St Austell Parish

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 31/12/2025

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Diocesan Synod Representatives: Mike Rowe and Heather Batho

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Katrina Hurst **, Ralph Curr*, Sara Moult*, Steve White

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Clive Nichols, Heather Batho, Alan Gilbert, Georgia Jenkin

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Sara Moult, Katie Taurins

All Saints Representative*: Ralph Curr

St Levan's Representative*: Sara Moult

PCC Secretary: Katrina Hurst **

Vicar's Report:

I'm continually baffled by how time works. Another year has flown by at rapid pace since last year's APCM, and yet, simultaneously, so much has happened and filled that year. God is moving and there's a great deal to give thanks for: far more than I can mention here, of course. As you read through the following reports, then, I'd encourage you to remember that each one is a *unique perspective of the beautiful work that God is doing in our midst*. Read and rejoice, giving thanks!

There have been many highlights for me over the last twelve months. One is the fact that I'm writing this with our latest Alpha Course coming to an end, and so my heart is full from musing on the journeys that each of our guests has gone on over the last 7-8 weeks. Our parish family, too, is growing across our three churches and multiple congregations, and we've encountered many new or even non-Christians attending on Sundays or at our many midweek ministries seeking the truth and meaning that we find in Jesus. This was particularly evident at our Christmas and Easter events – times of year when people seem particularly hungry – for example our three packed carol services at All Saints, St Levan's and Holy Trinity.

Another highlight is the way our evening gathering at HT – only fledging at the time of the last APCM – has really taken flight in recent months with many of these seekers finding a home here specifically. At a recent review meeting, we were reflecting on just how well this gathering seems to be fulfilling the vision God gave us for it. Each week we seem to encounter the Holy Spirit in new ways that are both powerful and gentle as he fills the space which we're creating for him to move. Excitingly, it's also proven a fantastic vehicle for pushing into new territory. This includes the supernatural ministry of healing, and it was a delight to welcome Jon and Jo Soper to help us press into this.

The last twelve months have also seen our ministries with children and young people grow substantially, and the team continues to do a fantastic job taking the most of every opportunity. Our relationship with Bishop Bronescombe continues to flourish, for example – in no small part thanks to the ministry of Flourish, indeed! – and we have also worked with children from Pondhu School, St Mewan School, and beyond. There seems to be a deepening hunger for Good News and for community amongst our local teenagers in particular, and the growing Youth Café has become that community of Good News for many.

This was something that King Charles himself noticed earlier in the year: I can't fail to mention a Royal visit! His Majesty shared that he was deeply impressed by what he saw and by the role we play as a parish family in our wider community.

God is clearly increasing these opportunities in this season, and I would particularly like to highlight our ministries amongst the lonely and marginalised in this respect. We welcomed Rev Stephen Williams to the team last year, for example, and he has done a wonderful job as Chaplain working with residents of Harbour Housing (Cosgarne Hall) and running an Alpha there in parallel with our own. Jane (our Anna Chaplain) and her fledgling team of Anna Friends ensure that many lonely, elderly folk regularly encounter

the love of Jesus. These are just some examples: many are working behind the scenes in all sorts of creative ways out of deep love for Jesus and for others.

This deep love was on full display last Autumn when, as a parish, we pressed into the biblical call to radical generosity. For me personally, the response to our present financial challenges was humbling. We saw regular giving increase by an amazing £55,000 (including Gift Aid): radical generosity in action. We still have some way to go before we can say that we are in good financial health, but God has shown us what He can do through His people, and we know that He will provide all that we need.

There were undoubtedly many challenges through 2025, many of which continue into 2026, too. Through it all, though, God remains faithful. I trust that the above account of how God has been moving has encouraged you, and that the reports which follow will, too. Jesus, we love you. We worship and adore you! To you be all the glory.

With love and deep gratitude to each one of you,

Jonathan

Churchwardens' Report:

These 12 months have certainly passed very quickly! We have met together regularly as a team and thoroughly enjoyed working together – very ably supported by Sara and Katie.

It's been a blessing to see how our fellowship has continued to grow with Jonathan at the helm and how he, in turn, has also developed immeasurably in this time. Looking back on what has been achieved – the evening gathering has really taken root and is establishing its own place in our community; there's been a real development of our teaching team to enable us to hear from God through a variety of voices; we saw a really encouraging response to our need for increased giving this year which has meant we are financially in a stable place for 2026; we've had the wonderful sight of more families in our midst, to name but a few.

We are looking forward to seeing people growing more over the coming months, God continuing to move in our midst and the church's ministry reaching out into the community in new ways.

Yes, we know there will be challenges ahead, but we are trusting that we can continue to move in step with God as He works throughout the Parish.

Mark Lawther and Pete Shaw

PCC Secretary's Report:

It has been another busy year for the PCC; it was decided last year that we would change the meetings to bi-monthly with the alternate month being a Standing Committee meeting.

Thank you to everyone on the PCC for making it an enjoyable year

Katrina Hurst

Electoral Roll Report:

On our new roll we have 163 members.

Rachel Smith

Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod:

The Deanery synod is made up of representatives from every parish in the deanery, with the number of representatives based on the size of each electoral roll. It works under the leadership of the Rural Dean and the Lay Chair. Paul Zaphiriou had been our Rural Dean and had worked tirelessly to bring both clergy and lay representatives together to create a cohesive and functioning Deanery Plan. His death in 2025 was a very sad loss for us all, and his wisdom and inspiration are greatly missed. Mike Rowe as Lay Chair has worked hard to continue Paul's vision for the Deanery, and we are very grateful to him for his continuing dedication in this demanding role.

There have been some significant changes in the organisation of the Deanery, and each parish or benefice now has its own clergy person.

Stephen Williams: Dodman Cross Benefice – Gorran, Mevagissey, St Ewe and Caerhays (with part time in St Austell)

Chris Mcquillen-Wright: Luxulyan, Roche and St Dennis

Paul Arthur: St Blazey, Par, Charlestown and Treverbyn.

Paul Salaman: St Mewan, Sticker, and St Stephen.

Shona Hoad: Tywardreath, Golant and Fowey

Jonthan Huff: St Austell (which now includes the old Boscoppa parish), Porthpean, and Pentewan

Rev Canon Paul Arthur was appointed Strategic Rural Dean towards the end of 2025 and continues the work with Mike Rowe.

The Synod meets approximately five times a year with a different focus each time. Presentations have been made by Lee Moscato, Diocesan Director of Education, who talked about the Flourish Project; we heard from Paul Phillips, Diocesan Social Responsibility Officer, about Low Income Community funding (LICF); and Clare Green, the Diocesan School's Creation Care Officer, about engagement with schools.

Representatives from the Deanery Synod and clergy meet regularly as a Deanery Implementation Team, (DIT) to coordinate and monitor progress in various areas such as community involvement, engagement with children and young people and discipleship.

