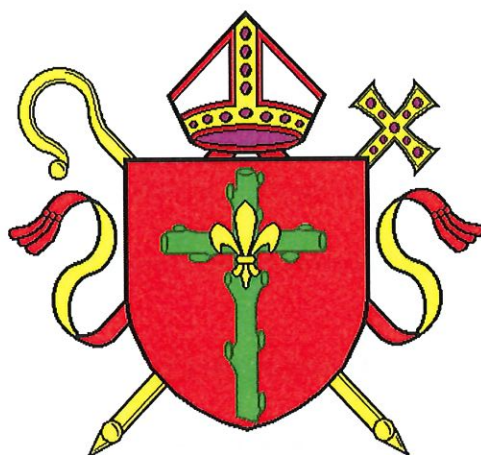


ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

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The Committee met on four occasions during the year:

13th March 2025

5th June 2025

2nd September 2025

4th December 2025

MEMBERSHIP

Rev Canon E Jarosz MA VG (Chair)

Mr David Lawes (Chief Operating Officer)

Mr Roy M Lewis BA (Hons) MA (Arch Cons) MRTPI IHBC

Ms Margaret Goodall MA (Oxon), MSocSc, IHBC

Rev S Dye BA STB VF

Dr Ana Souto BA MA PhD

Mr Peter Smith BSc (Hons)

Mr R Stocks, BA DipArch(Leeds) Architect

Mr James Gillick

Rev John Farrell

Mr Mark Stewart

Mr Patrick Jezewski (HCC Secretary)

Committee members were re-appointed by the Bishop in January 2023 for a further three years.

Dr Ana Souto stepped down with her last meeting being on 4 December 2025.

RESUME OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Meeting of Thursday 13th March held in Chapter Room, Cathedral House, Nottingham.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing — internal redecoration of the eastern chapels and ambulatory called ‘NLHF Restoring Pugin project and associated works’ - Development Stage

The conservators completed the development phase works and Nottingham Trent University (NTU) completed their conservation computer game and monitoring the environmental issues within the Cathedral. The NLHF delivery grant application is awaited.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing - Chapel Roof repairs & rainwater goods. Roof, valley gutter and rainwater goods repair
The works completed on 15 March 2025.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing - sand blasting of paving from the hall to the Cathedral House to decrease the risk of slipping
The works completed on 16 January 2025.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing – assessments regarding the heating, environment and damp issues
The Cathedral architect will proceed with investigation regarding ground water issues as part of developing a longer-term proposal for the heating of the Cathedral. Fire detection / alarm proposals will also be developed in tandem with these works.

St John the Baptist Melton Mowbray - Grade II Listing - annexe to church providing disabled access and a parish hall
Works started on 17 February 2025. On the 24th of February 2025 the HCC Secretary circulated information about the Faculty Condition no 1 and it has been discharged.

The Good Shepherd, Nottingham - Grade II* Listing - concrete repairs
Sample repair tests started on 17 February 2025.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby-de-la-Zouch – grade II listed – Church external decorations and fabric repairs
Following QIR and a structural surveyor's report the parish sought permission to carry out necessary high-level like for like repairs. The Committee agreed that proper supervision is required for this project, and the Parish will be asked to appoint an architect or surveyor accredited in conservation to review the existing specification and oversee the works to ensure repairs are carried out in accordance with good conservation practice and are like for like.

Meeting of Thursday 5th June held in the Gilbert Room, The Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing - NLHF Restoring Pugin project and associated works - Delivery Phase
The Delivery Grant was confirmed on 2 April 2025, and works are planned to start in the summer.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing - Chapel Roof repairs & rainwater goods. Roof, Valley Gutter and Rainwater Goods repair
The works were completed on the 14th of April 2025.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing – assessments regarding the heating, environment and damp issues

Design Team Meeting took place on 31 January 2025, and the recommendation was to change malfunctioning water pump. This would improve water circulation and distribution to the radiators. If necessary, the next step would be to flush the system.

The Good Shepherd, Nottingham - Grade II* Listing - concrete repairs

As the meeting took place at The Good Shepherd, the Committee visually inspected the trial repairs and was very pleased with the results. The Parish will now try to secure funding.

St John the Baptist Melton Mowbray - Grade II Listing - annexe to church providing disabled access and a parish hall

Construction process is underway, and on 6 May the HCC Secretary circulated information on the Faculty Conditions no 2 and no 3 and they have been discharged.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby-de-la-Zouch – grade II listed – Church external decorations and fabric repairs

Repairs are underway and planned to complete in December.

St Mary, Loughborough – grade II listed – Internal lighting replacement

The parish sought permission to replace the main Church lighting with LED equivalents to reduce energy consumption. Existing cabling and locations were used.

St Mary, Loughborough – grade II listed – Refurbishment of the organ and console and permanent move of the organ console to its original location next to the organ pipes.

