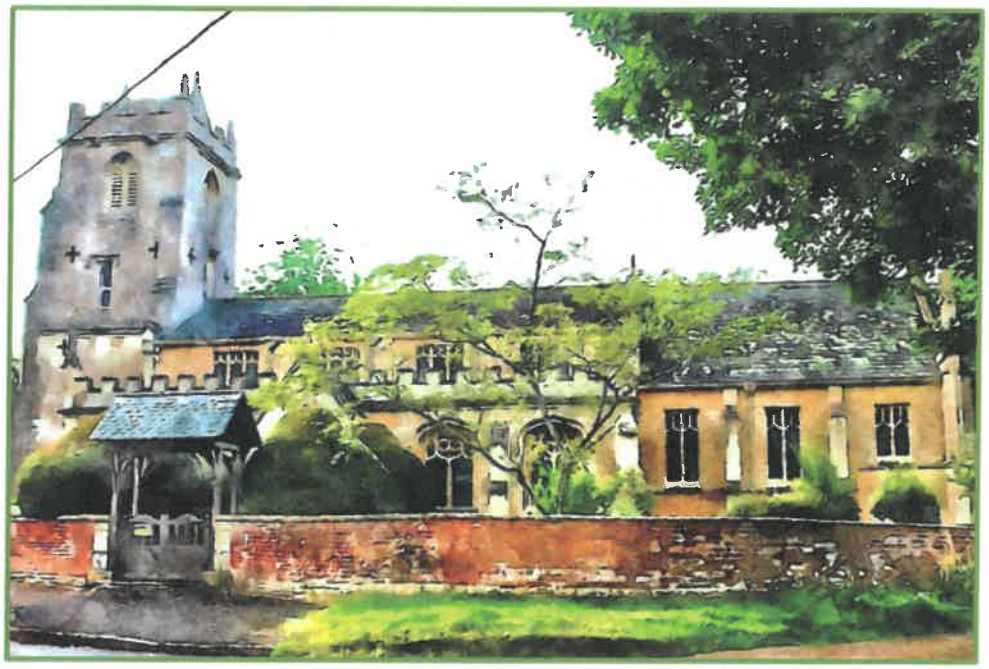
ST. KATHARINE'S CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming community, loving and worshipping Jesus and expressing His message in ways that are attractive and accessible to all.



A message from Canon Andrew Evans (Rector)

'He who calls you is faithful and He will do it' 1 Thessalonians 5:24

God has called us to be a vibrant, extravagantly welcoming, missional church in a village setting. By church standards, there's nothing normal about us and the challenge is to believe the verse above and keep going until He has done it! God is doing all sorts of things in our midst and calling us to do all sorts of things, and quite frankly it sometimes feels like there are lots of balls in the air right now! By their nature, some objectives will one day be achieved, whilst others will always be ongoing.

This report is technically for the calendar year 2025, but the report is produced in April, and as things are always on the move, it is difficult for us not to slip into 2026 in what we say. Some of the balls we currently have in the air are:

- The need for a developed Coach House facility and a car park.
- The call to be a church that is powerful in prayer and more dependent on the Holy Spirit.
- The ongoing challenge to be a missional (inviting in and going out) and welcoming in a way that involves people in the family and calls them to Jesus.

As part of all this, it is possible to see that God is clearly at work amongst us…

- In the way we are led in teaching and worship.
- In the growth of the church particularly among young families and the swift provision of Tom and Sandra to replace Harvey (Harvey, thank you – you did a great job in your leg of the relay and thank you for passing the baton on so well!).
- In the spiritual temperature of our church rising partly though the 'Building Faith' discipleship course and partly through an undergirding of prayer, individually, in homegroups and in our prayer meetings.

- In vocations springing up.
- In your response to calls for generous financial giving in both the Coach House appeal (up from £145K to £223K) and in Stewardship.

What I ask of us all, is to keep believing, praying, serving, showing up, encouraging, supporting and discipling each other, and bringing into our midst the unique gifts you each carry. If we do this, God is faithful and He will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20).

Music and Worship report from Ben Jarvis (Director of Music)

For a village church we have a unique music group, full of people who are keen to encourage and help our church family in praise and singing. This has been noted by others, and we are thankful for it. We want all the glory to go to God and are simply grateful for any way that he would use us and the privilege of being able to help. We really love being part of this ministry and the friendships within the group. We try to help out around the Benefice when we can.

Congregational participation in sung worship appears to have grown in confidence over the past year. There has been a greater sense of engagement and passion, which is perhaps in part due to the use of calls to worship, little moments of teaching on (and encouragement in) worship, the discipleship course, and a growing congregation.

Actions songs have helped us encourage the children to become more involved in worship. Some of them love coming to the front to lead the actions – and even chasing me down after services to practise songs together (which I love!). This is something we would like to continue to build, hopefully in partnership with the Children and Youth ministry.

Open Worship continues each month and, although it comes at the end of a busy week, it is well received and provides a positive space for a longer period of uninterrupted worship alongside prayer and scripture (as well as a place for trying out new songs). A small group has been building around it and we would encourage others to try it if they have not yet - there is something in focusing on him during the week in a place away from the distractions of home and work.

This year we said goodbye to Beth Mayne and Harvey Bennett, both of whom contributed a great deal to the group. We will miss them and want to thank them. It has also been encouraging to see interest from new members, who are already becoming a positive and encouraging addition. I am very thankful for all who contribute, both up front and behind the scenes (not least the AV team).

Looking ahead, I would like to encourage everyone to recognise that sung worship, all worship, is part of our witness. We ought not shy away from lifting up His name in the public place, praising Him unashamedly. Why not take that opportunity?

"Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.
Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples."

Do not be timid in your outward praises of God. It is not about whether you can sing well, or what others might think of you. It is about testifying to His greatness despite everything else. Or, as it says in Hebrews, 'let us continually offer to God a *sacrifice* of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.'

Churchwardens' report by Heather Marshall and Ian Gibbons

We count it a privilege to serve in a church where God is clearly at work, as seen in the continuing growth in our numbers, and the vibrancy of the diverse groups and activities covered in this report. We thank God for His love and faithfulness towards us over the past year and we are excited for all that He has in store for us in the future.

