St. Martin-in-the-Fields,
Finham, Coventry

Charity Commission Number 1133962

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council For the year ended 31st December 2025

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS, FINHAM, COVENTRY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2025.

AIM and PURPOSE

St. Martin's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church Hall, Fellowship Room and Community Hub of St. Martin's.

The PCC is a charity that is registered with the Charity Commission, Number 1133962.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St. Martin's Church is situated in Green Lane, Finham, Coventry. It is part of the Diocese of Coventry within the Church of England.
The correspondence address is: The Vicarage, 136 Green Lane, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EA.
The PCC is a body corporate, operating under the PCC Powers Measure 1956 which came into effect on 2nd January, 1957 and the Church Representation Rules (within Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, as amended).
Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules.
At the 2001 APCM a resolution was adopted for 12 elected members to serve on the PCC. (This depends on the number on the electoral roll) Members elected would serve for a period of three years and one third of the elected members would retire annually. Retiring members would be eligible to offer themselves for re-election.

There are 102 parishioners on the new Church Electoral Roll, of which 48 are not resident within the parish. This allows for nine members for PCC. All those attending St. Martin's are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The average church attendance on a normal Sunday in 2025 was 85 in person and many watching on live stream.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCC FOR 2025 WAS:

Vicar: Rev Matthew Taylor
Curate: Rev John Samuel
Curate: Rev Liz Goodwin
Ordinand: Mrs Rachel Douse
Church Warden: Mr David Foxwell
Church Warden: Mrs Ruth Khan

Representatives on the Deanery Synod
Dr John Elton (Diocesan Synod)
Martin Bint (Deanery Synod)

9 Elected Members
3 Deanery Synod Members

Re-election
2026
1. Fran Armitage
2. Jackie Cubitt
2027
1.Andrew Spencer
2.Tina Watkins

2028
Helen Spencer

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT and OBJECTIVES
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.

The full PCC met 7 times during the year. The PCC has Working Teams which meet and report to the PCC, the Standing Committee meet before the PCC, on a bi-monthly basis. The Teams meet between PCC meetings minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

The Standing Committee has a core of seven members who are Rev Matthew Taylor, Rev John Samuel, Rev Liz Goodwin, Mrs Jackie Cubitt, Mr Andrew Spencer, Mr Dave Foxwell and Mrs Ruth Khan.

Standing Committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee also oversees the monitoring of income and expenditure and the preparation of the annual budget. It oversees the work of the building sub-committee which ensures that the Church, Church Hall, Fellowship Room, Community Hub and grounds are maintained in a high standard of repair and cleanliness and oversees the use of the premises.

PUBLIC
BENEFIT
The PCC continues to support and encourage a wide and growing number of church and local organisations, including the Mothers' Union, Monday Seniors and a variety of youth orientated entities.
The PCC continues with its basic mission of providing an opportunity for all in the area and further afield to join in worship and celebration of the Sacraments of the Church. All are welcome to join in our services either in person or via Live Stream.

VICAR'S REPORT - REV MATT TAYLOR

This past year, we spent time thinking about Paul and the need for transformed lives, our verse was 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.' ROM 12:2.
We thought about how Jesus' words where often echoed in the words of Paul, and that by our thinking being transformed by the Holy Spirit we are given strength to live lives that glorify God.

We welcomed Liz Goodwin to join us as a curate, but she just missed her planned ordination as deacon because Flo' arrived early. Finally, she was ordained in July. It's been wonderful to get to know Liz and of course Arthur and Flo', and great to see her ministry grow and flourish at St Martin's.

Each year there are so many people who I should thank, but I only have space to briefly highlight just a few people's efforts. Firstly, I want to thank Dave and Ruth for doing such an excellent first full year as my church wardens, Andrew our treasurer and all our PCC. I am continuously grateful to all our paid staff, for all their hard work and commitment, for Jackie (Bint) with all her administration work to do with busy church life and of course the enormous job of running our hall bookings. A special mention to Rosemary and Stan who continue to run Seniors each week, which is an incredible and invaluable gift to the community of Finham. For our Worship Teams, our 9am church choir and our band, Emma and Geoff, who every week work hard to help us to lift our praises to God. The team who run the Repair café once a month on a Saturday and the men's group every Friday. Jackie (Cubitt), who is very probably the best safeguarding lead in the Diocese, and for everything else she so expertly oversees behind the scenes for us every week, to ensure the practical smooth running/housekeeping of all our weekly services, and for all who assist her in that. To Mary (and helpers) for all the beautiful flower arrangements through the year, and to our gardening and general maintenance teams. So many to thank, where do I stop ….

Difficult times
We can't let this year go by without recounting those we have lost who are now in the arms of Jesus. Andrew Barclay, Owen Shelton, Gail Brigden and Cath Bennett. We lost Sandra's dad this year too. It has clearly been most difficult in particular for those closest to them, but we also share the sadness of all that loss as a church family.

Now to highlight a few different areas of the mission of our church community:

Youth & Children's Work
If you have read the reports, you will see all the diligent work that both Lisa and Wendy have put in over the past year. The young people's and children's work are thriving.

A special thank you to Lisa, who left her season as Youth Enabler (a few weeks before writing this report) with the youthwork in good shape.

We continue to enjoy fantastic relationships with our local primary schools and are looking at moving forward in our relationship with Finham Park. Secondary school.

Last summer, we saw a well-attended Holiday Club, focused on the story of Jonah.

St Martin's Church Gospel Choir
This year, our church's Gospel Choir has flourished, providing a great platform for building community and singing praise and worship songs together, gospel songs old and new, which has been proven to have positive effects on mental health and physical wellbeing. Within the past year, the choir has put on two well attended and vibrant concerts, one by invitation at Princethorpe College to celebrate the Catholic Church's

Jubilee year in June, and the second as a charity fundraiser at St Martin's in February (2026), on Valentine's Day. The choir continues to attract new people, and currently has around 50 members.

Revive
Our coffee shop continues to be a blessing to our community. Alison has been leading the team through an immensely busy period as the shop becomes increasingly popular. Continuing each week to think up and create new and tasty treats is quite a task! Plus, once again, Alison and the team have achieved a five-star food hygiene rating with their professional and diligent approach.

We are continuously grateful to our team of volunteers who staff the coffee shop with hard work and dedication, creating a welcoming and inclusive space for people of all ages. We have welcomed two new members to the team this past year: Namkha, our Barista, in February, and Lou, our second chef, in October. Here is a recent review: 'Absolutely stunning cafe. Clean, tidy, lovely staff and most importantly, amazing food. We were in the area at a show, looking for a breakfast and a coffee. I cannot recommend this place enough! 5 out of 5.' I was also told the story of a woman who had recently lost a number of people over a short period of time and just wanted to come and sit and have a coffee in Revive. There are many more positive reviews and stories of people who have encouraging things to say of our coffee shop and what it means to them.

Prayer Ministry team,
I wanted also to highlight our prayer ministry team led by Tina. They have become very much part of our 10.45am services each week. I know that many of you will testify to how the team's provision of this valuable ministry has helped them connect with God. Thank you all so much.

Baptism & Confirmations with Bishop Sophie
Though it was only a few weeks ago, I thought I would mention the wonderful service of Baptism and confirmation led by Bishop Sophie. It was so good to see people we know, nurtured and loved by this church family, publicly committing their lives to Jesus. It was a joyful and moving celebration.

Rachel
Finally, this is the last APCM where Rachel will be a member of this church. She has been an incredibly hard-working and active member of the St Martin's community. We will say a proper goodbye, but it's important that I mark this point at our APCM. As I wrote in her report to her college: 'She is a valued and valuable member of the team here, she and her ministry will be missed, but collectively we are excited for the next part of her journey.'

God is Good and we have seen him work among us.

