Charity registration number 1134647

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Lentells
Chartered Certified Accountants

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Rev. Dr N Griffin Mr P Joyce (resigned 20 May 2025) Mrs L Westlake Mr R Barnes (appointed 20 May 2025) Mrs H McKegney Mr M Norman-Willetts Mrs M Carson Mr P Cole Mr P Underwood (resigned 18 March 2025) Mr I Pinder Mrs B Baigent Mrs K Lanchbury Mrs L Norman-Willetts Rev. R Kelley Rev. R Cromwell Ms L Norris (resigned 1 July 2025) Mr J Leck (appointed 20 May 2025) Mrs R Pinder (appointed 20 May 2025) Mr M Maddocks (co-opted 9 September 2025) Mrs S Blake (appointed 9 September 2025)
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Parochial Church Council's governing trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, Rev. Dr Nick Griffin, in the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the church's properties.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the PCC should undertake. It is the PCC's intention that St. George's Church, Wilton, its hall, churchyard and allotments should be available to the local community whether they are church members or not.

Achievements and performance

Church Membership and Activity

There are 156 members on the new Church Electoral Roll. The St George's 'worshipping community', as reported to the Diocese at 31 December 2025 was 259.

St George's continues to enable the community to mark life's milestones. During 2025 there were 1 wedding and 10 baptisms in the church. There were 9 funerals either in the Church or at Taunton Crematorium. All of these events bring the church into contact with people at very significant times in their lives and the ministry of the church is appreciated. It also presents an opportunity to make those members of the community aware of other things the church is able to offer.

Overview from the Vicar

The vision of St George's Church is that we:

'Grow in Spirit'

'Grow in number'

This is a vision one can never count as completed, but must strive towards year on year. Through 2025, I am so proud of the many efforts and times of deep blessing as a whole community, where we have seen the glory of God manifested, lives changed, and more added to our community. We break our vision down into different categories to help us think in a more targeted manner. This summative report, registered on the Charity Commission website, ought to be read alongside the booklet for 2025 that can be found in the church.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Worship

Our two main weekly services are on Sundays at 9.30 and 11.00.

- We are blessed with a diverse and skilled group of clergy and lay leaders. Rev. Dr Nick Griffin, Rev. Rob Cromwell, Rev. Carmen Cromwell, Rev. Richard Kelley, Rev. Keith Powell, Rev. Geoff Treasure, and Rev. Jenny Jeffery form our team of clergy leaders and preachers. This year, we have added further service leadership and preaching through our ordinand, Karen Williams, and lay leaders including Lisa Westlake and Julia Barnes.
- Rev. Carmen Cromwell was ordained Distinctive Deacon in June 2025. Karen Williams joined the team as an ordinand in training in September 2025.
- The 9.30 service is a more traditional and liturgical service, with organ, keyboard, and some sung liturgy. Our organists throughout 2025 were Ian Carson, Ed Jenkins, Stephen Page, and Ian Gouge, ably supported by additional musicians including Jackie and Alana Cottey.
- The 11.00 service is led by a band of varying sizes depending on availability and, through 2025, has been led by Chris Sampson, Tim Westlake, Sam Richardson, Sarah Leck, Bethan Baigent, and Rob Cromwell. I would list all band members, but it is such a long list that it risks missing someone out.
- These regular gatherings are supplemented by one-off and special services. Sam Richardson led a new initiative, Worship+, to introduce new songs and more experimental approaches. Karen Williams initiated a series of contemplative evenings, and Keith Powell offered healing services.
- Throughout 2025, we had impressive gatherings with extended choirs at Easter and Pentecost. Special mention goes to the Carson family who, working with our choir, brought an astonishing multi-generational family effort to produce a significant and beautiful traditional carol service.
- The Big Weekend was the largest event we have attempted in my time here and was filled with worship and life during the weekend away in Somerset. At this juncture, special mention goes to all of our musicians, but especially Matt Norman, who made guitars and a drum kit in a tent sound fantastic.
- Chris Sampson left his role as Worship Director in September 2025 to pursue a new town-wide ministry in 'Somerset House of Prayer'. Following unsuccessful attempts to recruit, the PCC has decided not to replace this role. Instead, we are working closely with volunteer leads who are taking responsibility. At the time of writing, Jill Paul is leading choir coordination, while Tim Westlake and Sam Richardson are leading the 11.00 music.
- Our verging team, led by Michael and Tricia Yardley, does an excellent job maintaining the sanctuary and ensuring that the altar and vestry are kept in good order and that the sacrament is appropriately respected.
- Our livestream was very popular throughout much of 2025, with a YouTube account reaching nearly 600 people. There was an account problem in which St George's lost access to this account, and despite appeals to Google, we have not been able to regain it. The alternatives are less attractive, and this incident has significantly impacted the visibility of our online presence. We have appealed at every level, but to no avail, and we continue to work on this matter.
- Finally, special mention should be made of the technical team, who make the musical worship sound consistent, robust, and positive, and who facilitate our livestream. This team consistently arrives early, leaves late, and receives little recognition, but we are truly blessed by their contributions.