The youthwork has undergone significant changes in the past year. We have had the privilege of supporting our youth worker Harvey Bennett in his very valuable work with the children and young people. He has now moved on to Central Church in Bristol, and we continue to pray that his work there will be mightily blessed. Tom and Sandra Bullock have stepped into the role of "children and family workers." They have extensive experience working with children and young people and we continue to support them as they transition into their new roles within the family of St Katharine's.

The Tiny Tots sessions continue to be instrumental in growing the family of St Katharine's with many mums and carers becoming keen to attend the services inside the building and in outdoor church with their children. This has also led to a growing attendance at our Alpha Course. With Sandra's help we have begun a new group for young mothers and carers of young children to further encourage and develop faith and spiritual growth.

The growth we are experiencing is really encouraging, yet it presents some challenges, including the capacity of our current accommodation to meet our increasing needs and the related issue of limited space available for parking.

The development of the Coach House will strengthen St Katharine's capacity to be a welcoming community resource and an inclusive place of worship. The new extension will benefit people of all ages and ability in the Benefice and will help build up our church family in growing in faith and service together.

We are making excellent progress with our fundraising for the project - a sum of £223,000 has been raised so far from the generous giving of our church family members for which we are very thankful. This represents 37% of the estimated total of £600,000 (inclusive of VAT). We are currently working with the professional fundraiser we have engaged with a view to seeking external funding from relevant trust funds and we continue to pray and trust God for provision of the balance.

In the meantime, our architect, Alvin Howard, has been working on the submission for building regulations approval, including preparation of all the necessary drawings.

We will keep everyone updated as we move forward with this exciting project and encourage anyone who wishes to find out more about it to contact Andrew, Alvin, Jeremy or myself.

We are earnestly seeking a solution to the car parking issue and are hoping for a breakthrough on that front.

Other issues we are attending to, aside from regular repair and maintenance, include the improvement of the lighting between the church porch and the lychgate, and the provision of a handrail between the lychgate and the road. We hope to be able to move on these important safety measures as quickly as possible once we have secured the necessary permissions.

You should be aware that Wiltshire Council has applied for a faculty to enable them to carry out repairs to two of the Box Tombs in the churchyard, which are currently fenced off. It is anticipated that work on these will take place over the summer, subject to approval of the faculty.

As Churchwardens we would like to thank everyone who gives so generously of their time and energy to ensure that St Katharine's is able to fulfil its vision 'to grow as a welcoming community, loving and worshipping Jesus and expressing His message in ways that are attractive and accessible to all'.

Children's and Youth Ministry report from Harvey Bennett (Children's and Youth Worker)

At St Katharine's Church, we long for our children and young people to encounter Jesus, discover a real relationship with Him, be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and be disciples who are sent out into the world as lights for Jesus. We are passionate about sharing the gospel across all areas of our children's and youth ministry.

Sunday Mornings (Café Church Kid's and Outdoor Church):

At St Katharine's, we are always looking for ways to develop and improve our childrens and youth ministries. At the beginning of 2024, we launched *Kid's Worship*. While we greatly enjoyed worshipping with the children in their own space, by the start of 2025 we recognised that it was not engaging them as fully as we had hoped.

So, we decided to make our 1st Sundays more like our 3rd Sundays – starting all together in our Café Church service for a time of worship (including family action songs!) before heading out to the Coach House for age-specific Bible teaching. What a joy it has been to explore Jesus together with all our children on a Sunday morning!

Our 2nd and 3rd Sunday *Outdoor Church* 'services' continue to be very popular with children, young people, families, and adults alike. Each week we enjoy worship, a Bible story, reflection, craft, and an eco-activity. Outdoor Church seems to be a very welcoming 'service' to all, and it has been wonderful to welcome new faces this year as we worship together as a church family in the sun and rain!

Following its success last year, the children performed their unrehearsed (and wonderfully chaotic!) nativity inside St Katharine's Church in December. As the children have grown older, they have been given more speaking lines, and they spoke confidently into microphones in front of a packed church. I could not be more proud of them all – they were amazing!

Local Primary Schools:

Over the past year, Ruth, Andrew, and Harvey have continued to lead weekly whole-school assemblies at both Holt Primary School and St Mary's Primary School, Broughton Gifford, on Thursday mornings. Since September, we have been using *Spinnaker Trust* resources focused on *Values in Action*, exploring these themes through a biblical lens.

We also continue to take a team into Holt Primary School every other Wednesday for *Open the Book*. This has been a lovely opportunity for children to act out Bible stories, bringing them to life while growing in confidence themselves.

October Half-Term Holiday Club and Light Party:

During October half-term, we ran our Holiday Club for the second year in a row. Amazingly, attendance more than doubled compared with 2024, with twenty-nine children joining us across three days for *The King* Holiday Club. *The King* Holiday Club was based on the song *The King* by Nick & Becky, with each day focusing on one of the 'the king says…' lyrics: *love*, *peace*, and *serve*. We explored how we can be transformed by encountering Jesus and reflect him in our daily lives.

The week was full of joy, and we were blown away by how brilliant the children were – engaging enthusiastically in worship, offering thoughtful answers, and trying their best at all times (even through some challenging crafts!).

To round off the week, we welcomed children and families to our annual *Light Party* on the Friday afternoon – our alternative to Halloween. Over eighty people came through the doors of St Katharine's Church. The children enjoyed light-themed games and crafts, cupcake decorating, face painting, Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch, and we provided hotdogs and refreshments for all. We shared a reflection on Jesus as the Light of the World and sang *The King* together with the children from our holiday club. What an evening!

St Katharine's Youth (SKY):

During 2025, we averaged just over twenty young people attending our SKY sessions. We continue to provide a safe and accessible space where young people from the village and beyond can relax, have fun, escape the pressures of daily life, and grow in relationship with one another. In February half-term, we welcomed around ten new Year 6s, and it has been great getting to know them over the past year.

