

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical
Parish of St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park, Leicester

Registered charity number: 1178009

Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council
Year Ended 31 December 2025

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**St John the Baptist Leicester Annual Report
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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the charity year ending 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual reports and financial statements of the Charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Administrative information

St. John's Church is situated on Clarendon Park Road just south of the centre of Leicester. It is part of the Diocese of Leicester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is:
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Incumbent:	Rev. John (Sami) Lindsey
Church Leader:	Scott Else
Curates:	Rev. Alexia Simpson-Smith (until June 25) Rev. David Lewis (until August 25)
Lay Readers:	Shirley Parsons
Wardens:	Fiona Aldridge, Alex Mitchell (from April 25), Huw Miles (until April 25)
Deanery Synod Members:	Piers Lindley

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members 2025/26

	Designation	Term of Office
Ex-officio members		
Rev. John (Sami) Lindsey	Parish Priest	Ex-officio
Fiona Aldridge	Churchwarden	Ex-officio
Huw Miles	Churchwarden (until 9/4/25)	Ex-officio
Alex Mitchell	Churchwarden (from 9/4/25)	Ex-officio
Rev. Alexia Simpson-Smith	Curate (until 9/6/25)	Ex-officio
Rev. David Lewis	Curate (until 31/8/25)	Ex-officio
Shirley Parsons	Lay-reader	Ex-officio
Elected Members (Must be on the Electoral Roll of Parish to be eligible for election)		
1. Jane Kendrick	Elected	2023-2026
2. Nigel (Piers) Lindley	Deanery Synod	2023-2026
3. Francisca Oloto	Elected	2023-2026
4. Charles Carr	Elected	2024-2027
5. Oliver Packer	Elected	2023-2026
6. Jillian Gray	Elected (resigned 2/9/25)	2023-2026
7. Hannah Lewis	Elected (resigned 20/1/25)	2023-2026
8. Adam Simmonds	Elected	2024-2027
9. Gordon Featherstone	Elected (from 9/4/25)	2025-2028
10. Alissa McBride	Elected (from 18/8/25)	2025-2028

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PCC Officers

Chair: Fiona Aldridge

Vice Chair: Huw Miles (until 9/4/25)

Alex Mitchell (from 23/06/25)

Secretary: James Banks (until 29/09/25)

Alissa McBride (from 29/09/25)

Treasurer: Carole Huffee (until 9/4/25)

Gordon Featherstone (from 12/5/25)

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a body corporate (Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (reg. Charity no.1178009). The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year and was fully quorate at each meeting.

The PCC has one committee, the Standing Committee made up of Incumbent, Wardens and PCC Secretary.

The Key Management Personnel are: Scott Else (Church Leader), James Banks (Director of Operations) & Micheal Corner (Director of Emerging Generations).

Risk Management and Review

The PCC recognises its responsibility for identifying and managing risks within the organisation. A working party of PCC members has identified, collated and scored risks for the PCC to manage and action as necessary.

Safeguarding

The PCC of St John the Baptist are committed to the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults.

In accordance with the Church of England policy, we have written and implemented a safeguarding policy and procedures based on 'Promoting a Safer Church'. This was formally adopted by the PCC on 24/11/2020 and last reviewed by the PCC on 23/6/2025. A copy of the safeguarding policy can be found on our website. www.sjbchurch.co.uk/safeguarding The PCC has complied with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility but it is the duty of the Incumbent, Parish Safeguarding Officer and the PCC to ensure that the policies and procedures are being followed and reviewed on at least an annual basis. Safeguarding is a standing item on every PCC agenda.

The day to day responsibility for safeguarding within St John's is delegated to the following officers:

Parish Safeguarding Officer – James Banks: jbanks@sjbchurch.co.uk

Incumbent – Revd Sami Lindsey: slindsey@sjbchurch.co.uk

Aims and Purposes

The PCC of St John the Baptist Church is responsible for cooperating with the Incumbent to promote the ecclesiastical parish and the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and management of the Church buildings and attached Parish Centre, although these buildings are not owned by the PCC, but the Diocese of Leicester. The use of these buildings is gifted to the PCC by the Diocese.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community at St. John's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship in the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Provision of pastoral care.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. John's and the attached Parish Centre.

Review of the Year – Scott Else

2025 was a year full of the complexity of life, with blessings, opportunities and challenges.

The journey to see new small groups established was a much longer task than we hoped for, but more groups will be starting early in 2026.

Sunday services in 2025 continued to provide significant highlights for us as a community. Across the year we saw lots of new people make St Johns their home, and the Lord continued to make us into a wonderfully diverse family. The festival times of Easter Sunday, Family Carol Service, Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Eve Scratch Nativity and Christmas Day communion saw large numbers attend with many guests.

Across the year our teaching series were varied as we thought about Meals with Jesus, the mission of God, Holiness of God, the book of Nehemiah, Stories Jesus Told and Lowly Power from 2 Corinthians. Our advent teaching series "He is" focussed on Jesus was an inspiring way to finish the year.

