



**ST BARNABAS
with
CHRIST CHURCH
REPORTS 2025**

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PRIEST IN CHARGE REPORT 2025

We spent the weeks before Advent last year in a Season of Prayer. It was Reinhold Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer that emerged as our focus. As we review the life of our parish, we do so through his lens of seeking the serenity to accept, the courage to change, and the wisdom to know the difference.

GOD, GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE

St Barnabas remains a church at the heart of its neighbourhood, which is a gift for community life but does mean that car parking is limited. Christ Church is part of a shared building arrangement, which inevitably makes its use a little more complicated to organise. Our church hall is a source of steady income for us but comes with the challenges of shared use as well. Both churches depend on buildings that require ongoing maintenance and care. Against this backdrop, ministers (even bishops!) come and go, and the parish continues to carry its responsibility to pay Ministry Share and partner in the wider life of the diocese. Crucially though, as with the whole of the voluntary sector, parish life relies on a core of ordinary, wonderful people offering generous time, energy and financial support.

COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN

For us, 2025 was a year of trying things out. We ran our one-year experiment with the Blockbusters after-school club and are encouraged at the way this enabled us to get to know more of our school families. With the ending of Mainly Music we began working with iSingPOP, opening a new connection with schools through singing and collective worship. In order to take advantage of lighter warmer evenings, we ran ABIDE groups in the weeks after Easter, giving chance for people from all the churches of the cluster to meet for reflection, fellowship and worship. We have appointed a new architect to help us with our buildings. We enjoyed a VE Day 80 with the students of the choir and orchestra of Bishop Perowne.



AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Discernment in parish life usually happens through a number of small habits rather than through grand decisions. We pay attention to where people show up with energy and where something quietly fades away. We listen carefully to conversations after services and in small groups, where people often speak more honestly than they do in meetings. Patterns over time often tell us more than single events, and working with the other churches of the cluster helps widen our perspective. Scripture also has its place in shaping how we reflect on parish life, sometimes through simple structured practices such as *Stepping Stones*. In these ways the parish continues the patient work of listening before deciding what to do next. Whilst we make choices to introduce quiz nights, and also to close Sunday Crossroads, much of the life of the church is not planned in quite that way. It arrives through people: newcomers and returners, couples preparing for marriage, the grieving finding community. This is why, I believe, we are in good heart in our life together.

LIVING ONE DAY AT A TIME, ENJOYING ONE MOMENT AT A TIME

Much of the life of faith in a parish unfolds through steady, repeated acts rather than dramatic moments. Season in, season out we share the stories of scripture in schools through Open the Book, and the chaplaincy team welcomes year groups from Bishop Perowne into church. Rotas of readers, musicians and intercessors enable our services week by week. Home communions continue quietly in living rooms and care homes. Behind the scenes the parish magazine is prepared, the social media pages are updated, tea is made after services, and in due season the Christmas tree is put up again. If we could take a photograph of every moment, the life of our parish would fill gallery after gallery!



ACCEPTING HARDSHIP AS THE PATHWAY TO PEACE

Parish life also carries its share of difficulty. At times a much-loved activity has to come to an end because the small group who sustained it for years can no longer carry the responsibility. Buildings demand attention through repairs, heating, accessibility or maintenance that quietly absorb time and energy. Some people come and some go, and the life of the church is continually adjusting to those changes. New initiatives do not always gather momentum, and sometimes good ideas simply run their course. Volunteers can grow

tired. Disagreement, too, is part of parish life, often arising precisely because people care deeply about the future of the church. Yet these moments are not signs of failure; they are simply part of the ordinary landscape through which parish life moves, and through which peace is often found slowly rather than quickly.

TAKING, AS JESUS DID, THIS SINFUL WORLD AS IT IS, NOT AS I WOULD HAVE IT

During 2025 the wider world has rarely felt far away. The news continues to be marked by war and unrest, and even here the signs are visible in everyday life: flags raised in solidarity, flags waved in protest, and sometimes flags used to draw lines between neighbours. Worcester is not immune to these currents. Parish life does not take place in a sheltered corner of the world; it unfolds within it, and so, as Jesus always did, we seek to bless in the midst of the mess.