SKY+ provides an additional opportunity for young people to stay and explore the life of Jesus together. This year, eight to ten young people regularly stayed on for SKY+, and it has been a privilege to journey with them as they explore faith.

As mentioned in last year's report, Amy and I attended Alpha Youth training at Pattern Church, Swindon, in October 2024 with the aim of running Alpha Youth at SKY. In February, we held our first Alpha Youth session! God blessed us with twenty young people attending the first session, with a regular group of fifteen attending across the nine sessions. They definitely enjoyed the Domino's Pizza we provided!

Every young person put themselves forward for prayer during the Holy Spirit session, and it was a privilege to pray for each one individually. We were also supported by a couple of young leaders who did an excellent job facilitating group discussions. This was our first time running Alpha Youth at SKY, and it was great to be able to use the new Alpha Youth content. The young people engaged well with the videos, and we believe God really spoke to some of them. As leaders, we learned a lot too!

In June, we took seventeen young people on our annual weekend away to *Spree Southwest*. Like every year, the activities were a big pull for our young people which makes *Spree SW* just right for them! They also had the opportunity to engage with brilliant worship and teaching during the main sessions. I believe God was at work in the lives of many of the young people, and it was wonderful to see relationships deepen and faith explored. SKY is already signed up for *Spree Southwest 2026*, and I'm sure it will be another fantastic weekend!

Harvey – Children's and Youth Worker:

As many of you will know, I will be moving on to pastures new in February 2026. It has been a joy to serve such an amazing church over the past three and a half years. It has been a privilege to work with such incredible children and young people across every area of our children's and youth ministry.

Sharing the good news of Jesus with children and young people is my passion, and I am so grateful that God has given me the opportunity to do this at St Katharine's. Watching children and young people grow both socially and in their faith has been truly inspiring, and I will miss them all greatly.

I would like to give a specific thank you to all those who have volunteered across the children's and youth ministry during my time at St. Katharine's. From Sunday mornings to SKY, Spree, schools' work, holiday clubs, and other special events, your time, energy, prayer, and passion for children and young people have made an enormous difference. Your willingness to serve has helped create safe, welcoming spaces where children and young people can grow, belong, and encounter Jesus, and I am deeply grateful for each of you.

A big thank you also to all of the church family across the benefice who have supported me and the children's and youth ministry in all sorts of ways over the last few years. This ministry would not have been possible without you all. Please continue to pray for and support the new Children's and Youth Workers as they step into their roles. I look forward to hearing about all that God continues to do through the children's and youth work at St Katharine's in the years to come.

Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA's) report from Rachel Firth (Lay Licensed Minister)

I must say it is a joy to oversee a strong team of ten committed LPA's. Our numbers have increased over the last two years, which enables us to share the tasks and requests more widely.

We meet four times a year together, and regular commitments include our monthly visits to the Old Parsonage Care Home in Broughton Gifford, where we offer Holy Communion, with growing musical support. We pray for residents and staff, and some of the team have come up with very imaginative ideas of gift giving at Christmas and Easter. We sense our rapport with them has grown considerably this last year.

We continue to host the Remembering a Loved One service together, which is valued by many who do not regularly attend church, as well as by our regular parishioners.

Other aspects of our ministry involve visiting the sick, providing very practical support for some of our more vulnerable church members on a regular basis, and pastoral care for anyone who feels in need of our time and prayer support. We tune in with the wider village community, offering help where appropriate, and foster relationships with families of baptism candidates to undergird the welcome into the church family.

This is a very valuable behind the scenes ministry.

Alpha Course report from Yvonne Bennett (Alpha Course Leader)

During 2025, two Alpha courses took place in the upper room of the Tollgate pub, Holt. A total of 13 guests attended, the vast majority completing all 10 weeks of the course.

The Holy Spirit Day for each course was held in St Katharine's church, with an additional person joining one of the days. Guests from previous courses gave powerful testimonies of how they came to faith and the difference Jesus has made in their lives. Most guests were eager to be prayed for, and decisions were made to follow Jesus.

Some of these guests now attend St Katharine's while others have settled in churches in their own localities. All have been encouraged to join Home Groups where they will be able to study the Bible and grow in their faith.

Feedback from both courses was good. As an example, one guest wrote, 'Alpha at St Katharine's, Holt is just wonderful! I would highly recommend it to any seeker wishing to reflect on the life of Jesus and His relevance for today. No question was considered too silly or too odd. A great way to spend an evening and I finished the course wishing that it didn't have to end'.

Both Alpha courses were supported by a prayer group who aimed to pray for each session of the course as it was taking place – this was very much appreciated. Special thanks must also go to Simon and his staff at the Tollgate who made us so welcome with their hospitality and ensured the guests had a lovely atmosphere in which to explore the Christian faith.

Communications report from Dawn Farmer (Church Administrator)

We started to explore the possibility of a Benefice and churches logo part way through 2025 and held discussions with Buttermark Design. Alice and Ash then produced a suite of designs for us to consider with final thoughts being discussed in 2026 by the PCCs and for implementation later this year.

Social Media continues to be a weekly feature of my work ensuring all the Sunday services and weekday events are shared. If you have not 'liked' our page or followed us then please do consider this and use **@faithinourvillage**

Monthly we continue to produce Church Life Matters (CLM) magazine which is emailed to everyone as well as hard copies being available at all three churches. CLM is a great communication tool for sharing with people and inviting them to services and events. I very much appreciate the time and effort put in by David and Betty Last in compiling such a professional looking magazine month by month. It is great that I can send them lots of emails with attachments and then within a day I have a draft back. Please do consider taking an extra copy of CLM each month as you never know when it might come in handy to share with someone. An electronic copy goes on our website and A Church Near You each month.

We continue our collaboration with Ben Veal who has been working with me to produce publicity for services and events including the annual Christmas card. We have established some templates to use throughout the year for coffee mornings, café church and more which can be easily updated using Canva. There is a suite of comms for each event or service so a poster, social media image and banner for Church Suite calendar which then appears on the website. We have enjoyed finding our feet more and more during 2025 and being bolder with our design choices and look forward to using the new logos during 2026.

