opening Balance	£9,284.13	CCLA: <u>£83,225.39</u>
Receipts	£23,935.77	(as at 31.12.2025)
Payments	<u>-£24,484.11</u>	
Closing Balance	<u>£8,735.79</u>	

Anglican Church of The Holy Trinity – South Woodham Ferrers					
Financial Statements for Year Ended 31st December 2025					
RECEIPTS:				PAYMENTS:	
Church Collections:				Diocesan Quotas	£18,000.00
Loose Collection		£1,097.23			
Envelopes & Sto's		<u>£10,483.53</u>	£11,580.76	Staff Expense:	
				Incumbert	£40.00
Other Collections				Visiting Clergy	<u>£143.00</u> £183.00
Baptisms			£237.47		
				Worship/Outreach:	
Gift Aid:			£2,675.96	Pew Sheets	£87.67
				Candles/Wafers/Wine	£47.45
Fees Received:				Outreach Bibles	£152.76
Funerals		£838.00		CCL1 Licence	<u>£391.58</u> £679.46
Banns		£112.00			
Wedding		<u>£297.00</u>	£1,247.00	Childrens Society	£150.00
Fund Raising:				Administration:	
Book Sales Feb.		£15.46		Data Developments Subs	£46.03
Sid Bolan Band		£649.50		J.C.C.	£3,625.00
				Chelmsford Diocese, Board of Finance	£653.00
Christmas Fayre		£1,703.91		Stationery	<u>£11.80</u> £4,335.83
Christmas Quiz		£42.00			
Books		£8.49			
Saturday Coffee		£405.26		Fund Raising Expenses:	
100 club Subs		<u>£444.00</u>	£3,268.62	Sid Bolan Band	£311.60
				Christmas Fayre	£13.32
Bank Interest			£140.44	100 Club Prizes	<u>£226.00</u> £550.92
Investment Interest			£2,409.70	Special Items:	
				Laptop	£229.00
Donations Received:				CollecTin	<u>£330.00</u> £559.00
Sundry Donations	959.25				
Childrens Society	150			Sundry Expenses	<u>£25.90</u>
Subday Coffee	<u>246.57</u>		£1,355.82		
				TOTAL	<u>£24,484.11</u>
Bequest			£1,020.00		
TOTAL			<u>£23,935.77</u>		
				Petty Cash	£30.00
Opening Balance	£9,284.13			Premium Account	£8,135.79
Receipts	£23,935.77			Community Account	£500.00
Payments	<u>-£24,484.11</u>			Cash to be banked	<u>£70.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£8,735.79</u>				<u>£8,735.79</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

PCC OF SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2025

Charity no.:

~~608275~~

Company no.:

Set out on pages

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/12/2025

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**Independent
examiner's statement**

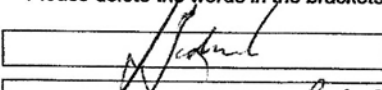
[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date: 17/2/26

Name: JAMES ROBERT TO MARSH

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): RETIRED BANK DIRECTOR

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SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
CM3 5SN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

4. Fabric, goods and ornaments

The PCC was responsible for one clergy house in the parish, 18 Victoria Road, no contribution to maintenance needed in 2025.

The fabric of the church is looked after by the Joint Church Council Fabric Committee which is made up of two Anglican, two Catholic and two Methodist representatives. The Committee meets bi-monthly.

During 2025 numerous jobs were carried out including the following: -

- The eastern external church doors were replaced with new ones.
- A new power supply unit and HDMI wall plate were fitted behind the pulpit.
- The disused hot water tank in the eastern toilet was disconnected and removed due to overflowing and signs of leakage.
- The church fire extinguishers and fire blanket had their annual service and check.
- Part of the notice board and soffit (both western side) were re-fastened.
- Church fire alarm sensors had their six-monthly check and service.
- The five-year electrical check was carried out by a professional electrician.
- A non-reflective laminate altar cover was purchased and put in place to protect the altar fair linen from candle wax.
- The church was re-connected to the fire alarm call-out system and both chair store sensors programmed back to the church.
- A new Broadband router was purchased.
- The brown dustbin was secured by chain and padlock to prevent further usage. Decision taken not to purchase a Chelmsford Council licence due to insufficient usage.
- Damaged lock on eastern external door replaced.
- Sticking toilet door (western side) planed and secondary lock installed.
- Yellow warning paint applied to steps outside eastern side of church.
- Toilet tap and inlet valve (eastern side) replaced.
- Faulty fire alarm manual call-out red box (eastern side in church) replaced following fire alarm call-outs.
- Part of eastern side guttering cleared of debris.

