ST MARY THE VIRGIN WESTONZOYLAND – REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1171602

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with charities legislation as consolidated by the Charities Act 2011, the charity's governing document and the Charities Statement of recommended Practice (FRS102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The trustees consider that an audit of the report and financial statements is not required but an independent examination is required this year to fulfil the filing requirements of the Act.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The registered name of the Charity is The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Westonzoyland.

The names of the Trustees who are all members of the PCC and served during the year are as follows:

Revd Dr Jane W Sutton (Chair) (resigned 30 September 2025)

Martin Malin (appointed Chair 1 October 2025)

Christopher Malin

Mrs Rosemary Bawden

Mrs Carole Edmunds

Mrs Ruth Marks

Mrs Julia Hines (resigned 28 April 2025)

Mrs Ann Philcox

Mrs Angela Field

Mrs Kim Adams

The Charity's governing document is The Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) As Amended and Church Representation Rules that came into force on 22 January 1957

The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including financial decisions. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary the Virgin, Westonzoyland PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent or the area Dean, during any interregnum, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church.

How our activities deliver public benefit

The PCC has kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider that the activities, summarised below, provide benefit to the public and comply with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, Life Events and attendance – Weekly services were held throughout the year: Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings. The number of congregation for Sunday Worship and Holy Communion services has varied widely. Westonzoyland Primary School regularly attend for whole school end-of-term concerts.

Social activities and pastoral care – The church is a valued and established community hub for weekly coffee mornings, afternoon cafés and sales, a music venue, book exchange, children's craft workshops, private prayer, and offering a place to meet, to pay respects and grieve and offer mutual support

Other – A donation point for Bridgwater Food Bank, a unique historic connection to the Battle of Sedgemoor and location for the Visitors' Centre and school enrichment activities.

Financial Review

The year-end position of the finances, as shown in the accounts, was a net increase in unrestricted funds balance of £4,133.72 compared to the start of the year. There was a deficit on Restricted Funds of £906.94.

The policy and presentation of Restricted and Unrestricted Funds within the accounts has been applied to these financial statements so that;

1. A designated fund accounts for the balance of donations received and not expended for supporting the costs of the Battlefield Stewards Group;
2. The Restricted Roof/Fabric/Maintenance Fund receives the proceeds of fundraising and specific grants for the preservation and maintenance of the structure and fabric of the church;

At the year-end, the designated Battlefield Stewards fund had a surplus of £2,577.17

The year's fund raising generated just over £4,000 – significantly from Coffee Mornings, Afternoon Cafés and other refreshment sales – all for the Roof/Fabric/Maintenance Fund. Tower Open Day took place in May after a year's break. The late payment of December 2024's Glastonbury MVC fee and charity contribution is shown as a charge against fundraising (£300). The December 2025 Harmonia Choir Event surplus was £73. A donation of £20 was received for planned works to the church organ.

After prioritising repayment of the loan for the heating installation, and with the prevention of deterioration of the fabric in mind, the PCC agreed to apply the Restricted Fund to heating costs, fire protection and security. There was a deficit of £906.64 in the year due to non-recurring alarm renewals works. The balance of the Restricted Fund was £5,655.91

The total receipts from collections, at services and by standing order, was over £700 more in the year compared to 2024 with a significant increase in cash offerings; possibly a reflection of economic pressures. Other Income from church activities increased by £3,639, which includes significant personal donations to the general Fund and Battlefield Stewards Fund and Revd. Jane Sutton's retirement gift of £300. The continued support by weekly offerings and regular donations, is most gratefully received. Income tax is recoverable on the majority of cash and card reader donations and collections under the Gift Aid Scheme and the Small Donations Scheme.

The most significant payment made by the PCC is the Parish Share. The Parish Share payment achieved for 2025 £15,559. The Church Prize Draw contribution was £1,876. Within the Unrestricted Fund, gifts of £300 and £4,325 are held as earmarked for specific expenditure.