TRUSTING THAT YOU WILL MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT IF I SURRENDER TO YOUR WILL

In the end, parish life is carried as much by trust as by effort. We make plans, organise rotas, try new ideas and care for buildings, yet the deeper work of the church is not ours alone to accomplish. Week by week we gather for worship, follow the lectionary, pray for the world in our intercessions, and share bread and wine, deliberately placing the life of the parish back into God's hands. Within that steady rhythm the seasons of the church year carry us further: dwelling with the Passion narratives through Lent, meeting online and in person for prayer using the ABIDE resources, journeying through the summer with *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*, marking the *Abundant Harvest* season together in the autumn, and standing with the children whose Christingles lit up our Christmas celebrations. In these ways our worship returns the life of this parish again and again to the care and faithfulness of God, whose will for us is always to lead us into light and life.

SO THAT WE MAY BE REASONABLY HAPPY IN THIS LIFE AND SUPREMELY HAPPY WITH YOU FOREVER IN THE NEW CREATION TO COME

The life of the parish therefore continues in the same spirit with which it began: ordinary people gathering to worship God, to care for one another, and to serve the community around them. There will always be things we cannot change, things we must try, things we must discern, and moments of both hardship and joy along the way. Yet

through it all the church keeps faith with the quiet hope at the heart of the gospel: that the life we share now is already part of the larger life God is preparing, and that the small acts of prayer, welcome and service offered here week by week are not wasted but gathered into that greater promise.

THE COLLECT FOR BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Revd Sarah Northall

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT 2025

As the Bishop's officer, a churchwarden has a duty of care for the clergy and represents and communicates with the congregation. The warden is also responsible for the care and management of the church building and its contents.



INVENTORY

My thanks go to everyone who helped with the Inventory this year which has been made much easier thanks to Margaret Gandon's excellent work in re-writing it. A long and arduous task.

FABRIC

The Fabric committee had a busy year, with the church building and appointing a new architect. I have appreciated all that they have done.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Sue Sykes and other volunteers have continued to lead Open the Book at St. Barnabas school. The chaplaincy team led assemblies at Bishop Perowne C of E College and have also welcomed both schools for various services and activities in church. It is wonderful that our schools are coming into church so often. IsingPOP began followed by IsingSunday which is monthly on Sunday afternoons, attended by new families.

Green Lane Preschool continue to meet in the church hall during the week.

MUSIC & AUDIO VISUAL

A thank you to John Hocking for playing the organ for some services and for recording music as needed. We are so fortunate that our band numbers have increased with the addition of 2 young people. The band leads the music for services twice a month. I am grateful to those who operate the audiovisual system on Sundays.



WORSHIP

Thanks go to all the ministers and lay people who have led our services – Revds. Sarah Northall, Rosie Moss, Andy Gandon and Nick Kaleniuk. Also, Julie Berrow (Licensed Lay Minister), Chris Walker and Sue Sykes.

Thanks to all the readers and those who led intercessions. The 10am weekly Wednesday service continued and the Prayer Chain met regularly monthly.

FINANCE

I appreciate all the work that our treasurer Aidan Melarkey and also John Dentith have done during the past year.

There has been a full year of services at St. Barnabas, with a few services at Christ Church. We celebrated the 140th anniversary of St. Barnabas church in June with an open air service, followed by light refreshments and a magnificent cake made by Helen Platt.

We have had a number of social events throughout the year which have been most enjoyable, including the Worcester Brass concert in December when £400 was raised for Sensory Matters.

I should like to acknowledge and express my gratitude for the contributions of other people who help so much in the life and smooth running of our church, quietly and unobtrusively. Our secretaries, assistant churchwardens, vergers and committees. The person who sets up the coffee bar and the coffee makers, flower arranger and cleaners. The person who fills candles with oil and programmes the church heating. Those who set up the sacraments for Communion services, not forgetting the website and social media organisers. In addition, I am grateful to those who helped at Christmas with the tree, decorations and the Nativity scene. It is a joy to acknowledge the contribution of our young people to our church life.

There are so many people to thank as everyone brings their own gifts to enhance our worship.

Finally, thank you to Sarah for leading St. Barnabas and Christ Church in worship and prayer. I appreciate all Sarah's hard work and dedication.

Mary James

PCC SECRETARIES' REPORT 2025

The PCC met on seven occasions in 2025. The 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in church on the 11 May and was followed by a short PCC meeting to elect Standing Committee posts.

