St John the Baptist Church

Parish of Yeovil with Kingston Pitney



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Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in the centre of Yeovil and has a daughter church, St Andrew's, which is about one mile from the centre. They are part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1HE. This report covers the activities of St John's church and of the Parish. St Andrew's Church has produced its own report covering its own domestic issues. The Parochial Church Council is registered under the Charity Commission, registration number 1134345.

The PCC comprises members from both churches with the Incumbent, Readers, Wardens and elected representatives to the Deanery Synod. The following members have served on the PCC during the last year.

Incumbent	Revd James Dudley-Smith	**Chairman**
Associate Ministers	Revd Ben Graham	
	Revd George Beverly	
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Rob Dean	
	Janet Dean	
	Beth Farrington	**St Andrew's**
Member of Diocesan Synod	Rob Dean	
	Janet Dean	
Member of General Synod	Jam Cary	
Wardens	Lin Hann	**St John's**
	Keith Ovenden	
Deputy Warden	Brian Gay	**St Andrew's**
Elected Members	Ros Bush	
	Varinder Kumar	
	Ethan Howard	
	Doreen Maitland	
	David Matthew	
	Calum McFarlane	
	Tim Osborn	
	Lizzy Pudner	
	Ann Thurgood	
	Robert Warr	
	Les Whittle	

Co-opted Members	Janet Dean	Secretary
	Alan Irwin	Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to join the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the time of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. They have prime responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. St Andrew's Church has its own Church Council (DCC).

Objectives and Activities

St John's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, Revd James Dudley-Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has responsibility for St John's Schoolrooms and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This report covers the activities of St John's Church. St Andrew's Church produces its own report.

- St John's continued to thrive as congregations at our services grew throughout the year with many newcomers attending
- Lin Hann and Keith Ovenden continue to serve us as Churchwardens and work extremely well as a team.
- George Beverly continues his busy life as Chaplain of King's School, Bruton, as well as taking the occasional service in St John's when he has the time!
- The financial affairs of the church are as good as can be expected but continue to run at a deficit each year.
- Services continued to be live-streamed as this has been especially beneficial for those more elderly members of the congregation or those who are unwell at home, or even for those who are away on holiday.
- Tuesday morning communion continued.
- Friday at Nine, or FAN as it has become known, continues for those who like to gather during the week.
- The Gone Fishing Café continues to thrive on Thursday mornings.
- The many Youth activities continue.
- Holiday Club took place in July and was well attended.
- First Wednesday prayers continued and remained some of the time on Zoom as this proved a popular option for many, particularly during the dark winter months.
- The various fellowship groups meet in person twice a month, though one group continues to meet via Zoom.
- Tiny Toes, for mums and babies, and Footprints, for mums and toddlers, continue to meet each week.
- Christians Against Poverty continue to provide a vital service for increasing numbers of people having problems with unmanageable debt.
- The Tech Team, ably led by David Matthew, are to be greatly commended for their continuing work and dedication; they also continue to livestream services for those who wish to watch services at home each week or who are unable to attend for any reason.

There is, therefore, once again a tremendous amount going on in the life of the Church and we are indeed blessed by the number of people willing to get involved.

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Report on PCC Meetings

The PCC met on four occasions during the year and were generally well attended. The minutes of all PCC Meetings can be viewed on the St John's parish website.

Apart from the routine business of finance, services and fabric matters, much of which is covered in other sections of this annual report, the following items were discussed.

- The continued burden of paying the Parish Share
- Mission giving
- Staffing both paid and unpaid
- Data protection
- Safeguarding
- HR Reviews
- The future of the church organ
- The fabric of St John's and the ongoing repairs
- The importance of on-going mission and evangelism
- Prayers of Love and Faith, regarding same sex relationships – alternative spiritual oversight

Janet Dean
PCC Secretary

Wardens Report – 1

The last year has seen many initiatives that the Wardens have both initiated and been involved with. The challenge of ensuring a busy church such as St Johns with over 160 regular worshippers seems to grow exponentially! Central to this has been to ensure we are resourced effectively with staff, equipment, procedures and policies that align with our values and mission, and to be able to support a wonderful team of volunteers who carry out nearly all of our everyday tasks to achieve our aims.

Lin has spent a huge amount of time bringing all of our Policies, Procedures, Risk Assessments, Job descriptions and Employment Contracts up to date and we have initiated an intensive Human Resource (HR) review to achieve that.

Our office team has grown too with the addition of Chris Tune taking on the role of Project Co-ordinator. Chris has developed wonderful resources such as handouts for visitors and has re-introduced the Parish Magazine in the form of REFOCUS. Chris also is carrying out the HR review with Lin.

Keith has been heavily involved with the upkeep of the building and along with Andy Lane and Les Whittle, co-ordinated and chaired by Phil Juggins we have carried out significant work:

- Upgrading all internal lighting to LED with a projected annual saving of £1700.
- Installation of a roof alarm system – an Insurance requirement
- Quinquennial rectification work on stone work
- Renovation of the Vestry toilet – an essential staff requirement.
- Re-plastering large areas in the downstairs rooms in the schoolrooms
- A feasibility study and obtaining quotes for a solar panel installation

The annual Parish count that determines our Parish share paid to Diocese has seen us grow by up to 55 new worshippers this last year. At our staff team away day we explored how we might support this growth were it to continue. We presented to PCC a plan that would see us replace our aging and hugely costly pipe organ with a new digital instrument, and re-locating the creche from the South Transept to a new room to be created in the space released by removing the pipe organ. The PCC has agreed this and we are now pursing the relevant permissions from the Diocese through the Faculty process.

A recent study showed that our volunteer numbers equate to an additional 10 full time staff members! We are truly blessed as a church family with such a committed and dedicated volunteer team without which much of what we do on a daily basis would be impossible.

Finally we must recognise and thank James, Ben and George for their commitment and skill in revealing God's plan for us through their clear biblical teaching and spiritual direction. We are very well placed going into 2026 with living out that plan for us as a church in the heart of our community and we give thanks to God for his faithfulness and provision for us all.

Keith Ovenden
Churchwarden

St John's Warden's Report - 2

We continue to have two wonderful teams of deputy wardens and welcomers. We welcomed three new people to the deputy wardens team making a total of 9, and our welcoming team now are a team of 15 people?

They not only cover morning and evening Sunday services, but also all of the events that take place in the Church. These include funerals, weddings, civic services, commercial and non-commercial events and a host of school carol services. Over the year this is an enormous amount of work undertaken by these two teams.

The Deputy wardens continue to arrive at least half an hour before the morning service and are of course the last ones to leave, meaning that they're often in Church for up to 4 hours.

The welcomers do an amazing job making everyone feel welcome at the door, particularly those who've never ventured into Church before. There are occasions when the Church is very full and they also do incredibly well then, at finding a seat for everyone. Many newcomers state that they find our Church extremely welcoming and the welcoming team play a huge part in that.

There have been some challenges during the year, particularly with those who have been banned from Church premises continuing to want to visit. This can be threatening at times but our deputy wardens and welcomers have dealt with these situations wonderfully for which we are truly grateful. We also very much appreciate the backup from the crime prevention team and from the police on these occasions.

This year we've had a look at how we should offer these teams guidance when homeless people request assistance or support and so some guidelines have been produced which will be reviewed in an ongoing way.

It's been great to welcome several teenagers to the team of welcomers and we really hope this will encourage more teenagers to get involved in serving the Church.

Lin Hann
Church Warden

Report on the Electoral Roll

Following the 2026 revision of the electoral roll for St John's Church, Yeovil, the total on the roll currently stands at 212.

Emma Handcock
Parish Administrator

St John's Finance Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

The statutory accounts of St John's also include the data for St Andrew's. However, this report covers only the finances of St John's, which are managed by means of several funds. The General Fund can be spent at the discretion of the PCC and mostly covers the day-to-day running costs of the church. Several Designated Funds hold money set aside for specific purposes, such as the St John's Building Fund. Restricted Funds can only be used for the purposes for which they were originally set up, such as the Peter Wakely Community Fund and the Christians Against Poverty Fund.

The General Fund

Regular general giving to St John's in 2025 amounted to £165,535, with other donations totalling £36,558 and the tax recovered was £44,265. This makes a total for general giving of £246,358. With the approval of the PCC, £50k was drawn down from the Peter Wakely investment fund in order to support our pastoral and outreach work during the year. Again this year, we received a £5,000 grant from the Horseman Trust, almost £15k from St John's Feoffees for church maintenance and repair work, and £2,500 from the Benefact Trust to help fund the cost of a new alarm on the church roof.

St John's also received the first instalment of an amazingly generous legacy from the estate of John and Jose Brookes. Further instalments are anticipated in 2026.

Our regular expenditure in 2025 was dominated by staff costs (c.£90k), Maintenance and Cleaning (c.£26k), utilities (c.£11k) and the Benefice Share, which is paid to the Diocese of Bath and Wells (c.£166k). We donated £22.5k to our mission partners and a mission giving budget of £24.6k was set for 2026, which is 10% of the general donations received in 2025.

Discounting legacies, our annual costs were close to £365k, while our income was £299k. Averaged out over the year, our monthly expenditure exceeded monthly income by £5,500. The shortfall is currently covered by using up our savings and investments and most of this comes from the Peter Wakely fund.

The balance of the St John's general fund at the end of 2025 was approximately £286k.