Work continues improving the communication between the relevant parties from the church and the two schools on the fire alarm call out system as any fire-related incident would impact on all three areas.

A small church heating working party has been formed to consider and recommend to the JCC what type of heating should replace the existing church boiler which is over 40 years old. Separate Chelmsford Diocese and Methodist Church reports have recommended that the church looks at a non-fossil fuel heating system which is Eco friendly. Work on this project is ongoing but is expected to be completed in 2026.

David Watts, Chairman, Fabric Committee

5. Deanery Synod Report

Four Chelmsford Deanery Meetings took place in 2025.

1. Meeting at St Andrews Church, Chelmsford on 26th February 2025

The main topic was a presentation by Michaela Southworth, CEO of the Diocesan Board Of Finance. Her detailed presentation was entitled 'Giving and Diocesan Finances.' The contents of her talk were: - Giving and what it pays for, Diocesan Budget and Expenditure, Parish Share and how it is calculated and what help is available. The question was raised, 'What if we can't pay our parish share? The answer concerned that it is not an exercise of guilt or shame, but that we can't keep spending more than we have, that we should consider mutual support within our deanery and that we need to discern what we can do with the resources God has given us. Deaneries are the place of discernment. "Grass roots up" not "top down."

2. Meeting at St Mary's Church, Little Baddow on 11th June 2025

Bishop Guli addressed the Synod 'on the matter concerning how lay people can be more supportive in the delivery of Holy Communion where clergy are not available.' 2 members of Synod outlined their concerns around lack of Clergy to support with communion during a long vacancy and the problem of being in breach of the requirement to have weekly communion in the benefice. Bishop Guli has taken time to learn more about the particular challenges facing the deanery, with its large size and large number of vacancies. She is appreciative of the work done by the laity who are keeping churches going. She drew attention to the Diocesan document detailing the regulations around communion by extension and clarified the following points
Reserved Sacrament is primarily for use with the sick and housebound. Communion by extension is only to be occasional, in exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the Area Bishop. It cannot be a regular event to address the lack of clergy. There were follow up questions: If a benefice cannot provide communion once per week, they can get permission from the Diocese to relax this requirement. It was noted that most people have access to transport, and members can visit other churches that do have capacity to offer communion weekly. A question arose about ministers from other denominations providing communion. Anglicans can go to the churches of other denominations and receive communion using their form of service and people from other denominations can come to our buildings and receive communion using our form of service. If a minister from another denomination wants to administer communion in our church buildings, they would need the Bishop's licence to do so. There are three churches in the deanery which are licensed as Local Ecumenical Partnerships and have different variations as the building is not a dedicated Anglican one. In summary, the Bishop noted that these problems are cyclical in time and that the issue should continue to be considered if no solutions are in sight.

3. Meeting at Church of Our Saviour, Chelmer Village on 8th October 2025

Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody gave the presentation entitled 'Holding and Being: Balancing Mental Health and Ministry.' He began by saying it would be difficult to do this topic justice in the 15 - 20 minutes allowed. However he flagged up two warnings to those charged with the business of pastoral care. A 'transactional' culture driven by a consumerism which is fuelled by financial constrictions but equally as demanding of

results which pressurises a diminishing workforce to give more for less; an expectation for which church and congregation is not immune. And a secularism which can disempower those who conduct Christian ministry, challenging the relevance and significance of what they do and what they represent. Both of them act together to seduce priests into a 'work ethic' upsetting the ministerial balance of 'holding and being' by an ever-increasing whirl of activity and output to try and satisfy demand and justify one's existence. Ivor suggested two possible remedies. The cultivation of boundaries: to realise and accept our limitations and our humanity, that it isn't our vocation constantly to be 'the hub of the wheel.' And to realise that evangelism and outreach is not only a Gospel imperative but essential too for our mental health as we reach out to and partner others who suffer the same challenges to 'hold' and to 'be', and to realise that we are not alone. A question-and-answer period followed. One such question was about a suitable workload for clergy supporting multiple churches. There is no rule of thumb as individuals are so different in their circumstances and what they can cope with. When asked about training available, Ivor mentioned that there is material on "Wellbeing" on the Diocesan website and that there are publications available on supporting mental health and an interfaith resource titled 'rethink'.

4. Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Springfield on 3rd December 2025

The main topic was a presentation by Rev Sharon Quilter, the Diocesan Racial Justice Officer. Her role is to raise awareness of racial justice issues; to provide help for those who suffer /have suffered from abuse and to support parishes in implementing the recommendations of 'From Action to Real Change' which is the report from the Chelmsford Diocese Racial Justice Task and Finish Group.

The Diocese's Pastoral Principles were introduced:

1. Acknowledge Prejudice
2. Speak into Silence
3. Address Ignorance
4. Cast out Fear
5. Admit Hypocrisy
6. Pay attention to Power

Group work followed in applying the pastoral principles to different scenarios. The Hill and Vale reps reflected on the challenge of the appropriation of Christianity for nationalist reasons, such as flags and crosses on hills and roundabouts. There are no easy answers, but we are called to be faithful to Christ's example to welcome the vulnerable and marginalised and to value every person as made in the image of God. For more information see: Racial Justice the Diocese of Chelmsford.

Margaret & Roger Partridge, Chelmsford Deanery Synod Reps

6. Safeguarding statement

The PCC has a legal duty to give 'due regard' to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The Churchwarden was nominated as the person responsible for safeguarding while the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer remained vacant. Safeguarding was reviewed at each PCC meeting, no matters of concern were reported in 2025. The

Diocesan Safeguarding Team was available for advice if any matters of concern arose. The new online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard was adopted to help the PCC keep track of safeguarding governance. The PCC is required to follow the Church of England's Safer Recruitment processes when appointing any volunteers to roles on behalf of Holy Trinity Church. Policies were adopted to enable the appointment of Carol McMaster as authorised 'Lead Recruiter' to assist Rev'd Jacqui with Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and safer recruitment. 4 members of the PCC had current DBS clearance in 2025.

Sheila Jenkins, Churchwarden

7. Other Reports

'A Church Near You' Website

I am the editor for this website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/> and the purpose of it is to publish services, fundraising and anything else happening in the church for the wider community to be made aware of, and anyone new to the area to find out where their nearest Anglican church is and when services are held. Therefore, anything that needs to be advertised, please let me know and I will put it on there. We get many hits for our church on the website, so it is definitely worth having all our activities on there.

Gill Wragg

Anglican website

The website <https://www.holytrinityswf.org.uk> is updated when I am asked to do so but is only as good as the information provided to me and I ask all members of the church to forward any information they wish to have posted. At the present I only put on the weekly newsletter and fundraising events. However, when I am away on holiday the website is not updated!

Don Wragg, Webmaster

Christian Church Council in South Woodham Ferrers

Two representatives from the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Evangelical, New Life Churches and Redeemer Church of God meet quarterly. They share information about their individual activities, work together in outreach projects within the town, including co-ordinating Christian Festivals.

A document setting out the purpose and procedures of SWF Christian Council was put together in 2025 (approved in February 2026). This has been helpful for our two newest members Father Angelus Houle from the Catholic Church and Reverend Jennifer Walters from the Methodist Church who joined us at the end of last year.

The Methodist Church continues outreach via Costa, Open the Book (Collective Worships in Trinity St Mary's and Collingwood Primary Schools) and a Monthly Arts and Crafts for Children. The Evangelical Church run's a Men's Breakfast Club, Monday Warm Welcome 'soup and roll' and a weekly toddler group. They hosted a time of

prayer for the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative in May 2025 which was well supported by the churches in the town.

New Life Church offers "Let's Cook" Activity and Sunflower for SEND babies & toddlers. They also run the Foodbank. RCCG is involved in Waterway Chaplaincy and Pastor Olu leads their on-line worship.

Involvements in other activities within SWF includes supporting Men's Shed (which is now fully operational), the Town & City Councils and Area Health Authority.

This year's Town Council Carol Service received very positive feedback and it was pleasing to see four out of the five local primary school's take part. The three ministers of Holy Trinity held a joint Nine Lessons & Carols Service in December and further events are planned for the future.