Heather Batho

Diocesan Synod:

The Diocesan Synod meets 3 times each year. In 2025, it met in June, September, and November. An extra meeting was scheduled for February this year.

I was unable to attend the June meeting in 2025, but the focus was on finance and the Diocese's new strategy to increase the number of children and young people engaging with church tenfold.

In September 2025, the Bishop of Truro updated synod on the Diocese's ongoing negotiation with the Church Commissioners around replacing outgoing Bishop Hugh with a new Bishop of St Germans, and then there was a stimulating presentation from Lee Moscato (Diocesan Director of Education) on the growing opportunities there are for churches within the Diocese to work closely with schools to grow faith amongst the younger generation. This has to be a strategic priority for the Diocese (and its member churches): the opportunity is so great!

In November the meeting began with a final address from Bishop Hugh before his departure to take up his position as Bishop of Worcester. In this address, Bishop Hugh challenged us to imagine the role of the church for the future with the rapidly changing world around us. Other focuses included the role and work of the Diocesan Safeguarding team, the Environment Strategy, and the new budget (which was passed).

In February 2026 the emphasis was on the Diocesan Plan for Change and Renewal, with the Director Ruth Marriott reporting that:

- Deanery plans are progressing;
- Diocesan priorities remain *Patterns of Ministry*, *Growing Younger*, and *Working with those in need.*

A discussion was also had around church buildings, and it was announced that the Diocese is developing a strategy for providing more resources so that churches can properly maintain their buildings.

Jonathan Huff

Worship Report:

New Worship Leaders
The worship leaders at Holy Trinity have continued to flourish over the past year, growing in confidence and leadership. We are now meeting twice a year to look at development and to consider which new songs to introduce in our gatherings.

Actions Songs/Team
We now start most Sunday morning gatherings with an action song led by our wonderful actions team. This has been a really good way to improve the engagement of our children, and it has been such a joy to see some of them joining the adults to lead actions at the front. Actions aren't everyone's cup of tea, but they are a great way to worship God with our bodies as well as our voices.

Evening Gatherings
The worship team has been serving the evening gathering for just over a year, and it has been wonderful to see them growing in their ability to lead this more free-flowing style of worship. It has been great to welcome Godfrey Birtill and Iain Walker into our evening team too. Over the past few weeks, we have also trialled a more intimate room layout with the worship team in the chancel, which I think has really benefited our times of worship.

Thursday@11
I have continued to support Jane with the sound and media requirements for this weekly gathering.

Youth Band
I have continued to coach youth band, and in September we went on tour, playing for year 5 and 6 pupils at Bishop Bronescombe school. We've had 5 new members this

year, taking our total to 9: 4 from our church family and 5 from outside. I have recently split the children into two bands so that I can spend more time working with each of them. The plan is that they will continue to lead worship at our all-age gatherings.

St Levan's

In March I upgraded the audio system at St Levan's due to the previous trolley speaker showing signs of unreliability. They now have a floor speaker, a lectern mic (which works better for them) and a small mixing desk, all of which is helping them amplify their sound more effectively during gatherings.

Christians Together St Austell

I have continued to support the Christians Together and took the lead role in the planning and execution of the ecumenical ***Church in the Square*** event on Good Friday. It was wonderful to gather outside this year and be such a witness to our town.

Deanery

Beyond the parish I have supported;

- *St Peter's* (Mevagissey) with the Christmas service for the local primary school and helped them submit a faculty application for a new projector screen and a sound system upgrade.
- *St Goran* (Gorran) by helping them submit a faculty application for a new projector screen and a sound system upgrade.
- The *Deanery Implementation Team* by sending out emails after each meeting to communicate to each parish what we are working on for the benefit of the deanery.

Jamie Moore
Worship Minister

Alpha:
In the past year, Jonny successfully co-ordinated three Alpha courses. This included an adult course, a youth course, and a young adults' course. We have had over fifty helpers and guests getting involved across the courses and witness adults and young people turn to faith in Christ for the first time and others reaffirming their belief. Previous guests have been invited to help out on subsequent courses as co-leaders, and it is encouraging to see people get involved and put faith into action.

Kirsten Waters

Thursday@11:
Numbers aren't everything, but it's worth noting that we have a solid core now of between 20 and 22 people, with attendance some weeks nearing 28. More people are now involved in worship: helping with tech, leading prayers, and reading.

Each week is slightly different, allowing for the individual styles of the leaders, but the general feel is of more contemplative worship. All are most welcome.

Jane Wingrove

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is something we are thinking about all the time here – how we can ensure our churches and all the activities that go on within them, offer a safe, warm and welcoming environment. We aim to be proactive in our planning and thinking, rather than reactive to situations as they occur.

This means that for whatever activities we offer, we first seek permission from the PCC, so they are aware of what is taking place. We also make sure we have the appropriate number of leaders per activity and that they are safely recruited and have completed safeguarding training.

This may seem a bit laborious to some, but whilst it's a requirement, we also want to be people who take safeguarding seriously and have the right people in the right roles, ensuring our activities are run well and safely. At a recent conference held at the diocese that focused on survivors of abuse, it was said that the best work being done to prevent further incidents is happening at a parish level with all the work that we do every day.

Safeguarding isn't just my or Jonathan's responsibility, though. It's everyone's responsibility.

We have a safeguarding board near the font, which has a wealth of information including details of who to contact if you have a concern. It's better to over-report something rather than not say anything at all. We are always available to listen and where needed, we refer to the diocese for further advice.

If you have any questions about safeguarding, please do come and have a chat.

Lesley Lawther

Children and Youth Ministry:

This is an overview of last year and there's probably lots I've missed! Rosie has compiled her own report for Youth specifically and Lara has reported on the *Flourish* Project at Bishop Bronescombe.

Our Mission Statement:

Becoming lifelong disciples of Jesus - world changers with a passion for God and compassion for others

Our vision:

We want our children and young people to taste and see that the Lord is good (Ps 34:8). Our prayer is that they will grow in faith and compassion for others, develop a passion for God, and discover the good plans he has for them.

Our Values:

- Love God and others
- Be willing to grow
- Have lots of fun along the journey!

It's been a fruitful year as our work with children and young people has grown. We have up to 30 children and young people attending on Sundays, and we have several groups and an amazing team of volunteers who are leading wonderful sessions for them each week. There is lots of discovering, exploring and learning together, but also fun and craft, a bit of mess, and always snack!

There's also lots we do apart from Sunday mornings: midweek we have *Woven,* our teen discipleship group for girls, and we are just launching our teen group for boys (name to be decided!).

Our toddler group *Sunshine* continues to run each week during term time. Some weeks are busy and others are a little quieter. We know that there are lots of other groups in the area now and due to low birth rate years of late and 2-year-old nursery funding opportunities for parents, our numbers have slowed a bit. However, *Sunshine* continues to be a welcoming and warm space for parents, carers and little ones, and we are grateful for the great team of faithful volunteers without whom we would not be able to run.