Designated Funds

The St John's Church Building Fund (previously known as the Fabric Fund) balance reduced by £2k to £50k. While spending on maintenance and repairs was significant, most of this was covered by incoming grants. The Bell Ringers fund closed at £1,519 and the Flower Guild fund at £643.

Restricted Funds

There are four funds categorised as restricted:

<u>The Restoration Fund</u>

Apart from some accumulated interest, there were no significant transactions in the Restoration Fund in 2025, leaving the closing balance at £13,820.

<u>Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Fund</u>

This fund raises and spends money in support of the Yeovil CAP Debt Centre. A total of £38,439 was given and raised in 2025 to support this ministry. The expenditure, comprising the salaries of the manager and debt coach, a monthly payment to CAP HQ, and other operating expenses, amounted to £50,346. There was therefore an overspend in the year of £11,907 and the balance carried forward to 2026 was £41,046.

<u>The Peter Wakely Community Fund</u>

This fund was set up with the proceeds of the legacy received from Peter Wakely. The funds are invested in a unit trust administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners. During the year we used £60,000 from this fund to help pay for our pastoral and outreach ministries. Unusually, the performance of

the investment fund itself was very poor in 2025, and the unit price dropped by a few percent. The closing balance of the Peter Wakely fund was £189,884.

The Tom Setter Belfry Fund

During 2025, the Tom Setter fund paid £3.3k for rehanging work on the church bells. The final balance was £8,543.

The Balance Sheet

The balance sheet shows where our total funds of £588,015 are invested. The General fund of £286k is mostly held in one of three NatWest current accounts. A new investment account has been set up for legacies and these will be transferred in due course. A total of £239,923 is invested in unit trusts administered by CCLA on behalf of the Church Commissioners; £28k is on deposit with CCLA; £6,000 is in National Savings. Two further NatWest current accounts hold £22k for CAP and £10k for the Restoration Fund.

Looking forward to the remainder of 2026, our regular expenditure continues to exceed our income and our reserves and investments must be used to fill the gap. Operating costs are expected to continue rising this year. The PCC have approved a pay-rise for our staff to help them with the rising cost of living. Utilities costs are continuing to rise, but thankfully the 2026 Benefice Share is roughly £10k less than the 2025 figure.

We are particularly grateful for the ongoing generous donations from church members and others. As always, I would ask that all of us should actively and regularly review our level of giving to the work of St John's, and increase it if that is appropriate. If you can commit to regular giving by standing order, this method helps to make our income more stable. Of course, donations using the envelope scheme or in other ways are equally welcomed and appreciated. Please also ensure that you add Gift Aid to your donations if you are a UK taxpayer. Last year we reclaimed more than £44,000 from HMRC.

While regular planned giving contributes to our day-to-day running costs, a legacy in your will offers the opportunity to donate to St John's out of your estate, perhaps for specific purposes. The legacy from John and Jose Brookes is a wonderful blessing for the work of St John's. Such gifts can be invested and may provide a lasting and valuable resource for many years. We have produced a leaflet about legacies and a copy is available at the back of the church. If you are considering including a legacy to St John's in your will, please discuss this with the treasurer or a warden, who can advise you on the needs of the church.

On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have helped me to continue in the job of Treasurer in 2025. In particular, I owe a large debt of thanks to Emma Handcock and Chris Tune for administrative support and to Judith Brookes for managing our Gift Aid scheme.

Alan Irwin
Treasurer

Gift Aid Officer's Report

Thank you for your generous giving to the work of St John's through 2025. I am pleased to report that we were able to reclaim £44,973.67 from the government through the gift aid scheme. You will appreciate this represents an enormous help to our church finances.

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not yet added Gift Aid to your church giving, please contact me to find out how you can boost your donations at no extra cost.

Judith Brookes
giftaid@sjyeovil.org.uk

St John's Building Report for 2025 (to April 2026)

The Buildings Committee is a sub-committee of the PCC which meets regularly to coordinate and report on the state of the church buildings and to monitor the planned regular maintenance and repairs and other work stipulated in the Quinquennial Surveys (the latest being in July 2023). In 2025, the committee met in January, March, June, September and November, in addition to coordination through emails and other ad hoc communication. Meetings in 2026 have been in January and March to date. At the end of 2024 we welcomed Andy Lane in his role as Facilities Coordinator, whose contribution to progress this year has been much appreciated.

Necessary maintenance and repair work on the building was continued through the period, including significant progress in completion of non-routine activities as follows:

- **Bells** – Improvements to the bells, identified by Roger Fox, were completed by Nicholson Engineering.
- **Roof Alarm** – This was fitted by Ace Defence (Cleveden) to protect against lead sheeting theft, with a resultant insurance premium reduction and a grant received from the Benefact Trust.
- **Vestry Toilet** – This was refurbished by Tim Cracknell. During the work, the source of a small water leak in the ceiling was identified as a missing mortar line on the roof, which was then rectified.
- **Schoolrooms Heaters** – Six new heaters have been fitted, with timers. The radiant heater in the church toilet has been moved to the Schoolrooms ladies' toilet.
- **Stonework Repairs** – The work by Crowstep (Gary Sayer) on a series of repairs around the building was completed in February 2026, with installation of carved repair pieces to north windows. A full Site Review with Gary then followed. The work has included pointing actions on the vestry roof, plus a new rainwater hopper and pipe, which together with the pointing during the vestry toilet refurbishment is expected to prevent leaks and resulting damp issues we have seen.
- **Light Bulbs** – Project to replace all bulbs (and ballast/drivers if needed) with low-energy LED bulbs, with calculations confirming high % saving in running costs. Contractor Evergreen completed the fitment of 26W Nave/Chancel lights in January 2026. Floodlights on the church roof and spotlights in church have still to be included.
- **Tower Door** – The upper door was replaced by Wyvern Joinery in January 2026.

We have also reviewed the 2023 Quinquennial Report, prioritizing remaining items to be addressed before the next inspection, in 2028. In addition, future larger anticipated projects have been proposed as follows:

Solar Energy (Roof Panels and Battery) – A system may initially be fitted without batteries (and performance reviewed for the need for batteries), potentially in 2027, to the flat area of the south nave/chancel roof, giving overall savings in electricity costs over future years.

Organ Project – The PCC has approved a project to remove/replace the main organ, which will cover: Removal, with Diocese approval as first step; the replacement (electronic) instrument and its location; the refurbishment and use of the space currently occupied by the pipe organ, with faculty and architect input. Expected duration for this project is up to 2 years, commencing in late 2027.

With thanks to all who care for our building!

Phil Juggins
Buildings Committee Chair

St John's Bellringers Report

The past year has seen major milestones for our ringers, with Roger Fox retiring as Tower Captain in November and handing over the role to Annette Organ, who is doing her best to keep up with everything and often calls on him for advice. This followed the celebration of his 90th birthday with a thank you from

the congregation and lunch with his ringing family. There was also a special practice session at West Coker where Roger and another nonagenarian came together to ring with a young learner from Martock. Ringing really is one of those activities for those aged nine to ninety plus!

Earlier in the year Roger had arranged for a full inspection of the belfry to ensure that the bells and fittings are fit for purpose and in August a willing team of helpers spent four days working with an engineer. It's amazing how many nuts and bolts there are to check! All the fittings, especially the bearings, clappers and wheels were inspected and adjustments made to improve the 'go' of the bells. A lot was learnt in a short space of time that will be helpful in years to come.

As regards ringing the bells, we have had many opportunities to help us improve our ringing and progress is being made. We were fortunate until recently to have the support for Sunday service ringing of experienced ringers who returned to live in the area. This involvement, along with the ongoing support at practice sessions from other local ringers, has helped boost numbers and develop skills.

The focus for our Monday practices was originally to teach beginners and to give newer ringers an extra opportunity to practice rounds, call changes and place-making. We are now starting to move on to ringing methods, which requires individuals to learn a pathway showing when to make a bell sound rather than having a conductor calling out numbers. Also, once a month we aim to hold a practice when all twelve bells can be rung. Ringers come especially from Taunton along with experienced local ringers to encourage us. Our monthly practice at East Coker continues to be popular with the ringers from the village as well as us.

We also still work very closely with Odcombe Clangers and are becoming more involved with Martock tower, which means that we can support each other for Sunday ringing. WhatsApp polls are very useful!

We are very grateful to all the ringers from the wider ringing community who are so generous with their time and knowledge and give us so much support. Hopefully they can hear the improvement if they happen to be passing St John's when we're ringing! Thanks also to you, who often show appreciation of our efforts. If anyone is interested in coming up the spiral staircase - over 60 steps - we will be happy to arrange to show you the bells – another 30 - and explain a little more about what goes on in the tower. There is much more to it than ringing bells. Any horologists to keep the Westminster Chimes sounding on the Victorian clock or engineers who would like a challenge helping maintain the bells will be welcomed!

Annette Organ

St John's Young Adults - SJYA

St John's Young Adults meet on the third Wednesday of each month. We do a wide range of social activities aimed at building up the friendships and community of the young adults in St John's. These activities have included: bowling, games nights, bring and share dinners, walks, and even a detective challenge. We look forward to many other activities in the year ahead including a new Q&A slot with James and Ben where we can bring some questions to discuss over a dinner.