The parish sought permission to service the organ pipes and console and then move the organ console back to the purpose-build choir loft where the organ pipes are mounted. The reinstatement of the organ console to the choir loft will be undertaken using a wireless system installed in the choir loft.

Cathedral Church of St Barnabas – grade II* listing – fire detection system

Following Fire Risk Assessment recommendation approval was sought to install fire detection system. The drawings showing locations of lighting and switches as well as the equipment photos were available at the meeting.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough – Grade II listing – plaster repair on the sanctuary wall

The Parish sought approval to repair the plaster on the sanctuary wall. No concerns were raised and an architect accredited in conservation will be overseeing the works.

Meeting of Thursday 2nd September held in Chapter Room, Cathedral House, Nottingham.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing - NLHF Restoring Pugin project and associated works - Delivery Phase

The Delivery Grant was confirmed on 2 April 2025. The scaffold was erected at the end of August, and the works began at the beginning of September 2025. The Committee agreed in principle to the proposed locations of the paint windows.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing – assessments regarding the heating, environment and damp issues

Design Team Meeting took place on 31 January 2025, and the recommendation was to change malfunctioning water pump. This would improve water circulation and distribution to the radiators. If necessary, the next step would be to flush the system. This was agreed to be delayed until floor opening is carried out.

The Good Shepherd, Nottingham - Grade II* Listing - concrete repairs

Following the visual inspection of the trial repairs the parish did not find sufficient funding as the proposed solutions were focused on repairs rather than a permanent solution to the problem. Alternative proposals will be explored.

St John the Baptist Melton Mowbray - Grade II Listing - annexe to church providing disabled access and a parish hall

Construction process is underway. All the Faculty Conditions were approved at the earlier meetings. No actions were required from the Committee at this meeting in this matter.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby-de-la-Zouch – grade II listed – Church external decorations and fabric repairs

Repairs are underway and planned to complete in December.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing – additional means of escape via Sacristy corridor.

Following the Fire Risk Assessment recommendation, the Cathedral Architect provided a compliant additional means of escape via the Sacristy Corridor. The proposed works are essential for life safety and represented the least invasive option.

Meeting of Thursday 4th December held in Chapter Room, Cathedral House, Nottingham

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing - NLHF Restoring Pugin project and associated works - Delivery Phase

The Delivery Grant was confirmed on 2 April 2025. The scaffold was erected at the end of August, and the works began at the beginning of September 2025. The project is progressing well. After the meeting, members were invited to undertake a short tour of the relevant areas to review the works undertaken to date.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing – assessments regarding the heating, environment and damp issues

Design Team Meeting took place on 31 January 2025, and the recommendation was to change malfunctioning water pump. This would improve water circulation and distribution to the radiators. If necessary, the next step would be to flush the system. This was agreed to be delayed until floor opening is carried out. No actions were required from the Committee at this meeting in this matter.

The Good Shepherd, Nottingham - Grade II* Listing - concrete repairs

Following the visual inspection of the trial repairs the parish did not find sufficient funding as the proposed solutions were focused on repairs rather than a permanent solution to the problem. Alternative proposals will be explored. No actions were required from the Committee at this meeting in this matter.

St John the Baptist Melton Mowbray - Grade II Listing - annexe to church providing disabled access and a parish hall

The construction process is underway. All the Faculty Conditions were approved at the earlier meetings. The project architect advised that owing to delay in the windows production and supply the new completion date is 17 April 2026.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby-de-la-Zouch – grade II listed – Church external decorations and fabric repairs

Repairs are underway and planned to complete on 5 December.

St Barnabas Cathedral - Grade II* Listing – additional means of escape via Sacristy corridor.

Following the Fire Risk Assessment recommendation, the Cathedral Architect provided a compliant additional means of escape via the Sacristy Corridor. The proposed works are essential for life safety and represent the least invasive option. No actions were required from the Committee at this meeting in this matter.

MEMBERSHIP

- Rev Canon E Jarosz MA VG, Parish Priest, HCC current Chair, member of the Cathedral Chapter, member of the Bishop's Council, College of Consultors, Council of Priests, Board of Directors, member of the Ecumenical Commission, Inter-religious Co-ordinator, member of the Ecclesiastical Education Commission, member of the Building and Sites Committee and Health and Safety Committee, took over as Chair of the HCC following the resignation of Monsignor McGovern.
- Ms Margaret Goodall, MA(Oxon), MSocSc, IHBC, appointed to the HCC after consultation with the Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies (JCNAS). Churches Officer at the Victorian Society (1995-1999); Conservation Officer at the War Memorials Trust (2000-2003), 2003-2013 Senior Cathedrals Officer in the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division (Archbishops Council, Church of England) and Deputy Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England and since May 2013 Education and Training Manager at the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).
- Mr Roy M Lewis, BA (Hons), MA(Arch Consv), MRTPI, IHBC. BA (First Class Honours) Town and Country Planning, Trent Polytechnic, 1978. MA (Distinction) Architectural Conservation, De Montfort University, Leicester, 1996. Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI) since 1980. Member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) since its inception in 1997. He sits on the East Midlands Branch Committee of the IHBC and represents the Institute nationally on the Urban Design Alliance (UDAL). He has been employed

as a Conservation Officer for the following Local Authorities: Chesterfield Borough Council (1985-8), Gedling Borough Council (1988-9), Newark and Sherwood District Council (1989-2001). From 2001-2002, he worked as a consultant for Latham Architects, specialising in conservation and urban design. He is now in partnership – Grover Lewis Associates – actively involved in Town Planning and the Built Heritage matters.