CURATE'S REPORT – REV LIZ GOODWIN

At the start of 2025 we had moved back to Coventry and I was just finishing off my maternity leave. I was officially due to be starting at St Martins in April, but it felt right for us to start coming as a family to St Martins to worship. Those first couple of months felt like bonus time. We were so warmly welcomed by the church family, and having the opportunity to sit at the back and receive was such a blessing. It also gave me an opportunity to spectate from the back, which gives a helpful alternative view from standing at the front. Through this year I've had "mum Sundays" once a month when I can bring my two and sit in the congregation (on the odd occasion Flo lets me sit!). Just like the first few months of the year, these Sundays give me a wonderful opportunity to experience stepping outside of leadership and experience church as most people do. These Sundays are not always easy, bringing a toddler to church is challenging, and it's a

helpful reminder of the challenges and barriers that many people face in coming to church. However, I've felt so supported by the church family on my "mum Sundays" and I'm so grateful for that.
I started working in April, not yet ordained, but thankfully that didn't stop me from being included. I remember saying to Matt I was worried that if I joined when I wasn't ordained I wouldn't be very busy. I remember the polite but confident reassurance that not being busy wasn't something I needed to be afraid of at St Martin's – how right he was! I hit the ground running, joining Year 4 from Stivichall Primary, and Finham Primary to do Easter Cracked, on my first two days. Then it was into Holy Week, joining in with the agape meal, and co-leading the hour at the cross. The 6 weeks leading up to my ordination was a blur, and a steep learning curve of learning to boundary my time and always run things past Matt – I was a little keen! It was so wonderful to be so supported by people from St Martins at my ordination in June. I was ordained deacon; the role of deacon is a distinctive role that all priests must inhabit before they are ordained priest. The role of a deacon is one rooted in servanthood. Servanthood is foundational for all people who are priests, as demonstrated by Jesus who served his disciples at the Passover meal. Being a deacon is a foundational year, and in this year I've tried to be intentional inhabiting this role. The deacon is described as someone who "goes out", to serve the community into which they are called, and to bring back to the church the needs of the community. The deacon is also called on to serve those who are part of the body of Christ but are unable to attend church. With Matt, I have created a new service for Holy Communion by extension. This has enabled me to take communion out to members of our church family who are housebound or in hospital. It can also be used by members of the pastoral care team as they feel appropriate. Taking communion by extension to members of the church family has been such a blessing for me, and for those I've visited. They've said that it enables them to be feel connected to the church which has meant so much to them. Due to the nature of St Martin's ministry – going into the schools to deliver lessons and assemblies, being part of stay and play, and bat and chat, doing a monthly shift at Revive, I have felt enabled to meet and serve the community as they come into our building. These experiences have challenged, encouraged and blessed me, and played a key role in forming me as a deacon.

As well as the community facing elements of St Martin's, being part of the range of services and traditions at St Martins has been a real blessing in developing my ministry. Over the Advent and Christmas period in particular I loved the opportunity to work alongside different members of the congregation in co-leading different services. This variety and range of voices has brought a richness to my experience and has deepened my learning.

As we look towards 2026, I'm looking forward to what the year will bring, with an exciting start of baptisms and confirmations, and looking further ahead to my priesting and beyond. I feel incredibly blessed to have been called to St Martin's for my curacy. The help, love and support of the church family, church wardens and Matt has been indispensable, thank you all!

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT

Both churchwardens, Ruth and Dave would like to thank Stan McCarthy for his time spent as churchwarden and for his input to supporting Dave as he took on the role in joining Stan. We would particularly like to thank Stan for his work on Gift Aid and for continuing this task throughout 2025. Ruth Khan was appointed as Churchwarden at last years APCM. Ruth joined Dave Foxwell and together they have had several areas to tackle in the attempt to get through some of the tasks that had to date not been overseen.(Dave would just like to say a massive word of thanks at this point to Ruth for the amazing help and support she has been and her incredible knowledge in getting tasks complete which were proving difficult to move forward.) Changes have been made to the following areas: internet provider and also the provider of the fire safety equipment, management and overseeing of the alarm system. Both moves to different providers has enabled a better-quality service as well as reducing the cost previously being spent. Maintenance work has been a large area to oversee, which has included the Bell Tower receiving the maintenance work required to keep it in good

order, and there is continued work that Is progressing well with work required on the drainage system around the church and other areas, as well as liaising with builders to oversee the repairs required on the wall at the back of the church. Repair work to the fellowship room roof and to the Revive coffee shop roof has also been overseen. Through the support of funding raised by the scouts, there is also a new garage roof in place. New contractors have been sourced to support work with plumbing needs and electrical needs to ensure work completed meets the requirements of the Coventry Diocese. There has been funding pursued to organise St Martins having a defibrillator cabinet which is also now accessible to the local community as well as to those visiting St Martins. Dave and Ruth have brought back together a working party to support maintenance needs around the church, which will include overseeing the decoration of the hall at some point hopefully later this year. There has also been organised a cleaning party with the first major event being the thorough clean of the church and fellowship room, which took place in early December last year ready for the Christmas festivities. It has been a challenging 12 months working through the extensive list of jobs needing doing, however the churchwardens would like to thank everyone who has supported them. There is a lot of organising which is not always seen that takes place, from organising contractors to complete the work, emails at all times of day and night to achieve this, on site visits and telephone calls and some tasks have been more challenging than others. There is still a way to go with other projects needing longer to see the effects take place. However the re-installation of the HOPE sign is a reminder to all that anything is achievable with the right attitude.
Ruth Khan and Dave Foxwell Church Wardens

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER REPORT

Report to follow.

YOUTH ENABLERS REPORT

Senior school Age children.

We have tried to follow this structure and we feel that Youth provision during 2025 has offered these steps.

Step 1 First Contact Step 2 Communication building Step 3 Gospel exploration
Step 4 Discipleship building Step 5 Growing in calling

Community Bat & Chat (Youth club) Wednesday 3:00-4:30

This offers a safe space for young people who may or may not have an existing contact with the church to come to a technology free space. We provide opportunities for young people to stay active and learn new skills. We use this space to encourage New ideas, creativity & change.
We encourage young people to step out of their comfort zone to try new crafts & games.

The community provision is almost funded itself. We don't charge to enter but suggest £1 is sufficient to buy a snack and drink. All money from tuck sales is paid back in to the youth funds. At the end of every session we run a group game where an individual prize is given or prizes are won by a group. Teams are picked at random to help with team building and everyone always looks forward to this part of the session. Prizes are £1 bags of sweets or at times if 'sell by dates' are short we give a selection of tuck to the winners.
Craft table - Simple crafts which can be completed in 30 minutes. (These crafts are mostly repurposed/ ablrecycled items and made for others) Seasonal window displays are completed by

this group. Active games - Pool Te/ badminton/ ping pong/dart board/basketball/ golf/small games table.
Below are attendee numbers at community sessions for 2025. Currently we have mostly boys who attend. 5 young people have no connection to the church. 4 of the attendees have been introduced by friends. On weeks where numbers dip, we are told by parents via email that the young person is ill or at a school event or on occasions weeks of strike action. It is great that we have regular attendance and parent/ carers see this provision as a weekly club.

Jan 2025	**Feb 2025**	**Mar 2025**	**April 2025**	**May 2025**	**June 2025**
7, 6, 9	**6, 9, 8**	**9,7,8,7**	**9,8,9**	**9,7,8**	**8,8,7,7**

July 2025	**Aug 2025**	**Sept 2025**	**Oct 2025**	**Nov 2025**	**Dec 2025**
8,9	**no groups**	**6, 8, 9**	**8, 9,8, 9**	**12,10,8, 9**	**11,11**

Volunteers

This group currently runs with 3 leaders

Youth Enabler - Key holder and First Aid trained (comes early to put out tables)
Volunteer 1 - comes in early to put out tables
Volunteer 2 - comes at 3:00 (3 young people come from Bishop Ullathorne in car, therefore club need to be ready to open for 3:00)
Youth Enabler Attends every session and is the allocated First aider. A weekly information email is sent to all parent carers, inviting them to all sessions throughout the week. Including Sunday groups and 'one off' invites such as Gospel choir concert, Revive coffee shop, Christmas/Easter/ All Age services etc. The youth/ Parent link is weekly and inclusive whether a member of the church or not. (unless they have opted out of receiving mail from us GDPR)
We have been told by the volunteer leaders that they feel part of a team and feel valued. I think it helps that the youth enabler sends out a weekly team email to leaders to confirm attendance, this ensures a constant 2 way communication system where leaders feel valued. They aren't taken for granted & prayer needs can be met along with any concerns they may have.

