Minister's Report to St George's to APCM 2025/26: Rev Marcus Giddy 26th April 2026

Wow, what a six month's that has been! A few things have happened since I started back in October 2025. Following my licensing, we have explored new things within the variety of services we have across the 8:30, 9:30 & 11:00 including: the 'Meet & Greet', interactive prayer stations and making the talk more of a 2-way conversation to name just a few!

We have also had our Remembrance Service outside St George's and our continued partnership with the Uniformed Organisations. At Christmas we had the amazing Christmas Fair, the Riding Lights Christmas Production, the school visits during which they presented their Christmas productions, our Nine Lessons & Carols in which a range of people including some new faces contributed all leading to our Midnight Communion & Christmas Day services, all of which were a joy to oversee and lead.

We began the New Year seeking GOD together as a church when we explored how Jesus is our H.O.P.E as we stepped into 2026. This led to the Call to Prayer on Sun 1st March as an outworking of this & how this can be a reality for us all going forward. We then had Easter, an opportunity to draw together as church & discover how Ash Wednesday can be a communal experience (remember the photo on FB?!). We had a special time in fellowship around a meal on Maundy Thursday, the walk of witness on Good Friday around Benfleet, the hour at the cross & the solemn reflections leading to the outpouring of celebration on Easter Sunday, witnessing 3 fantastic full immersion baptisms!!

We have also had some great connections with the local schools, who have visited on a number of occasions, not only at Christmas, but we have also hosted different classes to explore what church is about, as well as hosting their various productions including an Easter celebration. We also must recognise the ongoing amazing work that is undertaken by Matt & Jenny on a Sunday morning and midweek with Kickstart and Messy Church, plus Bible & Breakfast & the great links being made with the families across these different but vital ministries. Plus of course the Easter Holiday Club, which I enjoyed assisting with!! (Evidence of this is in our lobby).

I have also been able to join in with the Seniors (thank you Jo, Matt & to others for letting me gatecrash!) on a Tuesday lunchtime and spend time sharing stories with this great group of people. It is a privilege to spend time with them and hear about their life stories - as well as sharing in some fish & chips and a cream tea too! This has helped with developing a deepening relationship with them all and I enjoyed having the privilege to share a Christmas & Easter service with them at church.

Which when combined with being invited along to Toddlers on a Thursday (thank you Sam & team!) shows the importance of making connections with the families within our wider community at the beginning of life and how this is being developed. This is also a real witness to the vast and intergenerational reach we have as a church within Benfleet & beyond.

Not forgetting the Alpha course we ran & the Bible Course we have just begun, which has seen more new people from across the group of churches joining in. All of this highlights new shoots of growth emerging for us as a wider church. Combined with the arrival of new people attending regularly at St George's, these are concrete examples and experiences of the "quiet revival," which should act as a gentle encouragement to us at St George's that GOD is on the move and invites us all to join in with Him.

In addition, you can see from the varied and detailed reports, the great work your PCC has taken on in the past year: the Deanery Synod report in which your views are represented; the Treasurer's report & the professional way of handling our finances, the Fabric Report (put together in conjunction with the Site Management Team) collated by your amazing wardens & others, the worship team report & how they help facilitate an environment for us to truly worship, the different & varied homegroups – a vital part of our discipleship journey & the other groups that have provided reports (Toddlers, Seniors, Kickstart & Children's), all contributing to the ever growing ministry at St George's.

So, as you can see, my first six months **has** been fully occupied and the next six months promises to be the same; visiting the local schools & welcoming them at St George's too, building connections with our local businesses & being a purposeful presence here. Seeing how we might develop our Sunday mornings, making the services even more accessi-

ble and outworking what GOD showed us from the call to prayer into the wider life of St George's.

However, I recognise so so much that I can't do this on my own and that we are partners in the Gospel. So, I invite you to join with me in exploring how we might work together in connecting the people of Benfleet & beyond with Jesus so they can know how He believes them to be so so precious. You up for the challenge?!

And finally, I need to record a BIG BIG THANKS to Pete. For the amazing work that he established and put in place here at St George's. For the secure foundation that he laid and for trusting me to be part of the BTH team. I stand firmer and steadier because of what he has put in place, helped tremendously by the teams he put in place too. Thank you all too!