We continue to send content to both Broughton Gifford and Holt village magazine editors monthly. We are most grateful for all the coverage they afford us and often in colour to highlight the posters for services and events.

Posters are displayed on the Coach House gates, the notice board in the churchyard and in the porch. It is encouraging to see that so many people do stop and look at them.

Eco Church report from Rachel Firth (on behalf of the Eco Church Committee)

We are delighted to have firmly established both a Spring Creation Celebration service and a Creationtide celebration in the autumn as part of our regular church calendar.

Last year we organised a Saturday Little Pick around Holt in May. The team organised a wonderful day, with a good turnout of supporters from our SKY youth, and other church members, together with some who don't attend St Katharine's. Tim and Joy Mason provided a BBQ lunch after our morning's work, and the event was a great witness to the village.

In the May morning service, we invited Robert Floyd to share with us his inspired work making such an environmentally positive impact on the farming land of Great Chalfield. We all shared communion outside in glorious sunshine, which has become another delightful feature of our 'new' traditions!

We regularly encourage recycling, and Lynette Baston had boxes placed at the back of the church, for recycling pill packets and used ink cartridges.

Jane Scheuber and her faithful team of eleven Churchyard carers have planted 250 bluebell bulbs in memory of Angela Kent, and anyone who has walked through the churchyard in Spring will have seen how beautiful it looks, with snowdrops, daffodils, and many other delightful wild flowers greeting us as we walk along the paths.

We are all indebted to Jane for pioneering our whole Eco Church initiative: getting us to bronze level in the A Rocha award scheme, and her tireless work inspiring our children to notice and praise God for his beautiful Creation.

Home Groups report from Julia Griffith



We have thirteen homegroups across the Benefice taking place from Monday through to Thursday. Our groups are diverse, sometimes we use the same study/topic for example during Lent many groups used the Lectio 365 series. At other times topics are chosen by the group or their leader. In the last year some groups were suspended whilst members joined a Benefice wide Discipleship Course. As well as an opportunity to study the bible together, homegroups help us on our ongoing discipleship journey. There is always space for others to join a group so please contact me if you are interested in finding out more.

Ladies Group report from Jo Evans

We completed our study of Revelation. What a challenge, but also hugely encouraging and so full of hope. We continue to meet each Wednesday morning for Bible study, fellowship and prayer, and support and encourage one another via our WhatsApp group throughout the week. We have just completed doing the lent course from the 24/7 resource - another interesting and challenging few weeks.

Feeding the Homeless report from Catherine Ayers

St. Katharine's continues to support the soup kitchen serving the homeless and those struggling to manage for many reasons.

As a church, we cover every Monday evening and alternate Saturdays providing a hot meal sandwiches, snacks and fruit. We get various numbers each week and can have as many as twenty, some of whom are getting to know very well now. We're grateful for all the support from those within the church and our friends who stand with us in this work. This year has been a little tricky with the closure of the multi-story car park and for a while we were in the open air which was a little bit more challenging. Thankfully now we're back undercover and looking forward to serving for another year

Flowers at St. Katharine's Church report by Sue Osman

Providing floral arrangements for St Katharine's is very fulfilling and though the team is small we are extremely dedicated to providing flowers to celebrate the many church festivals as well as the more personal occasions such as Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals.

We once again started the year with Mothering Sunday and decided to continue with the idea preparing pots of polyanthus to be given out to all the ladies who came to the service. We feel that a plant put in the garden or a window box or tub can be more lasting.

Traditionally during Lent flowers are not displayed in the Church. Easter then follows when we make the most of using flowers as a way of welcoming not only spring but the joyous celebration of Jesus's resurrection. For this we ask members of the church if they would like to buy a traditional Easter lily or lilies to remember a loved one or just celebrate the meaning of Easter they are then used in all the displays prepared around the church.

Pentecost falls in May when traditionally we do orange and yellow arrangements.

We were not asked to prepare any wedding flowers but we were asked by a family to decorate the church extensively for the funeral of their mother.

Once again we continued with a popular theme for Harvest festival service which is to plan on using fruit and vegetables. These were then sold after the service and the proceeds sent to Melksham Food bank.

At the end of the October the Remembering a loved One Service is held and we place a large red rose arrangement by the table with the candles where the family members come and light each one in memory of their loved ones.

The cascade of red crocheted poppies was erected again this year from the church for Remembrance Sunday and we put poppies and greenery in the metal containers in front of the War memorial on Ham Green.

At the beginning of December the church was decorated with a Christmas tree (by members of the Music group) and the shelves, flower stands and font were decorated with greenery and candles by the flower team.

I would like to say an **enormous** thank you to the flower team (Fiona Drysdale, Sue Bolden, Joanna Smith, Margaret Murray and a good friend Sue Wright) for their hard work and unfailing support.

We would be delighted if anyone would like to come and join in on the team. If there is anybody who like putting flowers in vases or could offer some help we would be so pleased for you to join in. Please contact Sue Osman on 07710 243 264.

Tiny Tots report from Rev. Ruth Mecredy (Associate Priest)



Psalm 139:13-14 (NLT)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
And knit me together in my mother's womb.
Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvellous - how well I know it.

Someone asked Tom Wright, "What is the youngest age at which a child can connect with God?" He replied that a baby is born, able to focus their eyes upon their mother. If a new born baby can see the face of the person that loves and sustains them, then they can also see the God who formed, created and sustains them.

Our aim in Tiny Tots is to facilitate that understanding that ALL of us can connect with the God who loves us, through his Son, Jesus.

God's Spirit has blessed the building of St. K's as Holy Ground. Many of our families comment about the special atmosphere they discover when they enter in. It's a place of God's welcome, peace and providence. Prayer and co-labouring has laid the foundation, and I thank God for the worship, teaching and prayer on Sundays and in home groups, that precedes our service to our families. You the church are part of all that the Spirit then gives us on a Tuesday. You don't labour in vain.

It is with a very thankful heart, that I consider all that God has done and given to Tiny Tots. God's Spirit has moved through our gatherings, prompting lovely conversations about faith, making space for prayer and practical advice.