Rev'd Jacqui King and Stella Jaconelli

Compass Churches

There were three meetings held in 2025, 2nd February at St Andrew's Church, Bicknacre, 22nd June at St John's, Danbury and 14th October at St Margaret's, Downham. Rev Jacqui Jones (St John's, Danbury) continued as Clergy Chair and Judy Cecil (St Andrew's, Sandon) became Lay Chair at the meeting in June.

Each meeting follows the same pattern of agenda items. There is a financial statement detailing the progress of the churches paying their parish shares. Pastoral Matters are discussed and there is the opportunity for members of each church to detail the news from their church with dates of future events.

At the meeting in June, there was a discussion and reflection about the purpose of an MMU. There was general agreement of the need to redefine its role in supporting parishes. It was agreed that it would be more beneficial if reports from each church were sent out with the agenda and meeting time could be used for discussion. There could also be a benefit if groups met regularly such as safeguarding officers, treasurers, technical trainers etc. There was consensus to continue with MMU activities with a clearer focus and increased coordination.

At the meeting in October, as well as the usual agenda items, there was discussion about the display of flags including the St George's flag and the concern that there is an atmosphere of hatred in our local communities. Training needs were also discussed concerning safeguarding, health and safety and risk assessments.

Margaret Partridge.

Family List

The Family List is for members of our congregation to have contact details of other members and is not available to anyone outside of Holy Trinity. If anyone has not given me their details and would like to be put on it and receive a copy, then please let me know. For GDPR purposes details are only included with the agreement of those on it.

Gill Wragg

Fundraising/Social Report

We have continued the 2nd Saturday of the month with our Coffee mornings although we haven't seen as many people popping in for coffee and a chat! Our coffee mornings are our outreach to the rest of the town, making them aware that we as a Church welcome all people. We are just a small band of volunteers and we would appreciate more helpers coming forward to help with serving refreshments.

In October we had a return visit of the Sid Bolan Band. It was an excellent evening and everyone enjoyed the uplifting, foot tapping music. We raised £330 after taking out expenses.

Again Our Christmas Bazaar held in November was very successful. Due to the weather conditions it encouraged the townsfolk to come in, dry off and have a hot drink and cake! We managed to raise over £1700.

Our fundraising and social events are a very important part of our Church not only financially but also as a way of socialising, keeping in touch with everyone and making new friends. We do welcome ideas or suggestions for social events. Please let the fundraising team know, and we will endeavour to organise. We do have a couple of social events in the pipeline for this year and hope that you will try and support us. If anyone is interested in joining the Fundraising team please speak to Janice, Margaret or Angela.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped throughout the year, especially on the coffee mornings, organising the Sid Bolan Concert and for those who helped at the Bazaar.

Janice Pearson

JCC Worship and Outreach

The group is represented by the three clergy at Holy Trinity and two members from each congregation. This year we have said goodbye to Father Mattias and Rev'd Barry and welcomed Father Angelus and Rev'd Jennifer in their place. Over the past year we have discussed and planned main church events such as Christmas and Easter and occasional joint services. We also plan Advent and Lent courses. We discuss how Holy Trinity can be involved with town events with civic and community responsibilities and outreach working with other churches through the Christian Council. Future events include plans for an Alpha Course and the Methodists to start 'Café church' all-inclusive service on a Sunday afternoon.

Sheila Jenkins

School's Link

Margaret Partridge continued as a Foundation Governor of Trinity St Mary's School. The school used the church for collective worship each morning, Monday to Thursday. Rev'd Jacqui led collective worship with the school every alternate Thursday.

Carol McMaster, PCC Secretary

Servers Report

During 2025 serving at the altar was shared between Stella Jaconelli and David Watts and one of us assisted at Holy Communion services on each relevant Sunday. If you would like to join us on the team, please do have a word with Stella or myself and we will explain what is involved. Training can then be arranged.

David Watts

Charities supported by the Parish 2025

Local charity, Trinity St Mary's School. Gift of bibles for school leavers.

International Charity, Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). Retiring collection planned for 2026.

National Charity, The Children's Society, donation of £143 given through the Children's Society house box scheme or one-off gifts, increased by those who are eligible to Gift Aid.

Carol McMaster, PCC Secretary.

