THE PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE'S, CLUTTON

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION

Rector's Report 2024-2025

Benefice overview

The year started with the benefice joining to three local parishes — Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior. (In case any of you are wondering, no, I still have not received any paperwork formalising this arrangement!). It is wonderful to have so many new faces within the benefice particularly when there have been benefice services. It is a joy to see our churches, in our small part of the world, being a living example of the one church of Jesus Christ.

Although there certainly are joys to an expanded benefice it has not been without its difficulties and I have felt a personal loss at not being able to be as present as regularly on a Sunday morning at services in Farmborough and Clutton whose service times clash each week. I must take this moment to give thanks for the work of Gill Hazell who has been a great help to me in arranging cover for those services and to the dedicated team of people who step up when no cover for services can be found – Al Parkes, Doug and Angela Fraser, and Helen Lundberg – as well as to the Revd Victor Barley and Father Andrew Cooper who have stepped in to cover Holy Communion services for us. It is very much appreciated.

My hope is that we can continue to grow closer as a benefice over the coming year and discover more ways in which we can work together to bring the good news of Jesus to our villages.

Our PCC

The PCC has continued to meet regularly over the year alongside various sub-committees which have helped the PCC meetings to run well. I am grateful to each and every one of you and what you bring to our church here in Clutton, Temple-Cloud, and Cameley. I wish to give particular thanks to Brian Bailey and Lynda Hooper who have served as Church Wardens for the past year.

Our vision as a PCC is three-fold, to share the gospel, to show God's love to our village and beyond, and to look after the heritage we have inherited. Through our weekly and occasional services, our fundraising and events, and the various works that have been done to the church over the past year we have put these principles into practice. These will continue to be our goals for the year ahead and I welcome anyone who has a passion for any of these areas to join us on the PCC as we think strategically about how we can continue to best put our goals into practice.

Worship & Discipleship

It has been fantastic to build on the work started by Helen & Al and the Family & Friends team this year as we seek to expand our service offerings to reach the younger generation. Our Family & Friends service has been seeking to be intentionally intergenerational, bringing people together from young to not so young with a vision of embodying the one church-ness that Jesus spoke of and recognising that all of us have something to offer one another,

no matter what our age is. The future of the Church relies on us sharing the gospel and not retreating into our comfort zones and so it has been encouraging to see this service grow over the year and the wider church family embrace it as part of the life of the church even though it is a break from tradition. It is my hope that this ministry grows we might see more families come to know Jesus as their saviour.
As part of our discipleship this year, we have looked at Luke's gospel, 1&2 Samuel, and the letter of James within our sermon series finishing the year looking at the topic of what exactly is the Gospel. Our Lent book for the year was Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* challenging us all how we live as followers of Jesus in our daily lives, not just on a Sunday morning.
I am grateful to Emily and the rest of the musicians in the band who lead our worship at our services where the music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.
Additionally, I would like to take a moment to thank all those who serve during our church services, either as welcomers, coffee makers, readers, intercessors, or as a tidier – you are so often the face of our church, thank you for the love and dedication you bring.

Outreach

Over the year one of our major forms of outreach within the benefice has been the regular soup lunches in Farmborough Memorial Hall which has had regular weekly visitors from across the benefice and beyond experiencing the love of God through hospitality – it has been wonderful to see so many members of our church congregations attend and I do hope that you might invite others from the village who do not come to church to come and attend so that they might experience something of the love of God through it. We have also hosted a variety of fundraising events over the year which have been necessary not only as we seek to be lights for Christ in our village, but also to help with the financial difficulties we face as a church. I know that the congregation is not as young as it once or as large as it once was but I see the fire for Jesus inside you and I hope that it can be fanned into a flame so that over the coming year we might be able to reach more people with the good news of Jesus.
My thanks go out to all the volunteers who have organised events, cooked soups, cleared tables, made cups of tea and served in so many other roles I could not list them all. We continue to build and develop relationships with people outside of the church family through these events and so outreach will continue to be a focus for our benefice as we seek to share the good news of Jesus with others and grow the church.
As we seek to grow our church, both in faith and number, and to grow our church younger so God's love might be known by the next generation, we must faithfully seek God's will and look to be bold and courageous in our sharing of the Gospel in our village and with those we meet. If what we believe truly is good news then we must share it wherever we can, love people wherever we can, and seek God's will wherever we go. With this in mind I hope to be able to equip our congregation with the tools we need to share our faith and will be seeking help from the diocese and further afield as we seek to do this.

