



St Luke's Church
BUILDING BRIDGES WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Annual Report 2025

**St Luke's Church,
Ruscoe Road, E16 1JB.**

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ST LUKE'S CHURCH, VICTORIA DOCKS
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Administrative information

St. Luke's Church is situated in Ruscoe Road, Canning Town. It is part of the Diocese of Chelmsford within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, 16^a Ruscoe Road, Canning Town, London. E16 1JB.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity that was registered with the Charity Commission on the 7th November 2025. The Registered Charity Number is 1215671.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio Members (2)

Revd. Amy Stott
Revd. Katherine Bennett

INCUMBENT & CHAIRMAN AND ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER
CURATE

Churchwarden Members (2)

Yomi Jegede
Ayomide Sotubo

JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN
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Deanery Synod Representatives (2)

Geraldine Abbey
Martins Lawal

Elected Members (11)

Geofery Addy
Gloria Agbonifo
Jeffery Agyemang
Jason Branche
Dawn Collins
Marvis Cudjoe
Stella Jones
Aderenle Olaofe
Krystah Delsol
Donald Johnson
David Quraishi Holt

DEPUTY WARDEN

SECRETARY
WEB MASTER

(UNTIL 29 JAN 2025)
(FROM 11 MAY 2025)
(FROM 11 MAY 2025)
(FROM 11 MAY 2025)

Officers (1)

Gill Holt

TREASURER

A total of 18 people Served St. Luke's Church PCC

Structure, governance, and management

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

St Luke's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Reverend Amy Stott, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. It also has maintenance and running costs responsibilities for the Church Centre complex of St Luke's, Canning Town, London.

The Church PCC are required to complete good legal work and update members and representatives with church matters. The Church remains diligent regarding safety of congregants and focused on its mission and work within the community.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance:

All are welcome to attend our regular services on Sundays at 10:30am or 6pm in the church building. Morning services are streamed online via YouTube Live.

Our outreach projects have introduced the community to St Luke's and church attendance continues to increase. We continue to average somewhere between 100 and 130 attendees each Sunday morning in the building with up to 30 devices watching online via YouTube too. Following the recent revision of the Electoral Roll we now have 126 people on the Electoral Roll, 51 living outside the parish and 75 living within.

Review of the year:

2025 was a wonderful year at St Luke's and there are many reasons to say thank you to God and to all those who make up our church family and wider community. More than ever, we desired to see Canning Town transformed by the love of Jesus Christ and it was a year of growth in many of our projects with a significant rise in the number of children and young people becoming part of the church family. In January we took time to fast together, 25 days to start 2025 in the best way. Over the year we saw many come to faith and held 4 immersion baptism services for adults and young people. We saw many new people commit to the church family and a growth in giving too. We received missionaries again from Brazil throughout the year and even conducted our first ever mission trip sending 6 members of the St Luke's family to Brazil for 2 weeks to serve there. In the summer our youth pastor and two young leaders went to serve a mission week in Wales too. We went deeper in God's word together studying Nehemiah, Acts and a series looking at the miracles of Jesus throughout the year.

St. Luke's continues to be blessed with strategic development funding (SDF) to reach more people in our parish and encourage growth, giving and sustainability for the future. The SDF money also allowed new community projects to begin and further contacts to be made in and with our parish.

The full PCC held hybrid meetings 5 times with an average attendance level of 80%. All business was conducted and agreed by the PCC to benefit and nurture our parish, whilst taking the necessary measures, checks and procedures to enable our church services to flourish, community events to happen and for safeguarding to be promoted and prioritised in all we do.

Our initiatives this year included:

- Financial aid, outreach projects and volunteering work for those in need e.g., The Foodbank, the New Dawn Homeless Project and Thais Marques a missionary from Brazil.
- Ensuring all volunteers are DBS checked and encouraging all to complete the basic Safeguarding training.
- Continuing to reach out to children, young people and families through various youth and children's projects and initiatives. Little Lions, Thursday's youth drop in project and Friday nights continued to grow and develop.
- Supporting and strengthening our partnerships with St Luke's school and Hallsville and Keir Hardie too.
- Encouraging our congregation through pastoral courses, Alpha and Youth Alpha, in-person/ online bible studies, music classes for young people, leadership opportunities and the CAP training courses to focus their gifts and share how they can serve in church.
- Fellowship was offered to the community and the congregation at prayer meetings, Connect Group, church breakfasts and Together on Thursdays.
- We saw our biggest ever Easter attendance with 247 people attending our Easter Day celebration service. It was followed by a community day event in the playground.
- Our youth work grew significantly this year with lots of new initiatives beginning and an increase in terms of weekly connections with young people.
- A huge milestone for us was the launch of a second service on Sunday evenings at 6pm in June. The service has slowly stabilised and is taking shape.
- We loved having the Legacy school team from YWAM Chapada in Brazil alongside receiving missionaries from other parts of Brazil into our church family.
- Following on from the fast in January we began praying every Wednesday at 7am together on zoom alongside our Wednesday lunch time prayer call.
- Celebrating 150 remarkable years of St Luke's as a church serving Canning Town. Two community events were hosted alongside a 15 minute documentary about the history of the church.
- A fully packed Christmastime programme to celebrate and reach our local community throughout the season, including quiet Christmas Service to Remember for the bereaved and a packed carol service.