8. Structure, Governance and Management

Holy Trinity Church is licensed as a Parish Centre of Worship, with the Church of England having 50% share of the building. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. It meets a proportion of its responsibilities through representation on the Joint Church Council (JCC). Information about the Joint Church mission and minutes of meetings are available from the Holy Trinity shared website www.holytrinityswf.org.uk The PCC receives reports from representatives on JCC and other committees. Members of the PCC volunteer their time to meet statutory requirements and to support worship and fundraising.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwarden, the elected representative for Deanery Synod, and other members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by those on the Electoral Roll. Additional Members may be co-opted within the rules. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

9. Election of representatives of the Laity (current post holders)

Parochial Church Council:

The Incumbent Rev'd Jacqui King (Chair)
Churchwarden Sheila Jenkins

Deanery Synod Margaret Partridge
 Roger Partridge
 (Retiring 2026)

Representatives of the Laity: PCC members who served from 2025 until the date this report was approved were:

Elected Members Stella Jaconelli, Electoral Roll Officer (until 2028)
 Janice Pearson, Assistant Churchwarden (until 2028)
 Angela Tuff, (until 2026)
 Lesley Watkin (until 2026)
 David Watts (until 2026)
 Gill Wragg (until 2026)
 Carol McMaster, Secretary (until 2027)
 Sue Strathern (until 2027)
Co-opted Member Jean Jackman, Treasurer (until 2026)

Representatives on Church Committees (current post holders)

Joint Church Council: Sheila Jenkins, Janice Pearson, David Watts, Rev'd Jacqui King
Fabric: David Watts, Janice Pearson
Worship/Outreach: Sheila Jenkins, Rev'd Jacqui King
Compass Churches: Margaret Partridge
Christian Church Council: Stella Jaconelli, Rev'd Jacqui King

Sides Persons/Readers/Stewards in 2025

Eileen Drane, Stella Jaconelli, Jean Jackman, Carol and Roger McMaster, Margaret and Roger Partridge, Alan and Janice Pearson, Sue Strathern, Gill Wragg, David Watts, Lesley Watkin.

10. Administrative Information

Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers is part of the Chelmsford Deanery, in the Diocese of Chelmsford. Correspondence should be addressed to the PCC Secretary, Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers CM3 5JX. Email htpccsecretary@gmail.com

11. Churchwardens remarks

This past year has been quite eventful. We have had great pleasure in welcoming Rev'd Jacqui and thank her for her tireless commitment not only as our Vicar but as Priest in Charge for the Hill & Vale Churches, of which we are a part. In view of this we realise the value of both other clergy members and lay people. To enable Jacqui to give her time fairly we thank Rev'd Andy Griffiths and Rev'd Suzy Edmondson for the time they give us and for Lesley Watkin for her regular preaching.

Special thanks must go to Angela Tuff as she retired as our Treasurer, for all the years' service she has given us, and to welcome Jean Jackman as our new Treasurer. A role that can be quite difficult in juggling our finances to pay our quota. Thanks to Roger McMaster, gift aid secretary. Another big thank you must go to Carol McMaster as our Parish Secretary. There are so many tasks to be done behind the scenes, such as preparing the APCM reports and taking PCC Minutes as well as Diocesan business such as Safeguarding issues, to name a few. We would like to thank all those on our church rotas, servers, sidespersons, readers, prayers, coffee. As we struggle financially we thank all those who commit to social and fundraising events, especially our coffee mornings, your help is invaluable.

Music on Sunday and other occasions is an important part of our worship and we thank Alan Pearson for being our organist and choosing hymns. We also thank Maureen Graham, our Methodist friend for helping us out when Alan is not available. We continue to thank Don Wragg for his work on our website.

An important part of our life here at Holy Trinity is with our fellow members of the Roman Catholic and Methodist congregations and we thank them for their continued support. Life at Holy Trinity works because of the commitment of JCC members and we thank particularly Janice Pearson and David Watts on the Fabric Committee who give up a lot of time and effort on our behalf. The future installation of a new heating system is an ongoing concern. This past year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Barry and Father Matthias but have welcomed Rev'd Jennifer and Father Angelus in their place and we wish our clergy team with Rev'd Jacqui well in their new working relationship. Please pray for our PCC as we strive to do God's work on behalf of our congregation and the wider parish, and to encourage new members.

Sheila Jenkins, Churchwarden and Janice Pearson, Assistant Churchwarden.