I am so grateful to those who have contributed such detailed reports on many areas church life which I hope will convey much of what happened in 2025.

Staffing

Across the year we had a stable staff team. The main change was the addition of George Glossop joining as a New Wine Discipleship Year Intern in September, he will be with us until July 2026. George is serving within the Emerging Generations team and in addition is serving our call to reach out to students.

Ali Simpson-Smith also finished her role with us in June 2025, after beginning the transition to the pioneering phase of her curacy in the previous year. She is now working across all the churches in the City Deanery until the end of her curacy.

Emerging Generations (Mike Corner)

2025 was my first full year here at SJB, and what a wonderful year it has been. We started the year with Alpha. A particular highlight for me was to hear young people talking about church in such a positive way, and how they felt a sense of belonging here. In February we launched Tiny Treasures, which reaches our toddlers, and those caring for them, with the good news of Jesus. The team do such a fantastic job that it's full almost every week. Of course, it is the depth of what is happening that really matters, and there is certainly deep sense of community there, and possibly to an even greater extent among the mums at Molo.

In April we had our first 'Easter Bake Along' where families heard the Easter story told through Skittles as they made Easter cookies to take home & bake. That proved very successful in that parents and grandparents were letting me know how the children were commenting on and asking questions of what they had heard for days afterwards. Across April- June we had over 900 pupils from 3 different schools visit us for RE lessons and school services. It is often the building or being Anglican that brings school visits to us, but all those who come get introduced to Jesus and his good news in a range of creative ways.

In May we had the last Sat Dads for the time being. While this will be missed, sometimes it is right to close one door, for another to open. Across the quieter summer period larger projects get done, and this year saw the release of our Emerging Generations Strategy. Please do ask me for a copy if you haven't seen it yet. It outlines how we are realizing the church vision, and how we seek to share Jesus as a spirit filled community.

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In September we again welcomed new Foundation Stage parents into the church for coffee and cake. Dropping your child off for the first time can be challenging, so it's a great way to show parents how closely we work with the school, and how we support families.

October saw us head off again with our young people for a weekend away of adventurous activities, and a set of sessions pointing the young people to the freedom Jesus brings from what binds us. Again, we saw God move in wonderful ways there with young people confirm their faith or make a commitment to follow Jesus. God has been at work in our regular groups also, with children learning and experiencing what it looks like to live life with God in charge.

Christmas saw a return of Joyful Creations to engage the wider community with the real nativity story, and a carol service specifically for our families to make that more accessible. We have seen some new people join our team this year, but there is always room for more! So please let me know if you would like to get involved! Finally, a MASSIVE thank you to all who are serving so faithfully in this ministry, you're fab!

Worship Team (Grace McSharry)

2025 was a mixed year for the worship team. Whilst we saw God move powerfully regularly in services, many of the team experienced difficulty in their personal lives.

To lead with the positive, St John's has continued to move forward in their times of sung worship, with more people singing out in the Spirit, encountering the Holy Spirit, and bringing words at the front of church – something we still need even more of, but is happening much more than it was a year ago. People feeling free and open in these times of worship is fundamental to the life of the church and also my ultimate desire, as encounter with God leads to transformation, healing, and freedom – something that will then change the community around us.

Particularly of note have been our times of Worship outside of Sunday mornings. Once-a-month Wednesday evenings have seen people meeting with and hearing from God in deep ways – a faithful few attend these regularly, and we would love to see the church more fully represented here. We also had a dedicated worship evening in July with prayer stations that was well attended for a first try and, was a special space where God seemed to be refreshing and restoring those in the room.

As mentioned before, the worship team has been under strain in 2025. Illness, bereavement, and other extenuating circumstance has meant losing members from the team, reduced capacity, last minute rota changes, and difficulty bringing the team together. This was hard on all, but also a powerful reminder that God moves despite us. Our prayer for 2026 is that there is less disruption for the team, so we can really feel like a family and be on the same page in our leadership of sung worship at St John's, so that we can confidently lead the congregation into God's presence.

2025 rounded off beautifully with most members of the team getting involved with at least one Christmas service, and several new members joining. I personally am excited to continue to give people space to encounter God, so that their lives can be transformed by Him.

Be Equipped (Jon Tearne)

In June we hosted two midweek discipleship tracks. The first of these was called "The Inner Life" and ran on Wednesday evenings, led by Luke and Anya Briggs. This explored various spiritual disciplines, which help to nurture a deeper life with God, such as sabbath and silence.

One of the attendees wrote following the series: *The inner Life sessions were brilliant - Luke and Anya shared honestly but demonstrated depth of understanding. I was challenged specially about keeping*

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sabbath and being intentional about it. It came at just the right time for me. Sad more people weren't able to be there. I was also encouraged in my journey to hear God prophetically.