St Luke's aim is to continue supporting its congregation whilst responding to the needs of the parish and local community.

Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 show total receipts from collections, online giving and our Gift Day of £44,268.15. Which included Gift Aid reclaimed for 2024 as per accounts. Due to late submission however I would like to inform you all that £5,880.91 was received on the 9th April 2026 for 24/25. We received

fees of £56, and interest of £5,149. We also received contributions to Community Projects and events £4,161. Overall, the total income shows an increase of + £11,401 compared to 2024. The increase is partly due to the Gift Aid reclaim but also the difference between the planned giving and other giving which has increased in 2025. We would like to take this opportunity to say that Planned giving/Sum up/cash & Church Suite Tithe/giving for 2025 is up by £4,445 against 2024.

£57,099 was spent to provide the Christian ministry during 2025. This is up to 2024 mainly due to the church contribution to the school painting works, but also St Luke's awaiting payment from SDF for the Kitchen Refurbishment which was received in January 2026 also an increase in Church Community activities such as the 150th Celebration continued support for the Missionary work undertaken by Thais which started in 2024 and continues presently.

The net result for the year is a surplus of receipts over payments of £657.

The balances carried forward on the 31st December 2025 for unrestricted funds totalled £61,250

In addition, we received grants from the Strategic Development Fund of £115,568 during 2025 in reimbursement of salary related costs and running expenses relating to projects incurred in connection with the continued plan to grow the church.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of £61,250 on unrestricted funds at the year end exceeds this target but the trustees consider this situation to be acceptable because of the plans to grow the church significantly over the next 2 years with the support of the Strategic Development Funding provided by the Diocese.

It is our policy to invest our funds balances with CBF Church of England Deposit Fund which is managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance Trust Funds included with the restricted funds are administered by the Diocese. The Diocese holds these endowment funds as Custodian Trustee on behalf of the Parish and the capital values for 2024 and 2025 are included within the accounts. The parish has access to the income from these endowment funds but not to the capital.

Approved by the PCC on Thursday 16th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by Revd. Amy Stott



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
St Luke's, Canning Town

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 st December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1215671
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Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation's (CIO) 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 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

However, I draw attention to the following matters which, while not materially affecting the accounts, should be addressed by the PCC:

1. **The PCC maintains accounting records on spreadsheets without formalised controls or documented procedures.**
While spreadsheets are acceptable, the Charity Commission expects clear internal controls, version control, and written procedures to reduce the risk of error.
2. **SumUp and Stripe income has been understated due to recording net income instead of gross income.**
Gross income should be recorded, with transaction fees shown separately as expenditure. The PCC has acknowledged this and will correct the treatment going forward.
3. **Some expense claims lacked receipts or authorisation signatures.**
The PCC has confirmed that all future claims will be fully supported and authorised.

Subject to the points above, **I have found no other matters requiring disclosure.**

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Signed: **Date:**

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

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).

St Luke, Victoria Dock, London, E16

Receipts and Payments

1 January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Charity Commission Number

1215671

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Victoria Dock, St Luke
Receipts and payments
1 January 2025 to 31st December 2025