Family and Children

- Bryony Griffin's leadership over the last five years has established one of the strongest provisions for children and young people across the entirety of Taunton. Her report is comprehensive and can be found in the booklet; what follows is a brief summary for the purposes of the accounts.
- Current Sunday provision includes four age groups: Tots (0–3s), Minis (3–5s), Kids (6–10s), and Youth (11+). Minis is a new group introduced this year to help different age groups engage at appropriate levels.
- This represents a significant weekly effort, and the number of volunteers required to sustain this provision is substantial. Thanks must be extended to all involved.
- Community outreach includes Buggy Buddies, Stay and Play, and Mossy Church, all of which offer support and care for families and carers in the wider community. These events are well attended, engaging hundreds of children throughout the year.
- Bryony has a degree in this field and has offered voluntary support to pioneer, build, and develop both the events and the leaders for all areas of children's and youth work over the last five years. It was her intention from the beginning to grow the role to a scale that would require paid resourcing. At the November PCC, she announced her decision to step back from leadership and coordination. The PCC agreed to support the recruitment of a full-time Families and Children's Worker and a part-time (15 hours) Youth Worker. At the time of writing in April 2026, there are live adverts recruiting for these roles. To build from a very small base to such a substantial and successful level of work is a significant achievement, and she should be highly commended for it.

Prayer

- One of the areas for development has been St George's life of prayer. We are particularly grateful for the ministry of Rev. Keith Powell, who has taken on the role of Prayer Coordinator and has helped to raise the profile of prayer at St George's. This is evident in clear outcomes: the number of prayer meetings and services, now around 3–4 per week, and also within our regular services, where there is a greater openness and willingness to pray with one another as we grow in Spirit. Again, I refer to the booklet for full details.
- The prayer space has continued to struggle to find a regular role and function, and there remains an open question as to whether it is the right location to facilitate prayer or whether it might be more appropriately used for storage.

Mission and Community

- We aim to run one Alpha course per term in a shortened format. Nick has taken this on from Rob, and we have been encouraged by both the numbers attending and the quality of conversations. The autumn term Alpha culminated in a series of full-immersion adult baptisms at the front of the church.
- The community fridge is now well established, running smoothly five days a week and redistributing surplus food from a main supermarket partner. Thanks to Mervyn Roberts for his steadfast leadership of this important environmental work.

- Soup had another strong year, running through the colder months (September–March). The project, led by Rob, offers soup, bread, cheese, cake, and tea, with donations welcomed but not required. Typically, 25–30 people attend, and it has been an effective way to welcome people into the space. Thanks to Somerset Community Foundation for their continued financial support. The success of the group this year has led the team to consider continuing provision in a different, seasonally appropriate format.
- Flowing on from Soup, Geoff ran a popular Bible overview course in the Dunning Room.
- The Men's Shed is thriving under Terry Ware's leadership. Beyond the practical projects, its true value lies in the relationships built and the peer support provided.
- Women in the Pub, led by Kate Taylor, continues to offer creative and social activities and is well appreciated.
- Rob's "Pub Club" at the Vivary Arms has been well received, helping to connect men across congregations and generations.
- Stroll for the Soul continues to draw groups for gentle walks, prayer, friendship, and the occasional song along the byways of Taunton.
- Jane Joyce has led our churchyard gardening team with care and skill, creating a much-loved and well-used churchyard space. Thanks to all the team.
- Our Reader, Kate Taylor, has led our care home ministry, supporting St George's Care Home, Ellisfield Court, and Elizabeth House. These visits vary between communion services and more conversational or craft-based sessions, depending on the context.
- The pastoral team, led by Hilary McKegney, continues to offer home communion and visits to those unable to attend services in person.
- We hosted a series of barbecues over the summer period after the 11.00 service, thanks to Rob and the Blake family for their generous hospitality.
- The Big Weekend had two main aims: to deepen our spirituality and sense of connection with God, and to strengthen our community life. This was a significant undertaking for the team, and it was encouraging to see different generations engaging and building relationships with one another through the additional time together.
- Our Christmas Fayre was a joyful occasion, and our first year without a weather-related disruption. The team delivered an excellent event with music, food, stalls, and crafts, raising well over £2,000 for the church. Special thanks to Hilary McKegney, Bethan Baigent, Bryony Griffin, and Carmen Cromwell.