In between those meetings specialized sub-committees met to discuss and process appropriate matters, subject to the approval of the PCC. Minutes of the sub-committees were submitted for approval as necessary. The sub-committees were: Parish Hall, Mission Giving, Worship, Events & Publicity, All Age Outreach and Fabric. Our Eco Representative continued to be Sue Martyr.

PCC meetings began and ended with prayer or the grace. Agendas, minutes of previous meetings and reports/sub-committee minutes were collated by the joint secretary and circulated to PCC members via email prior to each meeting. Attendance at PCC meetings during 2025 was approximately 71% .

In no particular order of significance, items on PCC agendas, additional to finance and general administration, during 2025 were:

Website and domain name

Safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults

Health and Safety

Changes to Ministry Share

Christ Church building restoration and future use

iSingPOP initiative

Car parking and pedestrian access

Church guttering

Fundraising for the new electric piano

TV monitor for Christ Church

Replacement Church Inspecting Architect

Flags on lampposts

Worcester Concert Brass concert
Nicholson Pipe Organ tuning

Jackie Campbell Joint Secretary
John Dentith Joint Secretary



FINANCE REPORT 2025

(Vicar's summary for PCC 9.3.26)

The accounts of St Barnabas with Christ Church were independently examined and no matters were raised requiring attention. We continue to operate on a stable financial footing, with total funds at the year end of £130,959, including £41,712 in restricted funds and £82,506 in designated reserves. The accounts show a net deficit of £9,074 in the General Fund for the year, reflecting rising costs across areas such as gas, electricity and insurance together with lower levels of one-off donations. This deficit relates to the day-to-day running of the parish and does not affect the designated or restricted funds that are held for specific purposes. The church hall performed well financially, with increased income and reduced repair and maintenance costs resulting in a stronger surplus from hall activity. Congregational numbers are showing signs of growth, while planned giving has remained at roughly the same level, so the financial effects of that growth have not yet been reflected in giving patterns. The parish continued to support its wider mission, distributing £3,959 to local, national and international charities through the Mission Fund. The parish paid £36,000 in Ministry Share during the year, supported in part by LinC funding. For 2026 the Diocese has set a lower Ministry Share request, and the PCC has committed to contribute £10,000. This reduction comes at a helpful moment, giving the parish an opportunity to reset and recalibrate its finances while patterns of attendance and giving continue to develop. Seen in this light, 2025 can be understood less as a deficit year and more as a year of financial transition.

WORCESTER AREA DEANERY SYNOD 2025

The Worcester Area Deanery met for three Synods during 2025, with an average attendance of around 39 members, alongside a well-supported Ascension Day service and a widely attended Deanery

Prayer Event. The year has been marked by strong participation, thoughtful learning and a shared commitment to prayer, mission and mutual encouragement across our churches.

Our March Synod focused on ministry with children and young people, with contributions from Simon Hill (iSingPOP), local youth leaders and parents, highlighting the importance of creativity, partnership and realistic expectations across the Deanery. In July, hosted at Martley, we welcomed our new Area Dean, Revd Kalantha Brewis, and explored Climate Justice and the Diocese's Net Carbon Zero commitment, with input from Revd Sue Adeney (Eco Church) and practical discussion about sustainable buildings and lifestyles.

Our November Saturday gathering centred on the themes of Fellowship, Discipleship and Stewardship, with contributions from parish leaders and Chris Ottershaw, Diocesan Stewardship Officer, introducing the Cornerstone resources to support financial sustainability. Throughout the year we also received diocesan updates on safeguarding, racial justice and ministry share, with parishes contributing over 71% of the requested total.

We give thanks for a year of collaboration, leadership transition and renewed vision as we continue to grow together in faith and service.
Paul Fulbrook (Worcester Area Deanery Secretary)

ST BARNABAS w CHRIST CHURCH WORSHIP 2025

The pattern of services was broadly as follows:

SUNDAYS:

- 1st - "Something Else Sunday" (SES).
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th – Eucharist
- 5th – Cluster service



SES moved to 3rd Sunday towards the end of the year.
"Crossroads" on Sunday evenings continued into 2025.
"i-Sing Sundays" takes place monthly on Sunday afternoons.

WEDNESDAYS:

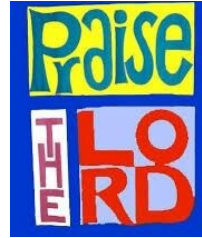
Midweek Eucharist (3rd of the month, Service of the Word)

Services were led by Revd. Sarah Northall, Revd. Rosie Moss, Revd.