Church Wardens report for 2024/2025

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This last year has been eventful and busy, with much activity going on.
The main issue has been the ongoing problems with the electricity wiring and seeking the way forward. The diocese and architects have quite strict guidelines and policies on such matters and any contact with them seems expensive.
We have at the moment secured the completed project and schedule of works and are shortly due to send the tendering documents to selected qualified and competent electrical contractors.
The second item was Rose after much work secured the community payback probation service team to work on the church yard, moving piles of soil and filling sunken graves and low areas to make the church yard a safer place to walk.
They also cleared brambles from the walls, ivy from the trees as well as clearing the weeds from the gullies.
May I convey my gratitude for all the work carried out in sometimes inclement weather they really did us proud working hard and doing it with such spirit to please us.
Whilst on this subject a mention of Nigel and Nikki King and the young couple living in church square for supplies of good soil and spreading it to level the sunken areas.
A special mention of Steve Branch of Taylor plant who supplied men and diggers to work the lower church yard, all without any payment. And to Colin Withers for getting rid of all the debris again at no costs to us.
And of course a mention of the fantastic effort by the people who came and supported the cleanup day.
I think all will agree with me the church and church yard now really does look very good.
Thank you one and all.
Now a mention of the first year under the direction of Rev Guy, and what a transformation to our church, the whole congregation or as I prefer to call it the church family wholeheartedly behind him and everyone helping out, and creating such an amazing community spirit. Thank you Rev Guy.
As we all know by now we have Dave Philips joining us shortly.
Finally may I personally thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your warden and being supported by an amazing team. Thank you one and all.
With my very best wishes and prayers Brian.□□

St James, Cameley

We have managed our six services this last year. The Farmborough choir sang at St James Day service and harvest was amply celebrated. We culminated the year with our carol service which this year went back to the traditional 9 lessons and carols, wonderful. There were mince pies and mulled wine after and a grand feeling of community for the little church.

'The Friends of Cameley' have started the fund raising for the conservation of the Mediaeval wall paintings. We need to raise £35,000 We have a just giving page and a leaflet drop in the surrounding villages. Grant applications have been filled in and sent to various

charities. An open afternoon of speakers and tea, run in conjunction with the CCT gave a welcome boost to the funds. More fund-raising events are planned.

The friends have also helped to pay with the continuing upkeep of the fabric of the church.

The graveyard continues to be under the care of the PCC with the grass mown by Al Parkes. The friends have had work times to keep the ivy under control from the walls and the trees, helping and monitor the fabulous wildlife and plants that thrive in the ancient setting. It is hoped to have more wild areas this year.

Fiona Medland 2025

Safeguarding Report

The PCC and Safeguarding Team have particular responsibilities, and making sure everyone is safe is a commitment that all members of our community share.
The Church of England's safeguarding policy statement, Promoting a Safer Church, says:

> *All Church bodies should ensure that they have a 'Promoting a Safer Church' action place that sets out, in line with national and local priorities, how the policy is being put into action and is reviewed regularly.*