Finance and Resources

- The accounts below detail the finances of the church, and we are very grateful for the continued support and care of Ian Pinder as our Treasurer and Robin Stamp as our Christian Giving Officer. I could not do this work without their support. This section focuses more on physical and human resources; again, I refer to the booklet for fuller details.
- Governance and strategy remain under the oversight of the PCC, with its membership listed earlier. The PCC meets six times per year and, at each meeting, focuses on one strategic theme in order to keep strategy and governance aligned.

Two sub-groups support the PCC's work:

- The Standing Committee, comprising the Vicar, Curate, Administrator, Treasurer, Wardens, and one PCC representative, holds delegated spending authority and has successfully expedited day-to-day decisions.
- The Buildings Steering Group, consisting of Paul Cole, Peter Joyce, Richard Barnes, and Nick Griffin, has been instrumental in progressing essential works on our buildings.
- Special thanks to Hilary McKegney for her tireless work as safeguarding officer. Most do not understand what the contemporary reality of safeguarding means or the administrative processes to treat this important feature with due respect and process. It is a significant work. At the time of writing, St Georges has 95 safer recruited volunteers. This is a substantial number of people to process, keep updated on training and suitable checks. We have made good progress on ensuring policy compliance and this is a standing item on the PCC. St Georges has been informally commended by the diocese for our safeguarding handling practices.
- Special mention should be made of Pete Walling, who has taken on a proactive role in the management of the church hall, engaging with contractors and streamlining processes. We are very grateful for his care and hard work.
- Our PCC Secretary, Lucy Norris, relocated to Bristol this year. Lucy was instrumental in establishing a risk register for the PCC and in developing risk templates to help protect the church. Mid-year, Lucy handed over the role of Secretary to Stephanie Blake, who has taken it on with great enthusiasm and has helped to ensure the smooth running of church business.
- We are grateful for the continuing ministry of Lisa Westlake as Churchwarden, and for the new service of Richard Barnes, who began his role at the last APCM.
- 2025 marked ten years of service for Bethan Baigent as Administrator at St George's. This organisation relies heavily on her wide-ranging skills, enthusiasm, and care for people.
- MES was discontinued following a reduction in support from the Diocese. In its place, a shortened six-week format, "Monday Night Ministries", was established and ran over the spring and summer period.
- Following a concerning initial report noted last year, the issues with the church roof have proved manageable without the need for significant investment, and the area has been made watertight and safe.
- The site as a whole is showing signs of age and wear. It is fair to say that nearly every space requires at least redecoration, with more significant repairs to plaster, ironwork, flooring, and roofing needed in places. The planned building project will address many of these issues within the church building, but the hall will require substantial remedial work, particularly to the car park and interior rooms.
- Richard Kelley has produced a helpful overview of the history of the allotments and the current constitution. The PCC has discussed at length the steps required to formalise procedures and processes that have been overlooked for some years and now need to be addressed in the coming months and years.

Financial Review

- The church's main source of income continues to be its Christian Giving Scheme and, as might be expected for a church with a growing congregation, income from this source has increased significantly at over 11% compared to the previous year, although the recent annual increases have lagged behind the growth in the congregation.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

- Total income for the year was £279,655 and total expenditure was £242,650. The overall surplus for the year was £36,008 of which the vast majority is in restricted funds and arises from an appeal to cover the cost of the initial work on a proposed re-ordering and extension of the church. The appeal restricted funds carried forward of £33,479 are expected to be spent over the course of 2026.

- Grants from Somerset Community Foundation and Taunton Town Council, together with generous specific donations from members of the congregation, have enabled the church to undertake a number of projects which would have been impossible to fund from routine income. We are very grateful for all the financial support received.