Afterparty Bible studies Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30

Youth Enabler Attends every session and is the allocated First aider/ Key Holder. This group currently runs with 2 leaders, one of which is the Youth enabler.
Volunteer 1 comes in while the Community group is on and puts out tables and cooks food for Bible studies, this cannot be done earlier as the fellowship room is in use.

This group is to Nurture people at different stages in their Christian Journey and Deepen Discipleship. The Afterparty provision helps us to gain a better understanding where the young people are in their faith journey. We felt led to deliver a creative Genesis bible study on Wednesdays which we feel was the start of new beginnings for our young people. We created resources to make a mini creation story and delivered sessions on The book of Genesis and Creation. It spun over 20 weeks and included Eco studies. We invited guest speakers in, from the local community. Our resident Beekeeper came in, Finham recycling visited and we also organised seedling swop days. The young people learned about growing flowers, fruits etc from members of the congregation and our allotment leader gifted lots of plants. The young people took home plants to nurture. We included taste tests and tried butchers farmed sausages and fair trade chocolate. Created a beach scene & thought about plastic swaps.

It is with great thanks to our safeguarding lead Jackie Cubitt that we were able to offer this unique study and have people in from the community. This was of great interest to our young people and we feel this was the beginning of a successful Bible studies group.
We then moved into a season of learning about the parables which took us from September to the end of the year.

Below are attendee numbers at Afterparty sessions. This group of young people are all boys with one girl and all of them apart from 2 are actively involved in church. 2 come with a friend to the community Bat & Chat and stay for the Bible studies having no other connection to the church!
2 attendees cannot arrive until 5ish. We choose to plate them up hot food to eat when they arrive.
This way we can start the group session together when everyone has arrived and those coming from further afield don't miss the study

Jan 2025	Feb 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025
9,6,9	6,8,10	7,5,7,7	7,8,7	9,8,6	7,7,7

July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
7,5	no Group	6, 6	7, 7, 6, 6	7, 7, 6, 3	10,10

Opportunities for Young people to serve

We have tried to find ways the young people can safely serve in church to complement their skills and personalities, some opportunities to serve are listed below:
Help in the service, Collection plate, Vision desk, Sound desk, Keyboards, Drums
These young people who are part of the Church family, took part in various services over Christmas including 10 young people were part of the Nativity, acting, reading verses, family prayers etc. it was a joy to have both young people and their parents/ grandparents be part of this season.

Sunday Youth Group
Each Sunday session is planned around the verse read in church to encourage families to talk together when home about what they learned.
The planning is made up of an Ice breaker incorporating a 'How are you' question to get the young people talking.

There is a section where we unpick the verse. This part of the lesson is often made up of Questions to engage the young people and get them to join in with conversation and thoughts. We have a fun object lesson (often an experiment) or a craft to complete which beds in our learning.
We finish off with a prayer (often we have prayer requests, we pray together as a group)
Young people are happy to open in prayer and read the verse. They enjoy creative and visual learning a lot.

Numbers of attendees below for Sunday groups.

This Does Not include 'Older Youth' of Senior school age who are in the worship band, vision, sound etc.

Jan 2025	Feb 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025
6,8,9	8	3,3,6	7,4	8,4	7,3,6,5

July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
8	no groups	6, 5, 5	5, 3	7, 5, 6, 6	7, 10

Youth Enabler attends every session and is the allocated key holder. No separate first aider needed. Would use the one allocated for the church service.

Prayer Gathering
This small gathering happens every other week on a Wednesday PROMPT 13:00-13:20
To enable this to be open to all, we gather to pray for youth provision in general. We do not discuss individual names.
We have prayed for the senior school relationship to blossom. For Volunteers & young people in general. The Afterparty content and much more. We have most definitely seen prayers answered.
An invite is sent out every 2 weeks and we gather in the Narthex. If it falls on a school holiday, we miss the session. We do this so that it can be placed yearly in a person's diary and they can attend just one session a year or every session we hold!
The vision was to outgrow the narthex space. This hasn't really grown in numbers, however there is a core of people who have continually supported it and we are most grateful for this.
Youth Enabler sent a welcome card to the new Head teacher of Finham Park school. From this he made contact with Matt the vicar and invited him to Finham Park Comprehensive Carol concert.
2 new leaders came on board to serve the youth team and the timing was perfect.
5 young people are planning to be baptised/confirmed during March 2026 and 2 family members of the Young people.

Volunteers
We have a small but devoted group of volunteers. This year we have been delighted to be able to run The Wednesday Afterpart Bible studies with continuity as the same leader has gifted time each week to be at the

session with the youth enabler. All our volunteers are encouraging, creative and exceptionally good at communicating with our young people and we couldn't run provision without them.
Volunteers have an annual one to one with youth enabler to check volunteer/ life balance, training needs, worries, concerns and very importantly thankyou's. These were all completed during the summer and don't need reviewing again until July 2026. Leaders are given risk assessment, role description, safeguarding documents etc at this meeting to read and thanked for their time and commitment. Feedback is asked for and any training needed/ requested is sorted out. The youth enabler/ volunteer relationship is very good and communication is ongoing weekly.

Youth Enabler requested to help at following days

12th March 2025 - Attend stay and play to put out items and clear up and chat with families as family worker cannot be there. 7th April 2025 - A day of Easter Cracked schools
work
8th April 2025 - A day of Easter Cracked Schools work
8th July 2025. - School transition assembly
6th Aug 2025 - Holiday Club set up
7th Aug 2025 - Holiday club full day (Outdoor planning and delivering activities)
10th Sept 2025 - Help with stay and play set up
8th Dec 2025 - Christmas unwrapped all day (Styvechale school)
9th December - Christmas unwrapped (Finham school)

Thrive Youth ministries

June 12th 2025 - Attended a Warwick and Coventry area Youth workers network event. This was excellent and great to meet up with other Youth workers.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS MEN'S GROUP

Good Neighbours would like to thank St Martins for the use of the fellowship room for the men's group during 2025. It has been another good year where we have seen most members stay within the group and new members join. It is common to have upwards of 15 people within the group. A common theme amongst those joining is loneliness caused by the loss of a long term partner, at a time of great sadness the group is proving a great source of strength and support. The group proves a great outreach into the community showing the love of Christ in a real and practical way. The men also consistently use the coffee shop sometimes having something to eat prior to the meeting. We would also like to thank Alison and her wonderful team on providing a great Christmas meal. This day became very special as Colin was able to join us, in what case it turned out to be the last time the group saw him. Some of the men have also started going to seniors on a Monday wonderfully run by Rosemary and Stan. The men's group provides such an important lifeline to many, I constantly have feedback from members who are so grateful for having a place where they can come and make new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment.

VOLUNTEERS

Our thanks are given to all those who freely give of their time, talents and treasure to all areas of the church's ministry, from banking, dealing with Gift Aid, working with children, The Revive Coffee Shop, the Gospel Choir, Pastoral care, administration and all those other tasks which together fulfil the holistic role of St Martin's both in the Church and in the wider community. Thanks too to our Vicar, Curates John and Liz, the Churchwardens Dave and Ruth and all on the PCC for all their hard work in 2025, particularly Jackie Cubitt our PCC secretary who works so hard to ensure the APCM happens efficiently. We look to the future with confidence. We remember our Reader, Andrew Barclay, who suffered from MND and passed away last year, Andrew is greatly missed.

EMPLOYEES

We are particularly appreciative of Jackie Bint our Parish Administrator who did a great job also administering our Hall Bookings, our part time Children and Family worker Wendy Foxwell, who continues to make great connections with our local schools and has done a wonderful job running Stay and Play and Lisa Clamp our part time Youth Enabler who has deepened relationships and grown numbers, all of which make a significant contribution to the mission of St Martin's as we seek to help people Explore Faith, Love Jesus and serve our community.