Diane Cooksey (St Nicholas), Revd. Nick Kaleniuk, and Revd. Andy Gandon (retired priest in the parish), including Holy Week, Easter and Christmas. Services of the Word are led by Chris Walker (ALM) and the lay team on Sundays, and by Julie Berrow LLM, Sue Sykes or Pippa Hawkins on Wednesdays. In addition, Archdeacon Nikki Groarke preached at Christchurch ending our “Forty Days of Summer” on Old Testament stories (31/8).

SEASONAL & OTHER SERVICES:

- Mothering Sunday SES (30/3)
- Ash Wednesday (5/3)
- Quiet hearts, Quiet minds: A series of talks on Exodus, with Compline (13-16/4)
- St Barnabas Patronal (8/6)
- Harvest (SES) 6/10
- Remembrance Sunday with uniformed organisations (9/11)
- Crib and Christingle Service (24/12)



Schools’ services took place for St Barnabas’ Primary School and Bishop Perowne C of E College at Easter and Christmas. St Barnabas’ Leavers’ service was held in church in July.

Julie Berrow

PASTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

Members of the committee meet formally three times a year, but are in regular contact with each other regarding any pastoral matters which may arise throughout the year.

Formal meetings focus on reviewing the names on the weekly pew slip, home and communion visits, prayer requests and those known to us who may have asked for support. A model home visiting risk assessment check list has been reviewed and an adapted model will be used in the case of new referrals where home visits have been requested. The committee also discuss church events where pastoral representation can be supportive e.g. school and children’s events, special services, social events and in regular worship sessions. Committee members are also members of the prayer chain which continues to meet monthly. Members of the committee are compliant with safeguarding requirements, the lone working policy as adhere to confidentiality protocols.

Much of the work of the committee members involves befriending, telephone calls and visits, as requested by members of the congregation.

I am extremely grateful for the support and work undertaken throughout the year by Sue, Marian and Pippa which helps to ensure a welcoming, caring and supportive environment for both visitors and regular members of our church congregation.

Julia Adams



OPEN THE BOOK REPORT 2025

In January 2025 we began with the Christian Value Story for the Value for that half term and then with Old Testament Stories from the Storyteller Bible.

I was a grateful for the assistance of Brian Penson from St Wulstans and Vanessa Haddleton whose organizational skills in keeping the costumes and props in some sort of order and producing *stickers* for the participants each session I have much appreciated.

Jenny Oakley organizes the school end of our weekly visits, and I am very grateful for all that she does

September saw the start of our 18th year of Open the Book at St Barnabas School and we continued with the new Storyteller scheme while included the Christian Value Stories for each half-term's Value. Vanessa and Brian Penson have continued to help on alternate Monday mornings and I am very grateful for all their help and enthusiasm.

As ever, Sarah Cotton and all the Staff at St Barnabas have been wonderfully welcoming and supportive and my thanks go to them and the fabulous "Tech Teams" for keeping us on the straight and narrow and making Open the Book the success that it is.

Sue Sykes

EVENTS GROUP REPORT 2025

The Events Group met a number of times during 2025 to organise social events which were as follows:

- Burns Night supper in January with Scottish dancing.

- A Beetle Drive was held in March with a donation plate for the piano fund.
- A quiz night run by Revd. Sarah Northall was enjoyed by many.
- After the outdoor St. Barnabas day service, coffee and cakes were served with a special birthday cake (made by Helen Platt) being enjoyed to celebrate the church's 140th anniversary.
- Our parish picnic was held on the green with a quiz & games.
- Instead of a Harvest lunch, a bring and share lunch was enjoyed after the Patronal Festival at Christ church in November.
- The Worcester Brass Band concert in December was most enjoyable with proceeds being sent to Sensory Matters.
- Carols on the Green, was enjoyed by nearly 40 people.

Mary James

ECO CHURCH REPORT 2025

The church and individuals have kept environmental issues in the forefront of their actions, and is evidenced by the continued recycling of blister packs, paper, card, plastics, the use of fair share products, LED lighting, locally sourced flowers, and walking, cycling and car sharing where appropriate.

Prayers were said weekly for creation, the Creator and the environment.