All of which adds to the immense feeling of welcome and love that Woo & I have been shown since we have arrived. We are both truly grateful for how you all have gone out of your way to make us feel part of the wider family at St George's. In particular how you have adapted to my style and approach to worship, thank you. Thank you too for how you have spent time with us. Please know that our door is always open and we look forward to getting to know you all better ☺ Here's to the rest of 2026!!

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Rev Marcus Giddy
24th April 2026

New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2025

			Balance	Previous balance
Cash at bank and in hand				
6501: Santander 090155 34216706 Church - Asset				
General fund	Unrestricted		12,963.97	14,462.46
			12,963.97	**14,462.46**
6505: Market Harborough B S - Asset				
PCC Reserve Fund	Designated		30,000.00	30,000.00
			30,000.00	**30,000.00**
		Cash at bank and in hand	**42,963.97**	**44,462.46**
		Grand Total	**42,963.97**	**44,462.46**

New Thundersley St George Charity No - 1134854

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	76,038.66	—	—	—	76,038.66	59,547.71
Income from charitable activities	21,157.85	—	—	—	21,157.85	19,010.93
Other trading activities	440.00	—	—	—	440.00	—
Investments	1,356.66	—	—	—	1,356.66	16.39
Total receipts	**98,993.17**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**98,993.17**	**78,575.03**
Payments						
Raising funds	2,392.58	—	—	—	2,392.58	1,995.75
Expenditure on charitable activities	98,099.08	—	—	—	98,099.08	96,276.29
Total payments	**100,491.66**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**100,491.66**	**98,272.04**
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	**(1,498.49)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(1,498.49)**	**(19,697.01)**
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	60,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	(60,000.00)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	**(1,498.49)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(1,498.49)**	**(19,697.01)**
Net movement in funds	**(1,498.49)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**(1,498.49)**	**(19,697.01)**
Reconciliation of funds						
All assets at 01 January 2025	**14,462.46**	**30,000.00**	**—**	**—**	**44,462.46**	**64,159.47**
All assets at 31 December 2025	**12,963.97**	**30,000.00**	**—**	**—**	**42,963.97**	**44,462.46**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	12,963.97	—	—	—	12,963.97	14,462.46
Designated						
PCC Reserve Fund	—	30,000.00	—	—	30,000.00	30,000.00

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Analysis of receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	40,646.00	—	—	—	40,646.00	32,109.00
0107 - CAF	365.00	—	—	—	365.00	1,000.00
0108 - Charitable Giving	693.00	—	—	—	693.00	713.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	3,360.00	—	—	—	3,360.00	2,830.00
0201 - Other planned giving	2,910.00	—	—	—	2,910.00	3,110.00
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS)	3,269.55	—	—	—	3,269.55	3,127.24
0302 - Loose plate collections (Non GASDS)	600.00	—	—	—	600.00	650.00
0401 - Gift day	—	—	—	—	—	1,210.00
0402 - Giving weekend	1,480.00	—	—	—	1,480.00	—
0410 - Donation box	—	—	—	—	—	54.72
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,710.00	—	—	—	1,710.00	380.00
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,855.00	—	—	—	3,855.00	563.40
0551 - Donations - Flowers	—	—	—	—	—	14.59
0552 - Donations - Sumup Gasds	841.42	—	—	—	841.42	875.80
0553 - Donations - Sumup Non Gasds	634.90	—	—	—	634.90	1,537.72
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,679.09	—	—	—	10,679.09	8,554.64
0602 - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)	948.04	—	—	—	948.04	1,143.23
0901 - Other funds generated	4,046.66	—	—	—	4,046.66	1,674.37
Donations and legacies Sub-totals	76,038.66	—	—	—	76,038.66	59,547.71
Donations and legacies Totals	76,038.66	—	—	—	76,038.66	59,547.71
Income from charitable activities						
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	1,085.00	—	—	—	1,085.00	299.00
1202 - Messy Church - Kickstart - Stripe	218.00	—	—	—	218.00	—
1203 - Messy church	312.01	—	—	—	312.01	—
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	214.40	—	—	—	214.40	220.00
1230 - Hall hire	19,328.44	—	—	—	19,328.44	18,491.93
Income from charitable activities Sub-totals	21,157.85	—	—	—	21,157.85	19,010.93
Income from charitable activities Totals	21,157.85	—	—	—	21,157.85	19,010.93