The second discipleship track was called "Confidence in the Gospel", led by Jon Tearne, running on Thursday evenings, and sought to encourage us in sharing the gospel as an overflow of being people who follow Jesus.

One of the attendees wrote this following the series: *If, like me, you always feel guilty for not sharing your faith "enough", or feel ill-prepared, or just nervous about upsetting someone, then Be Equipped, Confidence in the Gospel is for you. Wonderfully encouraging & a real impetus to grow into this really important part of our mission. We are dependent on God, especially in this area, working with Him, asking Him to show us who He wants us to talk to & then obeying Him & walking with Him all the way. A great reminder, not only in the area of sharing our faith, but in all areas of our lives to listen, obey & trust our loving Heavenly Father.*

Compassion ministry (Rachel Lowe)

Our focus continues to be running our Trussell trust foodbank hub. Over the summer we started to see use of foodbank slow down and this continued until we had a record breaking week just before Christmas. Our headline figures are that in 2025 the equivalent of **678** 3-day packages of food were distributed (down from the peak of 968 in 2024.) This provided food for **529** adults and **237** children.

Some highlights of the year:

- Homeless food bags were introduced. We served 25 of these in 2025.
- Visiting St Georges nursery school to talk about the meaning of Harvest and collect their large food bank donation.
- Good quality food surplus collections have increased with the M&S IT issues. We continued to support the teenage hostel and congregation members in need with these.
- We were also able to then help the mother and baby hostel nearby through giving surplus food on Wednesdays as well as a craft group for asylum seeking mothers and children run by Kat Gibson.
- These relationships were then continued into our Christmas season when we blessed every setting we link to with gifts. We supported from our compassion fund for her gift bags. City of sanctuary also received a financial donation and games to support the EAL work they do with refugees. We also purchased about 50 small gifts for under the tree at foodbank over the Christmas season.
- We welcomed families from school in for gifts and provided for over 75 children at Easter and Christmas.
- We have continued to see a few regular food bank clients start to connect with church on Sundays and recently in the Christmas day service and the prayer team have been involved by praying for food bank individuals who have agreed to this.
- Prayer to start each session is now a regular occurrence and non-church going volunteers are also engaging in this.

Some Challenges through the year:

- Leadership when Rachel is not around has been a challenge.
- Food collection quantities have been difficult to predict and we need more volunteers prepared to help with this.

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Network/Plants (Sami Lindsey)

'Build a network' is one of three core aspects of our vision—not as an end in itself, but because God's heart is for the lost, the least and the broken in our city and county. His method is to make disciples, start new, and renew existing churches. God has called us to build a relational network of new and existing churches sharing missional DNA and vision. This is what it means to be a Resourcing Church.

While God's call has remained consistent, the shape of this work changed significantly in 2025. We began the year partnering with St Peter's Oadby and exploring a network of existing churches as part of the diocese's Minster Community programme. By late spring, both ceased to progress—St Peter's chose to discontinue partnership, and the Minster Community network proved unviable. Though painful, we sensed God refocusing us through these experiences.

Our heart for Oadby and Wigston remains unchanged. In autumn, we began meeting with people who share our passion to reach this area, working toward a new worshipping community. We also began exploring partnership with Enderby Parish Church, which is showing huge missional potential. We are very excited by both ventures.

In 2025, we completed the first Catalyst lay-planters cohort, taking four teams through the pathway. These included the Oadby/Wigston core group and the BeLoved Team. BeLoved—our ministry with people with additional needs—continues exploring how it might become a worshipping community. Our Wednesday morning Emmaus Community continues to thrive, and we launched a new evening congregation for young people and young adults.

Beloved (Sharon Leeson)

Cultivating spaces and communities of welcome and worship with those with additional needs and their families at the heart.

We began 2025 not quite sure where we were heading but clear that God was leading us and we were to listen, discern and follow. We were clear about our vision and use that as a plumbline to help us to discern.

We had on our heart to run a parent group and in January sensed a call to 'give it a go'. Over February and March we ran 4 pilots which we then continued running a total of 16 sessions over the year. 16 families connected with us over that time, some with children at school and some bringing their young children who have additional needs. Over the year we have built a wonderful team, including a Navigator's intern, and have connected with the SENCO at St Johns who promotes the group. She has been to visit as have reps from both local authorities and the children's mental health team. We continue to have a small number of regular that we are building deep relationships with.

The year started with a continuing relationship with a local special school. They brought pupils to run a special Easter activity with MOLO as well as helping to serve at other times.

For Easter we were welcomed back to Values to run an interactive Easter session. We retold the Easter story using drama, figures and crafts with a small group of adults with additional needs.

After Easter a member of our congregation who lives in supported living asked to be baptised. This led to some baptism chats and in September Jonny and I had the privilege of baptising her. This led to go and visit the setting for chats. There has been a welcome to come and be with them. This led to reading the Bible together and over the weeks other came over for a chat and to listen to the Bible. By the end of the year we had up to 5 residents coming and going each time we visit and lovely chats with the staff too.