We are building beautiful relationships and witnessing whole families coming to worship on a Sunday. Families have shared how our Refresh testimonies have reawakened faith. There have been enquires about baptism and Alpha, with one lady attending the Alpha course as she is able. She wishes to do it again in the autumn so that she can be more consistent in her attending. We thank God for new team members, for Ruth L, Meghan, Sandra and Tom.

Our faith is stirred, that as we as a church, STRIKE THE GROUND IN THE NAME OF JESUS more families from the village will discover the welcome at St. K's Tiny Tots, and hear the word of God spoken over them and their families.

Thank you team, for your commitment and giftedness as we share in partnerships with our Lord Jesus. Many Blessings, Ruth XX

Team: Betty, David, Ian, Heather, Julia, Kath, Ken, Marilyn, Meghan, Ruth L, Ruth M, Sandra and Tom.

Safeguarding report from Jacque Bennetts (Benefice/Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Firstly, thank you to you all for ensuring that our safeguarding practice in our Benefice, remains of high importance. Thank you for asking the questions, looking out for how things could be done differently and responding to your own DBS and training needs.

Safeguarding is about all of us taking responsibility to ensure that we provide settings that are safe and welcoming.

The Safeguarding team at the Diocese , informed us last summer of a data breach that had occurred in the company used to check their DBS checks. This was managed well but clearly upsetting for those involved. It had already been planned to change companies to 'Thirtyone eight' who we are now using. They are a fantastic Christian organisation who offer out of hours advice and many other services. Take a look at their website for more information.

The Diocese have also updated systems, so that I can now keep records on a safeguarding hub of your DBS check and training. This gives us a much more robust system to work with.

I meet with Dawn about once a month, to focus on an aspect of safeguarding. This includes updating a digital portal which holds information on all aspects of safeguarding practice.

Because of the many changes, the team have just appointed three new safeguarding assistants to help answer our many questions! I also attend zoom meetings that keep me current with a variety of topics.

It is also very exciting to share that Jayne Gibbons has agreed to assist me in my safeguarding role. Please can I take this opportunity to thank you all for completing DBS checks and training. If you are asked to complete either or both-please let me know so that records can be updated. It has recently been asked that all parish roles do the first level of training, so at some point I will be contacting those groups who previously did not require training. If you are worried about completing it online-this is something that Jayne can now support you with. Please keep me up to date with your roles as they change often and may require a different level of check and or training.

It has been lovely to meet the bellringers recently and talk through safeguarding training.

I aim to get to each Parish once a year for a PCC meeting, again to meet face to face and highlight safeguarding. Safeguarding is on the agenda at each PCC meeting. We approve our polices annually.

Safeguarding Sunday is every November and is a good opportunity for us to reflect.

Thank you once again and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Financial Review 2025 report from Jeremy Bradshaw (Treasurer)

The financial figures for St Katharine's PCC accounts for 2025 are detailed in the Annual Financial Report. The following commentary is intended to help the reader to understand the Report, and to identify any notable events that have impacted the financial figures reported.

As reported last year, a fund-raising appeal was launched in October 2024 to fund the renovation and remodelling of the Coach House to make it fit for purpose as a church office, to provide meeting spaces and to make it more energy efficient. By 31 December 2025, the total donations received, including any Gift Aid not yet claimed on them, was £185,719.

In May 2025, it was decided to plan a Church weekend away for summer 2026. The weekend, which will be held at Lee Abbey from 3-5 July 2026, will cost a total of £17,400. This sum is being financed through donations from members of the church community, so that nobody is prohibited from coming on the basis of cost. By the end of 2025, the total raised was £11,655. The balance, less the ten percent deposit paid at booking, appears as "Conference" in the Annual Financial Report.

The 2025 Share was paid to Salisbury DBF in full and on time, a total of £57,213. The Parish Share request for 2026 has been received, asking for a total of £61,010. This represents an annual increase of nearly seven percent and a monthly increase of £316, or £73 per week.

The 2025 annual charity tithe amounted to £12,500. It is calculated as ten percent of the income to the General Fund, less charitable payments already made, and less funds paid in for a specific purpose such as Harvest Gifts for Melksham Food Bank, the Holt Christmas Appeal, and so on.

The distribution of the tithe is detailed in the table below, together with the distributions from the previous three years.

Charity	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Kadugli Sudan	£2700	-	£2100	£2600
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	£1000	£1000	£500	£500
Haven Homes & Kingdom Associates Andhra Pradesh	£2700	£3000	£2500	£2000
Iquitos Peru	£600	£1000	£1000	£1000
Mathetes Trust	£1000	£2000	£1000	£500
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	£1000	£1000	£1000	£500
Open Doors UK	£2000	£2000	£1500	£1500
People Against Poverty	£600	-	-	-
A Rocha UK	-	£400	£400	£400
Great Lakes Outreach	-	£1600	£2000	£1000
Romania Charity visited by Dave, Mark & Catherine – 2025 to be given through Belief in Action	-	£1500	-	£1000
The Hub, Bradford on Avon	-	-	£500	£750
Hope Debt			£500	£750
Total	**£11,600**	**£13,500**	**£13,000**	**£12,500**

Iquitos, Peru report from Tim and Joy Mason

We supported the Christmas Lunch again last year with many children having their piece of chicken, rice and hot chocolate. The work is still progressing on the orphanage but problems with theft from the site meant that church members have being living there to try to protect things and a long wall that was blown over in high winds has now been rebuilt with additional support. This is along with missions up the river to native amazonian villages where they continue to reach out particularly to the children.

St. Katharine's Coffee Morning's report from Terri Dauncey on behalf of the team



The monthly coffee mornings have seen numbers maintaining between 50 and 60 over the past year, with increasing numbers coming along from the village. The Holt Crafters have continued faithfully to come along and used us as one of their regular meeting places pre-Christmas as they prepared the blankets for Dorothy House, and the wool Christmas tree that was on Ham Green.