We have continued to see an encouraging growth in numbers and we are wonderfully benefitted by the range of individuals who attend - those who attend other churches, those who are curious about faith, those who have no connection with church but simply desire a community of people their own age and others who are regular church goers. We endeavour to make SJYA a welcoming environment where Christian community can be enjoyed and witnessed by those that attend. We hope in the next year to see even more new faces: if you find yourself talking to someone who you might consider to be a young adult, who may be interested in the group, please feel free to pass on either of our email addresses them or point them in our direction.

Tim Osborn and Hannah Osborn

Youth Ministry

Youth work is not only exciting, but it constantly evolves as young people grow up and their lives change so quickly.

"Friday Youth" continues to be the most rewarding meeting of the week for me. Friday evenings in term time will find around 15 young people and a few servant-hearted leaders hanging out in the School Rooms. After a snack we dive into the week's activity – sporty things, crafty challenges, giant hungry hippos, water fights, task master, baking and much more. We then pull up a chair to listen to a Bible talk or, occasionally, to a testimony from a church family member. The youth really engage and some even take notes in their notebooks. In the first half of 2025 we worked through some Bible books; we did Jonah and Titus in the spring term, and then worked through Luke's gospel with a series called "Meals with Jesus". We finished the year with a series tracing the whole story of the Bible through promises which God has made and kept.

We went to Heatree Activity Centre for a weekend in March and scrambled up streams, sang around a bonfire, played lots of games and ate lots of cake! A youth leader friend of mine came from St Andrew the Great in Plymouth to bring us 4 talks on love from 1 John. We were challenged us to respond to God's love by loving others. Throughout the year, we also had some local trips, a bonfire at the Cary's, a games evening at the Steven's, and a trip to Weymouth beach with the youth and their families. The youth team feels that it is a genuine pleasure to share with the youth, not only the gospel but our lives as well.

Please continue to pray for our precious young people who are under so much pressure at school and in the secular world they live in. Pray that this gathering would continue to be time to unwind after a busy week with friends, but that it would also be a place where they are spurred on to live for Jesus. Pray for wisdom for the youth team as we seek to make it a space where they feel increasingly comfortable inviting friends. And please pray on for God to provide someone with a heart for serving youth and a desire to lead this ministry.

"Pathfinders" is our group for young people in school years 7-11. We meet in the crypt during St John's 10:30 service on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays to study God's word together. This group varies a lot in size and in energy from week to week, from a quiet 2 or 3 to a lively 11 or 12! We have enjoyed working through John's gospel in the spring of 2024, the letters to the 7 churches in Revelation in the summer term, and then we went slowly through Psalm 139 and then through the letter to the Philippians in the Autumn. Please pray for Jam as he works hard writing the material for this group. Please also pray for us as we navigate group dynamics when the people present can vary so much from week to week. Pray for those in their final year of GCSE's as they also adjust to staying in the service each week by the end of the academic year.

"JOY Group" (=Just Older Youth) is essentially a fellowship group for young people. Jam and I meet with a few GCSE and A-Level youth for a Bible study and a game. We now meet monthly on a Monday evening at the Cary's house. Last year we worked through some Psalms and also through some of John's gospel. This is a group which swings back and forth between deep reflection and discussion around God's word, and jokes and hilarity. Please pray for this group as we wrestle with what faith looks like and how to live as Christians in the world. Pray too, that the young people would develop a faith that is real and firm, and that they would hold fast to God in a world which pushes against God and His ways. Finally, please pray for wisdom for the teams as we try to work out how we should adapt the groups to meet the changing dynamics and needs of the young people.

Candy Price

Junior Church

2025 was another busy year in Junior Church. We had around 30 regular children, many visitors and over 20 adults helping in the different groups.

Scramblers (3 years old to Reception) was led by Melissa Cary, Abi Graham and Chris Pavey, plus Deborah Cioffi for a term and Jane Smith joined us in the autumn term when Abi and Chris stepped down. They were assisted by Ellie Bradley, Jayne Watson and Doreen Maitland. Our teenage helpers for the Spring and Summer terms were Ronel Fossi Bakam and Davina Fossi Bakam and Emelia Smith. There were 13 Scramblers in the Spring and Summer terms, dropping to 8 in the Autumn term, as 6 moved up to Climbers and one joined us from Creche.

We began the year with a series called ***Thank You God*** which teaches gratitude for all that God has given us with lessons on thanking God for our ears, eyes, noses, mouths, hands and feet, plus our families and the different seasons. We then moved on to ***God Cares*** which teaches that the Creator God knows everything about us; He knows our names and what we look like, He knows we are growing, where we live and when we are naughty, and He takes care of us while we play and sleep and travel. He is intimately involved in the details of our lives. We also included lessons from the life of Jesus about Christmas and Easter.

Climbers (Years 1 to 3) was led by Chris Tune, Becky Dudley-Smith and James Maitland and assisted by Helen Peace, Victoria Bradley and Becky Lukins. Caroline Hunter joined the team in the autumn to replace Helen Peace. There were 8 in this group for the Spring and Summer terms rising to 16 in the autumn!

Explorers (Year 4 to 6) was led by Anne Wickes, Rowena Murray and Candy Price. They were assisted by Tim Neville, Jo-Anne Smith and Jj Bidwell. This was a much smaller group with 6 children in the Spring and Summer terms, rising to 9 in the Autumn term.

Together, Climbers and Explorers began the year with a series on Paul's ministry in Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens during his second missionary journey, exploring how God used him to bring the good news to all kinds of people. Their next series followed Paul's ministry in Corinth and Ephesus, before tracing his journey from Jerusalem to Rome. These final chapters of Acts highlight two vital aspects of church growth and mission: God's sovereignty and Christian responsibility.

The Climbers and Explorers then learned about the ministry of Elisha, who, through both his words and actions, demonstrated what God is like. This series encouraged them to trust God's word and to live in patient obedience to Him. They also spent four weeks studying Psalm 139, discovering that they are wonderfully made.

At the beginning of the new academic year, they fittingly explored a series on Genesis 1, ***Beginnings***, before moving on to learn about Jesus, the King of Christmas, from Matthew's Gospel. Overall, the children have covered a great deal of the Bible and have hopefully grown in their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ along the way.

Enormous thanks go to all our wonderful leaders and assistants for all they do to share the gospel with the children at St John's, and to the parents for their ongoing support of this work.

Melissa Cary

Tiny Toes

Tiny Toes Baby Group meets on a Thursday morning during term time in the upper School Rooms. It is not a group which is often mentioned as it ticks along quietly, but it is such a worthwhile ministry. It exists to provide support to families in the first year of their baby's life. Each week we set out some mats and

sensory toys and get ready to welcome our guests. Mums or dads (or occasionally grandparents) come with their baby and interact with the sensory toys while enjoying a chat, a drink, and a home-made cake (a major highlight for many of them!). The conversations inevitably veer towards parenting and so it becomes a bit like a support group and also a place to make friends in a similar life stage. We end with a few nursery rhymes and always try to include one or two which point to God.

It is our aim that they will feel loved and supported and make friends, but that they will also feel the love of God as we serve them and build relationships with them. The primary task for a volunteer is to talk to the guests and to encourage conversation within the group. But it is our prayer that the relationships we build with these families will be the beginning of a relationship they will have with the church and ultimately with God Himself. We always tell them of church events which they might like to attend, and we have seen many families move on to the Footprints toddler group when their child is older. We are still seeing Tiny Toes families at our Easter and Holiday Club outreach events, and some have joined the church family.

As families only stay for a year, the group numbers vary a great deal. This past year has been particularly small with only 2 or 3 guests on average, but that has given us a lovely opportunity to really get to know the mums. We look forward to welcoming some church mums who are expecting their baby's arrival imminently! It will be wonderful to have even more Christians in the group and to give them an opportunity for mission too. Please give God thanks and praise for this opportunity and pray for a few more to come this year.

We also pray on for someone with a heart for outreach willing to lead this vital ministry. Speak to Candy if you'd like to learn more.

Candy Price

Footprints Toddler Group

We meet in the Church Rooms during term-time on Monday mornings from 10 – 11.30 am. The team is made up of ten willing volunteers, some of them new to the role and others seasoned helpers.

We start with playtime which is followed by a time together for a Christian song and Bible story before children sit for a snack and adults enjoy cakes home-baked by generous members of our Church family. More playtime, before songs together and our goodbye "blessing song".

We regularly have around 14 children, many of whom come up from Tiny Toes and so we are privileged to watch them grow into more confident children ready for school and pre-school. We get to know the families who come from all over Yeovil and surrounding areas and are able to support them and share the gospel with them through our programme of stories and invitation to church events.

We would value prayers for the continued effectiveness of building good relationships with and among the families and for the ability to share the gospel and the love of Jesus in an accessible and joyful way.

Rowena Murray

Holiday Club 2025 - Survival Squad

Our 2025 'Knights of the King' Holiday Club in August was attended by around 70 children aged 4-11 years old. The central theme was serving the 'King '.

The planning team first met at the end of February to begin by praying and formulate ideas for the club. They are an amazing group of dedicated people who manage to put together a wonderful week of teaching and fun. Many thanks to Emily Cairncross, Kate Gilham, Rowena Murray, Candy Price, Ann Thurgood, Chris Tune and Anne Wicks for their hard work.

We were blessed with a wonderful team of almost 60 Adult and Young Leaders who made it all possible. We could not run the Club without the time and dedication of these people.