Our youth café continues to flourish, and we are seeing approximately 30 young people attending each week. Rosie has written more about this and her wider youth role in her report.

We had the joy of taking several of our young people to SPREE in Exeter in June. This is a great opportunity for them to hang out together over 3 days and experience a huge variety of talks, gatherings, worship styles, games, fun and activities. As leaders, we even get to sleep a bit as everyone is usually exhausted by the end of the day!

We have continued to go into Bishop Bronescombe school regularly as our parish school. We often lead collective worship and attend for Holy Communion celebrations and end of year presentations. We also have the *Flourish* project based there - see Lara's separate report.

We were delighted to invite schools to Holy Trinity to take part in our Easter Experience during March. We had over 150 schoolchildren who engaged so well with the Easter story and the good news we had to share.

Our annual events such as *Light Fest, Winter Wonderland, Christingle*, and *Easter Fun Day* have been wonderful times of reaching out and inviting our community to come and have some fun with us in the church. We've seen as many as 220 people attending some of these events and our prayer has always been that those who come in, some of them entering the church building for the first time, would receive a warm welcome and a sense of God's love for them. We aim to break down barriers and show that our churches are full of life, and that they are vibrant, active communities.

Another thing to note is that both Rosie and I were invited by the diocese to take part in a year-long course called *Growing Faith Strategic Leaders Course*. This is run by the *Growing Faith Foundation,* the children and youth branch of the church of England. This has given us the opportunity to share with others who are working around the country such as youth workers, diocesan advisors for CYP, education directors working in faith schools and more. It's been so interesting and we have our own independent learning to do. The aim is to further equip us and help us to think about the work we do with young people and how we do it, ensuring that children and young people are instinctively at the centre of what we do in church. There's been some brilliant teaching and also a few days of gathering together to share. We are almost halfway through!

As you might imagine, in this role there is rarely a dull moment, and we are so grateful for the areas we are able to be involved in. One day I might be cleaning crayon or glitter off a table and the next day shaking hands with the King! We still can't quite believe that he came to see our Youth Café team as part of his trip to see young people's work in Cornwall. We won't talk about the admin though – there's plenty of that too!

We are grateful for all the ways we see God at work and my prayer is that more young people and children will get to discover what a great God we worship.

Lesley Lawther

Youth Ministry

In September 2025, after completing my degree and training with South West Youth Ministry (SWYM), I started my role as Youth Minister here in the parish, and as Deanery Youth Advisor. I am really enjoying the role so far, and so grateful to be able to continue to serve and be part of the church family. So far this has involved consolidating what we already do, as well as looking at areas for growth.

Deanery

The new aspect of my role is helping to support the development of youth work across the deanery. I've been focused on 'getting the lie of the land' for the past few months. This has looked like joining the Deanery Implementation Team (DIT), meeting with the clergy in the Deanery and visiting their Parishes - looking at how we can work together going forward. I've also been making links with the wider Diocesan *Growing Younger* team to enable this through training opportunities and support.

Youth Café

Our Youth Café, running Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 pm, has grown significantly in the last year, and we now regularly see 30-35 unchurched young people. Not only this but we've been able to develop deeper relationships with these young people meaning they can share what's really going on in their lives. We've also been able to frequently have faith conversations, pray with a couple of the young people, and just a few weeks ago give one who is very interested in faith a Bible. Recently, the Mid-Cornwall Area Youth Lead from Cornwall council came to visit the project and she was very impressed and encouraged. I could not have done any of this though with the fabulous team, which has also grown this year. Special shout to some of the HT young people who serve every week. Of course, I cannot forget that we've even had the King find out about Youth Café this year and meet some of the fabulous young people who attend!

(See our display at the back of Holy Trinity for more!)

Woven Girls' Group, Boys' Discipleship Group

Woven has continued this year and has been going well. We are a smaller group but can have lots of deep and honest discussions about faith and life – as well as fun and food in there! We said goodbye to Berna, but Lydie has joined the team which has been a real blessing.

Excitingly, at the start of May, we are launching a *Boys Discipleship Group*.

Schools' Work

Most of those who come along to Youth Café are Poltair students, and I've been looking to make links with them. I've had a positive response so far, some email correspondence and a meeting with one of the school's senior leadership team but please pray for open doors in this school.

Sunday Youth

Trinity Youth continues to meet weekly on Sunday. We've been having a bit of 're-set' as HT Youth recently, including a vision afternoon as I really wanted to hear the young people's voices and feedback. We discussed the values of our group, what it means to be HT Youth as part of the wider church, and what they would like to see happen. I am now looking at how we can implement some of their ideas - so watch this space.

Events and Camps

We've attended Spree for the 4th year. A highlight this year was being able to invite along some of the *Voyagers* group who had a blast. It continues to be a highlight of the year and a great way for YP to grow in the faith and encounter God with 1000s of others from the region.

I helped to organise and lead a camp for teen girls called *Made for More* run by SWYM over the Easter Holidays in St Agnes. We had 40 girls from Devon and Cornwall, including 2 from Holy Trinity. We framed them as 'living water' through lots of fun activities, trips and discussions.

Rosie Blyth

Flourish

Flourish is 2-year project, funded by Truro Diocese, working with Bishop Bronescombe Primary School. Its objective is to develop a worshipping community using 5 core principles:

1. Young people's voices are at the heart of all leadership decision-making.

2. To grow a younger and more diverse community of Christian disciples.
3. Partnership between school and a church community.
4. Intergenerational faith experiences.
5. Worship that is fully integrated into the regular rhythms, practices, structures and resources of the school.

What does Flourish do?

- A weekly after-school club which has grown this year from 9 pupils to 19.
- A prayer space on a Wednesday afternoon with 4 students from the after-school club.

This quieter space is ideal for prayer; leadership ideas and implementation; planning of events such as the garden day; leading collective worship and discussing topics we'd like to learn about in after-school club.

Topics we have learnt about include

- Who is God, is he real and what is he like?
- The 'I am' statements of God
- Jesus' miracles.
- What does a Christian life look like?

Highlights of Flourish so far:

- Seeing the children develop in their confidence in asking questions, learning their way around the bible, praying together and growing in their faith.
- ·Summer Garden party- complete with bouncy castle and splat the vicar!
- *Welcome to the school* tea party for new parents in reception
- Christmas goody bags for the teachers and staff at BB
- Supporting the PTA with the secret Santa present wrap
- Goody bags for every staff member at Poltair school
- Easter garden/site clear up with staff support from HT (Easter egg hunt and plants/supplies from Flourish budget)
- Thank you cards to the teachers at BB
- Daffodils and Easter cards delivered to the neighbours of BB.
- BB families accept invitations to our church community events, e.g. *Winter Wonderland.*

- A trip to London in July 2026 with 4 students to the *Flourish* National conference!