The faithful baking of our regular donors has continued to raise revenue month by month, also the items given for the raffle table. Thank you! Our visitors give generously to the pot put out for refreshment donations and also make purchases from the sales table. As ever we gave away our takings a number of times to bless others (please see below) and overall the total raised in 2025 was £3,727.41.

March	Transform Trade and the Big Brew event £333.38
June	SKY / Spree £241.99
July	Tiny Tots £287.48
August	Scarecrow Trail £332.51

With an increase in the number of folk from the village popping in it would be really good to have some more from the congregation coming along to develop links and further the contact. The team love to mingle with the guests but are restricted so often because of one of the team maybe unwell, balanced with needing to 'person' the cake, raffle, refreshment areas. There have been a few opportunities to pray with folk, and it is an important mission field, and an easy one as the people come to us!! If you haven't been to our coffee morning I encourage you to give it a go, see what it's like, and also what you've been missing!

How is the Church led?

In the Church of England (C of E) there is a shared leadership of Incumbent and PCC. St. Katharine's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting within the village community the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic and social (in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956).

Those who served on the **PCC in 2025** were:

Rector, Canon Andrew Evans	(Chair)
Ian Gibbons and Heather Marshall	(Churchwardens)
Rev. Ruth Mecredy	(Associate Priest & Deanery Synod Rep)
Rev. Judy Wright	(Curate)
Rachel Firth	(Licensed Lay Minister)
Mark Mecredy	(PCC Secretary) (2025 - 2028)
Jeremy Bradshaw	(Treasurer)
Anthony Matthew	(Licensed Lay Minister)
Julia Griffith	(Deanery Synod Rep)
Ben Jarvis	(Director of Music) Co-opted
Alan Cottle	2025 – 2028
Jane Scheuber	(stood down at the 2025 APCM)
Catherine Ayers	2024 – 2027
Alan Tyghe	2024 – 2027
Yvonne Bennett	2025 – 2028
Tim Mason	2024 – 2027
Harvey Bennett	(Children & Youth Worker) Co-opted
Ken Marshall	Deanery Synod Rep
Ian Firth	2025 – 2028
Celia Waghorn	2025 – 2028
Terri Dauncey	2025 – 2028

Elected members of the PCC stand for a term of three years and the years stated above indicate when members terms of office expire or if they have stood down from PCC during the year.

Electoral Roll - at the end of 2024 there were 88 and at the end of 2025 there were 115.

Church Inventory and Terrier - the Inventory and Terrier had been checked by the Churchwardens, ready for signature at the 2026 APCM held on Wednesday 29 April.

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Curate:	Rev. Judy Wright
Associate Priest:	Rev. Ruth Mecredy
Licensed Lay Ministers:	Anthony Matthew, Rachel Firth, and Marilyn Stubbs
Methodist Lay Minister:	Jeremy Bradshaw
Retired Priest:	Rev. Elizabeth Bennett
Director of Music:	Ben Jarvis
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Lay Worship Leader:	Dawn Farmer
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Report signed by Canon Andrew Evans:

Date: 29th April 2026

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India	—	65	—	—	65	775
Kadugli	—	342	—	—	342	799
Youth worker	—	1,333	—	—	1,333	7,895
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Bells - Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	44	—	44	44
Churchyard	—	—	3	—	3	666
Conferences & Camps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gateway Healing	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Buildings and alterations	—	—	449,718	—	449,718	373,520
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Balance sheet

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Tangible assets (Note 2)	264,000	264,000
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	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CBF Fixed interest shares -	—	—	17,144	—	17,144	16,734
Totals	**—**	**—**	**17,144**	**—**	**17,144**	**16,734**
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Coach House -	—	—	260,000	—	260,000	260,000
Leasehold Land -	—	—	4,000	—	4,000	4,000
Totals	**—**	**—**	**264,000**	**—**	**264,000**	**264,000**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Bank Account -	12,698	10,626	176,439	—	199,765	135,385
Totals	**12,698**	**10,626**	**176,439**	**—**	**199,765**	**135,385**
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	9,055	1,285	6,337	—	16,678	23,019
Other Debtors and PrePayments -	1,531	—	—	—	1,531	1,309
Totals	**10,586**	**1,285**	**6,337**	**—**	**18,210**	**24,328**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Other Creditors & Accruals -	12,848	—	—	—	12,848	13,348
Totals	**12,848**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12,848**	**13,348**
Grand total	**10,437**	**11,912**	**463,922**	**—**	**486,272**	**427,101**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Bells - Bells - Repairs and							
Restricted	44	—	—	—	—	—	44
Sub-total for Bells	**44**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**44**
CONF - Conferences & Camps							
Designated	—	11,655	1,740	—	—	—	9,915
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CONF	**—**	**11,655**	**1,740**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9,915**
Dominica - Dominica							
Designated	256	—	—	—	—	—	256
Sub-total for Dominica	**256**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**256**
India - India							
Designated	775	90	800	—	—	—	65
Sub-total for India	**775**	**90**	**800**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**65**
Kadugli - Kadugli							
Designated	799	342	800	—	—	—	342
Sub-total for Kadugli	**799**	**342**	**800**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**342**
Star - Gateway Healing							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Star	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
TinyTots - Tiny Tots							
Restricted	74	218	416	843	—	—	719
Sub-total for TinyTots	**74**	**218**	**416**	**843**	**—**	**—**	**719**
Youth - Youth worker							
Designated	7,895	5,108	11,671	—	—	—	1,333
Sub-total for Youth	**7,895**	**5,108**	**11,671**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,333**
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	28,682	156,193	173,296	(1,143)	—	—	10,437
Sub-total for General	**28,682**	**156,193**	**173,296**	**(1,143)**	**—**	**—**	**10,437**
Churchyard - Churchyard							
Restricted	666	583	1,957	300	410	—	3
Sub-total for Churchyard	**666**	**583**	**1,957**	**300**	**410**	**—**	**3**
Fabric - Repairs and Maintena							
Restricted	14,385	—	950	—	—	—	13,435
Sub-total for Fabric	**14,385**	**—**	**950**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**13,435**
Building - New Buildings and al							
Restricted	373,520	80,172	3,973	—	—	—	449,718
Sub-total for Building	**373,520**	**80,172**	**3,973**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**449,718**
Grand total	**427,101**	**254,365**	**195,604**	**—**	**410**	**—**	**486,272**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Tax efficient planned giving (net of Tax)	89,771	12,873	53,800	—	156,445	164,780
Other planned giving	15,858	1,050	5,844	—	22,752	39,780
Other collections at services	—	—	—	—	—	2,713
All Other Recurring giving/donations	3,071	200	1,341	—	4,612	1,944
All Non Recurring giving/donations	3,981	40	6,205	—	10,226	3,335
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	21,407	3,033	13,200	—	37,641	39,628
Legacies Received	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	134,089	17,196	80,391	—	231,678	252,183
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Gross Income from fundraising activities	—	—	—	—	—	224
Total	—	—	—	—	—	224
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
Dividends, Interest,Income from Property	—	—	583	—	583	419
Total	—	—	583	—	583	419
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Statutory fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	1,550	—	—	—	1,550	3,596
Gross income from trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,550	—	—	—	1,550	3,596
Other incoming resources						
Recurring Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Recurring or one off grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources (Note 6)	20,553	—	—	—	20,553	17,173
Total	20,553	—	—	—	20,553	17,173
INCOME TOTAL	156,193	17,196	80,974	—	254,365	273,597