We are also thankful for our church family who attend art day, pray for us all during the week and took home packs of cutting out for activity resources.

The teaching programme for the week was put together by Candy Price: each day the children watched a video delivering a bible passage which was reinforced by their leaders during group time.
The memory verse John 3 v 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" was delivered every day by Ben Graham.

Kate Gillam and Emily Cairncross led the design team, directed our wonderful volunteers during art day, and organised our daily activities. They also coordinated Set Up Sunday when the church was transformed into a medieval castle complete with heraldic banners and a smoke breathing dragon (thanks to Jonathan and Claire Coulson & David Matthew) flying above the pulpit/turret.

We were immensely grateful to all the church family who helped decorate the building. George Beverly wrote, directed and acted in the daily drama with Ellie Blake, Lily Watson and Reuben Graham. Children and leaders alike were enthralled by the antics of the cast which captured and reinforced the day's teaching.

Jonathan Coulson led the outdoor games with great imagination and, under the musical direction of Becky Dudley-Smith, we sang to a wonderful band including a song (lyrics penned by our very own Rector James!)

There were jokes, prayers, messy games, outdoor games and other activities in the schoolrooms which included crafts and a Lego challenge. On Friday, the last day, the whole club went outside to take part in a Grand Tournament. The whole week went by with much fun and joy. All the children were really invested in the club with many leaving on the Friday expressing a strong wish to return next year.

Our tech team, led by David Matthew, supported proceedings with skill and we were refreshed by our wonderful Castle Kitchen team led by Anne Wicks.

The Holiday Club Sunday Service saw many children returning with their family, allowing them the opportunity to show them some of the things we had done together over the week.

Planning for Holiday Club 2026 "The Greatest Show Ever" is now well under way!

Roz Chatwin

Pastoral Care Report

Christians are called to 'one-another'. What does that mean? Well here's some ideas: carry burdens (Galatians 6:2), comfort (1 Thess 4:13-18), encourage (Hebrews 10:25), pray (James 5:16), spur on (Hebrews 10:24), serve (Galatians 5:13), show hospitality, love, forgive, bear with…..this is pastoral work, which we are all to be engaged in. The care of others is often found in practical ways - the lift to church or to an appointment, in the making of a meal or doing some shopping, meeting for a coffee to listen and chat and pray, reading the Bible together and a host of all different things. It is so wonderful to see a

church family caring for one another, and it is a joy to be able to help co-ordinate some of this support when needed.

As with all years, for many of us there have been joys and sorrows: babies, new jobs, new homes, new illnesses, new treatment, and inevitably, death of loved ones. Through it all, God is faithful and gracious, and cares for us, and this is often shown in practical and prayerful ways through the support and love within the community of our church family.

As always, my grateful thanks to the **Pastoral Team** – Beth Farrington, Jenny Jones, Hannah Osborn, Chris Salberg, Jenny Salberg, Keith Stevens, Ann Thurgood and Heather Voizey, Anne Wicks and Lizzy Pudner. We have met across the year and prayed together and sought to use the gifts we have in the pastoral setting, with many home visits undertaken, hospital visits, lifts given and practical help too. With James, Ben, Keith and Beth leading services, and visits from the members of the Pastoral Team, we have an active presence in the Knoll, Ivelhurst, Cooksons Court, Grovelands and Pearson House.

The **Gone Fishing Café** operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon, and sometimes it is the first point of contact for newcomers to our church. Companionship and friendship are still at the very heart of the café and our strapline is 'nobody alone'. The CAP team - Rowena, Mary and befrienders - are often there to welcome and engage with CAP clients who come along. We enjoy delicious home-made cake and good fair-trade coffee. Laughter, prayer, listening, merriment – it all happens at the café. It's good. Why not join us? As always, a huge thank you to all who bake cakes and those who come and serve at the café. Thank you to Ann Johnson for organising the rota and thank you to new people who have been added to the list of bakers and volunteers – it just wouldn't happen without you!

Fellowship Groups
These are a key aspect of our church life and growth together as Christians, as we meet and read the Bible and pray together, as we drink coffee and laugh and chat and share life together. We have 14 groups meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (most in the evenings). This year we have been looking at the Nicene Creed and the book of Joel. If you are interested in joining a group, please let me know. Our leaders meet termly to discuss the teaching and pray and support one another in this ministry.

Caring for the Carers: We have continued to meet every couple of months, with the aim of supporting one another in the role of caregivers: those who look after relatives – both near and far. The size of this group has doubled across the year, and I am grateful to those who have come and shared openly about the joys and stresses of this role and who support one another so kindly, as we have prayed and listened to one another.

Captain's Table
The Captain's Table lunch club continues to be a source of joy to many, and we meet for lunch on the 1st Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Church Hall, where 40 guests are provided with an excellent 2 course lunch with tea/coffee, entertainment and a Gospel message.

The lunch club has not been without its challenges over this past year – and I am pleased to report that the oven was repaired and a new hob has been recently installed, which should make the cooking of hot lunches go much more smoothly! The heated metal hostess trolley continues to be invaluable - keeping food and plates hot. The challenges of cooking in a very small kitchen space on a domestic sized oven for 40 people is not for the faint hearted, and I am very grateful to the resilience of the team of cooks - Roz Chatwin, Gill Brookes, Sarah Blake, Rose Hodges and Ian Bramley - who do an amazing job.

It is very much a team effort, so thank you if you have given up a few hours on a Saturday to lay tables and set up, wait on tables, wash up, make tea, provide transport, bring God's word, provide entertainment. It is always lovely to have families involved, and the older folk enjoy conversation with the children and young people who have occasionally come along and helped with their parent(s). A special thank you to Ann Beable, for all the tablecloths, tea towels, aprons and any other laundry that she has washed, ironed and returned to us.

It would be lovely to have some more on the cooking team – and if you feel able to help with this on an occasional basis, please do let me know.

The **Holiday at Home** in September 2025 went to England, where we enjoyed a proper old fashioned afternoon tea, sang seaside songs and traditional hymns and learned many facts about the country that we might not have known and how faith came to this nation of ours.

Church Family News
It's been a busy year of church family needing the NHS – with hip replacements, knee replacements, shoulder surgery, broken legs, ankles, falls, mental health issues, heart surgery, treatments of chemotherapy and radiotherapy and palliative care. We are weak and fragile in mind and body, but praise God for his love and faithfulness to us.

We have lost some dear church family members this year from St John's and St Andrew's, and since last reporting: Dennis Adams, David Aston, Bob Banfield, Elizabeth Crawford, Sid Cameron, Sandra Welch, Tony Johnson, Janice Jenkins, Jean Cameron. Many of our church family members have suffered bereavements this year.

There have been lots of big birthdays with '0's – 40th, 50th, 70th, 80th ….and in a year's time there might be a 100th ! (God willing).

We have said a warm 'hello' to babies Jesse (to Deborah and Manny) and two are due at the time of writing this report and another later in the year! We've seen Michael and Lily Drapper and Victoria and Liam Doble get married this year.

As I started this report, I conclude again by saying that the pastoral work is for all of us to be involved in - **comfort, serve, encourage, carry burdens, show hospitality, spur on, love, pray, bear with – this is the work that God has called us to.**

Helen Peace
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Parish Prayer Chain Report

I'm delighted to say that the parish prayer chain has increased to 39 people, mainly due to the messages being communicated via WhatsApp. This enables messages to be communicated in a succinct and timely manner.

All requests are dealt with in a sensitively. Prayers are offered to the Lord in faith, and we leave both people and different situations in His loving care.

If you have a request for prayer, perhaps for yourself or a loved one, then you can contact me or Ann Thurgood, and one of us will send out a WhatsApp notification and people will bring the situation to the Lord and ask for His help and strength.

Each request made is treated confidentially within the boundaries of the prayer chain, and there is no 'follow-up' or further contact.

In 1 Thessalonians 5 we are reminded to "REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS".

Helen Peace

St John's Mission Group report 2025

Doug Johnson (Chair), Ben Graham, Judith Brookes, Chris Salberg, Mary Irwin, Ann Johnson

The mission group met in February and September. A major issue addressed this year was how best we support persecuted Christians in many parts of the world. In the light of concerns about the management of Barnabas Aid we decided that we would transfer our support to Open Doors – a decision ratified by the Standing Committee.

Events
Visit of Pastor Florea with news from Emmanuel Church, Lapusna, Moldova

First Wednesday
The Mission Group provide information and prayer points for First Wednesday from our 5 main mission partners in rotation. Other people and needs abroad are prayed for as we receive news.

Giving
St John's PCC has agreed to give 10% of its income to support Christian training, education and compassion ministries overseas and in the UK.

The initial budget for 2025 was £24,000. £20,000 was divided equally between our main mission partners:

SIM for the work of Hilary Deneufchâtel
Servants of the Word Bible College in The Gambia
The Christian Institute
Emmanuel Church, Lapusna, Moldova
Open Doors

After discussion with Alan Irwin (Church Treasurer) it was decided that in the light of the financial situation at the end of year no additional grants would be made. Any outstanding requests would be considered early in 2026.

The Mission Group are grateful for the privilege of serving fellow Christians around the world and for the support and generosity of the members of St John's.

Doug Johnson

Fellowship Groups 2025

These groups meet twice a month for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship. Many hot drinks are consumed, and much cake devoured. Two groups meet in the daytime while most meet in the evenings. One group meets on a Thursday, but the rest all meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

There is also a Ladies' Bible Study group and a Men's Fellowship Group; this latter meets fortnightly in the Schoolrooms.