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Once again, it has been a really busy year, updating the Parish Dashboard and Hub, requesting DBS checks, sending for references and making sure everyone covers the training they are required to cover for the role they have.

We were asked if we would trial a new addition to the Parish Hub during the year, which has really saved time as when the DBS checks were completed they were sent straight to the Hub instead of having to enter each one individually.

We continue to safely recruit volunteers for The Revive Coffee Shop, thank you to those volunteers for filling in forms, taking the Basic Safeguarding Training and for those who have completed references.
I would like again, to say a really big thank you to everyone who either works with children, volunteers at Revive or members of the PCC Prayer Ministry Team, for complying with all the regulations, filling in forms and completing the Safeguarding training. All PCC's in 2024 had to undergo the Domestic Abuse training although now this has changed and applies to all people working with children. We still ask our PCC to continue to keep up to date with the Domestic Abuse course as well as the Foundation Pathway. The Safeguarding training continues to be online. A big thank you to Lisa and Wendy who have completed so many Risk Assessment forms for the groups during the year as the guidelines change.
In August the company, APCS, who dealt with the DBS checks were breached and for a while checks were put on hold. The Diocese decided to start working with another company Thirtyone eight and after a while of understanding the new guidelines, it is working fairly well.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Disciplinary Measure 2016, which imposes a legal duty on the PCC *to have due regard to guidance issued by the House of Bishops on matters relating to the safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.*

Safeguarding Training Overview Pathways that need to be refreshed……

The Safer Recruitment process continues to be used for everyone in the majority of roles within the church. This includes completing an Application form, Confidential Record form and references being requested. For those who have responsibilities for managing others, they are now required to complete the Safer Recruitment and People Management online Course. We continue to keep up to date with the Parish Dashboard, even though it is continually changing. The Parish Dashboard forms the Action Plan from the Safeguarding Policy adopted by the PCC eight years ago and is a great asset, making sure all safeguarding regulations are adhered to. There are three levels and I am pleased to say that we continue to be on level three.

Safeguarding is high up on the agenda at every PCC meeting so the PCC have regular updates and receive up to date information on Safeguarding and the Action Plan from the Parish Dashboard, Policies and procedures. Please do ask if you would like to know more about the Parish Dashboard. There is more information on

Safeguarding in the Narthex, Fellowship Room and the main Hall. Thank you to everyone who has made this role so much easier by completing references, filling in forms, booking on line courses and also the support I have had from our vicar, Reverend Matt, our Curate, Reverend Liz , Lisa and Wendy. Thank you so much.

Jackie Cubitt - Safeguarding Officer

MISSION WORKING GROUP REPORT

In 2025, donations were made as follows (in most cases by standing order or direct debit):

Recipient	Focus	Region	Annual amount	Monthly Amount
Lighthouse Coventry	Health	UK	£1200	£100
Thrive	Evangelism	UK	£1200	£100
Coventry City Mission	Evangelism	UK	£1200	£100
SAT-7	Evangelism/Education	Overseas	£1200	£100
OM/Osgoods[1]	Evangelism	UK/Overseas	£3300	£250
Friends of Mvumi	Health	Overseas	£600	£50
Mercy Ships	Health	Overseas	£600	£50
A Rocha	Environment/Conservation	UK	£200	/
Andrew Smith	Evangelism/Returnee focus	UK/Overseas	£1200	£100

The total amount donated amounted to £10,700.
We regularly pray for the above organisations, individuals and needs in our church services and prayer meetings, and also privately.

International mission group members

The group is greatly depleted owing to the death of Gail Brigden and Andrew Barclay, and now only comprises, Caroline Brown, Lynette Smith and Helen Spencer. We would very much welcome new members. Our aim is to keep the church updated on the missions we support and if there are any unallocated funds, to prayerfully consider where to donate. If anyone is interested in joining the international mission group, and/or would like to know more, please speak with Helen Spencer.

Helen Spencer

PARISH OFFICE REPORT 2025

Parish Office Report 2025/2026 April 2026 The Parish Office is located at the back of church, in the Vestry and is usually open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Access to the Office is through the back church door, via video link. Jackie Bint is the Parish Administrator and has served in this role for 22 years, providing part time (15hrs per week) administrative support to St. Martin's church, its leadership team, Congregation, Revive Coffee Shop and staff members. The role of Parish Administrator is key to the church's relationship with the wider community as it is often the very first point of contact for church enquiries, via email, telephone or in person.

- The administrative requirements and record keeping for GDPR, Key holders, Baptisms, Marriages, Confirmations and Funerals continue to be handled by the Office. Administrative support is regularly given to Revive Coffee Shop.

[1] £350 per month from Jan-March 2025; £250 per month from April 2025 onwards

• The Parish Office compiles the weekly notice sheet that is printed and distributed to almost 100 recipients by email. Its purpose is to summarise what's on at St. Martin's, share information and highlight upcoming events.

• At the end of November, St. Martin's held it's annual, and very popular, Christmas Fair. Jackie once again planned and co-ordinated the layout, booking and payment for stalls in the Hall; this year raising £266.00 from the table fees. This money was once again donated to Carriers of Hope and Foodbank.

• St. Martin's church has 26 regular Hall, Fellowship Room, church and Field users. The premises are additionally used for many private events, meetings, and parties. Jackie is responsible for managing all hall bookings, both 'regular' and 'casual'. This includes dealing with all initial booking enquiries, welcoming the public, arranging viewings of the premises, controlling all room reservations and bookings, monthly and quarterly invoicing and revenue management.
Regular groups using the facilities at St. Martin's include the following: Mothers' Union, Good Neighbours Men's Fellowship Group St. Martin's Gospel Choir, Senior Citizens @ St. Martin's Alpha Art Group, Stay & Play, Ignite, St. Martin's Youth Group Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Saints Explorers Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers Drama Tots, Artventurers, Wildlings outdoor play Nigel Watson Art Class, Textile History Group, Craft workshops Finham WI, Coventry Adoption Group, Ballroom Dancing, Aao Miloh Group Hall Revenue

Revenue generated from all hall lettings has once again increased, year on year. Jan-Dec 2025 combined hall lettings generated over £26,000. The Fellowship Room remains popular with smaller, local crafting, art and Community groups. Our large hall is particularly popular for children's activities and private parties. *Church members can still receive a 50% discount on any casual bookings. *The additional footfall in the hall is considerably impacting the condition of the paintwork and walls. To maintain the level of revenue generated from bookings, it is important for the PCC to plan and implement immediate renovations to the hall walls, and the room needs repainting / renovating soon.
Weekly Intercessions list The Parish Office centrally co-ordinates the church intercessions list which gives the names of those who have requested prayer. The list of the sick and bereaved is updated weekly. If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please contact the Parish Office by email.

MOTHERS' UNION BRANCH LEADERS REPORT

Many thanks are given to Jackie Bint our church administrator who always puts notices of our meetings in St Martin's Newsletter, and finally, to our clergy here at St Martin's for all their continued support and prayers. We have enjoyed a year of fellowship that has included Lenten Communion, and for Mothering Sunday our branch donated the daffodils given out at the Mothering Sunday service, thanks again go to Mary Greenfield for getting the daffodils for us. We had several speakers over the year including Guide Appeal. At the Christmas Fair we ran a combined stall of cakes and tombola. I have to thank all those members who donated the amazing homemade cakes and mince Dogs for the Blind and 'the Bee Man', and we welcomed Liz Goodwin, our new Curate to our branch who told us of her journey of faith. Members made Christmas cards for Rye Hill Prison and over all 400 were donated from the Coventry Diocese. During the year some of our members took part in Members Day at St John's, Westwood and the Advent Service at St Giles, Exhall. Members enjoyed our own 'Songs of Praise' service, and our strawberry cream tea in July raised money for the Summer of Hope pies that we sold, also the prizes for the tombola. Visitors to the Fair seemed to enjoy the Tombola and came back on several occasions. The proceeds of which went to help with our donations for the year and also to our branch funds. We had our Christmas Celebration in December, where we enjoyed the Christmas story with carols and mince pies, and learned about the weather forecast in Bethlehem.