It is a real privilege and true joy to have the time set aside for children to explore topics of faith and find out who Jesus is together. Their questions are wonderful! Watching them stand and confidently pray for one another is a truly remarkable thing.

Thank you for your encouragement and support and for asking how it's going; it's truly appreciated!

Lara Moore

Buildings and Maintenance Report:

During the last year the PCC has been proactively looking after our buildings and land. We have also been looking at future projects. Below is a summary of some of our actions.

Maintenance

- Many small jobs have been done on a regular basis throughout the year. The list never ends. Thank you, Rachel, for coordinating this.
- We have had two work party mornings in Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026. The main focus has been clearing shrubs, trees and weeds from the church car park.
- Some additional car park maintenance will take place in June to provide additional parking bays which can then be rented out.
- The week before the APCM, some of the lighting in HT will have been upgraded to LEDs and repairs made on the emergency lights. We were able to get a £3k grant to help towards this cost.
- We had the 5-year electrical inspection done on HT. There was a number of small rectifications required which have been done.
- The winter storms have caused roof damage to HT and St Levan's. HT has been repaired by replacing slates that slipped. St Levan's is ongoing.

Larger Projects

- Church Car Park. This has been an ongoing journey looking into its future. The PCC agreed to look into three options.
    1. Retain as a car park and maximise its income, which has increased considerably in the last 12 months.
    2. Investigate it being redeveloped into affordable new housing under the Church Housing Association's initiative. At the time of writing, we are

waiting for a basis feasibility report on this by The Church Development Agency.
3. Sell the land for capital gain.

- All Saints Pentewan is investigating funding from Cornwall Historic Churches Trust for essential buildings maintenance.

Clive Nichols

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Holy Trinity is the lead church for our local CAP branch. This means that we facilitate this Debt Counselling Service by providing the venue for meetings with clients; we support it financially, chair the Board, and generally oversee its day to day running. Stephen Hatch is our paid Debt Centre Manager who works for 16 hours per week, and Craig Glanville is a volunteer Debt Coach. We receive financial support from the Methodist Circuit, White River Community Church and various other groups and individuals, but the major part of our income is derived from a grant from the St Austell Deanery LICF (Lower Income Community Fund) as our area is one of the most deprived around.

Edwina Sleeman was our Debt Centre Manager until August 2025, having set up the facility and worked tirelessly to get it established. Stephen Hatch has now taken over this role, but Edwina has remained on the Board and does valuable work running Money Managing courses in various places, such as Harbour Housing.

The need for debt counselling is growing but with the help of CAP many families and individuals have become debt free: some have gone through bankruptcy, and others have managed to repay their debts, but all will have received love, compassion, and help in the name of Jesus.

Heather Batho

Walking for Health

Every Tuesday, come rain, come shine, a group of us meet outside HT and at 2pm set off to walk up the Clay Trail. We have a very committed core group who always turn up, and others who come when they can. Most of our walkers have joined via the St Austell Healthcare Social Prescribing route and really value not just the exercise but the

community aspect. Many friendships have been formed, and for some people it is the first time that they have ever been part of a group. We are a very inclusive bunch and usually have walkers who mostly spend their days at Tregarne Hostel, or who have varying degrees of learning difficulties or mental health challenges. All are welcome.

Heather Batho

Prayer Ministry Report:

This first year of overseeing the prayer ministry team has run smoothly, it continues to be a privilege to be able to partner with people as they meet with God during prayer ministry.

The prayer ministry team is formed from 2 groups, core members, and support members. The difference between the 2 groups is that core members are on a rota for Sunday mornings and available to offer prayer for anyone who would like to receive this after the service; they will have also undertaken additional training in the form of safeguarding e-learning from the diocese of Truro. Both core and support members are available to offer prayer support during the service, often after the sermon has been delivered.

We are encouraged as 4 new members have joined the core prayer team and one has joined the prayer support team. Another is in the process of joining the core team; which would benefit from a few more members.
The core team is on a rota which ensures that the morning gathering always has support available. There is no rota for the evening gathering, but there is usually a prayer team member present and available to offer prayer.

This year we have tried to meet before the evening gathering on the first Sunday of the month to pray as a team for the church, and, although the group is small, it has been encouraging to hear God speak.

We have purchased from *Jesus Ministry* the *Living free* course, which supports the training the prayer team already receive. The series can be watched when convenient to those on the team.

Prayer ministry team members are invited to join a group WhatsApp, which aids communication re Sunday morning prayer rota as well as being a valuable platform for personal prayer requests.

Several team members met last September to talk about ways to enhance the prayer ministry and to also get to know one another. We hope to organise another gathering soon.

We now offer an area in the chapel that is set up with chairs and a table for prayer ministry immediately after the service. This offers more privacy than the area in front of the piano; so far, the uptake for this area has been slow.

Last weekend, some members of the prayer ministry team were able to join the Alpha Holy Spirit away day. It was a privilege for them to be able to draw alongside those who were on the course and pray with them.

Katie Taurins

Life Groups:

We currently have nine Life Groups in the parish, all of which meet weekly: eight in the evenings and one in the daytime. Each group mainly sets its own study/prayer pattern, and most will have social evenings and meals together from time to time.

It is always a challenge to findi leaders to start new groups, especially after an Alpha course or when we have several newcomers who want to be part of a Life Group, as most of the existing ones are more or less full. We are delighted that John and Pat Benson have recently started a new group at their home, and Mark and Lesley Lawther are preparing to lead a new discipleship group which will cater for the participants on the current Alpha course. We are also in the process of setting up another daytime group as there is a clear need for this.

The vision for life Groups is that when groups get to a certain size they will divide, or a few from the group will leave and start a new one. This is always challenging, but as a growing church, it is essential that we are open to this so that new people can be welcomed in.

Heather Batho and Lesley Lawther

St Levan's

Our congregation holds steady week by week at around 20 folk, mostly regulars, some occasional, with added holidaymakers in season and larger attendance at festivals, especially Christmas Day and our annual carol service. We fill our rota with volunteers, and people are having their gifts discerned and being given opportunities to grow and serve in new roles.

Worship
Our worship is ever more loosely based on the green service book with many innovative departures depending on who is leading. We benefit from a wide variety of challenging preaching which has been eagerly received and discussed, and we are able to receive Holy Communion often thanks to three retired priests with PTO, one of whom is a regular in our congregation. Our music is often led by Maggie Barlow, a regular attender as well as a member of our life group *Homegrown* who plays the organ. When Maggie is away or unable to play, we sometimes have the joy of Rich Baldwin-Lee leading on our Clavinova. Otherwise, we have access through our dedicated laptop and screens to words and music via iSing and Presenter software which has widened our repertoire, though there have been some hiccups along the way. We are also broadening our opportunities for responses in corporate prayer and discussion, especially after the talk.