We provide study notes for the autumn and spring, and leave the groups and their leaders to choose material for the summer term.

- In the Autumn of 2025, the groups studied subjects from the Nicene Creed, building on the morning sermon series, celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Creed.

- And in the Spring of 2026 the groups have been studying the small Old Testament book of the prophet Joel, with all its locusts. I am grateful to those who have helped me write these Bible Studies.

Helen Peace continues to do a marvellous job of liaising with leaders over new members, and helping people find the FG that is right for them. There are currently 140 members spread across 15 groups.

As always, we are hugely grateful to the leaders of these groups, without whom this marvellous ministry of our churches would not exist. The groups enable church members to be rooted in Christ and grow in him, with deepening friendships.

James Dudley-Smith

Ladies Bible Study

We meet on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month apart from school holidays, and from a group of 13, the usual number attending is 9 or 10.

Our priority is to study God's word and, after discussion, we pray about what we have learnt. Then we conclude by sharing more personal needs, praying for ourselves, the church and wider concerns.

After studying the first nine chapters of John's Gospel last summer, our autumn sessions began with a meal in the home of one of the group before embarking on 1 and 2 Thessalonians, which we completed in February. We met for a pub lunch, and then returned to our studies in John 10-12 to lead us up to Easter. It has been helpful to remind ourselves that John wrote his gospel, "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Jean Conley and Helen Truett

APCM Safeguarding Report 2026

Robust safeguarding systems are clearly vital for the safety and protection of everyone in the church. I have also become increasingly aware that making these processes visible is a key way in which people are reassured, which is especially important for parents who entrust us to care for their children. I have therefore been especially gratified when church members have asked what we do, or have questioned our procedures. Usually, an explanation is all that has been needed, but these conversations help us to review what we do and can lead to even better practice. We welcome your questions and will seriously consider any positive suggestions you make. Please pray that we will all be alert to any further measures we can implement to ensure safety.

As a church we continue to be very careful about the people we allow to serve as volunteers, recruiting through informal interviews, taking up references and requiring satisfactory Disclosure and Barring System (DBS) checks. This is not just related to activities for children and youth, but also for activities that are provided for adults who may be vulnerable. There are, however, strict rules about when we are entitled to ask someone to apply for a check. If children and young people under 18 years are involved, then it is clear

cut but it is more difficult to be sure of our entitlement in relation to activities for adults. I am glad that we now have far better guidance on this.

We are required to review the St John's and St Andrew's Safeguarding Policy annually, and therefore this happens each January. The most recent version is based on a Church of England document called Promoting a Safer Church. The revised policy includes two additional appendices. The first (Appendix A The Code of Safer Working Practice) gives clarity of the expected behaviour of those who are working or volunteering on behalf of the church. The second (Appendix E Helpful Organisations Contact Details) is a list of voluntary and statuary organisations that can provide help and support and is more comprehensive than the previous one. Both the Policy and the List are displayed on the safeguarding notice boards in all of our buildings.

Some of the challenges of the year have again come from visitors to the church, either on Sundays or mid-week. Lin's work on the support we can provide to the homeless has been very helpful in this, as have plans for actions that may be needed if there is any challenging behaviour during a service, especially when there are children present. Our Wardens, Deputy Wardens, mid-week and Saturday stewards normally deal with these events, so please pray they will have wisdom in this, alongside a sympathetic understanding of the needs of these people.

Early in 2025 Bath and Wells Diocese underwent an audit of their safeguarding systems and support for those in the parishes. The report was published in July with very positive findings and states "Bath and Wells has developed a strong and positive safeguarding culture driven by committed leadership, engaged safeguarding personnel and effective strategies that personalise safeguarding and empower local communities." As is to be expected, there were a few minor recommendations which include an increase in the direct support to Parishes. This has led to further training sessions for Safeguarding Officers on additional topics, either online or in person, which I have found helpful to attend. My experience of the team at the Diocese continues to be that they are extremely helpful and prompt in their replies whenever I have needed to contact them. It is very reassuring.

Ann Thurgood
Safeguarding Officer

Life Skills Manager's Report April 2026

CAP Life Skills is now in its fourth year having completed 10 courses. We continue to look for new contacts and fresh ways to promote the service we offer and the social community that we build; a place where the least, the lost and the lonely can find help, encouragement, friendship and hope.

The wonderful team who steps up each course to make it happen numbers 11; 3 coaches and 8 volunteers, plus myself as coach and LS manager. Inevitably small changes occur and over the past year Gil O stepped down as a coach, whilst remaining part of the team, and Mary M has stepped up, having recently finishing her coaching training.

If group members sign up for the summer course, Mary will be ready to lead as a new coach, however after the previous two summer courses failed to attract sufficient group members we are waiting to see whether the move to a daytime slot, rather than an evening slot, will make the difference. It is hard to know whether it is the timing of the course that fails to attract, or simply that potential group members feel more optimistic and positive in the summer when the days are longer and the weather warmer…I can relate to that!

We are a big team of people engaged in this work and despite the occasional lower numbers, we are constantly reminded that our Loving Father, the giver of hope, does not measure success in the way the world measures success. Life Skills is as much a place to offer welcome and build community as it is a place

that teaches practical skills. The team are essential to this, each bringing their individual personalities and their warm acceptance of whoever walks through our door.

This can also be seen at the Gone Fishing café to which we invite our ever-extending community of past LS members after a course has finished. The GFC enables St John's to bridge the gap between LS and church family, a place where our CAP friends will see familiar faces and continue to feel the welcome offered by our church community.

A further outreach opportunity that we offer to some is the sUpper Room, a place where we slowly build relationships of trust with those whose past lives have often left them damaged and untrusting. In some situations, the transition to faith and church inclusion may be quick, but for others this may take a long time, taking patience, love, and prayer.

At sUpper Room we do this by cooking together, eating together and clearing up together. Eating with others and effectively serving each other throughout the evening can be a new experience that opens eyes and changes hearts. The example and role-modelling of the team at sUpper Room is just one more way that the light of God's kingdom can be shone into people's lives, and, as with LS, the team who are part of this outreach love being part of the group and building friendships that may irrevocably change the lives they touch. For God has a role for all of us and we should see it as the gift it is, both to ourselves and to others.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

Jennifer Matthew
Life Skills Manager

St John's Website

St John's website was upgraded in 2021. The new look was intended to be fresh, modern and eye-catching while its content was tailored towards those not familiar with our Church family. We have some basic analytics running on the website looking at web traffic so I can provide the following stats.

Since the website was re-launched it has attracted over 32410 page views (9860 more than last year) with 83% of our visitors being new or on a different device to a previous visit. We see 55% of people viewing the website from their phone and 40% on their desktop or laptop computers, the rest we can't tell. The average time of any user remaining on the website is 36 seconds, which shows a decline from the 52 seconds of last year. The average time spent on any site on the internet this year is 52 seconds, with many not staying past 20 seconds. Most of our views come from the UK but we have also had hits from the US, Ireland, and Germany in recent months. Our top ten recently viewed pages may surprise you:

1. Home - St John's Church - 368 views
2. Sundays - St John's Church - 83 views
3. On-line Sundays - 44 views
4. Meet the team - St John's Church - 40 views
5. Church news and updates - 39 views
6. Church Events - St John's Church - 37 views
7. James Dudley-Smith - 21 views
8. About - St John's Church - 16 views
9. St Andrew's Home - 16 views
10. Contact - St John's Church - 11 views

A great deal of thanks must go to Emma and Chris in the Church office who have kept the website well updated with news and events and created the lovely eye-catching banners that appear on the front page.

Calum McFarlane

TCP Fellowship Group

TCP meets on the fourth Saturday of the month in the Lower Schoolrooms between 9 and 10.30 am.
The group continues to thrive, with up to twenty members from both our churches: it is a great way of staying connected and gives us the opportunity to support one another.

During our breakfast meetings, we enjoy croissants, hot drinks, chatting and plenty of laughter. We keep a prayer diary and always finish the morning with a time of prayer which we all value greatly. We would always welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Personal thanks to Ann Beable who has taken the majority of responsibility for shopping and running the group whilst I have not been as good on my feet.

Roz Chatwin

Crafty Ladies Fellowship Group

We continue to meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month between 7.30 and 9pm in the Lower Schoolrooms. At present the group consists of around eight members and we enjoy our time together, being creative and chatting as we stitch. During the last year we completed the first of a pair of banners designed with Easter in mind.

We would welcome any new members to the group who would like to be creative with us. The only skill required is being able to hold a needle and the only equipment members need to bring with them is their enthusiasm.

Roz Chatwin

Band Report 2025-2026

During the past year the Band has steadily continued to expand its repertoire and knowledge of songs, own instrument and tech. We are a varied group of people with different skills voluntarily using them to serve our church family.

We come together most Monday evenings to go through new songs for services for the following Sunday: some weeks one, others two. We start with prayer and a short catch-up with each other's lives. We use mics, individual foldback machines connected to our in-ears. We come already having seen the song lists on ChurchSuite and this enables us to listen to a song if it is little known or new to us.