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

Cost of Generating Funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Cost of Trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Charitable activities

All Missions Giving, charitable grants	21,428	1,600	—	—	23,028	20,318
Parish Share paid to Diocese (Note 7)	72,436	—	—	—	72,436	56,355
Salaries/Honoraria	35,002	11,671	—	—	46,673	40,969
Expenses (clergy, pastoral, youth worker)	2,158	—	—	—	2,158	2,567
Mission and evangelism costs	4,842	1,740	—	—	6,582	4,144
Church running expenses	23,428	—	7,297	—	30,725	34,563
Church Utility Bills	13,650	—	—	—	13,650	11,353
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Major repairs to Church Hall or other PC	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Building work	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other outgoing resources	—	—	—	—	—	1,919
Total	172,948	15,011	7,297	—	195,256	172,191

Governance costs

Governance Costs	348	—	—	—	348	348
Total	348	—	—	—	348	348
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	173,296	15,011	7,297	—	195,604	172,539
GRAND TOTAL	(17,102)	2,185	73,677	—	58,760	101,058

Notes to the Accounts as at 31st December 2025

1 **BUILDING PROJECT**
A fundraising appeal to raise funds to develop the Coach House to provide fit for purpose office and meeting spaces continued this year. The funds raised to 31/12/2025 appear in the (restricted) Building Fund.

2 **FREEHOLD PROPERTIES**
a) The Coach House. This property was purchased during the year to 31/12/2014 and is used as the Church offices and other Parish functions. Planning permission has been approved for change of use and for extending the building.

b) Leasehold Land. A long lease has been purchased on a small strip of land at the rear of St Katharine's Church.

3 **INVESTMENTS**
11222.37 Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Fund valued at £17,144.95

4 **SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	2025 £	2024 £
Benefice Expenses		
St Mary's	1,290	1,402
All Saints	566	651
	1,856	2,053
Gift Aid Claims	14,822	20,966
Insurance prepaid	697	666
CCLI licences prepaid	835	643
	1,532	1,309
	18,210	24,328

5 **SUNDRY CREDITORS**

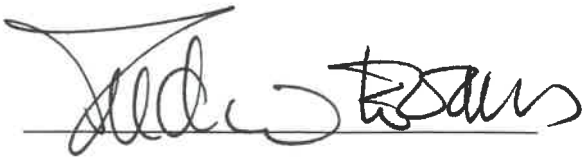
	2025 £	2024 £
Tithes and outward giving	12,500	13,000
Independent Examiner fees	348	348
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6 **OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES**
Includes £14,497 Parish Share refund.

7 **PARISH SHARE PAID TO DIOCESE**
Includes £14,497 Parish Share Direct Debit overpayment (the January instalment was taken 4 times by Direct Debit).

This report dated: 11/03/2026

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Andrew Evans (PCC Chairman)



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees ST KATHARINES CHURCH, HOLT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended 31/12/2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1165383

Set out on pages 1 — 9

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: E. HARRIS **Date:** 24/4/2026

Name: ELLIOT HAFFENDEN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body ICAEW

(if any):	Charlton Baker (Melksham) Limited Chartered Accountants 1 Mitsubishi Building Western Way Melksham
Address:	SN12 8BY Telephone: 01225 705758 Company No: 05888212

Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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India	65	775
Kadugli	342	799
Youth worker	1,333	7,895
Restricted		
Bells - Repairs and Maintenance	44	44
Conferences & Camps	—	—
Gateway Healing	—	—
Tiny Tots	719	74
Churchyard	3	666
Repairs and Maintenance	13,435	14,385
New Buildings and alterations	449,718	373,520
Funds of the church	**486,272**	**427,101**

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
CBF Fixed interest shares -	—	—	17,144	—	17,144	16,734
Totals	**—**	**—**	**17,144**	**—**	**17,144**	**16,734**
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Coach House -	—	—	260,000	—	260,000	260,000
Leasehold Land -	—	—	4,000	—	4,000	4,000
Totals	**—**	**—**	**264,000**	**—**	**264,000**	**264,000**
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Lloyds Bank Account -	12,698	10,626	176,439	—	199,765	135,385
Totals	**12,698**	**10,626**	**176,439**	**—**	**199,765**	**135,385**
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	9,055	1,285	6,337	—	16,678	23,019
Other Debtors and PrePayments -	1,531	—	—	—	1,531	1,309
Totals	**10,586**	**1,285**	**6,337**	**—**	**18,210**	**24,328**
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Other Creditors & Accruals -	12,848	—	—	—	12,848	13,348
Totals	**12,848**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12,848**	**13,348**
Grand total	**10,437**	**11,912**	**463,922**	**—**	**486,272**	**427,101**