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During the year Jonny has had the opportunity to talk to others in the Navigator network and myself at the Deanery synod, encouraging others to think about where God may be calling them to support and bless those who feel on the edge of society.

In September we hosted two training sessions for the children and youth teams from St Johns and HTL. During the term we had a growing relationship with a college for those that need some extra support, and they have been to help set up for the parent group and helped us to run a special Christmas session for MOLO.

After a lovely connection with another local supported living setting at their cake sale we were welcomed just before Christmas for a Nativity Roadshow. Jonny, Rohita and I had a joyful time with an interactive Nativity story, crafts and karaoke.

Rosie, Jonny and I then revisited Values with our Nativity Roadshow with 50 – 60 adults with learning disabilities.

Other highlights of the year included connecting with others who are running activities for those with additional needs, supporting a young person in the church and seeing God's amazing answer's to some impossible prayers.

2025 seemed to be a year of scattering seeds and building community. By the end of the year we could see God's hand throughout opening doors and answering prayers, and communities beginning to grow.

Alpha (Jon Tearne)

From January through to March we hosted an Alpha course, which included a Holy Spirit Day Away at St Denys Church, Evington. The course was attended by both youth and adults and provided a warm and hospitable environment to encourage and nurture young faith, as well as providing a space for those coming along with questions. In January 2026 we plan to host another Alpha course with greater potential to reach Leicester's student population.

One attendee commented that the course was the best part of their week and others were particularly impacted by the Holy Spirit Day Away.

SJB Students (George Glossop)

Our student community has been a great encouragement over the last year and has seen significant growth, not only in numbers but also spiritually. Every September the influx of new students in Leicester gives us as a church a unique opportunity to welcome them. This enables us to develop them as disciples and as part of our church family.

Church leaders attended events such as the University Christian Union's church fair to reach students and make them aware of our church and were particularly blessed with a good number of keen students (10 regularly attending) who are now involved in church life in various ways including four on the worship team and several on the refreshment team, ensuring that they are involved in wider church life.

Furthermore, we have implemented a specific student group where students can meet, have fellowship and look at God's Word together. Alongside other groups like Alpha, this is allowing us to grow students as disciples, build a network and most importantly change a city!

As we move into 2026 we aim to continue building on what we already have and to journey with those who may be seeking faith but not yet regular churchgoers, which remains an ongoing focus.

The Church Building & Parish Centre – James Banks

Throughout 2025 the main church building and attached parish centre continue to be well used to support the mission and ministry of the church and are let out to supplement church income.

The whole church building continues to be well used throughout the week by various church groups/activities, these include Tuesday Night Youth, Emmaus, MOLO, Tiny Treasures, At the Table, Alpha & many more. Much of this is facilitated but the flexibility of the main church now that the pews have been removed.

The main external user of the parish centre is 'Little John's Pre-School' who continue to use it Monday-Friday during term time. There are a selection of other ad-hoc users who use the building in the evenings and at weekends.

Throughout the year minor works were carried out around the church including and parish centre as required. In addition to this we received grant funding to replace the gas heaters in the parish centre with air-to-air source heat pumps, this not only means we now have fully functioning heating but is also reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. We also carried out some repairs on the main church heating, as this stopped working. Whilst this is now repaired, we are aware that the heating in the main church needs replacing, due to it being highly in-efficient and in the coldest times not capable of heating up the church adequately.

Throughout the year we have re-engaged with our architect on plans to develop the church buildings and make them more suitable for our current and future needs. This has been led by Adam Simmonds. Due to the nature of the building this is a long and complex process, but additionally as we explored this we felt it wasn't quite the right time to take this further so have put it on pause for now.

Towards the end of the year, we have been approached to take part in a Church of England programme to de-carbonise churches and is something we are starting to engage with. As part of this we hope to receive funding that may help us replace our heating system in the main church to move away from reliance on fossil fuels and other measures such as solar panels or batteries. We will be exploring this opportunity further in 2026.

City of Leicester Deanery Synod Report

Meeting on 18th March 2025.

The theme for the gathering, which was held at St. Christopher's church, Leicester, was Pioneering Ministry.

The evening began with refreshments, followed by a welcome and notices from Assistant Area Dean, Revd Adrian Jones. After a time of sung worship, Ali Simpson-Smith and Sharon Plant, Ordained Pioneer Ministers in the deanery gave an introduction which included a description of what pioneer ministry is, and its breadth and diversity.

Following on, pioneer ministers lay and ordained gave a short talk each about their pioneering projects.

These were as follows:

Phil Kemp - Street Pastors

Revd. Vijay Kumar - from the Church of the Resurrection, Belgrave- Pioneering in India and his plans for his new parish.

Dave King - St. Paul with St. Augustine's Church on the Community Hub

Vikkii Antill - 'At the Table' monthly gathering of women's ministry.

Sharon Leeson – from St. John's church, Clarendon Park - 'Beloved' – a new community for families with additional needs.