A Safeguarding Annual Action Plan has been put in place and with the use of the Safeguarding Dashboard an Action Plan is produced now each time the Safeguarding Dashboard is updated - this is done regularly with the intention of the Action Plan being produced for each PCC meeting.
The Safeguarding policy and procedure, as well as other policies and risk assessments are in the process of being updated and will be ready for the next PCC meeting. In line with Church of England requirements, safeguarding documents will be made are available in the church and can be requested from either the Benefice Safeguarding officer or the Rector.
The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to have due regard to the House of Bishops' policy and practice guidance on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.
Ensuring safeguarding training is prioritised and increased wherever and whenever possible for all in the benefice, particularly with front line volunteers for our outreach and events remains a high priority and we have benefitted from some training being able to be done in person this year rather than over Zoom.
It is very important to remember that ensuring the safety of all children and vulnerable adults in our community is a shared responsibility amongst everyone within our benefice and so if you have any concerns please do raise them with the Benefice Safeguarding Officer: Brian Bailey; the Rector: Revd Guy Martin-Scott; or the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES- for the year ended 31st December 2025											
2024		***Receipts And Payments A/C***						**Restricted**			**2025**
	Receipts					**Unrestricted**		**& Designated**			**Total**
	Voluntary Receipts					£		£			£
10098		Planned Giving		`		9467.00					9467.00
3081		Collections				3743.60		367.12			4110.72
3282		Income Tax Refunds				4376.70					4376.70
16461						**17587.30**		**367.12**			**17954.42**
	Other Voluntary Receipts										
4009		Donations				572.01		0.00			
9893		Roof & Loo Appeal a/c				2372.50		8831.20			
0	*Grants*	T/Cld & Cameley PC re St J Grass						500.00			
200		Clutton PC re Carols				200.00					
25000	*Sale*	BWDBF re sale of St B car park						0.00			
		Larder						1600.00			
3550	*Events*	Flower Show £510.97, Quiz £985.43									
		C'mas Tree Fest'l £87.77									
		Cream Teas £225.40				1809.57					
0		Harvest Lch £229.12						229.12			
42652						**4954.08**		**11160.32**			**16114.40**
	Receipts From Investments & Trusts										
407		Interest				1118.61		685.03			1803.64
353		Rent- PCC Share Of Grass Keep						353.34			353.34
13		Wayleaves						12.73			12.73
2981		Endow't Investment Income						2864.47			2864.47
3754						**1118.61**		**3915.57**			**5034.18**
	Receipts From Church Activities & Other Sources										
14		Hire Of Hall				10.50					
4008		Wedding/Funeral Fees Etc			4664.60						
-961			less Diocesan Share		-1703.00	2961.60					2961.60
210		Verger Fees			360.00						
-135			*less paid*		0.00	360.00					360.00
29		Shared Expenses				0					0.00
0		Sundry Income				600.00					
3165						**3932.10**		**0.00**			**3932.10**
66032				**Total Receipts**		**27592.09**		**15443.01**			**43035.10**
	Payments										
229		Royal British Legion						295.21			
45		Change Ringers £20, Frds Som Chches £25				45.00					
168		Childrens Soc/British Red Cross						71.91			
121		Children In Need/Unicef Gaza						229.12			
563						**45.00**		**596.24**			**641.24**
	On Activities Directly Relating To The Work Of The Church										
21855		Diocesan Quota				20250.00					
4707		Church Running Expenses				4586.02					
265		Clergy Expenses			260.35						
-417			*less recoveries*		-322.35	-62.00					
225		Phone & Broadband			15.00						
-53			*less refund*		0	15.00					
416		Cost Of Services/Ceremonies				565.00					
70		Organs & Pianos				75.00					
66		Honoraria/Courses/Hospitality				173.80					
389		Building Maintenance				44.80					
2970		Churchyard Mtnance & Repair						2460.00			
17432		Roof/Loo/Tower a/c						9524.81			
107		Larder						700.00			
139		Website				148.02					
3521		Sundries				18.74					
51692						**25814.38**		**12684.81**			**38499.19**
	Church Mgt & Administration										
194		Postages, Printing & Stationery			78.04						
			less recharges		-148.55	-70.51					
1335		Fundraising Expenses				50.00					
1529						**-20.51**		**0.00**			**-20.51**
224	*Assets Purchased*					**184.99**		**0.00**			**184.99**
54008				**Total Payments**		**26023.86**		**13281.05**			**39304.91**
12023	**Surplus for the year**					**1568.23**		**2161.96**			**3730.19**
37384		**Bank/Cash balances at 1st January 2025**				2142.94		47264.23			**49407.17**
49407		**Bank/Cash balances at 31st December 2025**				**3711.17**		**49426.19**			**53137.36**