Finally, thank you, members and guests who are a part of our branch and share friendship and fellowship with each other, and have supported Mothers Union in their work both at home and abroad, throughout the past year.

Lynette Askew - Branch Leader

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2025

The full accounts, as presented to the Charity Commission, are given as an appendix to this report. The church's trading subsidiary, St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (trading as Revive), publishes separate accounts but its contribution to the church's finances is covered here.

Summary

- For many years expenditure by the church has been greater than income. In 2024 the church achieved a cash surplus. This resulted mainly from two factors: two years' tax was recouped under the Gift Aid scheme, whereas none had been recouped in 2023, while £41,000 was transferred from our BlackRock investment into a current account.
- 2025 has seen a return to the former position with the church recording a cash deficit of £14,347.
- Church income fell from £227,659 in 2024 to £153,188. This resulted both from the changes noted above and also from a fall in other revenues, particularly congregational giving.
- Total church expenditure also fell, from £173,737 to £167,535. However, this did not outweigh the decline in income.
- Total cash and investment assets fell from £238,750 in 2024 to £222,300.

Income

Congregational giving (standing orders, donations, envelopes, loose cash, refreshments after services and the card reader) fell by 7.1%, from £88,801 in 2004 to £82,476. Giving by standing order fell by 8.4%, following some deaths in the congregation and others needing to reduce their giving, perhaps after a drop in their income. Giving by envelopes and as loose cash also fell but donations (money given less regularly) rose by nearly half, although from a low base. Giving through the card reader rose from £1,721 to £2,658; some of this was for special appeals.

In 2024 the Revive Coffee Shop became a limited company acting as a trading arm of the church. "Coffee Shop Income" therefore no longer appears in the church accounts (the 2024 figure only covered the first part of the year). The church continues to bank cash takings from Revive and in return handles its salary, fuel, cleaning and payroll bills as well as some other payments, such as for cleaning materials. Its net profit in 2025 was £6,976 of which £1,800 was paid to the church in rent (included in "Rent / Utility Contribution") and £5,176 will be paid as a donation. The donation from the coffee shop that the church received in 2025 comprised £4,857 from 2024, paid in June, and £2,000 from 2025, received in December. The remainder of the 2025 profits, expected to be £3,176, will be paid during 2026. The Coffee Shop's final net profit is therefore zero. A note on the Coffee Shop's status as a trading subsidiary of the church is appended to this report.

Income from hall bookings rose slightly from £27,471 to £27,512, confirming the church's important role as a centre for community activities and functions. £14,297 in tax was recovered through the Gift Aid scheme; although this is less than half of that reclaimed in 2024, the earlier figure covered two years and the current figure is more representative. Once again, we must thank Stan McCarthy for all the work that he has done this year.

The church received a legacy of £3,000 from the estate of the late Gail Brigden. Thanks to the efforts of Ruth Khan we also obtained grants totalling £710 from Coventry Rotary Club, Finham Parish Council and Coventry General Charities that enabled us to install a defibrillator at the church.

Expenditure

Parish share rose from £69,330 to £71,500 per annum at the start of 2025. Staff costs rose by 20% over 2024 for various reasons, including a four month vacancy in the family worker post in 2024, a

redefinition of the roles and hours of both the family worker and youth enabler posts and a further salary increase in April 2025 for all three workers.

The solar panels have reduced the electricity that we bought from the grid from a peak of 22,116 kWh in 2022 to 13,700 in 2025 although this represented a slight increase over 12,682 in 2024, their first full year of operation. However, plenty of sunshine meant that we also exported 9,742 kWh back to the grid compared with 6,022 kWh in 2024.

Gas consumption is also down from 71,872 kWh 2022, although it rose from 58,171 in 2024 to 65,799. Total spending on utilities, including water, rose from £8,322 in 2024 to £9,645. These figures may reflect greater use of the church premises compared with the previous year. Energy costs only varied slightly as standing charges were reduced in May while charges per kWh increased.

Expenditure on the buildings was considerably lower than in 2024 as several large expenditures were needed in that year. In 2025 most maintenance needs were light; the largest item, apart from cleaning, was upgrades to the electrics. However, many major repairs and improvements are unpredictable and could fall due at any time.

A separate report gives details of coffee shop income and expenditure. The shop continues to reimburse the church for the costs for its own staff and for utilities, cleaning and other overheads.

Investments

No major withdrawals from church investment funds were made during the year. The holding with BlackRock, which includes a £20,000 endowment from the estate of former church member Thomas Whiteman, rose in value from £21,437 at the end of 2024 to £24,967 but the CCLA share account declined in value from £140,891 to £135,258. This investment paid £3,915 in dividends into the CCLA deposit account, which with interest payments increased its balance from £5,208 to £9,393. Total cash and investment holdings, including the current accounts, declined from £238,750 to £222,300.

St Martin's Church does not have an investment policy of its own but aims to adhere to the Church of England's statements on Responsible and Ethical Investment Policy as set out by its Responsible Investment Team in 2024 and summarised on the Church of England website.

Reserves

In January 2020 the PCC reviewed its policy on financial reserves and decided that sufficient accessible funds should be kept at all times to cover six months of essential expenditure. Based on 2025, the amount to be kept in reserve is estimated to be £71,750. Unrestricted cash funds at the end of 2025 amounted to £57,047 and investment assets (excluding the BlackRock endowment) to £140,225.

Coffee shop

The coffee shop continues to make a positive contribution to the church's accounts, as described above. Its own annual report gives further details. Please also note the addendum to this report.

Accounts and administration

Andrew Spencer continued as Church Treasurer. The professional accountant Alex Langlands handles the finances of the coffee shop but has also continued to provide much advice, for which we are deeply grateful.

Mr. Luke Howson of Finansure Ltd, Wrexham, took over as Independent Examiner of the church finances for 2024 and oversaw the preparation of that year's accounts for submission to the Charity Commission. The church's Standing Committee agreed to his reappointment in January 2026 subject to confirmation by the APCM.

The church continued to use two current accounts, with Santander Bank and with CAF. The first is mainly for cash receipts, most standing orders and cheque payments and the latter for electronic transfers. We use the Expense Plus accounting system. The coffee shop has a separate account with HSBC.

Unrestricted and restricted funds

The church's unrestricted coffee shop fund was a legacy of the shop's previous status as part of the church's finances. It continued to handle the coffee shop's revenue and spending until the end of January. The funds that it still held were transferred to the church's general fund. The former restricted coffee shop fund receives and banks cash receipts from the shop and also reimbursements for most of the expenses that the church has paid for. The unrestricted St Martins coffee shop fund holds reimbursements from the shop for utilities and also rents received from the shop to cover overhead costs.

The Solar Panels and West Wall restricted funds saw no activity although the latter will be used for any future grant money for this project and other funds raised in addition to the £3,000 grant from the Golden Bottle Trust that was received in 2024.

The restricted funds for Youth and Missions contain money pledged by church members for those uses. A restricted fund has been set up to handle donations to and payments by the Gospel Choir, and another to hold Deanery monies during the time that our vicar is serving as Area Dean.

External giving

The church continues to make monthly donations of £50 each to Mercy Ships UK Ltd and the Friends of Mvumi Hospital, £100 each to Lighthouse Christian Care, Thrive Youth Ministries, the Coventry City Mission, Sat7 UK and to support Andrew Smith in his Returnees' Focus student work. The monthly donation of £250 to support the Osgoods in their work for Operation Mobilisation and the annual £200 donation to A Rocha also continued. Donations at events in the church and in memory of the late Gail Brigden and Andrew Barclay supported some of these organisations as well as Crosslinks and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Concluding thoughts

When thanking God for last year's cash surplus of £53,922, I noted that it resulted from the sale of shares in BlackRock and the recovery of tax reclaimed over two years (2023 and 2024). The fact is that congregational giving has continued to fall and although expenditure has also fallen that is due partly to lower maintenance needs, a situation that we cannot be expect to continue.