- On the expenditure side, the Parish Share which is our biggest single expense, increased by very little. We have continued to invest in equipment in the church and improvements to the hall kitchen, but there is still much work to be done to bring the fabric of our buildings up to standard.

- For the first time for several years, without the help of legacy income, the church recorded a surplus, albeit a modest one, on unrestricted funds. It is good to see an improving trend, but with plans to recruit a youth worker and proposals for the church reordering, we are very much aware that there will be challenging times ahead for the church finances.

Reserves Policy

A charity's reserves fund the working capital which is required to pay for day-to-day operations. In addition, reserves are held to meet unforeseen costs, to finance new initiatives and to fund the gaps between cash receipts and payments.

Our policy is to maintain a minimum level of free unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months revenue expenditure. As at 31 December 2025, the PCC's unrestricted reserves stood at £49,271 which amounts to just under three months regular revenue expenditure payable from unrestricted income. The Trustees are aiming to restore the reserves to the required minimum level by 31 December 2026.

It is the longer term aim of the Trustees to set aside reserve funds to cover unexpected repairs to the church, the organ and the church hall.

Investment Powers and Policy

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover the day-to-day expenses of the charity and for achieving the best returns available on surplus funds and the endowment fund. The PCC's endowment funds are invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund - Income Shares administered by the CCLA.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Risk Management

The Trustees consider risk and other uncertainties regularly at their meetings. Where possible, policies are established and procedures adopted to mitigate those risks, whether they are financial or not. Cash flow is monitored and a financial update is provided at every PCC meeting. The level of voluntary income and our ability to pay the Parish Share are regularly discussed, together with safety and protection issues for those visiting the charity's premises.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010.

The Trustees are the PCC members. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev. Dr N Griffin
Mr P Joyce (resigned 20 May 2025)
Mrs L Westlake
Mr R Barnes (appointed 20 May 2025)
Mrs H McKegney
Mr M Norman-Willetts
Mrs M Carson
Mr P Cole
Mr P Underwood (resigned 18 March 2025)
Mr I Pinder
Mrs B Baigent
Mrs K Lanchbury
Mrs L Norman-Willetts
Rev. R Kelley
Rev. R Cromwell
Ms L Norris (resigned 1 July 2025)
Mr J Leck (appointed 20 May 2025)
Mrs R Pinder (appointed 20 May 2025)
Mr M Maddocks (co-opted 9 September 2025)
Mrs S Blake (appointed 9 September 2025)

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC has a Working Group overseeing the maintenance and management of the churchyard. It has produced a Churchyard Management Policy which has been approved by the PCC and which is reviewed annually.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

PCC members are the Managing Trustees of the Church Hall and the Scout Hut; the Diocesan Board of Finance is the Custodian Trustee.

The PCC is the sole corporate trustee of the Wilton Church Allotments (a charity) and retains full management control. The PCC is responsible for ensuring that the allotments are kept in good order; that income and expenditure are in balance, and that a reasonable surplus is generated for "ecclesiastical purposes".

Specific roles fulfilled by PCC members are as follows:

Vicar:	Rev. Dr Nick Griffin (Chair)
Churchwardens:	Mr Richard Barnes
	Mrs Lisa Westlake
Deanery Synod Representative:	Mrs Hilary McKegney
Secretary to the Church Council:	Mrs Stephanie Blake
Treasurer to the Church Council:	Mr Ian Pinder

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Rev. Dr N Griffin
Vicar

Date: ..14.. May 2026

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Parochial Church Council for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the Parochial Church Council's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton (the Parochial Church Council) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Parochial Church Council's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Dated 21 May 2026

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations, grants and legacies	3	184,075	71,667	-	255,742	194,859
Other trading activities	4	8,858	-	-	8,858	14,453
Investments	5	1,729	-	-	1,729	2,390
Other income	6	14,543	-	-	14,543	10,667
Total income		209,205	71,667	-	280,872	222,369
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7	205,028	37,729	-	242,757	224,213
Other expenses	10	1,102	8	-	1,110	1,465
Total resources expended		206,130	37,737	-	243,867	225,678
Net (loss)/gain on investments	11	-	-	(997)	(997)	558
Net incoming resources before transfers		3,075	33,930	(997)	36,008	(2,751)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,075	33,940	(997)	36,008	(2,751)
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		46,196	9,484	24,950	80,630	83,381
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		49,271	43,414	23,953	116,638	80,630