Each service there is a different combination of singers/instrumentalists. On ChurchSuite we add our unavailability dates and, from this, a group is put together for each service when there can be between three and seven of us. When introducing a new song we do our best to play it over a number of weeks prior to the service, though this isn't always possible, before placing it in the body of a service. We meet an hour before each service to go over songs and have sound checks.

As last year we have covered 70 services: Together for Worship (1st Sunday), Communion (4th Sunday), a 5th Sunday and every evening service. For the Carol Service most singers joined in with the Choir and many instrumentalists played, including extras.

If on reading this you have any questions, or feel able to serve in this way, then please speak to Keith, Becky, Judy or myself. The four of us are the Planning Team and oversee the running of the Band. If your interest is in tech then please speak to David. We all complete a Band Commitment document which lays down what our service is about.

It is a privilege and blessing to serve our Church family. Jesus is the centre and in Him we trust.

Jane Hiscock

St John's Model Railway Group (SJMRG)

The Model Railway group was formed in around 2015, when a few of us realised we had a common interest in modelling / model railways, with the intention of enjoying fellowship around a mutual creative hobby. We meet once a month on a Thursday evening in the Schoolrooms and for many it is an opportunity to come and have a cup of tea and enjoy some company – oh and maybe play trains on a small oval of track or even do some modelling!

We aim to honour Christ by providing a place where anyone can feel welcome and where we are free to talk about faith, and able to support each other with whatever might be happening in our lives. We hope that anyone who is not a member of St Johns or another Church can feel welcome and might also be interested in what ultimately motivates Christians in their lives (beyond trains!).

We were delighted to show our layout based on Yeovil Junction for the first time in public last November as part of Norman Browne's 90th Birthday celebrations in aid of CAP. Norman has been a key member of our group from the beginning and has made a number of contributions to it including making some buildings for the village scene.

On a sadder note, we have recently lost valued members of our group; David Aston and Bob Banfield.

Please pray that we would honour God in our times together and have conversations that point us to Jesus and help us all to acknowledge him in our lives.

Tim Neville

Prodigal Bikes

This is a registered charity based in Merriott, set up in 2016 by a small group of people including Tim Neville and Calum McFarlane. We send second hand bicycles to communities in Africa to help children to access education and teachers to get to school efficiently. Our workshop is near Merriott and we use it to host groups of disengaged people such as ex-offenders, the long term unemployed and excluded school children, by working alongside them to refurbish the bikes. This helps them re-engage with education and employment and has been found to give them inspiration and a link into basic engineering skills.

We have shipped around 980 bikes in total so far and now have projects running in Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania. We are delighted to find that our bikes are having a really positive impact on those receiving them. Excitingly, our 2024 shipment to Tanzania brought the community together and has provided a

springboard for a local pastor to provide Christian youth work (in a predominantly Muslim area) and start a youth football team.

A good proportion of the bikes we have sent to Africa continue to be in regular use and are being well maintained by our local bike mechanics in country. However there is a need for a new shipment to our project in Kenya to both expand the number of bikes available and to replenish worn out bikes. We hope to ship more bikes later this year once we have raised the necessary funds.

Thanks again to all those who support us on a regular or occasional basis, and for all those who responded to our recent appeal to enable us to provide lighting for the "workshop" (container) in Tanzania.

If you'd like to know more, please see the Prodigal Bikes website or talk to Tim or Calum.

Tim Neville

The Loop

A year of The Loop has come full circle, with a high-speed ride through the Bible (led by James) and faith-provoking discussions in the Book of Mark (led by Ben). More than a dozen people have joined the ride — some for a short time, others for the entire year. Every Loop session has explored Bible truths, including topics such as sin, grace, the cross of Christ, repentance, living out faith in Jesus, and the coming resurrection. Questions are a big part of The Loop — and the aim is open and honest discussion, looking to the Bible for answers. It's always a bonus if James and Ben get a really difficult one to answer! This past year, The Loop has been not only a time of learning from Scripture and discussing the Bible together, but also a time of fellowship and getting to know new friends.

Why not join a Loop session as a one-off — and maybe stick around for the whole ride? There's always a seat for you. Interested? Contact ben@sjyeovil.org.uk.

Julian Lukins

Yeovil College Chaplaincy

Praise the Lord for a good year of fruitful ministry at the College. I'm very aware of how God is at work. Much of what I've been doing hasn't changed much over the last few years, but this year God is working in wonderful ways.

I've had the joy of seeing students give their lives to following Jesus. The number of students attending the bible study groups called LIFE has slowly been increasing. There has been a good mixture of students, some from church backgrounds, some brand new believers, lots of friends of Christian students dropping in to see for themselves.

Tutorials – This year I've been pleased to have an opportunity to lead two sets of tutorials based on Christmas and Easter. A tutorial week involves delivering 20 hour long sessions to about 50 students at a time. They are good fun, involve some push back and questions from the students. Generally the students listen well, I always bring in the good news of Jesus in a relatable and interesting way.

Pastoral care – Part of my role is to offer pastoral care. I've seen several students on a 1-1 basis to talk through various difficulties of life. Some welcome Jesus and prayer as part of the conversation. This year I seemed to have gained more opportunities to have conversations with staff members.

Ben Graham

Deanery Synod Report

Synod met three times this year at Rimpton, West Coker and St John's, Yeovil. As ever the meetings were interesting, informative and useful, covering a huge spread of subjects relevant to church life. A regular feature has been visits and briefings from Diocesan central staff explaining what support functions are available to parishes and what is happening outside the deanery.

Diocesan Lead Giving and Funding Adviser: Natalie Wainwright works at the Diocese with two colleagues, and their role is to support parishes with accessing grants, and maximising giving, etc.

She began by talking about the Generous Church Check-up which has fourteen different questions for parishes to run through, like a health check for PCCs to carry out and suggests this could be done at least once a year. Her advice includes how people might increase their donations and celebrating generosity, having an annual gift day, etc. She spoke about the Parish Giving Scheme which promotes giving by Direct Debit rather than by standing order and takes a lot of work away from treasurers. Gift Aid can be collected on a monthly basis this way, and an annual increase can be locked in in-line with inflation.

She recommended:

- An 8 week course called 'Living Generously' for home groups
- A booklet entitled "How to manage your Church Project Guide".
- Regarding church projects, Mark Lister is the person to contact for advice: how to make best use of architects and local authorities.
- Visions for the church: getting permissions in place before applying for external grants
- How to finance projects and involve the wider community
- Grant funders: the national church has "Cornerstone" which is a grant funding database
- Card machines in churches have proved a positive way of collecting donations

Richard Priestley, New Christian Communities Development Lead was with us to talk on Mission and Mixed Ecology. He introduced himself as having, until six months ago, been the incumbent of a church on top of the Mendips where he had been for 12 years.

What is mission? There are five marks of mission needed to proclaim the gospel: tell, teach, tend, transform and treasure. And he stressed the importance of listening to people and their individual context.

Mixed ecology refers to diversity of worshipping communities, co-existing with mutual benefit and affirmation, when it may be necessary to think of 'doing church' another way, not just the traditional way: to include creative new things giving people the opportunity to come together to encounter God. He asked what is required to become a mixed ecology: hope and vision, values and humility. We are the body of Christ. He suggested that we, in our PCCs, could consider: What could be? And what will be?

Ben Goodhind, Safeguarding Lead for Bath and Wells Diocese, outlined his previous work in the Probation Service and as a prison governor, where he had greatly valued the work of prison chaplains. Recent personal experience has brought home to him that we will all at some time be vulnerable, and safeguarding policies and practice exist to protect the vulnerable. His particular current concerns are for the homeless and refugees, those with mental illness and with dementia. He presented us with various safeguarding scenarios (an elderly member of the congregation not looking after herself, a boy afraid to go home, a PCC reluctant to do safeguarding training) which we discussed in small groups and then in a plenary. Ben said how much he values the work that churches do and stressed that he wants to be a support not a hindrance. Consequently, his over-riding message is: if in doubt RING BEN. He and his team

are there for us, and have a contact system which means that all queries are addressed efficiently and appropriately.

James Dudley-Smith spoke for several in the room who have sought advice and help from Ben recently and stated that it is greatly reassuring to feel so supported by him and his team.

Diocesan Year of Prayer

Richard Priestley updated Synod. Bishop Michael has encouraged us to make 2026 a year with an especial focus on prayer. He spoke about how we could use this at parish level, and the resources which have been produced by the Diocese. There are three different prayer cards which can be ordered in bulk for church members, and a 'Prayer Box' with a number of creative prayer resources for churches to use. The Box can be booked via the Diocese. The 'Year of Prayer' section of the Diocesan website has more resources.

Many other topics have been discussed; people have arrived in ministry in the deanery and news and fellowship shared with members of churches from the surrounding area and as a way of serving the church in its broadest sense, I can recommend becoming St John's representative on Synod.

Rob Dean

Yeovil CAP Debt Centre

The Yeovil Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre was launched in 2011. Thanks to the Lord's faithfulness, and provision, it has been running continuously since then. Our aim is to help local people deal with unmanageable debt, offering this free service to those of any or no faith, in the name of Jesus.

As we approach our 15th anniversary, a total of nearly £2.5 million of debt has been cleared – either through clients repaying, through insolvency or by other means (such as full and final settlements). We have now seen a total of 183 households go debt free through the Yeovil CAP Centre. One client shared, "Since becoming debt free, I am not afraid to go to my post box - I go there every day without worrying. Friends have been telling me how well I look now as well!" We also give thanks that over the years the Yeovil CAP Centre has shared the gospel with over 600 households many of which had little previous contact with church. It is a great joy to know that some people who contacted CAP for help years ago are now regulars in our church community.