The church is to mount a stewardship campaign in April; this has already been delayed twice and we must ensure that it goes ahead now. Before I became Treasurer I had no idea of how much it costs to run a church. Reality hit me forcibly when I was appointed. Simply paying the Diocese for our vicar and curates is costing £6,125 *per month* in 2026 and it is only one of the many expenses over £1,000 a month – particularly when we do not want simply to keep the ship afloat but to send it on the course that we believe God has planned for us. And yet a fairly small rise in our regular giving, say by a tenth or a fifth, could make a real difference if plenty of us were happy to share the load.

So once again I appeal to all who read this, and perhaps those who don't, to pray and consider how we can play our part.

Andrew Spencer, March 2026.

Addendum: Trading subsidiary

The PCC has a wholly owned trading subsidiary called St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd, which is a company registered in England and Wales (registered number 15455624). The principal activities of St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd are the running of an unlicensed community coffee shop and event catering. The PCC beneficially owns all of the share capital of St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd through nominees. The share capital of St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd of £3 is divided into 3 ordinary shares of £1 each. These shares are held in trust by the Vicar and the two Churchwardens on behalf of the PCC. With St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd being a private company, the shares are not open to subscription from the public, and only the Vicar and Churchwardens may hold a share in the company. Upon retirement from the role of Vicar or Churchwarden, the share transfers to the next Vicar or Churchwarden.

St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd has not been consolidated into the PCC accounts as the group qualifies for exemption from preparing consolidated accounts under the Charities Act 2011 and Companies Act 2006.

St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd started trading 1 February 2024. Its year end is 31 December, the same as the PCC's. All of the distributable profits of St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd are donated to the PCC as a gift aid donation.

A summary of the results of the subsidiary undertaking in 2025 is as follows:

	£
Turnover	98,909
Cost of sales	(74,646)
Gross profit	**24,262**
Operating Costs	(19,491)
Gift Aid distribution to PCC	(4,772)
Profit before taxation	-
Taxation	-
Profit after taxation	-
Accumulated profits brought forward	-
Non-charitable trading reserves	-

Addendum: Related Party Transactions

Three members of the PCC are directors of St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd.

During the year, the PCC received the following amounts from St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd:

- Rent: £1,800
- Contribution towards light, power and heating: £4,500

Gift aid distribution: £4,857 accrued in the 2024 company accounts and transferred to the PCC on 12th June 2025, plus £2,000 accrued in the 2025 accounts transferred on 22nd December. £3,176 is expected to follow in the first half of 2026.

The Parochial Church Council of St Martin in the Fields, Coventry

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Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name:	The Parochial Church Council of St Martin in the Fields, Coventry
Charity Number:	1133962
Charity Address:	136 Green Lane Coventry CV3 6EA
Trustees:	Jacqueline Anne Cubitt (appointed 04/08/2009) Andrew James Gurney Barclay (appointed 12/03/2011; deceased 23/08/2025) Stanley Gerald McCarthy (elected 24/04/2016; retired from the PCC 08/04/2025) Martin John Bint (appointed 20/04/2017) Rev Matthew Timothy Taylor (appointed 02/10/2017) David Paul Foxwell (elected 24/04/2018) Frances Marion Armitage (elected 13/10/2020) Richard John Elton (appointed 11/05/2021) Andrew Hodgson Spencer (elected 30/08/2021) Helen Dorothy Marie Spencer (elected 11/05/2021) Rev. Matthew David Ford (appointed 01/05/2022; moved to another parish 28/01/2025) Rev John Samuel (appointed 25/03/2023) Ruth Valerie Khan (elected 23/04/2024) Rev Elizabeth Emma Goodwin (appointed 23/04/2024) Rachel Nadine Douse (appointed 23/04/2024) Christina Joan Watkins (appointed 08/04/2025) Robert Geoffrey Makin (appointed 08/04/2025)
Independent Examiner:	Mr. Luke Howson MAAT

Trustees Report

Objects of the charity

Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity\s main activities and achievements were as follows:

Promotes the whole mission of the church in its spiritual, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical roles. Provides services and premises for the local community in Finham and the city of Coventry. We also have a trading subsidiary that is a community coffee shop.

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold a minimum of £60,000 (which is approximately six months of unavoidable expenditure) as unrestricted cash, so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held £57,047 in unrestricted cash deposits.

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name: Andrew Hodgson Spencer (Treasurer)

Signature:



Date: 2nd April 2026

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St Martin in the Fields, Coventry ('the charity') for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

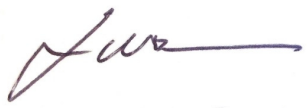
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Details

Name: Luke Howson MAAT

Address: Finansure Ltd, 2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

Signature



Date 7th April 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS, COVENTRY

ACCOUNTS

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Receipts					
Donations & Legacies					
Card Reader	2,399	259	0	2,658	1,721
Donation from St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd	6,857	0	0	6,857	4,000
Donations	6,135	800	0	6,935	4,768
Legacies	3,000	0	0	3,000	5,000
Loose Plate Collections	3,260	0	0	3,260	4,250
One-off Grants	710	0	0	710	3,000
Planned Giving Envelopes	5,317	0	0	5,317	7,771
Refreshments	552	0	0	552	672
Standing Orders	61,162	2,592	0	63,754	69,619
Tax Recovered	14,297	0	0	14,297	30,465
Charitable Activities					
Fund-raising	327	0	0	327	900
Receipts from Children & Youth	249	240	0	489	865
Repair Workshop Receipts	314	0	0	314	373
Stay & Play Income	1,679	0	0	1,679	2,241
Weddings & Funerals	3,465	0	0	3,465	3,346
Investments					
Interest / Dividends	4,250	0	0	4,250	4,040
Trading Activities					
Coffee Shop Income	0	0	0	0	5,532
Hall Lettings	27,512	0	0	27,512	27,471
Rent/ Utility Contribution from St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd	6,300	0	0	6,300	6,600
Other					
Appeals	0	0	0	0	1,187
Loans Received	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0	41,000
Sundry Receipts	740	772	0	1,512	2,838
Total receipts	148,525	4,663	0	153,188	227,659

See Notes 2, 4 and 5, particularly as they relate to the next table.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Children & Youth	2,533	179	0	2,712	3,116
Clergy Expenses	2,086	0	0	2,086	1,543
Event Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Honoraria	609	0	0	609	133
Ministry Parish Share	71,500	0	0	71,500	69,330
Mission Agencies	1,638	10,954	0	12,592	13,113
Music, Sound & Vision	3,149	407	0	3,556	8,377
Publicity	857	0	0	857	797
Staffing & Overheads	37,354	2,512	0	39,866	33,221
Wedding & Funeral Fees - Diocese	2,040	0	0	2,040	379
Worship, Sacramental & Lay Reading	1,383	0	0	1,383	1,578
Raising Funds					
Fund-raising Activities	99	0	0	99	2,772
Governance Costs					
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Support					
Accountancy Costs	1,823	0	0	1,823	0
Administration	3,815	0	0	3,815	4,361
Bank Charges	70	0	0	70	169
Buildings	8,554	0	0	8,554	19,000
Churchyard Upkeep	585	0	0	585	1,298
Insurance	3,020	0	0	3,020	3,320
Licences & Software	395	0	0	395	687
Utilities	9,645	0	0	9,645	8,322
Other					
Agency Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee Shop - Admin Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee Shop - Cost of Sales	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee Shop - Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee Shop - Other Costs	0	1,263	0	1,263	549
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0	0
Sundry Supplies	1,065	0	0	1,065	1,672
Total payments	152,220	15,314	0	167,535	173,737

Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	-3,695	-10,652	0	-14,347	53,922
Fund Transfers In	47,494	10,115	0	57,609	11,502
Fund Transfers Out	16,609	0	41,000	57,609	11,502
Net Movement of Cash Funds	27,190	-537	-41,000	-14,347	53,922
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	29,857	5,565	41,000	76,422	22,500
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	57,048	5,028	0	62,075	76,422