	2025	2024	
General Fund (Unrestricted)			
Receipts			
Voluntary income			Other Giving Breakdown
Planned giving - Direct Debit/Envelopes	25,126.38	22,991.33	Giving Via Church Suite
Collections and other giving - Sum up & Cash	10,756.84	8,446.18	Cash
Gift Day	2,498.89	2,240.90	Sum Up Giving
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,886.04	0.00	Total
Total Voluntary income	44,268.15	33,678.41	10,756.84
Other voluntary income			
Energy grant	0.00	0.00	
Donations and fees (Wedding Bans)	56.00	36.00	
Total other voluntary income	56.00	36.00	
Other income			
Contributions towards activities	4,161.91	6,574.50	
Brazil Donation	2,932.88	0.00	
Candle Collection	13.76	0.00	
Chelmsford Retired Clergy	25.00	0.00	
Donation for Missionary Work	20.00	15.00	
Donations Aderlene funeral	1,130.00	0.00	
Donation for Thais Leaving gift	0.00	229.56	
Bank interest	5,149.83	5,822.60	
	13,433.38	12,641.66	
Total receipts	57,757.53	46,356.07	Donations Made by St Lukes Breakdown
Payments			Thais Missionary work
Grants			Aderlene Donation
Parish Share	15,071.76	17,322.00	Open Doors Missionary
St Luke's School - contribution towards running costs	7,114.32	6,563.51	Brazil Missionary Trip
St Luke's School Governors	0.00	500.00	Total
Donations	6,353.00	865.00	6,353.00
Total Grants	28,539.08	25,250.51	
Parish expenses			This will be less when Amy Expenses can SDF payment and allocation
General insurance, stationery, Church supplies	8,909.30	5,709.27	
Community activities	6,346.97	4,750.48	
Music Pastor	0.00	58.00	
Sound system, hall windows, Painting/Kitchen	11,893.38	3,434.75	
Total Parish expenses	27,149.65	13,952.50	
Incumbent - telephone and broadband/Electric/Vicarage	1,411.03	2,223.02	
Reimbursement of necessary parish expenses	1,411.03	2,223.02	
Total payments	57,099.76	41,426.03	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	657.77	4,930.04	
Brought forward balance	60,592.29	55,662.25	
Total carried forward	61,250.06	60,592.29	

Victoria Dock, St Luke
Receipts and payments
1 January 2025 to 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
Jack Petchey Fund (Restricted)		
Total receipts		
Payments	0.00	0.00
Refunded		0.00
Total payments	0.00	0.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	0.00	0.00
Brought forward balance	0.00	0.00
Total carried forward	0.00	0.00
Strategic Development Funding (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Salaries/pension contributions	100,332.90	78,504.09
Activities/running expenses	15,235.53	9,128.04
Total receipts	115,568.43	87,632.13
Payments		
Salaries/pension contributions	104,596.66	85,603.95
Activities/running expenses	4,513.56	13,195.71
Total payments	109,110.22	98,799.66
Excess of Receipts over Payments	6,458.21	(11,167.53)
Brought forward balance	(10,790.57)	376.96
Total carried forward	(4,332.36)	(10,790.57)
Youth Work (Designated)		
Total receipts	0.00	0.00
Payments		
Youth expenses	4,020.32	4,966.69
Total payments	4,020.32	4,966.69
Excess of Receipts over Payments	(4,020.32)	(4,966.69)
Brought forward balance	14,620.60	19,587.29
Total carried forward	10,600.28	14,620.60
Night shelter/Food Bank		
Total receipts	285.00	1,672.04
Total payments	0.00	1,766.12
Brought forward balance	1,098.92	1,193.00
Total carried forward	1,383.92	1,098.92
Sale of Clergy House/Insurance Proceeds (Endowment)		
Brought forward balance	463,117.06	440,705.33
Revaluation	- 5,761.15	22,411.73
Total carried forward	457,355.91	463,117.06
Sale of Boyd Institute land (Endowment)		
Brought forward balance	75,000.00	75,000.00
Revaluation		
Total carried forward	75,000.00	75,000.00

Victoria Dock, St Luke
Fund Totals - Details
1 January 2025 to 31st December 2025

	Opening Balance 01/01/2025	Closing Balance 31/12/2025
General Fund		
Unrestricted	60,592.29	61,250.06
Jack Petchey		
Restricted	-	-
Strategic Development Funding (Restricted)	- 12,075.57	- 4,332.36
Youth Work (Designated)	14,620.60	10,600.28
Night shelter/Food bank	1,098.92	1,383.92
Sale of Clergy House/Insurance Proceeds (Endowment)		
Endowment	463,117.06	457,355.91
Sale of Boyd Institute land (Endowment)		
Endowment	75,000.00	75,000.00
	<u>602,353.30</u>	<u>601,257.81</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

Santander Current Account	<u>16,545.78</u>	<u>15,518.85</u>
Consists: Current account		
General Fund	27,522.43	19,633.57
Jack Petchey Fund	-	
Strategic Development Funding	- 12,075.57	- 4,332.36
Food bank/Night shelter	1,098.92	1,383.92
Santand Deposit account		
General Fund	3,672.57	3,709.78
CAF Bank Current Account		
General Fund	5,570.63	6,821.76
CCLA Investment Management - CBF Church of England Funds		
Consists of the following		
General Fund	23,726.00	31,084.95
Youth Fund	14,501.88	10,600.28
Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance		
Sale of Clergy House Fund	463,117.06	457,355.91
Boyd Institute land proceeds	75,000.00	75,000.00
Cash in hand	219.38	
General fund		
	<u>602,353.30</u>	<u>601,257.81</u>

Moved 118.72 from Youth fund to General 04.05.2025 as agreed with PCC
which has carried over from 2023