Rowena Murray and I continue to work as debt coaches, with a total capacity for four new clients each month. Our home visits are always in partnership with a befriender, who is a CAP volunteer from one of the local churches. In the past year we have one new befriender, Sarah, who showed interest after a talk at Yeovil Community Church. Sarah has just started seeing clients, and she has a beautiful and powerful testimony of coming to faith in the last couple of years.

Our annual regional CAP conference was held at Taunton Baptist church last June and 11 members of the team from Yeovil attended, including debt, life skills and money coaches, befrienders and members of the management committee. The theme was "Boldness from Jesus for the Mission" and we were inspired by hearing from some CAP clients whose lives have been transformed by Jesus Christ after contacting CAP. One man, Nathan, had been addicted to drugs and alcohol for 25 years, since the age of 14. When offered prayer for the first time, he said he didn't want prayer – he thought he *was* God. However, he later encountered the living Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Last September our Centre Administrator, Emma Handcock, returned from maternity leave. She has been a great blessing to our team, undertaking regular administrative tasks: co-ordinating the CAP Christmas Hampers; liaising with online fundraising platform, Givestar; and using her creative skills in designing publicity material.

The Christmas Hampers were put together by individuals and small groups from several churches locally, and were delivered by debt coaches and befrienders along with fresh food and an illustrated book of gospel stories to over 40 CAP households. They were much appreciated: one recipient later messaged "*I was speechless, it was genuinely lovely. Thank you all at CAP for your compassionate and generous hearts."* Of course our hope is that in all we do, the love of the Lord Jesus will be evident.

In March this year, I was fortunate to have a 4 week sabbatical, after 10 years as a CAP debt coach. This was a time of rest and spiritual refreshment, including a 5 day guided Christian retreat in North Wales.

CAP Money

In the past year, Paul Hiscutt and Peter Gibson ran Money Coaching (a 3-session course) in the Summer term and Autumn term: the latter was attended by parents from the Helping Hands Group at Lufton community hall.

In this past year, Rowena and I have also completed the Money Coaching training, so that we can support coaches Paul and Peter in running courses if needed, as well as running our own courses.

Our **CAP Life Skills** courses, managed brilliantly by Jennifer Matthew, has continued to run, and it is wonderful to see the interaction and reciprocity between the three CAP services, with an ever growing community of those who have attended courses and joined the 'CAP family'.

Events

We held four client events in the last year. In July our Summer BBQ was well attended with around 60 guests and helpers enjoying food and hearing a gospel message from James. In September, our Fish, Chips and Fun event saw a similar number and was held at St Peter's Community Centre – Hopestream worship group shared songs interspersed with testimony. In December, we held our traditional CAP Christmas tea for CAP families and friends at which Ben spoke. In February we held a ladies Pamper event complete with foot spas, a nail bar, drinks, nibbles and even haircuts. Jennifer shared her experience as a follower of Jesus of the Lord's love and faithfulness, within a church family. All of these events are opportunities to demonstrate the Lord's love and generosity through hospitality, friendship, and sharing our faith in Jesus. We are so grateful that many of our CAP family choose to attend them.

Church, public and agency engagement

As our lead church, St John's has regular CAP updates during the Sunday morning Service. Last year, we also spoke about CAP in St Andrew's church, Yeovil Community church, Yeovil Deanery Synod and the Melbury Ladies group Impact lunch. In addition, CAP had a presence at the Sherborne Job Fair, the Yeovilton Families Day, YCC Families Day, St Peter's community Centre family day, South Petherton community shed and the Hardington Street Fair. Last year, Sherborne Cheap St Methodist church nominated CAP as one of their two local mission partners of the year.

Our CAP Hour of Prayer meetings take place on the last Tuesday of each month, both in the Schoolrooms and online, and we send out a monthly prayer and praise update - Turning the Tide - to over 170 supporters.

Our local MP, Adam Dance, met with us in July to hear about the work of CAP and foster good relationships, and he even mentioned the important work of the Yeovil CAP centre, along with the Gone Fishing café, in a parliamentary speech highlighting the importance of historic church buildings.

CAP attends Yeovil Job Centre Plus to liaise with the staff there and we have seen an increase in signposting by the DWP work coaches to our services. Last year we have also seen clients who were signposted to us through the NHS mental health team, churches, online, local press, CAP Life Skills, local schools, Yeovil for Family and word of mouth.

Food for Thought

This group for those exploring Christian faith, or new believers, meets twice a month – we enjoy homemade soup and have been reading through Luke's gospel together, with lots of opportunities to ask questions, discuss and pray together. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month in St John's Schoolrooms.

Finances

The CAP centre is responsible for raising funds to cover running costs, which in 2025 were approximately £50,000. The centre receives regular monthly donations by standing order from around 50 individuals and Reborne church. Including gift aid, these donations cover around 40% of running costs. Last year we were awarded a grant from the Somerset Community Fund. We are also blessed to receive donations from other individuals, churches and organisations, such as the Yeovil Community Church, Sherborne Faith in Action Group, and Sherborne Cheap St Methodist church. Thanks to one of our supporters, we have also been nominated for matched funding from the Benefact Trust for individual fundraising events – these were the marvellous Norman Browne 90th birthday photographic exhibition in November, Rowena's tea party (also November), and the Yeovil Half Marathon in March. We are so grateful to all those who choose to raise money for the CAP centre in various ways, and for all our generous supporters.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." ***– Colossians 3:17***

Mary Irwin - Debt Centre Manager

PCC of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

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PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil is a Registered Charity - No. 1134345

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on Pages 2-8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:
- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

CHHowes

Name: Mr. Craig Howes
Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW
Address: 22 Watercombe Heights, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2TA
Date: 23.10.26

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year to 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming Resources									
Incoming Resources from Donors	2a	306,190	18,600	38,630	363,420	287,057	8,417	65,013	360,487
Other Incoming Resources	2b	253,517	0	0	253,517	3,500	0	0	3,500
Income from Charitable and Ancillary Trading	2c	8,052	0	0	8,052	7,855	0	0	7,855
Other Ordinary Incoming Resources	2d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income from Investments	2e	1,798	18	1,178	2,994	2,347	814	942	4,102
Total Incoming Resources		569,557	18,618	39,808	627,983	300,759	9,230	65,955	375,944
Resources Used									
Grants	3a	33,293	0	0	33,293	31,821	0	0	31,821
Activities directly for the Work of the Church	3b	240,418	17,983	53,996	312,396	218,357	14,790	50,166	283,313
Fund Raising and Publicity	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Management and Administration	3d	48,893	51	60,000	108,944	36,821	28,169	31,000	95,990
Total Resources Used		322,604	18,034	113,996	454,634	286,999	42,959	81,166	411,124
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		246,953	584	(74,187)	173,349	13,760	(33,729)	(15,211)	(35,180)
Movement on Creditors/Debtors									
Movement on Creditors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement on Debtors		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Gains	2f	0	(330)	1,006	675	0	0	1,052	1,052
Unrealised Gains		0	(2,084)	(2,243)	(4,326)	0	1,442	11,711	13,154
Net Movement in Funds		246,953	(1,830)	(75,424)	169,698	13,760	(32,287)	(2,448)	(20,975)
Balances brought forward at 1st January 2025									
General Fund St Johns		37,215			37,215	32,868			32,868
St Andrews Funds		16,510			16,510	7,096			7,096
Organ Fund (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		1		1
Schoolrooms Fund (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		271		271
St John's Building Fund			51,717		51,717		57,491		57,491
Flower Guild Investment Fund			883		883		793		793
Youth Development Investment Fund (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		25,718		25,718
Equipment Replacement Reserve (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		1,637		1,637
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			1,204		1,204		182		182
Restoration Fund				13,629	13,629			13,394	13,394
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				11,847	11,847			12,067	12,067
Peter Wakely Community Fund				247,725	247,725			265,922	265,922
Christians Against Poverty Fund				52,157	52,157			36,424	36,424
Total Balance Brought Forward		53,725	53,805	325,357	432,887	39,964	86,093	327,806	453,862
Balances carried forward at 31st December 2025									
General Fund St Johns		286,107			286,107	37,215			37,215
St Andrews Funds		14,570			14,570	16,510			16,510
Organ Fund (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		0		0
Schoolrooms Fund (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		0		0
St John's Building Fund			49,813		49,813		51,717		51,717
Flower Guild Investment Fund			643		643		883		883
Youth Development Investment Fund (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		0		0
Equipment Replacement Reserve (CLOSED Dec 2024)			0		0		0		0
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund			1,519		1,519		1,204		1,204
Restoration Fund				13,820	13,820			13,629	13,629
Tom Setter Belfry Fund				8,543	8,543			11,847	11,847
Peter Wakely Community Fund				186,525	186,525			247,725	247,725
Christians Against Poverty Fund				41,046	41,046			52,157	52,157
Total Balance Carried Forward		300,677	51,975	249,933	602,585	53,725	53,805	325,357	432,887

PCC of St John the Baptist Church Yeovil

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible		0	0
Investment Assets		239,923	305,574
		239,923	305,574
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors and Prepayments		0	0
Short Term Deposits and Bonds		34,224	45,683
Cash at Hand and in Bank		328,438	81,629
		362,662	127,312
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		362,662	127,312
NET ASSETS		602,585	432,887
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		300,677	53,725
Dedicated		51,975	53,805
Restricted		249,933	325,357
		602,585	432,887

These accounts were approved on 20th April 2026 by:



Alan Irwin – Treasurer



Keith Ovenden – Churchwarden

PCC of St JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL

Cash Flow Statement
For the year to 31st December 2025

Reconciliation of Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources to net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	**2025 £**	**2024 £**
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before investment changes	173,349	(35,180)
Investment Income	2,994	4,102
Roundings	0	0
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	170,355	(39,282)
Cash Flow Statement		
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	170,355	(39,282)
Movements on Debtors	0	0
Movements on Creditors	0	0
Sale of Investments	62,000	30,000
Investment Income	2,994	4,102
Cash Flow / Decrease in Cash	235,350	(5,180)
Net Funds at 1st January 2025	127,312	132,493
Net Funds at 31st December 2025	362,662	127,312
	235,349	(5,181)

PCC of St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH YEOVIL
NOTES to the FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year to 31st December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Format of Accounts

The Financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations, on an accrual basis, except as stated below (Para.iii)

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the St John the Baptist PCC can be held responsible. They include the figures for St Andrews church.