Revd. Sharon Plant – St. Anne and St. Paul with St. Augustine, on Wonderful Walks in her local park.

Ali and Sharon thanked the guest speakers for their contributions to the evening and invited all who have projects they are working on, or in mind to seek their support if they wished. Finally, they requested that Ali be notified of what pioneering projects were happening in the deanery so that a directory could be compiled, for the purpose of offering ongoing support.

After notices, comings and goings, the meeting ended in prayer.

Deanery Synod Report for 2nd July 2025

The theme for this meeting, which was held at Christ Church, Thurnby Lodge, was Healing Ministry.

After refreshments and chat, the meeting opened with prayer and welcome given by the Assistant Area Dean, Revd Adrian Jones.

There were six speakers. Anne Holmes, author of *'Creative Repair'* spoke about the importance of Pastoral Care (including for the clergy) and Creativity. A brief time was given over to questions at the end.

Revd Sharon and John Andrews spoke on developing a Healing Ministry within their Benefice, including setting up footcare project utilising Sharon's skills as a practitioner in that field.

Revd Hilary Lomax provided a fascinating insight into hospitals via the prism of being a hospital chaplain, home and holistic healing.

Revd Elaine Sutherland spoke about healing ministry from an evangelical charismatic perspective.

Finally, Fr Martin Court shared his experiences and insights into healing ministry at Walsingham.

The evening proved to be very interesting and informative and was reasonably well attended.

There was no meeting in November 2025.

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Church attendance

At the date of the APCM in 2025 there were 111 persons on the Electoral Roll. In 2025 the roll was fully renewed meaning that everyone had to apply again to be on the roll.

The analysis of the general attendance and participation in the life of the church was:

- There were 2 weddings, 4 baptisms & 3 funerals.
- The average number of adult attendees per Sunday during the month of October 2025 (the annual count month) was 97 (2024: 99), the average number of children was 42 (2024: 46).
- The total number of people participating in the life and worship of St Johns on a regular basis is 282 (2024: 269).

Financial Performance – Gordon Featherstone

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been prepared on an accruals basis in line with the previous year.

The key financial objectives in 2025 remained as they have been in recent years – to ensure the day to day finances of the church remain on a sustainable basis and to build financial resilience through reserves to ensure challenges can be weathered.

The overall result for the year on the general fund was a surplus of £9,785. Total income rose by £77,890 (31%) which was explained by a slightly larger increase in voluntary income. Whilst Resource church funding slightly increased in 2026 it is not currently expected to stay at his level in the coming years. The remaining portion of the outstanding legacy was received in the year. Expenditure during the year has been closely controlled by the staff team to be consistent with the budget agreed by the PCC. Parish share and Staff costs remain the highest areas of spend.

The majority of the church's reserves are held in cash, and the finance committee of the PCC periodically review the various bank accounts held to ensure interest income on deposits is optimised whilst managing risk. The small amount of debtor balances on the balance sheet are expected to be received in full in the coming year.

Reserves Policy

It is not the intention of the PCC to hold large amounts of reserves for Investment purposes, it believes the church resources should be used for the work of God's kingdom as they are provided to us. However it is recognised that it is prudent to keep some general reserves in to cover primary operational costs in the event of an unforeseen reduction in income or increase in expenditure. It is the policy of the PCC to hold reserves equivalent to three months core operating costs (gross salaries and essential operating costs) at any one time.

Unrestricted reserves held at 31 December 2025 were in excess of the amounts required under the reserves policy due to the receipt of income from legacies, which has been classified as a designated reserve. The PCC are still considering how this income will be used.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed

Sami Lindsey
Incumbent

Fiona Aldridge
Warden (Chair)

Alex Mitchell
Warden

The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park, Leicester Year Ended 31st December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park, Leicester ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA

Independent Examiner

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<i>notes</i>	Un Restricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Un Restricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024
INCOME from:							
Voluntary Income	2a	189,423	23,154	212,577	125,466	6,073	131,539
Activities for Generating Funds	2b	12,603	-	12,603	13,999	-	13,999
Investment Income	2c	8,837	-	8,837	10,407	-	10,407
Income from Charitable Activities	2d	89,750	2,017	91,767	89,401	4,060	93,461
Other income	2e	782	1,351	2,133	546	75	621
TOTAL		301,395	26,522	327,917	239,819	10,208	250,027
EXPENDITURE on:							
Charitable Expenditure							
Mission and Ministry	3a	184,886	12,261	197,147	161,233	11,369	172,602
Property, Management and Admin	3b	106,724	19,899	126,623	83,282	1,200	84,482
TOTAL		291,610	32,160	323,770	244,515	12,569	257,084
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		9,785	(5,638)	4,147	(4,696)	(2,361)	(7,057)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		9,785	(5,638)	4,147	(4,696)	(2,361)	(7,057)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:							
Total funds brought forward	12 & 13	251,840	9,582	261,422	256,536	11,943	268,479
Total funds carried forward		261,625	3,944	265,569	251,840	9,582	261,422