Mission
This area is a "future strength" with a need more outreach and consideration of our place within the local community. There is the opportunity, now our garden has been planted and is beginning to fill out, to welcome people in and we will consider next how to exploit this new resource in the most effective ways as well as what else we need to do to look outwards and build the Kingdom.

Giving
Although we do not know how many of our number are signed up to the parish giving scheme, nor exactly what our card reader brings in, we do know that our plate cash collections totalled almost £1000 in the four months to the end of April.

Fabric and grounds
We have had an interesting and expensive year with falling mortar and leaking windows, but all is in hand and the building is drying out. Behind the scenes, flowers are arranged, grounds are weeded, fallen walls rebuilt, and lawns mowed by many skilled and willing hands, and all for no charge. We are blessed with voluntary labour both from among the congregation and from people of favour.

Sara Moult

All Saints

All Saints Pentewan has had success with their services to celebrate key events in the church calendar. All have been well attended (with 33 for Easter including 22 Communicants and 73 worshipers for the Carol Service). We are blessed that the Revd Jonathan Huff has the Revd John Benson to assist with our worship. We have 3 new

villagers who are keen to support the church and a likely Christening for our newest villager. We are very thankful that Ralph has continued to use his considerable expertise as a PCC member.

St Levan's gratefully used our church twice last year following serious structural problems. All Saints is also the chosen location once a month for a self-help lunch by Iain Walker's *Runners Church* group. We continue to have South West Coastal Path walkers stop by the church for reflection and refreshment daily. We have also provided refreshments and a welcome sit-down for the Parish walk in June.

We hope soon to have a refurbished church convenience at no cost to the Parish thanks to the generosity of both one of our new members of the congregation and a builder who lives in the village.

There is still a need to find finance for repairs including the wall, which is a long-standing issue, looks poor and is adjacent to a neighbour's property. One stained glass window is also leaking and bowing. Furthermore, the church is very cold in the winter, and the heating is both vintage and expensive. Infrared heaters are being costed by Michael Lowry, our fabric member. Nevertheless, we recognise that financial help from the Parish is difficult and available funds will have to be prioritised. We realise that we may need to start looking at fundraising options.

Carol Avery

Pastoral Care:

Pastoral care is overseen by Jane and Lesley with the help of a small but amazing team. The aim of the team has been to promote a culture where everyone looks after one another and that seems to be working. We are still available for pastoral visits, but we are delighted that the Life Groups, in particular, offer support and care which is really the first port of call for folk, and that all the other groups that run during the week incorporate care as part of their ethos. The Pastoral group would like to thank Hilary and Rosemary for all that they have done in supporting others either by visiting or by phone calls. The group is due to have a review meeting in September (including some refresher training on visiting). We are grateful to all those who lead in various groups and take care of their members.

Jane Wingrove and Lesley Lawther

Anna Chaplaincy:

This work continues in church (Inspire and pastoral visiting), and in the community in Care Homes and in the hospice when they call. Two very exciting developments are that we now have 5 Anna Friends, and Edwina is training to become an Anna Chaplain! There is also another person who is considering training as an Anna Chaplain.

As a team, we are supporting the work of Social Prescribing by visiting isolated people in their own homes. I've done a podcast for the diocese and have been invited to take part in a webinar in April for Edge Xchange. I'm always happy to talk about this important ministry if you're interested.

Jane Wingrove

Bereavement Cafe

We continue to offer this space on the second Sunday of every month. We have people who attend regularly, and others come for a few sessions and then leave. Everyone who comes stays for the whole time and feels comfortable and heard. Thank you to Alison and Pam for their support.

Jane Wingrove

Inspire:

This has changed in meeting time and format as numbers have decreased (which is positive as its original purpose has been fulfilled!) We now meet and share lunch on the last Thursday of the month, from 12.30 to 2.00pm. We've had a quiz to honour Ivan and are currently planning future events. Richard Staples has organised a coach trip for June to which the whole church is invited. We are also holding a Bring and Buy Sale in July for Mike Rowe's charity *Empowering the Future.*

Jane Wingrove

Home Communion:

Home Communions were delivered to three residential homes; Penrice, Woodlands and Caprera, once a month through the year except December, when a service of lessons and carols, which was well received, was held. The team is small and has room to grow. With more members, it would be possible to cover more homes. As it is said in Matthew 9: [37] Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. [38] Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Home Communions have also been brought to one person in his home.

Alan Coode

Bellringers’ Report:

Since last year's report, Rupert has had to step down as Tower Captain for personal reasons, and I have taken over the position. Otherwise there has been little change; there are still only six regular ringers, but we still manage to ring almost every Sunday and about half of our practice nights (which are Tuesdays).

We have visiting individual ringers on some Sundays to swell our numbers; more so in the summer when the holiday season is in full swing. It is also nice to welcome visiting bands from other parts of the country. To hear all eight bells rung by very proficient ringers is a wonderful thing. As I'm writing this, we have five groups keen to visit in the next few months. There are fewer weddings than in previous years but we still ring for them when requested, often swelling our numbers by inviting ringers from neighbouring parishes such as St Stephen and St Mewan.

There is still a need to increase our core base of ringers, and there have been some enquiries from some people keen to start ringing. I have also put my name down to attend a course to increase my understanding of the teaching of ringing. Unfortunately, the next course doesn't run until the autumn.

Chris Kilbride

Harbour Housing:

It has been a joy and a privilege to be part of the Holy Trinity staff team over the past fifteen months. What a great team we have headed by our vicar Jonathan! I believe we have grown in worship and fellowship together, and I have really sensed the power of the Holy Spirit working amongst us. In addition to my involvement with HT I am Rector of the Dodman Cross Benefice with oversight responsibilities for St Goran (Gorran), St Peters (Mevagissey), St Michaels (Caerhays) and All Saints (St Ewe).

My involvement with HT has involved occasionally leading and celebrating worship held at HT on Thursdays. However, my primary outreach has been working with Harbour Housing in St Austell, a supported housing company, which offers help to some of the most vulnerable people in society, including people with issues of addiction and those escaping situations of high-risk domestic violence. On May 28th, 2026, I am going to be formally commissioned by Bishop David as Chaplain to Harbour Housing. What an immense privilege this is.

My involvement with Harbour Housing so far has mainly been centred on Cosgarne Hall in St Austell, which is a dual diagnosis drugs and alcohol supported housing project. Here I have attended their tea and chat sessions on a Monday afternoon staffed by qualified therapists, plus attending the occasional Recovery Group meeting on Thursdays. Jan Varney and I have also been leading an Alpha course every Monday on which attendance is (to say the least) variable; however we now have a couple of regular committed attendees who are getting so much out of this course. One of these has expressed a wish to be baptised in the near future.