ST MARY'S CHURCH WESTONZOYLAND
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RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		
	Church activities	Battlefield Stewards	Roof/Fabric Maintenance	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Collection etc					
Free Will offerings	3,689.82			3,689.82	4,094
Open collections	1,994.13			1,994.13	840
Standing orders	8,555.00			8,555.00	8,580
Memorial donations	206.60			206.60	123
Penny boxes	39.14			39.14	66
Wedding and baptism collections	35.00			35.00	77
	14,519.69	-	-	14,519.69	13,780
Other income					
Funeral fees	2,883.00			2,883.00	994
Wedding and banns fees	303.00			303.00	2,430
Income tax refund	3,823.56			3,823.56	3,847
Other general income (note 1)	7,303.36	1,937.70	20.00	9,261.06	4,871
Personal and gift-aided donations			95.87	95.87	147
LPOW VAT refund	215.67			215.67	654
	14,528.59	1,937.70	115.87	16,582.16	12,943
Activities for raising funds					
Friends of Westonzoyland Church	-		-	-	-
Church Draw proceeds	1,876.00		-	1,876.00	1,400
Singing for fun	-		-	-	44
Benefice Summer Fete (note 4)				-	642
Christmas Bazaar			290.48	290.48	335
Wall safe donations	430.40		-	430.40	442
Go Forth and Multiply			-	-	95
Draw prizes returned				-	15
Choir concerts			(227.00)	(227.00)	354
Andy's Band concert			312.00	312.00	100
Visiting parties				-	115
Coffee mornings and café			3,113.48	3,113.48	3,219
Stall at May Fete			-	-	43
Christingle			68.66	68.66	38
Tower Open days			162.59	162.59	-
Donations by card reader	744.01		-	744.01	846
	3,050.41	-	3,720.21	6,770.62	7,688
Grants etc					
WPET (expenses reimbursed -Hall)	-			-	3,255
Zoyland Heritage contribution	-		500.00	500.00	-
Hand bell ringers' donation	-		312.00	312.00	348
Heating contributions MOTL	-		270.00	270.00	270
	-	-	1,082.00	1,082.00	3,873
TOTAL Receipts				38,954.47	38,284
TOTAL Payments				35,727.69	37,175
Surplus/(Deficit)				3,226.78	1,109

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EXPENSES AND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Fund		
	Church Activities	Battlefield Stewards	Roof/Fabric/ Maintenance	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish Share	15,559.00			15,559.00	17,719
DBF Parochial fees	1,398.00			1,398.00	1,342
Electricity	2,298.64			2,298.64	1,900
Heating oil	-		3,934.62	3,934.62	2,665
Vicar's expenses	543.15			543.15	704
Other clergy duty fees	470.95			470.95	-
Miscellaneous (note 2)	445.00			445.00	985
Craft expenses	238.65			238.65	354
Admin and sanctuary (note 3)	1,512.91			1,512.91	1,533
Repairs and maintenance	853.87			853.87	3,487
Card reader rental	172.80			172.80	173
Architect fee re quinquennial	1,153.68			1,153.68	-
Fire protection and alarms	-		1,790.40	1,790.40	654
Insurance	3,053.98			3,053.98	2,827
Children's Society donations	-		100.00	100.00	138
Church office rental	1,400.04			1,400.04	1,400
Church hall expenses	-			-	1,079
Organ tuning etc	276.00			276.00	-
Battlefield stewards expenditure		526.00		526.00	215
	29,376.67	526.00	5,825.02	35,727.69	37,175

Reconciliation of Movement of Funds

Monetary assets/(deficit) b/f	10,575.24	1,165.47	6,562.85	18,303.56	17,194.64
Funds transfer				-	-
Net surplus/(defecit)	2,722.02	1,411.70	(906.94)	3,226.78	1,108.92
Monetary assets/(defecit) c/f	13,297.26	2,577.17	5,655.91	21,530.34	18,303.56

Balances as at 1st January 2026

	£
Lloyds General account	**19,803.08**
Roof account	**1,727.26**
	21,530.34

Memorandum: Earmarked Funds	£	£
Glastonbury Male Voice Choir and its charity of the year		300.00
Revd. Jane Sutton Retirement Gift	300.00	
Media technology upgrade gift	4,325.00	
2022 Parish share	10,000.00	10,000.00

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Note		2025	2024
		£	£
1	Other general income		
	Personal donations	8,127.70	3,125
	Donation for piano purchase	200.00	200
	School visit donation	-	-
	Ringers donations	-	10
	Visitor donations	-	20
	EDF refund/Government support	-	466
	Repayment of duty fees and expenses	933.36	1,050
		9,261.06	4,871
2	Miscellaneous expenses		
	Organist fees	325.00	325
	Ringers fees	120.00	360
	Piano	-	300
		445.00	985
3	Admin and sanctuary		
	Deanery subscription	-	-
	FWO envelopes	71.15	61
	CCLI fees	154.00	149
	Altar supplies and candles	221.27	355
	Somerset churches subscription	30.00	30
	National churches subscription	-	-
	Ringers subscription	20.00	20
	Books and resources	42.94	171
	Stationery, printing etc	702.11	747
	Other office costs	271.44	-
		1,512.91	1533
4	Benefice Fete reconciliation £		
	Stalls - proceeds		495
	Teas		293
	Commissions from traders		10
	Donations		55
	Raffle net proceeds		521
	Less: Morris Dancers' fee		(90)
	Chedzoy PCC share		(642)
		-	642

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WESTONZOYLAND PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity no (if any): 1171602

Set out on pages: (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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: R.A. Powell **Date:** 18.09.2026

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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.	