Restricted & Designated Receipts and Payments Analysis							**Year 2025**							
											Endowm't		**Designated**	
Restricted		**Living**	**St Aug**	**Cameley**	**Endow't**	**Welcome**	**Roof/Loo/**	**Adminstrt**	**Larder**	**Others**	**Martin**		**St Barnabas**	
		C'yard	**C'yard**	**C'yard**	**Income**	**Leaflets**	**Tower a/c**				**Mem Fd**	**Total**	**Bldg Fd**	
Bals B/Fwd		**514.90**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**5257.17**	**32.79**	**7865.43**	**1866.00**	**349.82**	**573.00**	**5805.12**	**22264.23**	**25,000**	**47264.23**
Receipts														
Roof Appeal-Main a/c												**0.00**		
	Roof a/c						8831.20					**8831.20**		
T/C & Cameley PC for 2024				500.00								**500.00**		
Larder									1600.00			**1600.00**		
CCLA Interest					80.94							**80.94**		
Investment Income					2805.10							**2805.10**		
Grass Keep & Wayleave					366.07							**366.07**		
Royal British Legion										295.21		**295.21**		
Unicef Gaza & Children In Need										229.12		**229.12**		
Children's Soc & B.Red Cross										71.91		**71.91**		
Interest - CBF - Apportioned					198.23		337.35				127.88	**663.46**		**15443.01**
	Totals	**514.90**	**0.00**	**500.00**	**8707.51**	**32.79**	**17033.98**	**1866.00**	**1949.82**	**1169.24**	**5933.00**	**37707.24**	**25,000**	**62707.24**
Payments														
Grass Cutting St A					2100.00							2100.00		
Grass Cutting St J				360.00								360.00		
Larder									700.00			700.00		
Repair/Mntnance-Pd by PCC							0.00					0.00		
Roof/Loo/Tower Fund							9524.81					9524.81		
Charities										596.24		596.24		
	Totals	**0.00**	**0.00**	**360.00**	**2100.00**	**0.00**	**9524.81**	**0.00**	**700.00**	**596.24**	**0.00**	**13281.05**	**0**	**13281.05**
Bals C/Fwd		**514.90**	**0.00**	**140.00**	**6607.51**	**32.79**	**7509.17**	**1866.00**	**1249.82**	**573.00**	**5933.00**	**24426.19**	**25,000**	**49426.19**
								see note 1						
Memo -	Paten Change									3.00				
	Organ Fund									570.00				
Note 1														
Adminstrator														
Grant Rec'd	£3,411.00				NB the balance of £518.81 consists of £56.81 due to the PCC for 12/2017 salary									
Used 2017/20	-2,063.81				and £462 which was donated mainly by Chris Knight to pay a future Administrator									
	£1,347.19	Owing to Bath & Wells			if general funds were not available.									

Statement Of Assets & Liabilities - 31st December 2025 **Total Funds**

2024			General Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Designated Fund re St B	2025
	Monetary Assets						
49,407	Bank a/c's	Cheque & Deposit a/c's	3,711.17	18,493.19	5,933.00	25,000.00	53,137.36
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Report to the trustees of Clutton with Cameley Parochial Church Council on accounts for the year ended 31/12/2025, charity number 1135065 set out on pages 1 - 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act
- and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements;
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Chaities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Signed Alan Lundberg, 8 Maypole Close, Clutton, BS39 5PP

Memo - analysis of Roof/Loo Account Receipts and Payments

Receipts		**Expenditure**	
Covenants	180.00	200 Club Prizes	2800.00
200 Club	6030.00	St.B Boiler Service	112.14
Rewiring Project	971.09	St A Electrics	500.54
Interest	60.61	Lightning Conductor Tests	144.00
VAT Reclaim	1589.50	PAT Testing	120.00
	8831.20	Paint for St A Door	87.71
		Extinguisher Servicing	210.60
		Share of 200 Club To PCC	2372.50
		St A - Architect - rewiring Project	3177.32
			9524.81

Accounts prepared by Roger Snary
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Accounts Accepted by Revd. Guy Martin-Scott
Rector & Chair/Trustee of the PCC

Apportionment of CBF Deposit Fund Interest received between:

CBF Interest	663.46		
		Average	**Share**
Endowment			
	8422.85		
	9574.96		
Avge	17997.8		
		8998.91	198.23
Roof			
	###		
	14969.3		
Avge	###		
		15314.1	337.35
Martin Endowment			
		5805.12	127.88
Total			
		###	**663.46**

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