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations, grants and legacies	3	168,028	26,831	-	194,859
Other trading activities	4	14,453	-	-	14,453
Investments	5	2,390	-	-	2,390
Other income	6	10,552	115	-	10,667
Total income		195,423	26,946	-	222,369
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	197,842	26,371	-	224,213
Other expenses	10	1,465	-	-	1,465
Total resources expended		189,307	26,371	-	225,678
Net gains on investments	11	-	-	558	558
Net incoming resources before transfers		(3,884)	575	558	(2,751)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,884)	575	558	(2,751)
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		50,080	8,909	24,392	83,381
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		46,196	9,484	24,950	80,630

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	12		23,953		24,950
Current Assets					
Debtors	14	32,857		22,810	
Cash at bank and in hand		74,891		54,347	
		107,748		77,157	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	15	15,063		21,477	
Net current assets			92,685		55,680
Total assets less current liabilities			116,638		80,630
Capital funds					
Endowment funds			23,953		24,950
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		43,414		9,484
Unrestricted funds - general			49,271		46,196
			116,638		80,630

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14. May 2026

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Rev Dr N Griffin
Vicar

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Mr I Pinder
Trustee and Treasurer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	20		18,815		(16,778)
Investing activites					
Investment income received		1,729		2,390	
Net cash generated from investing activities			1,729		2,390
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			20,544		(14,388)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			54,347		68,735
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			74,891		54,347

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information
The Parochial Church Council of St George's Church, Wilton is a charity registered under number 1134647. It was registered on 4 March 2010. The correspondence address for the Parish of St George's Wilton is: St George's Church Office, Fons George, Taunton TA1 3JT. The telephone number is: 01823 284253. Website: www.stgeorgescofetaunton.co.uk. Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk.

1.1 Accounting convention
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Parochial Church Council's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Parochial Church Council is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Parochial Church Council. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investment assets which are shown at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern
At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Parochial Church Council has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notice to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Parochial Church Council. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used.

1.4 Income
Income is recognised when the Parochial Church Council is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Parochial Church Council has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 **Accounting policies (continued)**

1.4 Income (continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Parochial Church Council has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grants are recognised as income when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Dividends are accounted for when receivable. Interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that the transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made-up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation. Parish Share is accounted for when due. All other expenditure on charitable activities is generally recognised when it is incurred. As the charity is not VAT registered all expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT where applicable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fully written off in 2006
Computers	Fully written off in 2011

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The Parochial Church Council has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Parochial Church Council's balance sheet when the Parochial Church Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Parochial Church Council's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Parochial Church Council is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Parochial Church Council's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

2 **Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)**

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025	**Restricted funds 2025**	**Total 2025**	Unrestricted funds general 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	184,075	59,453	243,528	167,578	20,831	188,409
Grants receivable	-	12,214	12,214	450	6,000	6,450
	184,075	71,667	255,742	168,028	26,831	194,859
Donations and gifts						
Christian Giving - GA	126,117	-	126,117	117,201	-	117,201
Christan Giving - non GA	21,070	-	21,070	15,282	-	15,282
Collections Charity	-	11,313	11,313	-	12,885	12,885
Reordering Appeal	-	36,622	36,622			
Donations - Coffee	1,436	-	1,436	1,131	-	1,131
Bursary Fund	-	1,342	1,342	-	1,356	1,356
Office Building Appeal	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Donations - Others	3,923	10,176	14,099	4,664	4,590	9,254
Tax recoverable CG	31,529	-	31,529	29,300	-	29,300
	184,075	59,453	243,528	167,578	20,831	188,409

4 **Other trading activities**

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Hall hire and allotment rent	8,858	12,482
Fundraising and church events	-	1,971
	8,858	14,453

5 **Investments**

	Unrestricted funds General 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Income from listed investments	693	677
Interest receivable	1,036	1,713
	1,729	2,390

6 **Other income**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Restricted funds 2025 £**	**Total Funds 2025 £**	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fees - weddings and funerals	1,782	-	1,782	5,446
Churchyard income	1,516	-	1,516	1,903
Church events income	11,245	-	11,245	3,318
	14,543	-	14,543	10,667