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	<i>notes</i>	2025	<i>notes</i>	2024
FIXED ASSETS:				
Tangible assets	6	692	6	719
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Debtors	8	17,318	8	19,012
Cash at bank and in hand		259,933		249,770
		<u>277,251</u>		<u>268,782</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(12,374)	9	(8,079)
		<u>264,877</u>		<u>260,703</u>
Net current assets		265,569		261,422
Total assets less current liabilities		-		-
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		-		-
TOTAL NET ASSETS OR LIABILITIES	7	<u><u>265,569</u></u>	7	<u><u>261,422</u></u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:				
Restricted funds	12g	3,944	13g	9,582
Unrestricted funds	12k	261,625	13l	251,840
TOTAL FUNDS	12l	<u><u>265,569</u></u>	13m	<u><u>261,422</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26/01/26 and signed on its behalf by :

Revd Sami Lindsey
Incumbent

Gordon Featherstone
Treasurer

The notes 1 to 14 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

St John the Baptist Church, Clarendon Park, Leicester is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the charity is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared as a going concern under the historical cost convention except for the valuation on investment assets where appropriate, which are shown at market value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

As a charity with an income less than £500,000 we have made use of the exemption under the Charities SORP and not prepared a statement of cash flows.

In 2020 there was a fundamental change in the basis of the preparation of the financial accounts from cash accounting to accruals accounting.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their particular use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Funds received that are subject to a restriction are held in a separate fund and used only for that purpose.

Where monies given for a restricted capital purpose are expended, the asset is no longer viewed as restricted and an appropriate transfer is made to the General Fund. This includes the payment of any related mortgage liability.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC or in the case of pledged donations when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Activities for Generating Funds

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment Income

Interest is accounted for as it accrues.

Income from Charitable Activities

Income from activities run by the church is recognised when it is due.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December in each year.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid, or when awarded if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Allocation of Costs

Costs have been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The PCC is exempted from tax under s.505 ICTA 1988, as a registered charity (reference 1132601).

Fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

The value of these assets is excluded from the accounts by virtue of s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011. Any expenditure, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off to revenue in the year it arises.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Expenditure below £500 per item is written off in the year of acquisition. Computer equipment and other equipment is depreciated over 3 years on a straight line basis.

Current assets

All amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December are shown as debtors, less a provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Provisions for liabilities are shown where an essential future cost is estimated at the year end.

Pension costs

The PCC as 'Employer' has an auto enrolment pension scheme with the Peoples Pension. All qualifying employees are automatically enrolled on the scheme and non-qualifying employees offered to enrol, at the start of their employment. Contributions are made by both employer and employee into the scheme according to their staff contract. Employers continuing responsibility and duties will be undertaken.

Donated goods, facilities and services, including volunteers

Income raised from donated gifts for resale is recognised at the point of sale where the value of the donation is considered not material in the context of total annual income and/or where the estimated resale value cannot be determined.

The organisation relies on the contribution of many unpaid general volunteers to carry out activities. In the absence of a reliable basis for measurement, this contribution is not accounted for in monetary terms.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
2 INCOME						
2a Voluntary Income						
Regular Donations	105,781	1,200	106,981	88,279	1,200	89,479
One Off Gifts	27,702	6,156	33,858	6,402	1,635	8,037
Collections at Services	8,836	-	8,836	7,709	-	7,709
Gift Aid Received	31,516	1,823	33,339	23,076	588	23,664
Legacies	15,588	-	15,588	-	-	-
Grants	-	13,975	13,975	-	2,650	2,650
	189,423	23,154	212,577	125,466	6,073	131,539
2b Activities for Generating Funds						
Room Hire	12,603	-	12,603	13,999	-	13,999
	12,603	-	12,603	13,999	-	13,999
2c Investment Income						
Bank Interest	8,837	-	8,837	10,407	-	10,407
	8,837	-	8,837	10,407	-	10,407
2d Income from Charitable Activities						
0-18 Ministries	4,345	-	4,345	4,217	128	4,345
Resource Church	71,224	49	71,273	63,284	933	64,217
Church Events	2,147	228	2,375	1,846	-	1,846
Church Fees	1,314	1,184	2,498	1,526	1,175	2,701
Staff Training	-	556	556	-	1,824	1,824
Operations Support Service	6,720	-	6,720	8,528	-	8,528
Catalyst Hub	4,000	-	4,000	10,000	-	10,000
	89,750	2,017	91,767	89,401	4,060	93,461
2e Other income						
LPW Grant for VAT	542	1,333	1,875	218	-	218
Printing Charges	122	-	122	101	-	101
Other	118	18	136	227	75	302
	782	1,351	2,133	546	75	621
TOTAL	301,395	26,522	327,917	239,819	10,208	250,027