Regular environmental articles have contributed to the Parish magazine, including: sustainable tips for Christmas, food waste, No Mow May, awareness of salt marshes, trees, and an interview with environmentally focused Tina Peach. Parishioners were invited to have a say on wider county issues: Local Cycling Walking and Cycling Infra structure Plans (LCWIP) and Public Rights of Way (ROWIP).

There has been a continued effort to achieve the Gold A Roche Award and the updated Award surveys (Nov 2024) were distributed across the PCC aiming to embed care for the environment into the whole of church life.

The surveys consist of:

- buildings and energy



- land and nature
- community and global engagement
- worship and teaching
- lifestyle

Thanks must go to the whole of St Barnabas for the care of the Creator's world, ensuring a future for all.

Sue Martyr, Eco Rep

MUSIC REPORT 2025

The music remains in a fairly steady state this year. The Band has contributed greatly to the music with instrumentalists joining and departing. We shall particularly miss Jonathan Kimber and his 'cello, but we have been delighted to welcome Ava Wysocki on bass guitar.



There has been some additional work required of Brian Giles coping with the broken electric piano and using the portable instrument each week, and we are grateful to him for his work in making adaptations to transition to a replacement instrument. At the time of writing we are pleased to report that a new Roland instrument has now been purchased and installed. Fund-raising for the purchase is now complete, grateful thanks to all concerned.

The digital organ has reached its 5th anniversary and has proved its value, adding a richness of tone colour and volume to the singing. Its location is a boon to the player, placing them within the body of the church alongside the congregation making it much easier to hear and see what is going on. The recording facility has also proved its value on numerous occasions.

Whilst the Nicholson pipe organ has been tuned and maintained during this period, it is now little used and continues to show signs of deterioration. Much of this is due to its age and general condition, but its lack of continuous use will also have contributed. The PCC had previously determined to continue with the expense of tuning and maintenance for these five years only.

John Hocking

SAFEGUARDING 2025

During 2025, the PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (to have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults).



The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is a vital part of our church life. We need to promote a safe environment for everyone, offering support when needed. This is everyone's responsibility. Safeguarding is on every PCC agenda when Rachel Chalmers, the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) reports on any safeguarding issue. She reports on any updates from network meetings run by the diocesan safeguarding team.

Anyone working with children or vulnerable adults need a DBS which has to be renewed every 3 years. Safeguarding training also has to be renewed every 3 years. There are various courses - Leadership course for everyone in a leadership role; Basic Awareness and Foundation courses for PCC members and those who are involved in children's and vulnerable adults work.

The PSO also shares data provided by the parish dashboard which is an online tool keeping all the necessary safeguarding records together within an easy system that informs the PCC whether they are compliant with safeguarding requirements. It helps to keep track of safeguarding in our church and keep up-to-date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements. My thanks to Vanessa who is helping with administration work.

The PSO reports on procedures, roles and training, safer recruitment and people management guidance.

Thanks to Pippa who continues to have responsibility for Safer Recruitment and People Management guidance.

Members of the diocesan safeguarding team are very supportive and helpful. There is information on posters at the back of church with



details of local and national organisations as well as diocesan and church details.

If you have any questions or safeguarding concerns, do contact Rachel Chalmers, Rev. Sarah Northall or a member of the PCC.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout the year in my role as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Rachel Chalmers

FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

Although there were no major projects delivered during the year, the Committee continued to meet regularly to monitor the condition of the church and ensure that it is well maintained.

Last year's report highlighted that certain stretches of guttering were insecure and in need of attention. Safety measures were put in place and a selection process was undertaken to find a specialist contractor to carry out remediation work. Five companies were invited to submit quotes and after due consideration the Fabric Committee was able to recommend a company to the PCC.

It has always been difficult to gain vehicle access close to the West door. This is a particular problem for people with reduced mobility and for funeral vehicles. The existing concreted area and pathway around the narthex is in poor condition and needs resurfacing. Current access from Church Road is narrow and consequently restricted. Quotes were sought to undertake resurfacing of this area, together with the widening of the entrance. The tendering and selection process is nearing completion, which will enable a recommended contractor to be approved by the PCC.

The Committee ensured that the statutory duties were carried out in respect of health and safety, fire safety and legionella.

The completion of redecoration and refurbishment of Christ Church enabling it to be returned to purposeful use was overseen by the Committee.