I have also met and been involved with some individuals who have wanted to speak to a priest about spiritual and emotional concerns. The referrals have come from staff members with whom I am trying to build good working relationships. This is a very challenging environment in which to work, and it is taking time to build up relationships with the clients. However I feel right at home here, having worked in the sector of supported housing previously, and also in social housing for some fourteen years.

The work is evolving slowly but I very much sense a calling to this work and pray that through it God may be glorified.

Stephen Williams

Trinity Cafe:

Running any kind of hospitality business these days is very challenging! However, we have a great team in Stuart, the café manager, Abigail and Chloe café assistants and a few volunteers who help out over busy lunch times.

We have rationalised our staffing levels, looked carefully at every aspect of expenditure, and are hopeful that even in these tricky times, we will be able to thrive as we offer something very special to our town. A warm and welcoming environment, great coffee, excellent value food, and a special place to meet up with friends have got to be the winning ticket! Using the café space for Alpha meals and other church related events is also such a blessing!

Heather Batho

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2,024 £
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	214,134	16,998		231,132	222,453
Charitable Activities	2(b)	24,957	74,352		99,309	130,311
Other Trading Activities						63,927
Investment Income	2(c)	4,202	9,296		13,498	12,080
Total Incoming Resources		**243,293**	**100,646**		**343,939**	**428,771**
Resources Used						
Church Activities	3(a)	208,280	121,330		329,610	460,852
Net Surplus/Deficit on Ordinary Activities		**35,013**	**(20,684)**		**14,329**	**(32,081)**
Other Resources Used Capital Items						
Trinity Centre Refurbishment & Café Fitting Out**	3(b)					
Transforming Mission - Provisioning Exp - Equip. etc.**	3(b)					
Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources (Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses)		**35,013**	**(20,684)**		**14,329**	**(32,081)**
(Loss)/Gains on Investments ref. mkt value @ 31-12-2025	5(b)			(2,322)	(2,322)	394
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**35,013**	**(20,684)**	**(2,322)**	**12,007**	**(31,687)**
Transfers Between Funds		(29,201)	29,201			
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)						
Capitalised Expenditure **	3(b)					
Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Property						
Other Gains/(losses)						
Net Movement In Funds		**5,812**	**8,517**	**(2,322)**	**12,007**	**(31,687)**
Reserves - Balances B/Fwd At 1st January 2025		195,914	1,406,963	114,706	1,717,583	1,749,270
Boscoppa Reserves Introduced (due to merger)		1,025	7,690		8,715	
Transfer of Café Capita l- Consolided Into General Fund		30,000	(30,000)			
Reserves - Balances C/Fwd At 31st December 2025		**232,751**	**1,393,170**	**112,384**	**1,738,305**	**1,717,583**
Memo - Of Which The Revaluation Reserve is -		*46,245*			*46,245*	*46,245*

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	1,990,127	1,995,609
Trinity Café (St Austell) Ltd - Share Capital	5 (b)	1	1
Investment Assets	5(c)	112,384	114,706
		2,102,512	2,110,316
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	34,149	43,818
Intercompany (Café)		29,746	
Cash At Bank & In-Hand		70,369	75,206
		134,264	119,024
Liabilities; Creditors; Amounts Falling Due Within 1 Year	7(a)	(35,471)	(48,757)
Net Current Assets		98,793	70,267
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year	7(b)	(463,000)	(463,000)
Net Assets		1,738,305	1,717,583
Funds			
Endowment	9	112,384	114,706
Restricted	8	1,393,170	1,406,963
Unrestricted	9	186,506	149,669
Revaluation Reserve	9	46,245	46,245
		1,738,305	1,717,583

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	Unrestricted Funds	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds Tr'form'g. Miss.**	**Restricted Funds (Tr. Centre)**	**Restricted Funds (Fabric)**	**Restricted Funds (CAP)**	**Total Funds 2025**	**Total Funds 2024**
	2024	**2025**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
2. Incoming Resources	***Comparitive***							
2(a) Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving - Covenant	*139,959*	155,325					155,325	*139,959*
Donations, Appeals Etc	*14,983*	13,137		8,782		6,275	28,194	*27,088*
Collections	*4,813*	7,273					7,273	*4,813*
Contactless Devices	*6,168*	4,013					4,013	*6,168*
Tax Recoverable	*33,622*	34,386		1,941			36,327	*34,425*
Legacies	*10,000*							*10,000*
	209,545	214,134		10,723		6,275	231132	222,453
2(b) Charitable Activities								
Missional Grants (Incl. TM Funding)	*1,203*	9,310	58,352			16,000	83,662	*114,955*
Fund Raising	*150*	150					150	*150*
	1,353	9,460	58,352			16,000	83812	115,105
Add:-								
Income From Other Qualifying Church Activities								
Rental incl Wayleaves	*2,622*	2,522					2,522	*2,622*
Income from Church Hall Site	*8,860*	10,395					10,395	*8,860*
Fees	*3,724*	2,580					2,580	*3,724*
	15,206	15,497					15497	15,206
Total Income From Charitable Activities	*16,559*	24,957	58,352			16,000	99309	130,311
Income from Other Trading Activities								
Café								63,927
								63,927
2(c) Income From Investments								
Dividends	*3,363*	3,360					3,360	*3,363*
Interest	*1,373*	842			9,296		10,138	*8,717*
	4,736	4,202			9,296		13498	12,080
Total Incoming Resources	***230,840***	***243,293***	***58,352***	***10,723***	***9,296***	***22,275***	***343939***	***428,771***

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3(a) Church Activities - Ordinary Expenditure	***Unrestricted Funds*** **2024** ***Comparitive***	**Unrestricted Funds** **2025**	**Restricted Funds Tr'form'g. Miss.** **£**	**Restricted Funds (Tr. Centre)** **£**	**Restricted Funds (Fabric)** **£**	**Restricted Funds (CAP)** **£**	**Total Funds 2025** **£**	**Total Funds 2024** **£**
Missionary and Charitable Giving	*3,791*	3,424					3,424	*3,791*
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)		8				6,090	6,098	*5,394*
Ministry : Diocesan Quota	*67,544*	57,088					57,088	*67,544*
Clergy Costs	*67*							*67*
Parish Training & Mission Resources	*5,343*	2,973					2,973	*5,343*
Other Ministry Costs	*1,205*	635					635	*1,205*
Church :- Repairs & Maintenance	*11,430*	8,092			10,352		18,444	*13,756*
Insurance	*13,894*	13,476					13,476	*13,894*
Utilities	*11,846*	10,448					10,448	*11,846*
Upkeep Of Services	*5,767*	6,154					6,154	*5,767*
Depreciation of Equipment	*8,227*	6,222					6,222	*8,227*
Organist	*638*	1,368					1,368	*638*
Trinity Car Park	*4,075*	1,005					1,005	*4,075*
Children & Youth Expenditure	*3,908*	8,463					8,463	*3,908*
Church Fabric (Incl. Re-ordering)					2,700		2,700	*1,350*
Staff Costs & Honorarium	*36,690*	47,837	87,553			14,635	150,025	*167,816*
Property Costs - Trinity Centre	*26,012*	21,525					21,525	*26,972*
General Office Expenses	*8,674*	8,815					8,815	*8,674*
Costs Of Trading								*101,943*
Miscellaneous	*800*	822					822	*800*
Loan Interest	*7,344*	9,296					9,296	*7,344*
Bank Charges	*498*	629					629	*498*
Total Ordinary (Operating) Expenditure	*217,753*	208,280	87,553		13,052	20,725	329,610	460,852
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	***13,087***	**35,013**	**(29,201)**	**10,723**	**(3,756)**	**1,550**	**14329**	**(32,081)**
Transfers Between Funds - Incoming/(Outgoing)								
Capital Transfers	*(19,869)*							
TM Funding - Parish Contr'n	*(23,645)*	(29,201)	29,201					
Net Movement in Funds	**(30,427)**	**5,812**	**-**	**10,723**	**(3,756)**	**1,550**	**14329**	**(32,081)**