Cash funds by account

Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Santander Current Account	22,125	5,028	0	27,153	56,089
CAF Cash Account, Church Funds	25,352	0	0	25,352	14,967
CAF Cash Account, Revive	0	0	0	0	0
CCLA Deposit Account	9,393	0	0	9,393	5,208
Cash in hand, Church	177	0	0	177	141
Cash in hand, Coffee Shop	0	0	0	0	18
Total cash funds	**57,047**	**5,028**	**0**	**62,075**	**76,422**

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
General Unrestricted Funds (Unrestricted)	31,044	0	0	31,044	8,895
Stay & Play (UR) (Unrestricted)	6,256	0	0	6,256	4,726
Stay & Play (R) (Restricted)	0	716	0	716	716
Mission (R) (Restricted)	0	15	0	15	254
Youth (R) (Restricted)	0	2,674	0	2,674	2,613
Solar Panels (R) (Restricted)	0	819	0	819	819
West Wall (R) (Restricted)	0	1,633	0	1,633	1,633
Agency (Unrestricted)	406	0	0	406	135
Repair workshop (Designated)	1,154	0	0	1,154	840
Gospel Choir (R) (Restricted)	0	210	0	210	79
Investments (Endowment) (Endowment)	0	0	0	0	41,000
Deanery (Restricted)	0	772	0	772	0
St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (R) (Restricted)	0	-1,812	0	-1,812	-549
St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (UR) (Unrestricted)	18,189	0	0	18,189	8,768
Coffee Shop (UR) (Unrestricted)	0	0	0	0	6,494

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		650	0	0	650	2,000
Stock	Not applicable	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	Refund from Octopus, December 2025	2,337	0	0	2,337	0
Other	Charity donation due from St Martin's Coffee Shop Ltd, 2026	3,176	0	0	3,176	4,857

See Note 6.

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Property	Not applicable	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts	CCLA Investment Account (Cost: £94,168 in 2017)	135,258	0	0	135,258	140,891
Other	BlackRock Charities UK Equity Fund (Cost: £20,000 in 1995)	4,967	0	20,000	24,967	21,437

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings	Buildings & contents insured for	6,650,000	0	0	6,650,000	6,650,000
Music & PA Equipment	Sound desk purchased in May 2024, depreciated 20% p.a.	3,310	0	0	3,310	4,413
Computers & IT	Included in Buildings	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture	Included in Buildings	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles	Not applicable	0	0	0	0	0

See Note 7.

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding	None	0	0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed	None: was paid in December 2025	0	0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed	For December, made in early January 2026	66	109	0	175	141
Independent Examination Fee Due	To Mr. Luke Howson	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,100
Other	Miscellaneous payments	575	132	0	707	3,685

See Note 8.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General Unrestricted Funds (Unrestricted)	8,895	131,965	147,195	37,379	31,044
Stay & Play (UR) (Unrestricted)	4,726	1,679	150	0	6,256
Agency (Unrestricted)	135	1,410	1,139	0	406
St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (UR) (Unrestricted)	8,768	13,157	3,736	0	18,189
Coffee Shop (UR) (Unrestricted)	6,494	0	0	-6,494	0
Total	29,018	148,211	152,220	30,885	55,894
Designated					
Repair workshop (Designated)	840	314	0	0	1,154
Total	840	314	0	0	1,154
Unrestricted Total	29,857	148,525	152,220	30,885	57,048
Restricted					
Stay & Play (R) (Restricted)	716	0	0	0	716
Mission (R) (Restricted)	254	600	10,954	10,115	15
Youth (R) (Restricted)	2,613	2,752	2,691	0	2,674
Solar Panels (R) (Restricted)	819	0	0	0	819
West Wall (R) (Restricted)	1,633	0	0	0	1,633
Gospel Choir (R) (Restricted)	79	539	407	0	210
Deanery (Restricted)	0	772	0	0	772
St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (R) (Restricted)	-549	0	1,263	0	-1,812
Total	5,565	4,663	15,314	10,115	5,028
Endowment					
Investments (Endowment) (Endowment)	41,000	0	0	-41,000	0
Total	41,000	0	0	-41,000	0
Restricted Total	46,565	4,663	15,314	-30,885	5,028
TOTAL	76,422	153,188	167,535	0	62,075

See Notes 2 and 3.

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a “true and fair” view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a “true and fair” view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

There were no transactions to related parties during the accounting period.

Note 2: Restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

In 2024 a sale of investments worth £41,000, formerly with BlackRock, was incorrectly recorded under endowment funds; the transfer of this to general funds in 2025 is to correct this error.

Note 3: Funds relating to the Coffee Shop

The funds “St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (R) (Restricted)” and “St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (UR) (Unrestricted)” both relate to transactions between the church and its trading subsidiary, St Martins Coffee Shop Ltd (trading as Revive).

The restricted fund relates to transactions that are paid for by the Church on behalf of Revive, or vice versa, and have been reimbursed. They always net out to zero, but there is a timing difference between when the costs are incurred and when they are reimbursed. This timing difference shows as a negative balance in the church at year end because the accounts are produced on a cash basis – and there are costs incurred by the church that were not reimbursed by Revive until post year end. At 31/12/2025, Revive owed the Church £1,811.58, and this was repaid by Revive on 27 January 2026.

Whereas the restricted fund accounts for costs directly attributable to Revive, the unrestricted fund is used to account for Revive's share of costs that are not directly attributable – including a share of the gas and electricity and the rent or management fee for the use of the premises and equipment. This account also includes the Gift Aid donations made by Revive to the Church. A share of the Church's expenditure on gas & electricity is posted to this account to track whether enough of the cost is being reimbursed by Revive. The net balance is an unrestricted fund belonging to the Church, but is tracked separately.

In the year ended 31/12/2025, there was also a third fund (which is now closed), called “Coffee Shop (UR) (Unrestricted)”. This was used for coffee shop transactions before the Coffee Shop became an independent company. It had a balance of £6,494.16 at the end of 2024 and this was transferred to the General Unrestricted fund at the start of 2025.

Note 4: Receipts and payments – Staffing and Overheads costs

These costs were almost £6,650 higher in 2025 than in 2024. In 2024 our children & family worker left in March and was not replaced until August. Her successor’s hours and responsibilities were changed and as a result her basic pay was about 25% higher. In addition, the new worker, unlike her predecessor, enrolled in a pension scheme from December 2024 onwards. She and our secretary received 5% pay increases in April 2025.

Our youth worker worked throughout both years, with pension contributions. However, we brought her responsibilities and hours into line with the children and family worker and her salary was increased to reflect

this, backdated to April 2024. Thus her salary increase in 2025 was about 22% and there was a year's back pay in addition.

Note 5: Receipts and payments – Buildings costs

"Buildings" mainly comprises cleaning costs and materials plus routine maintenance. In 2024 however there were some large payments: new windows for our small meeting ("Fellowship") room (£2,706.66), demolition of a shed (£1,248.00), blinds for church windows (£1,140.00), a new electrical consumer unit (£4,087.44) and inspections of guttering and excavation of drains (£1,366.80 – this last from the West Wall (Restricted) fund). In 2025 the largest payment was £765.00 for electrical work, partly to rectify faults by the previous electrician. This explains the apparent halving of these costs from 2024 to 2025; we expect them to be higher in future.

Note 6: Other Monetary Assets – Utilities

On 30/12/2025 Octopus refunded an Advanced Business Payment (deposit) that we made in 2023. This meant that our account with them remained in credit until February 2026. Since the last invoice that we paid in 2025 covered consumption up to the end of November, at the end of 2025 the church had an asset of £2,337.08, comprising the amount of credit at 30/12/2025 (£3,447.69) minus the price of our consumption during December (£1,110.61, including CCL and VAT).

Note 7: Fixed assets – solar panels

The solar panels and their support structure were installed in December 2022 at a cost of about £14,500. Depreciating over a 25 year lifespan gives values of £13,340 in 2024 and £12,760 in 2025. The indoor components (inverters, batteries and cabling) will be covered under the church's Buildings and Contents cover.

Note 8: Liabilities – Miscellaneous

The bulk of the liabilities in 2024 would have been utilities. Octopus did not bill us for 1/10/2024 – 31/12/2024 until 29/1/2025 and they did not collect the balance until 11/2/2025 by which time it had risen to £2,872.90.