Philip Adams Chair of Fabric Committee



CHURCH HALL REPORT FOR 2025

Green Lane Preschool continued to use the hall during term time Monday – Friday. At other times there were church functions, meetings and private hirings. Thanks to Julia and Rachel who organised the bookings, opened and closed the hall and made sure everything was ready for the following week.

A Communications Meeting is held every year to discuss any issues with St. Barnabas school and Green Lane Preschool.

The hall was used as a Polling Station in May.

The heating boiler and gas hob were serviced and also the fire alarm and fire extinguishers. Many thanks to those who faithfully do the jobs around the hall – replenishing the paper towels and toilet rolls, checking the fire alarm, carbon monoxide alarm, emergency lighting and the water temperatures to help prevent Legionella. Thanks to Mary, Rebecca, Rachel and Saira.

The inventory was checked in the summer and some equipment cleaned. Many people came and helped with us – thanks to you all.
Bill Chalmers

MISSION FUND REPORT for 2025

Group members are: Ann Bryant (Chair), Jackie Campbell and Marian Bailey.

Each year the Mission Fund receives 10% of the previous year's Planned Giving Scheme and the Sunday morning service plate collection.

Group meetings are usually held quarterly, a decision is made regarding the amount of the donation and to which charity. PCC

members receive minutes of the meeting prior to the next PCC for approval. The chairperson notifies each charity or organisation of the donation, which is usually made via a bank transfer. The church treasurer authorises the bank transfers, details of which have been sent by the chairperson. A list of the donations is always put on the mission notice board and in the magazine.

During 2025, a total of £3,800 was donated to seven local charities, two national and three international charities/organisations. A full list is at the end of the report.

Each year brings its own challenges as to whom to donate to and the amount to give. This year a donation was made to Christian Aid's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.

The Mission Fund support the Diocese Mission Links with Morogoro in Tanzania, Lima in Peru and Friends of the Holy Land and the Diocesan Link with the School of Joy.

The Diocesan Lent Appeal 2025 was for the Diocese of Morogoro, Tanzania. This was to help and support the newly created Morogoro Bible College Scholarship Fund with the costs of tuition and board for catechists, evangelists and pastors from the mission parishes across the Diocesan of Morogoro.

Locally, the mission fund always supports the Maggs Day Centre; St Paul's Hostel/ Day Centre and Worcester Foodbank, together with small local charities such as New Hope.

John Dentith organises the Children's Society Coin Box collection throughout the year, which raised almost £170 this year. John also delivered Harvest food donations to Maggs Day centre, together with Christmas donations from the congregation at the Nativity service and the "Maggs' Board Christmas Star Appeal, whereby Christmas messages to church friends are written, together with a donation, instead of sending Christmas cards. Many thanks to John, once again, for all his hard work and to all who contribute to this annual Christmas Maggs' collection. This year the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal was for St. Paul's Hostel/Day Centre and, once again, it was organised by Mary James and her band of helpers – thank you to everyone who helped and donated gifts for the boxes.

Two Quiz Nights were organised in the Church Hall, the first raised £159 for Christian Aid Week and £125 was raised for Worcester

Foodbank. Many thanks to Rev'd Sarah Northall and everyone who helped to make these evenings so successful.

In December a Brass Band Concert was held at St. Barnabas Church in aid of Sensory Matters (previously named Sight Concern) which raised £410. Many thanks to Mary James and the Events Team and to everyone who came, making it such a success.

Finally, on behalf of the Mission Fund, sincere thanks to everyone who supports the Planned Giving Scheme and all the congregation of St. Barnabas with Christ Church for their continuing support.

Ann Bryant

On behalf of St. Barnabas with Christ Church Mission Fund

2025 MISSION FUND DONATIONS

LOCAL:

Maggs Day Centre	£300
New Hope	£300
Onside Independent Advocacy	£300
St Paul's Hostel	£300
St Richard's Hospice	£300
Sensory Matters (new name for Sight Concern)	£300
Worcester Foodbank	£300

NATIONAL:

Church Urban Fund	£300
The Farming Community Network	£300

INTERNATIONAL:

Diocesan Lent Appeal for Morogoro Bible Scholarship	£300
Christian Aid's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal	£500
USPG Harvest Appeal 2025	£300

TOTAL DONATION'S FOR 2025

£3,800