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Other trading activities						
Other trading activities						
1225 - Coffee Shop	440.00	—	—	—	440.00	—
Other trading activities Sub-totals	440.00	—	—	—	440.00	—
Other trading activities Totals	440.00	—	—	—	440.00	—
Investments						
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,356.66	—	—	—	1,356.66	16.39
Investments Sub-totals	1,356.66	—	—	—	1,356.66	16.39
Investments Totals	1,356.66	—	—	—	1,356.66	16.39
Receipts Grand totals	98,993.17	—	—	—	98,993.17	78,575.03

Payments

Raising funds						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	2,383.64	—	—	—	2,383.64	1,869.33
1735 - Costs of Coffee Shop	8.94	—	—	—	8.94	126.42
Raising funds Sub-totals	2,392.58	—	—	—	2,392.58	1,995.75
Raising funds Totals	2,392.58	—	—	—	2,392.58	1,995.75
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Mission giving	9,877.94	—	—	—	9,877.94	9,810.60
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	51,045.40	—	—	—	51,045.40	49,615.80
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	5.66	—	—	—	5.66	—
2130 - Vicarage expenses	1,700.00	—	—	—	1,700.00	—
2170 - Education	13.19	—	—	—	13.19	510.00
2201 - Parish outreach	544.18	—	—	—	544.18	1,155.26
2202 - Messy Church	599.96	—	—	—	599.96	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	1,348.37	—	—	—	1,348.37	1,187.76
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,598.20	—	—	—	1,598.20	1,718.49
2330 - Church maintenance	3,425.10	—	—	—	3,425.10	5,675.62
2331 - Church running - cleaning	2,549.09	—	—	—	2,549.09	2,378.30
2340 - Upkeep of services	166.29	—	—	—	166.29	831.69
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard and	1,390.36	—	—	—	1,390.36	1,575.99

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
gardens						
2360 - Administration	2,264.03	—	—	—	2,264.03	2,662.49
2361 - Sumup charges	28.62	—	—	—	28.62	41.58
2362 - Bank charges	9.98	—	—	—	9.98	—
2363 - Stripe charges	4.23	—	—	—	4.23	—
2401 - Church running - electric	3,490.77	—	—	—	3,490.77	4,195.36
2420 - Church running - water	531.71	—	—	—	531.71	660.41
2515 - Hall running - management	1,800.00	—	—	—	1,800.00	1,800.00
2530 - Hall running - electricity	1,160.21	—	—	—	1,160.21	1,397.47
2540 - Hall running - gas	2,364.11	—	—	—	2,364.11	3,252.28
2550 - Hall running - insurance	2,376.17	—	—	—	2,376.17	2,396.23
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	948.89	—	—	—	948.89	1,043.86
2563 - Hall running - cleaning	4,582.49	—	—	—	4,582.49	3,615.36
2565 - Hall running - refuse collection	619.25	—	—	—	619.25	601.71
2580 - Hall running - water	294.88	—	—	—	294.88	95.03
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	60.00	—	—	—	60.00	55.00
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	3,300.00	—	—	—	3,300.00	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Sub-totals	98,099.08	—	—	—	98,099.08	96,276.29
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	98,099.08	—	—	—	98,099.08	96,276.29
Payments Grand totals	100,491.66	—	—	—	100,491.66	98,272.04

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Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
General							
Unrestricted	14,462.46	98,993.17	100,491.66	—	—	—	12,963.97
Sub-totals	**14,462.46**	**98,993.17**	**100,491.66**	—	—	—	**12,963.97**
NewHall							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ChBuilding							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PCCReserve							
Designated	30,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	30,000.00
Sub-totals	**30,000.00**	—	—	—	—	—	**30,000.00**
Totals	**44,462.46**	**98,993.17**	**100,491.66**	—	—	—	**42,963.97**

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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of New Thundersley St George

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

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.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement.

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 the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

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 s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts, which accord with these accounting records 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.

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