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4. Staff Costs

	Amount £
(a) Wages & Salaries	144,363
Employers National Insurance	1,806
Employers Pension Contributions	2,139
Estimate Of Average No. Of Full Time Equivalent Employees	4.6

(b) Payments to PCC members

The Operations Manager and Worship Minister are members or have served on the PCC during the year and their election has been approved by the PCC on the basis that the best interests of the PCC are being so served.
Their renumeration was £18,642,and £34,526 respectively, in the financial year.

5. Fixed Assets

5(a) Tangible	2025 Freehold Property £	2025 Equipment £	2024 Freehold Property £	2024 Equipment £
Actual Deemed/Cost at 1st January	1,942,733	96,473	1,942,733	89,860
Additions During The Year	740		-	6,613
Demolition/Disposals During The Year				
Revaluations During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2025	1,943,473	96,473	1,942,733	96,473
Depreciation At 1st January	-	(43,597)	-	(35,370)
Charge For Year		(6,222)		(8,227)
Adjustments Demolition/Disposals/Reval'n During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2025	1,943,473	(49,819)	1,942,733	(43,597)
Net Book Value At 31st December 2025	**£1,943,473**	**£46,654**	**£1,942,733**	**£52,876**
Memo - Of Which Revaluation of Assets Accounts for -	*£46,245*		*£46,245*	

The tangible assets consist of the freehold land, buildings and equipment. The freehold land and buildings comprise the former church hall site and car park and the Trinity Centre (formerly Hop & Vine) located in St Austell.
Valuation is based Open Market and these have been carried out within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost. Equipment is depreciated at 25% reducing balance. Buildings are not depreciated based on assumptions of long life expectancy and high residual value.

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5(b) Investment in Trinity Café (St Austell) Ltd

The PCC established and incorporated the café on the 25th July 2024 Company No.15858843 operating in St Austell town centre)
The nature of the business is a Café serving hot and cold food, snacks and drinks and related goods.
The PCC owns 100% of the shares and has control of the company
At the 31st December 2025 the aggregate value of capital and reserves was (£28,287 e.g. negative equity.

Herewith a summary Profit and Loss Account:-

Turnover (i.e. sales)		115,285
Cost of sales and/or direct expenses (optional line)		95,884
Gross profit		19,401
Less:- Administrative or operating expenses		39,933
Net profit/(Loss) before tax		(20,532)
Gift Aid donation to the parent charity		-
Retained profit (if any)		-
Intercompany balance owed to PCC	£	29,746

The Directors, two of whom are on the PCC, consider that although the results are disappointing, they are not unexpected for a relatively new business.
Management staffing has been reduced, other cost-saving measures have been introduced, and pricing changes have been made.
Despite a disappointing start, we anticipate growth in turnover over the coming year.
With the Piazza in the church grounds opposite the café, we are optimistic that activity will increase as people make use of the area to relax in.
The Directors therefore believe there are reasonable grounds for optimism that the Café will see an improvement in its trading position over the coming year.

5 (c) Other Investments - Deposit and Investment Funds

	2025 **£**	**2024** **£**
Market Value 1st January	114,706	114,312
Unrealised investment (loss)/gain in year	(2,322)	394
Market value at 31st December 2025	112,384	114,706
Cost At 31st December 2025	13,341	13,341

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6 Debtors	**2025** **£**	**2024** **£**
Income Tax recoverable	5,595	6,723
Transforming Mission Grants Receivable	12,336	20,000
Intercompany Debtors	29,746	15,523
Prepayments and Accrued Income	16,218	1,572
	63,895	43,818

7. Liabilities

7(a) Creditors ; Amounts falling due within one year

Boscoppa Church (Agency a/c)	-	8,716
General Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income	35,471	40,041
Outside Giving - Funds held for Distribution	-	
	35,471	48,757

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7(b) Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year

Truro Diocese TM Loan (5 Year Term Repayment 2/12/26)	25,000	25,000
Private Loans (Church & Trinity Project)		
Repayment terms 3-5 years/variable	438,000	438,000
	463,000	463,000

Loans are interest free. Private loans include loans from members of th PCC (Heather Batho £100,000 and Richard Rashleigh £298,000)

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8. Funds

Restricted Funds Movement

	Total	Church Fabric	Transforming Mission	Familes	Vulnerable Familes	Trinity Centre & Café	CAP
Balance at 1st January 2025	1,406,963	180,435				1,217,748	8,780
Incoming Resources	100,646	9,296	58,352			10,723	22,275
	1,507,609	189,731	58,352	-	-	1,228,471	31,055
Resources Expended	(121,330)	(13,052)	(87,553)			-	(20,725)
Incoming Funds From Boscoppa Church				5,684	2,006		
Transfers To/From General Fund	(799)	-	29,201			(30,000)	-
Balance at 31st December 2025	£1,385,480	£176,679	-	£5,684	£2,006	£1,198,471	£10,330

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund

	Unrestricted	<----------Restricted---------->							Total Funds
	General Fund	Fabric Funds	Endowment Funds	TM	Trinity Centre & Café	CAP	Boscoppa Families	Agency	2025
	£	£	£		£			£	£
Fixed Assets - Tangible	367,961				1,622,166				1,990,127
Investments	(150,000)	150,000	112,384						112,384
	217,961	150,000	112,384		1,622,166				2,102,511
Current Assets	43,121	27,513		25,000	14,304	11,354	7,690	6,628	135,610
Current Liabilities	(28,331)	(833)				(1,024)		(6,628)	(36,816)
Net Current Assets	14,790	26,680		25,000	14,304	10,330	7,690		98,794
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year				(25,000)	(438,000)				(463,000)
Adj. Re Fixed Asset Revaluations (Trf to Separate Reserve)	(46,245)								(46,245)
Fund Balance	186,506	176,680	112,384		1,198,470	10,330	7,690		1,738,305
Note Revaluation Reserve Disclosed separately	46,245								

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Note 10: Transfer of funds from Boscoppa Parish

On 8 August 2025, following a Diocesan-approved Pastoral Measure, Boscoppa Parish was combined with the Benefice of St Austell.