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
EXPENDITURE						
Charitable Expenditure						
3a Mission and Ministry						
Mission Giving	17,383	-	17,383	6,793	20	6,813
Parish Share	58,500	-	58,500	58,500	-	58,500
Compassion Activities	-	4,459	4,459	-	4,518	4,518
Mission Activities	870	-	870	304	-	304
0-18 Ministies	5,604	1,500	7,104	5,559	1,908	7,467
Catalyst Hub	492	-	492	1,198	-	1,198
Resource Church	4,432	49	4,481	3,825	933	4,758
Staff Training	3,917	632	4,549	2,694	1,825	4,519
Interns	-	3,319	3,319	-	-	-
Church Events	1,601	-	1,601	1,329	-	1,329
Hospitality & Gifts	1,748	-	1,748	1,773	440	2,213
Church Services	1,710	-	1,710	2,343	-	2,343
Church Fees i.e. weddings	-	1,184	1,184	105	1,175	1,280
Hardship Grants	-	1,100	1,100	-	550	550
Ministerial Salaries and expenses	88,629	18	88,647	76,810	-	76,810
	184,886	12,261	197,147	161,233	11,369	172,602
3b Property, Management and Admin						
Church Utilities and Cleaning	19,706	-	19,706	18,166	-	18,166
Church Repairs	6,301	8,000	14,301	3,950	-	3,950
Technical maint & Equipment	2,307	646	2,953	2,901	1,182	4,083
Admin Staff Salaries & Expenses	56,772	-	56,772	49,763	-	49,763
Office Expenses	3,173	-	3,173	2,762	-	2,762
Computer Software & Licence Fees	4,047	-	4,047	3,419	-	3,419
Professional Fees	1,789	-	1,789	1,642	-	1,642
Banks Charges and Card Fees	802	11	813	598	18	616
Room Hire	-	-	-	81	-	81
Buildings Development	11,827	11,242	23,069	-	-	-
	106,724	19,899	126,623	83,282	1,200	84,482
TOTAL	291,610	32,160	323,770	244,514	12,569	257,084

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

4 STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	133,306	112,710
Social Security costs	4,231	4,218
Pension costs	6,502	5,097
TOTAL	144,039	122,025

In 2025, the PCC employed an average of 6 (2024: 6) members of staff. The full time equivalent employees were 4.3 (2024: 4.1) There were no employees who earned more than £60,000 including pension costs. The PCC contributed to a defined contribution personal pension scheme for 5 employees (2024: 5).

During the year no (2024: 1) redundancy payments were made to no (2024: 1) member of staff.

5 REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES PAID TO TRUSTEES AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

No trustee was paid for their services as trustee. Expenses incurred wholly, exclusively and necessarily for the benefit of the organisation were reimbursed during 2025 to 3 (2024: 4) trustees of £1,363 (2024: £3,328) and 3 (2024: 3) Key Management Personnel of £1,193 (2024: £274). Trustee indemnity was paid for on behalf of the trustees.

During the year Shirley Parsons, a trustee of the charity was paid £318 (2024: £0) for leading funeral services.

The total remuneration of key management personnel (including employers NI & pension) during 2025 was: £105,593 (2024: £87,442)

6 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Equipment
Cost	
Cost at 1 January 2025	4,946
Additions	499
Disposals	-
Cost at 31 December 2025	5,445
Depreciation	
Depreciation at 1 January 2025	4,227
Eliminated on Disposal	-
Depreciation for the year	526
Depreciation at 31 December 2025	4,753
Net book value at 31 December 2025	692
Net book value at 31 December 2024	719

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7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	692	-	692	719
Current Assets	272,775	4,476	277,251	268,782
Current Liabilities	(11,842)	(532)	(12,374)	(8,079)
	<u>261,625</u>	<u>3,944</u>	<u>265,569</u>	<u>261,422</u>

8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid recoverable	3,576	237	3,813	1,210
Other Debtors & Prepayments	11,924	1,581	13,505	17,802
	<u>15,500</u>	<u>1,818</u>	<u>17,318</u>	<u>19,012</u>

9 LIABILITIES : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Creditors for goods and services	11,842	532	12,374	8,079
Deferred Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,842</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>12,374</u>	<u>8,079</u>

10 GOVERNANCE COSTS

The Independent Examiners remuneration for 2025 was £822 (2024: £768).

11 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Donations of £50,066 (2024: £27,023) were received during the year from 14 (2024: 12) Trustees & their partners. No conditions were attached to these donations.

During the year the church received payments of £6,720 (2024: £8,528) from St Peter's Oadby relating to operations support services provided by the church. Sami Lindsey was a trustee of the charity and also provided interim leadership to the trustees of St Peter's Oadby until May 2025.