7 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	30,372	29,560
Charitable Giving	11,313	13,185
Parish share	94,107	93,986
Staff and speaker expenses	876	991
Altar expenses and flowers	716	899
Music and organist costs	14,197	11,352
Education, Outreach and Community	10,213	2,947
Youth activities and education	2,544	1,967
Office costs	8,971	9,100
Church and hall establishment costs	25,093	26,236
Church and hall repairs and maintenance	44,355	33,990
	242,757	224,213
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	205,028	197,842
Restricted funds	37,729	26,371
	242,757	224,213

8 Trustees

The Charity considers its key management personnel to be its Trustees. No remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees for their work within the PCC in this or the previous year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	1	1

9 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Salaries	29,487	29,560
Pension Costs	885	863
	30,372	30,423

In 2025 and 2024 the Parish Administrator was the sole employee.
There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Other expenses

	Unrestricted funds general 2025	Unrestricted funds general 2024
	£	£
Professional fees	15	654
Independent Examination	720	500
Bank charges	375	311
	1,110	1,465
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	1,102	1,465
Restricted funds	8	-
	1,110	1,465

11 Net (loss)/gains on investments

	Endowment funds 2025	Endowment funds 2024
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	(997)	558

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12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed Investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2025	24,950
Valuation changes	(997)
At 31 December 2025	23,953
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2025	23,953
At 31 December 2024	24,950

Fixed asset investments revalued
In 1971 the trustees of the allotment fund, at the request of the Parochial Church Council, and with the consent of the Charity Commissioners, sold a plot of land as a site for two houses. The PCC is entitled to the income arising on the accumulated fund and to the rents from the allotments, but not to the capital.

All investments are carried at their fair value. Holdings in common investment funds are at their market value.

13 Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	23,953	24,950

14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	15,330	9,257
Prepayments and accrued income	17,527	13,553
	32,857	22,810

15 Other creditors falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	2,027	11,952
Accruals and deferred income	13,036	9,525
	15,063	21,477

16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Parochial Church Council. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the Parochial Church Council and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

Permanent endowments
Wilton Church Allotments – CBF Church of England Investment Fund – income shares:

	£
Balance at 1 January 2024	24,392
Revaluation gain	558
Balance at 1 January 2025	24,950
Revaluation loss	(997)
Balance at 31 December 2025	23,953

This comprises 1079.06 units at market value of 2219.83pence.

17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Pews	3,750	-	-	3,750
Hall refurbishment	843	-	(843)	-
Charitable giving	-	12,885	(12,885)	-
Mossy Church	96	-	(96)	-
TukTuk	510	-	(510)	-
Warm Spaces (Cosy Café/Soup)	1,889	2,500	(3,463)	926
Church Bells Fund	1,821	115	-	1,936
Community Fridge	-	1,209	(517)	692
Church Office Building Appeal	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Buildings and Projects Fund	-	3,381	(3,381)	-
Bursary Fund	-	1,356	(176)	1,180
Hall Kitchen Grant	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Men's Shed Grant	-	1,000	.	1,000
	8,909	26,946	(26,371)	9,484

	Balance at 1 January 2025	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£
Pews	3,750	-	-	3,750
Church Reordering Appeal	-	36,622	(3,143)	33,479
Charitable Giving	-	11,313	(11,313)	-
Church and Hall Signs	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Organ Repair	-	2,800	(2,800)	-
Warm Space (Cosy Café/Soup)	926	7,500	(7,498)	928
Church Bells Fund	1,936	-	-	1,936
Community Fridge	692	576	(469)	799
Taunton Town Council Grant	-	4,714	(4,714)	-
Bursary Fund	1,180	1,692	(350)	2,522
Hall kitchen donations	-	3,800	(3,800)	-
Men's Shed grant	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
	9,484	72,017	(38,087)	43,414

Charitable Giving represents cash collections for specific charities which are distributed to those charities as they are received. All other restricted funds represent donations and grants for specific church purposes which are treated as restricted income and used as the projects are undertaken.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2025 are represented by:				
Investments	-	-	23,953	23,953
Current assets/liabilities	49,271	43,414	-	92,685
	49,271	43,414	23,953	116,638

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Investments	-	-	24,950	24,950
Current assets/liabilities	46,196	9,484	-	55,680
	46,196	9,484	24,950	80,630

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19 Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions (2024: None).

20 Cash generated from operations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	36,008	(2,751)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,729)	(2,390)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	997	(558)
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(10,047)	483
(Decrease) in creditors	(6,414)	(11,562)
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	18,815	(16,778)

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The Parochial Church Council had no debt during the year.