As a result of this pastoral reorganisation, the funds previously held by Boscoppa Parish were transferred into the accounts of St Austell Benefice.

The funds transferred have not been treated as income of the year. They have instead been recognised as brought-forward fund balances within the appropriate unrestricted and restricted fund categories.

The restrictions attaching to the restricted funds have been preserved.

Fund	Amount
General reserve	£1,024.90
Families fund	£5,684.38
Vulnerable families fund	£2,006.42
Total funds transferred	**£8,715.70**

The unrestricted reserve is available for the general purposes of St Austell Benefice.

The restricted **Families Fund** remains available only for expenditure in support of families, in accordance with the original restriction.

The restricted **Vulnerable Families Fund** remains available only for expenditure in support of vulnerable families, in accordance with the original restriction.

11 Audit and Accountancy Fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiners Fee	800	800

Finance Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

The accounts of the PCC are best viewed in two separate parts: Unrestricted Funds (money that can be spent on any expense the church incurs in its work) and Restricted Funds (money given for specific purposes such as the maintenance of the church buildings and fabric, or particular projects).

Overview of the 2025 Accounts

In short, 2025 was a better year financially than 2024. After last year's £30,427 deficit on unrestricted funds, we have ended 2025 with a small surplus of £5,812 — a swing of around £36,000 in the right direction. There are three main reasons:

• **Giving has grown strongly.** Planned Giving rose by over £15,000 a very positive response to the Stewardship drive launched in October.

• **The Diocesan Quota fell.** Our annual contribution to the Diocese (the MMF) came down from £67,544 to £57,088 — a saving of £10,456.

• **The Café is no longer a direct cost.** In 2024 we absorbed a £19,869 loss for the café within church operations; however, since incorporation in July 2024, Trinity Café (St Austell) Ltd is a separate company and its results no longer hit our day-to-day accounts.

The Transforming Mission (TM) initiative has continued to help resource the church's team, this year to the tune of £58,352; nevertheless, this grant will come to an end in 2026 and thereafter the church will have to fully fund all the current operations taking place in the church.

On another note following a Diocesan Pastoral Measure on 8 August 2025, Boscoppa Parish was combined with the Benefice of St Austell. This brought £8,715 of brought-forward funds into our accounts, including two new restricted funds (Families £5,684 and Vulnerable Families £2,006) which can only be used for those purposes.

Unrestricted Funds

Income. Total unrestricted income was £243,293, up £12,453 on 2024. The headline figure is Planned Giving at £155,325 (up £15,366) — a really encouraging response to the Stewardship drive launched in October and an endorsement of the church's work. Tax recovered through Gift Aid was £34,386, and total voluntary giving by church members came to £214,134 (£209,545 in 2024). We did not receive any legacies this year (2024: £10,000). Other income, including car park, hall rental, dividends and fees, came in at £29,159 against £21,295 last year.

Expenditure. Total unrestricted spending was £208,280, down £9,473 on 2024. The Diocesan Quota fall (£10,456 lower) was the biggest single saving. Trinity Centre property costs were £4,487 lower; Church Repairs £3,338 lower (last year included the Porthpean kitchen and fencing work); car park costs £3,070 lower; and Ministry/Parish Training costs £2,370 lower. Going the other way, Staff Costs rose by £11,147 as we strengthened our Youth team with Rosie Blyth joining the staff after her internship came to an end. Children & Youth spending increased to £8,463 (previously £3,908)— an important investment in the development of this ministry area. Loan interest was also up by £1,952.

Missional support. Through the Missionary and Charitable Giving budget (£3,424 this year, £3,791 in 2024) we continued to support Katia Rocks in Brazil, Christians Against Poverty and Bibles in Schools.

Restricted Funds

Restricted income totalled £100,646 (2024: £134,004). The main item is £58,352 of Transforming Mission grant funding from the Diocese — lower than last year as expected, since the grant tapers each year. CAP income (administered by us on behalf of St Austell Churches Together and other

sponsors for local debt relief) was £22,275, well up on last year. The Fabric fund earned £9,296 of interest, and we received £10,723 towards the Trinity Centre. Restricted expenditure was £121,330, of which £87,553 went on TM staffing and £20,725 on CAP staffing and outreach.

Trinity Café (St Austell) Ltd

The café, wholly owned by the PCC but operating as a separate company since July 2024, made a loss of £20,532 on turnover of £115,285 and ended the year in negative equity of £28,287. The directors have taken steps to address the position — management staffing has been reduced, costs trimmed and prices adjusted — and the café continues to receive warm reviews and the loyal support of the congregation. We must, however, be realistic: trading conditions remain difficult, with the wider economy and pressure on people's discretionary spending creating real headwinds for businesses of this kind, as a result the church will need to continue providing financial support while it works towards a sustainable position. We remain hopeful — the new Piazza opposite the church should bring more visitors past the door in 2026 — but the path to profitability will require patience.

Reserves and the Balance Sheet

Our Reserves Policy is to hold up to £50,000 as a Critical Reserve and up to a further £50,000 as Discretionary Reserves (for children's and youth work, seed-funding initiatives, office equipment replacement and general contingency). At year-end our Free Reserves — that is, net current assets in the General Fund only, excluding amounts sitting in restricted accounts — stood at £14,790, up from £9,970 a year ago. A modest improvement, and still some way below the policy target. Restricted Reserves stood at £1,393,170, of which £150,000 is an internal investment loan to the General Fund which originally supported the purchase of the Trinity Centre. Total funds carried forward rose from £1,717,583 to £1,738,305.

Investments Policy

The PCC's investment policy permits programme-related investments where the risk is judged acceptable, provided a prudent level of cash reserves is retained. A more detailed policy statement is available on request. Our quoted investments closed the year at a market value of £112,384, a small unrealised loss of £2,322 on the year.

Looking Ahead to 2026

We aim to keep income and expenditure broadly in balance and to rebuild Free Reserves back towards the policy level. With our TM parish contribution due to rise again as Diocesan grant support draws to a close, and with the continuing pressures of inflation on running costs, the generous and consistent support of the congregation will remain essential. The strong growth in giving this year is a real encouragement as we go into 2026.

Richard Rashleigh

Treasurer

St Austell PCC

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUSTELL

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on Pages 1 to 9, is in respect of an examination carries out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 and audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by 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 section 41 of the Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations 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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