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Bells - Bells - Repairs and							
Restricted	44	—	—	—	—	—	44
Sub-total for Bells	**44**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**44**
CONF - Conferences & Camps							
Designated	—	11,655	1,740	—	—	—	9,915
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CONF	**—**	**11,655**	**1,740**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9,915**
Dominica - Dominica							
Designated	256	—	—	—	—	—	256
Sub-total for Dominica	**256**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**256**
India - India							
Designated	775	90	800	—	—	—	65
Sub-total for India	**775**	**90**	**800**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**65**
Kadugli - Kadugli							
Designated	799	342	800	—	—	—	342
Sub-total for Kadugli	**799**	**342**	**800**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**342**
Star - Gateway Healing							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Star	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
TinyTots - Tiny Tots							
Restricted	74	218	416	843	—	—	719
Sub-total for TinyTots	**74**	**218**	**416**	**843**	**—**	**—**	**719**
Youth - Youth worker							
Designated	7,895	5,108	11,671	—	—	—	1,333
Sub-total for Youth	**7,895**	**5,108**	**11,671**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1,333**
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	28,682	156,193	173,296	(1,143)	—	—	10,437
Sub-total for General	**28,682**	**156,193**	**173,296**	**(1,143)**	**—**	**—**	**10,437**
Churchyard - Churchyard							
Restricted	666	583	1,957	300	410	—	3
Sub-total for Churchyard	**666**	**583**	**1,957**	**300**	**410**	**—**	**3**
Fabric - Repairs and Maintena							
Restricted	14,385	—	950	—	—	—	13,435
Sub-total for Fabric	**14,385**	**—**	**950**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**13,435**
Building - New Buildings and al							
Restricted	373,520	80,172	3,973	—	—	—	449,718
Sub-total for Building	**373,520**	**80,172**	**3,973**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**449,718**
Grand total	**427,101**	**254,365**	**195,604**	**—**	**410**	**—**	**486,272**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Total Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Tax efficient planned giving (net of Tax)	89,771	12,873	53,800	—	156,445	164,780
Other planned giving	15,858	1,050	5,844	—	22,752	39,780
Other collections at services	—	—	—	—	—	2,713
All Other Recurring giving/donations	3,071	200	1,341	—	4,612	1,944
All Non Recurring giving/donations	3,981	40	6,205	—	10,226	3,335
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	21,407	3,033	13,200	—	37,641	39,628
Legacies Received	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	134,089	17,196	80,391	—	231,678	252,183
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Gross Income from fundraising activities	—	—	—	—	—	224
Total	—	—	—	—	—	224
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
Dividends, Interest,Income from Property	—	—	583	—	583	419
Total	—	—	583	—	583	419
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Statutory fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)	1,550	—	—	—	1,550	3,596
Gross income from trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,550	—	—	—	1,550	3,596
Other incoming resources						
Recurring Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Recurring or one off grants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources (Note 6)	20,553	—	—	—	20,553	17,173
Total	20,553	—	—	—	20,553	17,173
INCOME TOTAL	156,193	17,196	80,974	—	254,365	273,597

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

Cost of Generating Funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Cost of Trading	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Charitable activities

All Missions Giving, charitable grants	21,428	1,600	—	—	23,028	20,318
Parish Share paid to Diocese (Note 7)	72,436	—	—	—	72,436	56,355
Salaries/Honoraria	35,002	11,671	—	—	46,673	40,969
Expenses (clergy, pastoral, youth worker)	2,158	—	—	—	2,158	2,567
Mission and evangelism costs	4,842	1,740	—	—	6,582	4,144
Church running expenses	23,428	—	7,297	—	30,725	34,563
Church Utility Bills	13,650	—	—	—	13,650	11,353
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Major repairs to Church Hall or other PC	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Building work	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other outgoing resources	—	—	—	—	—	1,919
Total	172,948	15,011	7,297	—	195,256	172,191

Governance costs

Governance Costs	348	—	—	—	348	348
Total	348	—	—	—	348	348
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	173,296	15,011	7,297	—	195,604	172,539
GRAND TOTAL	(17,102)	2,185	73,677	—	58,760	101,058

Notes to the Accounts as at 31st December 2025

1 **BUILDING PROJECT**
A fundraising appeal to raise funds to develop the Coach House to provide fit for purpose office and meeting spaces continued this year. The funds raised to 31/12/2025 appear in the (restricted) Building Fund.

2 **FREEHOLD PROPERTIES**
a) The Coach House. This property was purchased during the year to 31/12/2014 and is used as the Church offices and other Parish functions. Planning permission has been approved for change of use and for extending the building.

b) Leasehold Land. A long lease has been purchased on a small strip of land at the rear of St Katharine's Church.

3 **INVESTMENTS**
11222.37 Income Shares in the CBF Church of England Fixed Interest Fund valued at £17,144.95

4 **SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

	2025 £	2024 £
Benefice Expenses		
St Mary's	1,290	1,402
All Saints	566	651
	1,856	2,053
Gift Aid Claims	14,822	20,966
Insurance prepaid	697	666
CCLI licences prepaid	835	643
	1,532	1,309
	18,210	24,328

5 **SUNDRY CREDITORS**

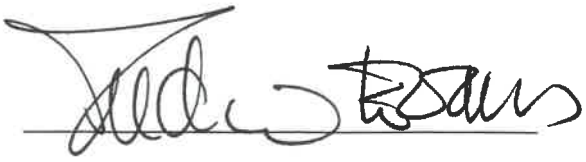
	2025 £	2024 £
Tithes and outward giving	12,500	13,000
Independent Examiner fees	348	348
	12,848	13,348

6 **OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES**
Includes £14,497 Parish Share refund.

7 **PARISH SHARE PAID TO DIOCESE**
Includes £14,497 Parish Share Direct Debit overpayment (the January instalment was taken 4 times by Direct Debit).

This report dated: 11/03/2026

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Andrew Evans (PCC Chairman)



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees ST KATHARINES CHURCH, HOLT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended 31/12/2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1165383

Set out on pages 1 — 9

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: E. HARRIS **Date:** 24/4/2026

Name: ELLIOT HAFFENDEN

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Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	