The accounts for 2025 show that the total income is	£624,332
and the total expenditure is	£454,634

(ii) Funds

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

The following funds are categorised as “Designated Funds” within the terms of the Act.

St John's Building Fund (formerly known as the Fabric Fund)
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund
Flower Guild Fund

The following funds are categorised as “Reserved Funds” within the terms of the Act.

Restoration Fund
Tom Setter Belfry Fund
Christians Against Poverty Fund
Peter Wakely Community Fund

Placement of Funds

The PCC's financial policy is to invest the bulk of its liquid assets with the Church Commissioners (CCLA). Operating funds are retained in NatWest Bank current a/cs.

(iii) A full analysis of investment placement is shown in the Balance Sheet (Funds Statement). All material items of income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis, regardless of their not having been received or paid during the year.

(iv) **Tangible Fixed Assets**

The church is believed not to own any significant fixed assets, particularly the church building or clergy residences, at 31st December 2025.
Any fixed assets acquired by the PCC, which the PCC is then free to dispose of at a future date, without faculty, and where the original cost exceeds £1000 (One Thousand Pounds), are reviewed for capitalisation and depreciation over the useful economical life of those assets as determined by the Finance Committee.
Both the decision to capitalise an asset and the resultant depreciation policy is determined by the Finance Committee.
No assets of this type were capitalised by the PCC during the period under review.

(v) **Fixed Asset Investments**

Investments are held in the following funds -	**Cost**	**Value at 31st Dec 2025**
	£	**£**
Peter Wakely Commiunity Fund - CBF CofE Investment Funds Accumulation Shares	144,097	189,884
Fabric Investment Fund – CBF CofE Investment Funds Income Shares	36,519	50,039
	180,616	239,923

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES		**Unrestricted Funds**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds 2025**	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds 2024**
2a. Incoming Resources from Donors		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Regular Giving		185,646	0	0	185,646	173,123	0	0	173,123
Income Tax Recovered		49,608	0	0	49,608	46,547	0	0	46,547
Dedicated Collections		11,204	0	0	11,204	4,695	0	0	4,695
Other Collections		54,732	365	191	55,288	57,692	1,042	235	58,969
Grants Received		5,000	17,300	0	22,300	5,000	4,886	0	9,886
Directed Giving	Fabric	0	510	0	510	0	1,898	0	1,898
	Floral Group	0	425	0	425	0	591	0	591
	General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CAP	0	0	38,439	38,439	0	0	64,778	64,778
Sundry Donations	General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Fabric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Youth Minister	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		306,190	18,600	38,630	363,420	287,057	8,417	65,013	360,487
2b. Other Incoming Resources									
Legacy – General Fund		252,017	0	0	252,017	2,000	0	0	2,000
Floral Group Fundraising		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers from General Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costs Recovered from St Andrews		1,500	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0	1,500
		253,517	0	0	253,517	3,500	0	0	3,500
2c. Income from charitable & ancillary trading									
Church Hall Lettings		7,052	0	0	7,052	6,870	0	0	6,870
Fees and Church Lettings		1,000	0	0	1,000	985	0	0	985
		8,052	0	0	8,052	7,855	0	0	7,855
2d. Other Ordinary Incoming Resources									
Insurance Claims		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2e. Income from Investments									
General Fund		1,798	0	0	1,798	2,347	0	0	2,347
Schoolrooms (closed)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organ Fund (closed)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St John's Building Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell Ringers' Investment Fund		0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Christians Against Poverty Fund		0	0	796	796	0	0	887	887
Tom Setter Belfry Fund		0	0	346	346	0	0	14	14
Restoration Fund		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund		0	0	36	36	0	0	40	40
Youth Development Investment Fund (closed)		0	0	0	0	0	794	0	794
Flower Guild Investment Fund		0	17	0	17	0	19	0	19
		1,798	18	1,178	2,994	2,347	814	942	4,102
2f. Change in Value of Investments									
Realised Gain/(Loss)			(330)	1,006	675			1,052	1,052
Unrealised Gain/(Loss)			(2,084)	(2,243)	(4,326)		1,442	11,711	13,154
		0	(2,414)	(1,237)	(3,651)	0	1,442	12,763	14,205
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		569,557	16,204	38,572	624,332	300,759	10,673	78,718	390,150

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3.RESOURCES USED	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
3a. Grants	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Charitable Giving (Special Collections)	10772	0	0	10772	7071	0	0	7071
External Donations from Church Funds	22522	0	0	22522	24750	0	0	24750
	33293	0	0	33293	31821	0	0	31821
3b. Activities directly for work of the Church Ministry								
Benefice Share	185955	0	0	185955	177070	0	0	177070
Clergy & Staff Expenses	4951	0	0	4951	5292	0	0	5292
Clergy Housing	111	0	0	111	137	0	0	137
Church Running Costs								
Utilities	11494	0	0	11494	13072	0	0	13072
Telephone & Broadband	809	0	0	809	762	0	0	762
Insurance	8596	0	0	8596	5552	271	0	5823
Repairs and Maintenance	5099	17300	3650	26049	941	14000	234	15175
Major Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Altar Requisites	304	683	0	986	141	519	0	661
Music, Tech & Organ	6230	0	0	6230	2174	0	0	2174
St Andrews Church & Hall	11610	0	0	11610	8390	0	0	8390
C.A.P. Activities								
Expenses of Project	0	0	50346	50346	0	0	49932	49932
Junior Church & Youth Work								
Junior Church & Youth Work	5261	0	0	5261	4826	0	0	4826
Mother & Baby Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	240418	17983	53996	312396	218357	14790	50166	283313
3c. Fund Raising and Publicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3d. Church Management and Administration								
Church Office Expenses	7280	0	0	7280	6131	1637	0	7768
Wages and Fees	37038	51	60000	97090	28211	26532	31000	85743
Printing and Stationery	0	0	0	0	257	0	0	257
Books	173	0	0	173	132	0	0	132
Sundries	4402	0	0	4402	2090	0	0	2090
	48893	51	60000	108944	36821	28169	31000	95990
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	322604	18034	113996	454634	286999	42959	81166	411124

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4. STAFF COSTS	**2025**		**2024**	
Salaries, Taxes and Pensions	**£**		**£**	
Facilities Manager	8,090		17,188	
CAP Centre Manager	21,428		20,012	
CAP Centre Debt Coach	11,401		8,824	
Children and Youth Minister	32,470		30,554	
Pastoral Care Coordinator	25,108		15,431	
Parish & CAP Administrator	35,645		27,441	
Projects Manager	2,832		0	
Cleaning Services (bought out)	4,080	141,053	2,640	122,090

During the year the PCC employed

Facilities Manager (25 hrs p.w. - retired in Dec24)	0	1
Facilities Manager (c.500 hrs per year – from Nov24)	1	1
CAP Centre Manager (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
CAP Centre Debt Coach (15 hrs p.w. - from Mar24)	1	1
Children and Youth Minister (full time)	1	1
Pastoral Care Coordinator (22.5 hrs p.w.)	1	1
Parish Administrator (maternity cover Sep24-Sep25)	1	1
Parish/CAP Admin. (36 hrs p.w. - maternity to Sep25)	1	1
Projects Manager (c.750 hrs per year – from Sep25)	1	0

5. DEBTORS

	£	**£**
General Fund	0	0
Restoration Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Peter Wakely Community Fund	0	0
Building Fund	0	0

6. CREDITORS

	£	**£**
General Fund	0	0
Schoolrooms	0	0
Tom Setter Belfry Fund	0	0
Christians Against Poverty	0	0
Building Fund	0	0

7. ANALYSIS of NET ASSETS by FUND

	as at - 31st December 2025				**as at - 31st December 2024**			
	Unrestricted	**Designated**	**Restricted**	**Total**	**Unrestricted**	**Designated**	**Restricted**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Fixed Assets and Investments	0	49,813	186,525	236,338	0	51,717	247,725	299,442
Current Assets	300,677	2,162	63,409	366,248	53,725	2,088	77,632	133,445
Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	300,677	51,975	249,933	602,585	53,725	53,805	325,357	432,887