- Mr James Gillick, practising artist/conservator

- *Vacancy* - representing the Council of Priests

- Mr Peter J L Smith BSc (Hons) Social Studies (Geography and Sociology, Salford University, 1973), Post Graduate Diploma in Town Planning, Trent Polytechnic, 1975, Member (now retired) of the Royal Town Planning Institute since late 1970s, Affiliate Member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, Planning Assistant, Policy and later Development Control, Nottingham City Council, 1975-2002, Principal Conservation Officer, Nottingham City Council, 2002-2012, retired 2012. Now a member of Nottingham Civic Society with a passing interest in planning applications in the City.

- Dr Ana Souto BA Art History, MA, PhD Art history, PhD Spanish and Latin American Studies, Senior Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University since 2007. Her research interests lie in architecture as a cultural manifestation of national identity. In this context Ana dealt with the search for national identity in post-revolutionary Mexico, and the 1929 Iberoamerican Exhibition in Seville. More recently, her research deals with architecture and its relationship with memory, manifested in the construction of memorials, museums and the maintenance/ destruction of traces. These themes are currently being analysed using participatory methods and co-production of knowledge as part of multidisciplinary approaches and collaborations. She has supervised a number of PhDs in the area of conservation of heritage, and is currently a Panel Member of Nottingham Heritage partnership (Carrington Street Area Townscape Heritage Scheme). Her research has been published in academic peer review journals, and disseminated through international and local exhibitions. Representing architectural or art historian with knowledge of 19th or 20th century ecclesiastical architecture and design.

- Rev John Farrell - a member of a religious congregation whose congregation owns property in the Diocese.

- Mr David Lawes, Diocesan Chief Operating Officer, responsible for the financial administration of the Diocese.

- Mr R Stocks, BA DipArch (Leeds) Architect, representing the Diocesan Art and Architecture Commission, which has been subsumed by the Diocesan Building & Sites Committee of which Mr Stocks is a member. Mr Stocks was appointed by the Bishop on 16th February 2023. Mr Stocks' career has spanned some 50 years covering a broad area of architecture including works to listed buildings whether repairing, restoration or finding new uses, repairs to church structure and fabric, redecoration and quinquennial reports. Mr Stocks was a senior lecturer of architecture at the University of Huddersfield for 9 years and spent 9 months in Tanzania developing a new degree course in Architecture and Building at the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

• Mr Mark Stewart, accredited by the RIBA as a Specialist Conservation Architect (SCA) and an Architect Accredited in Building Conservation (AABC).

He has worked as a commissioned architect for Historic England and the National Heritage Lottery Fund and is a former Trustee of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). He is also the Joint National Amenity Society representative to Coventry Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and an architect member of Litchfield DAC. Mark's specialist knowledge of the historic built environment encompasses both the preservation and repair of historic buildings, and the development of constructive solutions to difficult planning issues.

LISTED BUILDINGS

BUILDINGS LISTING GRADE	I	II*	II
Churches	1	3	16
Private Chapels	-	-	3
Presbyteries	-	-	11
Church Halls	-	-	1
Total Listed Buildings = 35			

BUILDINGS CONSIDERED AS BEING WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION FOR LISTING AND REQUIRED TO APPLY TO THE HISTORIC CHURCHES COMMITTEE ON A NON STATUTORY BASIS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Churches	14
Private Chapels	-
Presbyteries and other structures	4
Church Halls	-
Total Buildings = 18	

FINANCE

The running costs of the Committee during the year 2025 are borne by the Diocese and are not separately identified. The member responsible for financial matters for the Diocese and HCC Secretary are the only persons directly employed by the Diocese and encompass HCC matters in their normal duties as Diocesan Chief Operating Officer and Head of Stewardship / Property Manager respectively. Committee members have been invited to submit travelling expenses for attending meetings.

APPEALS

None.

ENCLOSURES

Minutes of the meetings for the year ending 31st December 2025.

RECORDS

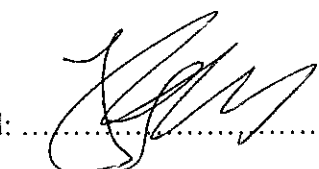
All Committee Records are available for Public Inspection by arrangement.

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Signed by Rev Canon E Jarosz MA VG
Chair

Signed:  Dated: 3/8/2026

Signed by Mr Patrick Jezewski
Secretary

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