12. Vicar's remarks

It is a joy and privilege to contribute to this Annual Report following my first full year as Vicar of Holy Trinity. As I reflect on 2025, I thank God for the support and encouragement I have received, and for the faith, commitment, and generosity at the heart of our church life.

We began the year with a PCC Away Day in February, which gave us valuable time to reflect after the interregnum and to discern our priorities for the year ahead. The themes identified — pastoral care, worship, finance, communication, and growing younger — have shaped our discussions about ministry and mission throughout the year.

One encouraging development has been the formation of a Pastoral Care Team, offering support and prayer to those in times of need. This quiet and faithful ministry is central to our calling, and I am grateful to all who serve in this way. It warms my heart to see the care shown within the parish through conversations, visits, and practical support, much of which goes unseen but is deeply significant.

Worship continues to be at the heart of our life together. I am thankful to Revd Canon Andy Griffiths, Revd Suzy Edmundson, Sheila Jenkins, Lesley Watkin, Janice Pearson, and all who help make our worship welcoming, prayerful, and Christ-centred. We have also valued joining our sister churches in the Hill & Vale Group on fifth Sundays. We had a wonderful celebration of Revd Andy's 25th anniversary at Pentecost, with a surprise visit from Bishop Adam. I am grateful to the churchwardens of the Hill & Vale churches, who meet regularly to support one another and plan our pattern of services.

This year has also been marked by deepening relationships within our ecumenical partnership. We said farewell to Revd Barry and Fr Matthias and were delighted to welcome Revd Dr Jennifer Walters and Fr Angelus Houle. It has been a blessing to work more closely together, and the shared services such as the Crib Service and Nine Lessons and Carols have been joyful signs of our unity in Christ. I am grateful for the ministry beyond our church, especially Val Carter (an Anna Chaplain) who leads services at Windle Court and connects me with residents wishing to receive holy communion. We also enjoyed hosting pilgrims carrying the Coat of Hope, whose visit was an inspiration to both schools and to us.

Our link with Trinity St Mary's CofE Primary School remains especially important. As a governor, I was delighted that the school received a very positive SIAMS inspection in January. It is a wonderful to lead Collective Worship and to support the school community in exploring the Christian faith. Alongside this, our engagement with children and families remains an area we are prayerfully seeking to grow.

The ongoing work of the SWF Christian Church Council is important and we are looking forward to what we can plan and do together next year. The Town Carol Service is a highlight each year, when the church is filled with families and children's choirs from each of our local primary schools. It has been a pleasure to share in other events such as the World Day of Prayer, The Salvation Army's Spring Celebration and the Thy Kingdom Come prayer evening at the Evangelical Church.

Our connections within the wider community continue to grow. It is always an honour to represent the church at key town events, including leading the Remembrance Service (particularly poignant this year as we marked the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day) and to rededicate the Garden of Remembrance with local dignitaries.

Alongside parish ministry, I have been supported through regular meetings with my Spiritual Director, weekly Morning Prayer with the Compass Group MMU, and gatherings with clergy in the Chelmsford Deanery. I am grateful for the encouragement of our new Area Dean, Revd Simon Pearce, as well as Jonathan Croucher and Bishop Adam.

As part of my ongoing development, I completed Incumbency Skills training, continued with the Diocese's Discerning Mission: Leading for Change programme, and began a Flourishing Leadership course in September. We hosted a diocesan Mental Health First Aid course for pastoral care assistants, and I also valued clergy study days, a Women's Ministry Workshop, and time on retreat at St Beuno's in North Wales.

Throughout the year, I continued a monthly commitment as Chaplain at Pleshey, before stepping down to take up a new role as one of four Vocations Advisers for the Chelmsford Deanery, supporting others as they discern God's call. I also continued to be part of the Bradwell School Pilgrimage team.

As we look ahead, there is much to give thanks for and much to pray for. We hope to deepen our engagement with children and families, continue developing our links with the community, our denominational partners at Holy Trinity, our sister churches in the Hill & Vale Group, and the churches in South Woodham Ferrers. Our vision is to grow in number and confidence as we share the good news of Jesus Christ in this town, and to be open to the new opportunities God gives us.

Finally, I want to express my sincere thanks to all who serve so faithfully at Holy Trinity. You are a constant source of strength and encouragement to me, and it is a privilege to share in this ministry with you.

Rev'd Jacqui King