As regards 2025, our liabilities in the General Unconstrained Fund comprised two invoices and a refund from 2025, paid by 16/1/2026 (169.63). Agency (Unrestricted) liabilities comprised gifts to charities by congregation members and the public, all but £49.16 of which have been forwarded (£405.75 in all). Liabilities in the Mission (Restricted) Fund comprised small gifts to augment those to the two above charities, paid on 9/2/2026 (14.75 in all). Finally, Liabilities in the Youth (Restricted) Fund comprised expenses for the youth worker, submitted in 2025 and paid on 1/1/2026 (£117.32).

These add up to £575.38 in unrestricted funds and £132.07 in restricted.

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees on 2nd April 2026, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name: Andrew Hodgson Spencer (Treasurer)

Signature:



x APCM REPORT FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
WORK - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2026
BY WENDY FOXWELL

Wow, what a busy year it's been again. I feel so privileged and blessed to be used by God in the area of children and families ministry. I meet and am involved with so many people in our local community and the work reaches so many lives, both inside and outside of our local church.

Schools Work:

During 2025, we had 27 visits with our two local primary schools delivering assemblies and lessons. Most were delivered in the schools, but there are two visits made to our church by the reception and year one classes and also they visited us for our really popular Easter Cracked and Christmas Unwrapped sessions. We have a really good relationship with both our local primary schools and it is a joy to talk with both the children and staff and share our faith with them, while delivering their R.E. curriculum lessons. We work across the school years from the Reception year through to year 6 and tackle some very sensitive topics. Last year much of the curriculum had to be rewritten with completely new material being used. We try hard to make the lessons as accessible, fun and interactive as possible while remaining relevant to the curriculum guidelines. We are always made to feel very welcome and the lessons are well received with some great feedback. Comments made by the teachers such as "wow, how lucky are we to have these people come to our school to deliver these lessons for us? They have so much knowledge about their faith and are experts at explaining everything to you!" One teacher told his class "it would take him hours and hours of work to deliver a lesson which wouldn't be anywhere near the quality of what we'd just taught the children!" Another teacher gave feedback after one of the most difficult lessons we teach the children in year 6. "When life gets hard?" She said "The session was delivered with so much sensitivity - it is such a difficult subject. The video clips were brilliantly chosen. The children loved the activity. Such a positive, uplifting session. Thank you!" Another, after teaching them about the Holy Trinity "I loved the way you used the apple and the egg to represent the Trinity! It was a fantastic way of helping the children to understand it. It was brilliant talking about the Trinity as the different states of water, the children really engaged with this as it linked our learning about states of matter in science. It was also great seeing the children create the Holy Trinity collaboratively." I could go on, as you who know me well can imagine! We have so much fun going into the schools although what we do is obviously for an educational visit. I think Matt enjoys the visits as much or maybe more than I do, especially the question time at the end of the lessons!

Stay & Play:

This is a really lovely group for pre-school age children from 0-4 years and their carers. It is thriving and is very busy! We reach so many people via this session and although it's very busy, we have time to have one to one chats with the parents/carers of the children, building some great relationships. During the past year, we saw a dip in numbers around the summer time, but then numbers began to increase again in the new school year which brought along a lot of new faces. It has been a delight to see some of the group come along to the Christmas services and it's also been lovely to have some new people come to Stay and Play as a result of visiting us at Christmas. I bought a book back with me from New Wine last year, called "The Play-Along Bible" by Bob Hartman, which is full of 50 short Bible stories. One is shared every week during circle time at the end of the session, the children help to tell the story by joining in with the actions after each line of the story. We try to have a craft based on the story and make the story relevant to the right time of year e.g. Christmas, Easter etc. It has been well received by everyone. At Christmas, the children had the Nativity story read to them which they each received as a gift from Santa as they left. Again, at Easter, we bought a book and read it at circle time, they were each given a copy and a small chocolate egg to take home.

Ignite:
This group meets every Thursday during term time. It is for year 3 to 6 of primary school, so 7 - 11 years of age. The children gather in the fellowship room and we have toast and a drink before they play games or craft, followed by the Bible story and lesson. It has been lovely to see the children grow spiritually in the last year and become involved with sharing a Bible reading in our time together, praying and one young lady sings to us at the end of the session sometimes. We had one child who was baptised and confirmed when we had our service here recently. It really is a privilege to work with these young people and their families. There has been a lot happening amongst the families I work with in the last year, we have been praying as a church for one parent who has had a major health issue, they are doing really well and are thankful for the church praying for them. They have been to the Christmas and Easter services along with other members of their family and really enjoyed the services. A few of the group are moving on to Secondary school at the end of the summer term, please pray for them at this important time in their lives.

Sunday Groups:
We have a group most Sunday mornings during term time. We only have a small number of children, but we try to make it fun and accessible for all children from 4-11 years of age and younger ones with a parent on occasions. We usually have a game and a craft, which accompanies our bible lesson, sometimes delivered with a short video or from the children's Bible. We always have a drink and tuck too. It has been great to watch the children grow in their faith and in confidence at being able to participate in bible readings in church and taking part in the Christmas Nativity service. It is an honour and a privilege to be able to serve these children and help nurture their faith and spiritual growth.

THRIVE:
We have a good relationship with this ministry team and I have met regularly with Fiona since I came into post. I helped Fiona to arrange to host a networking event in the hall at St. Martins in June, where children and family workers, along with youth workers from Coventry, Warwick and Leamington were able to meet together and offer support, share ideas and pray together. We are currently working together to host their children's conference day at the end of April … This promises to be a big event and looks very exciting! We have been working together since the Autumn term, I would really appreciate the church praying for this event. The event has been advertised in Coventry, Leamington and Warwick … We'd love to have the church full to the brim with lots of children praising God and increasing their faith. "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

MOVIE MORNING:
This is a popular and busy event, which we hold twice a year in the February and October half term. We always show a recently released movie which is free for children and their families, we provide a drink and popcorn too.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB:
This ran differently last year, in that we held it for one long day to incorporate three sessions together. It proves popular each year and we have a good attendance. It was based on Jonah and the big fish and the hall was set up with a big fish mouth, where most of the action took place. There were table activities and games outside. All in all it was a great success, with 32 children attending.

VOLUNTEERS:
Finally, I need to mention my outstanding group of volunteers. It would be impossible to run any of the children's work without you all**.** Sadly, I have lost our lovely Marilyn from working with Ignite. It is the right time for her to finish volunteering, but she will be so missed, she leaves behind a large hole!!! God bless you Marilyn, massive thanks for all your hard work with us! **For Stay & Play,** Matt is there to set up the hall most Wednesday mornings, along with Mary. Fran comes to register and

monitor the door and provides a craft some weeks. I have Gill back with me now and also a new recruit, Tina. Dave and Godfrey come at the end to pack away. Liz comes along too, as she can. **IGNITE** has Linda and Sue, who are absolutely amazing with all they do to help and support the children and me. I really value all they do! **SUNDAY GROUPS** I really value Linda and Sandra being so amazing with all they provide for the children with lessons and crafts/games every week. It would be remiss of me not to mention the volunteers who are always there for school visits, Joyce and Mary for refreshments and general duties.
I also want to thank our church wardens, Dave and Ruth, for being there and doing all the bits I need doing … gates outside to keep the children safe, locks on doors, new light bulbs in my office and the list could go on … Thank you both!

Holiday Bible Club has a whole host of people who help things run smoothly and safely, Gill and Geoff, Tina, Paul, and others mentioned above. I couldn't survive without all of you and all you do, your help is appreciated so much more than you'll ever know! For all my hall bookings and announcements in the church newsletter weekly, thank you to Jackie B. And last but certainly not the least, a huge thank you to Jackie C for all the safeguarding we do together to keep the children safe! Thank you to each of you!!

Finally, to you all, as our church, it isn't only my job to nurture these young children and their families. Please continue to pray for them and me, always. I know so many of you already do, Thank you! God bless you, Wendy