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12 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	notes	Fund balances brought forward at 1/1/2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward at 31/12/2025
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted funds:</u>						
Hardship Fund	12a	548	1,000	(1,100)	-	£ 448
Buildings Development Fund	12b	6,830	13,058	(19,888)	-	£ -
Compassion Fund	12c	1,595	3,657	(4,546)	-	£ 706
Third Party	12d	-	1,807	(1,807)	-	£ -
Children's Work	12e	609	1,500	(1,500)	-	£ 609
MES	12f	-	5,500	(3,319)	-	£ 2,181
	12g	<u>9,582</u>	<u>26,522</u>	<u>(32,160)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 3,944</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds:</u>						
General funds		38,340	285,807	(275,506)	(777)	£ 47,864
Mission Giving (Designated)	12h	-	-	(4,277)	4,277	£ -
Legacies (Designated)	12i	210,000	15,588	(11,827)	-	£ 213,761
Utilities (Designated)	12j	3,500	-	-	(3,500)	£ -
	12k	<u>251,840</u>	<u>301,395</u>	<u>(291,610)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 261,625</u>
Total funds	12l	<u>261,422</u>	<u>327,917</u>	<u>(323,770)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 265,569</u>

12a Hardship Fund - Discretionary fund used to support those suffering financial hardship, granted at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens.

12b Buildings Development Fund - Funds given specifically for the purpose of redeveloping the St John's buildings.

12c Compassion Fund - Funds given towards the compassion work of St John's with those in need within the community.

12d Third Party Fund - This includes transactions such as diocese fees that were received and paid directly back out.

12e Children's Work Fund - Funds given specifically towards work with children.

12f MES - Funds given specifically towards the students on the CofE Ministry Experience scheme.

12h Mission Giving (Designated) - As part of the church's 'Mission Giving' 10% of donations + Gift Aid is given away to external 'Mission Partners'. Any amounts not given are transferred in to this fund. During the year £4,277 was transferred into this fund from general funds.

12i Legacies (Designated) - This holds legacies set aside for future investment. This fund was previously named as Hoyes Legacy.

12j Utilities (Designated) - Funds resulting from historic utilities claim that have been offset against current utility bills, with the balance carried forward for use in future years. During the year £3,500 was transferred from this fund to general funds.

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13 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS (Prior Year)

	notes	Fund balances brought forward at 1/1/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward at 31/12/2024
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Restricted funds:</u>						
Hardship Fund	13a	731	375	(558)	-	£ 548
Buildings Development Fund	13b	8,012	-	(1,182)	-	£ 6,830
Compassion Fund	13c	810	5,313	(4,528)	-	£ 1,595
Third Party	13d	-	4,521	(4,521)	-	£ -
Children's Work	13e	1,340	-	(731)	-	£ 609
SAT DADS	13f	1,050	-	(1,050)	-	£ -
	13g	<u>11,943</u>	<u>10,209</u>	<u>(12,570)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 9,582</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds:</u>						
General funds		24,178	239,820	(244,156)	18,498	£ 38,340
Church Planting (Designated)	13h	14,498	-	-	(14,498)	£ -
Mission Giving (Designated)	13i	360	-	(360)	-	£ -
Legacies (Designated)	13j	210,000	-	-	-	£ 210,000
Utilities (Designated)	13k	7,500	-	-	(4,000)	£ 3,500
	13l	<u>256,536</u>	<u>239,820</u>	<u>(244,516)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 251,840</u>
Total funds	13m	<u>268,479</u>	<u>250,029</u>	<u>(257,086)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 261,422</u>

13a Hardship Fund - Discretionary fund used to support those suffering financial hardship, granted at the discretion of the Vicar and Church Wardens.

13b Buildings Development Fund - Funds given specifically for the purpose of redeveloping the St John's buildings.

13c Compassion Fund - Funds given towards the compassion work of St John's with those in need within the community.

13d Third Party Fund - This includes transactions such as diocese fees that were received and paid directly back out.

13e Children's Work Fund - Funds given specifically towards work with children.

13f SAT DADS - Funds given specifically towards the SAT DADS group.

13h Church Planting (Designated) - During the year it was decided to close this fund and transfer the balance of £14,498 to general funds.

13i Mission Giving (Designated) - As part of the church's 'Mission Giving' 5% of donations + Gift Aid is given away to external 'Mission Partners'. Any amounts not given are transferred in to this fund.

13j Legacies (Designated) - This holds legacies set aside for future investment. This fund was previously named as Hoyes Legacy.

13k Utilities (Designated) - Funds resulting from historic utilities claim that have been offset against current utility bills, with the balance carried forward for use in future years. During the year £4,000 was transferred from this fund to general funds.

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14 GRANTS	2025	2024
Giving to Missions, other organisations and individuals:	£	£
New Wine	500	500
Transforming Lives for Good	-	1,909
Open Doors	-	1,909
The Bridge Leicester	-	1,909
The Bridge East Midlands	-	150
SLCP	-	10
The Navigators - UK	3,100	-
St John's School - Bibles	207	206
Christian Aid		220
The Myriad Collective	3,100	-
Interserve (Kat Gibson)	3,100	-
Just Earth	3,100	-
Total Grants	13,107	6,813