Vale and Cotswold Edge Benefice

St Peter and St Paul, Blockley

Agendas for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 17th May 2026 in Blockley Church after the morning service



Annual Meeting of Parishioners
Those present and apologies for absence
Approval of minutes of 2025 AMP (attached)
Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Those present and apologies for absence.
Approval of minutes of 2025 APCM (see pages attached).
The Annual Report (attached)
Treasurer's Report (attached)
Elections to PCC and to the Deanery Synod
Appointment of PCC vice-chair, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer, Independent Examiner, Electoral Roll Officer and any co-options.

Minutes of the 2025 AMP and APCM
11th May 2025 in SS Peter and Paul, Blockley
Following the morning service

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Present: The Revd Canon Dana Delap (Vicar), Anne Packer and Sarah Brazier (Churchwardens), Robert Burch, Philip Gee (Treasurer), Philip Black, Hannah Webb, Marie Hildreth, Laurie Billing, Adrian Beney, David Cranke, Christine Cranke, Angie Connell, Barbara Dunn, Liz Horn, Terry Horn, Anne Timms, Tim Heatchcote, , Margaret Baldwyn, John Baldwyn, Leslie Packer, John Connolly, Derek Luff, Felicity Masheder, Christine Moor, Ginny Williams-Ellis, Robert Willott, Carolyn Willott, Charles Masheder (Secretary).
Apologies received from Nigel Moor, Catrina Popham, Bryan and Margaret Oliver, Laura Bradley, John Evans and Karen Youles.

1. **The minutes from the last Meeting (28th April 2024) were unanimously accepted and signed.**
2. **Election of Wardens**
   - Sarah Brazier, proposed by Angie Connell, seconded by Doreen Robinson
   - Anne Packer, proposed by Christine Cranke, seconded by Robert Burch
     Both were duly elected, none against.

Dana, the Vicar, thanked Anne and Sarah for all their service and support to her and the Church and noted all the work they had been doing on the Application for a Heritage Fund Grant.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Those present and apologies for absence** - as above.
2. **Approval of minutes of 24thApril 2024 APCM** – were proposed by Anne Packer and seconded by Philip Black. All agreed and they were signed.
3. **Annual Report.** Dana duly noted that following a complete revision of the Electoral Roll, there are now 61, which is expected to rise a little in the coming year.
   Churchwardens – their complete Report indicated much about the life of the Church (and see below)
   Proceedings of the PCC – particularly Safeguarding and Heritage Fund Application.
   Safeguarding – very positive work done under the guidance of Hannah Webb, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, who also serves for Bourton-on-the-Hill.
   Heritage Fund Application – John Connolly, Coordinator of the Funding Group asked to speak. He wished to thank all those involved; the Churchwardens, Robert Burch, Dana Delap and Adrian Beney for working on all the many supporting documents as well the detailed application form. Dana explained the consultation process in the community and elsewhere and the letters of support for the project. Adrian explained that if the application was successful and, noting the money already given or pledged and with grants and PCC funds, we would still need about another £170K.
   Children and Youth Work – Junior Church is now well established; the Open Door monthly service thriving; Amy, the Children's and Youth worker in the Wider Benefice has many connections with schools and other organisations; Open the Book, under Christine Moor's leadership brings the Bible stories alive for our local School.
   Sacristans – very valuable service but another volunteer would be very welcome.
   Choir and Organist – Doreen provides wonderful leadership as well as playing so regularly and the music is very much appreciated.
   Bell Ringers – this group continue to thrive with practices on Thursday and ringing of Sundays and for Weddings.

Home Groups - form as a valuable ministry not only for learning but also for community and fellowship

Charitable giving – the PCC provides financial support for ten charities each year, local, national and international

Flowers – Rhea Bazeley and Claire Talbot are taking a 'sabbatical' for family reasons. We benefit from flowers left after weddings and we will have arrangements on festivals and hopefully at other times.

The Voice – such a wonderful Magazine under the chairmanship of Nigel Moor and with a new Editor, Margot Worton. It was noted that Carol Willott has been working in various ways for The Voice for 20 years

Handbell Ringers – continue to enjoy what they do and give pleasure.

Pastoral Support – Felicity Masheder co-ordinates this group for those involved in pastoral work in the parish

Cakes and Co – is a wonderful community provision once a month.

Blockley Forum – this is 'on sabbatical' but when it reopens it will need better support. It is hoped that our new County Councillor will be invited for us to hear his plans.

When the Vicar, having joyfully noted all that is happening, asked for any further comments, Liz Horn, seconded by John Connolly, proposed a vote of thanks to Doreen Robinson for all her musical provision; all agreed.

The Churchwardens offered their warmest thanks to Dana for all her involvement and leading our worship so beautifully. They requested volunteers for help with flowers and the coffee rota. They noted 29th June, our Patronal Festival, when after the service there will be a next Generation Concert (Stratford Girls Chamber Choir) followed by a BBQ.

The Full Report was accepted by the meeting having been proposed by Derek Luff and seconded by Robert Willott. All were in agreement.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Philip Gee informed the meeting that the accounts had to be submitted to the Charity Commissioners, having been examined by John Wilkinson. They were approved by the PCC in March. He never handles cash – that is done by the Wardens. The total funds stand at £197K, represented by restricted £71K, designated £56k and unrestricted £70K As far as income is concerned there was a slight drop in the giving to the Parish Giving Scheme and he requested that others might join the scheme. He noted that the BBC has paid £18 in 2024 but this is not a 'reliable' income. In answer to a question, he assured the meeting the Gift aid can be claimed from monies 'in the plate'. Ginny Williams-Ellis proposed a vote of thanks to Philip; all agreed. Felicity Masheder proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Hannah Webb; all were in favour.
5. **Elections.**

- New PCC members: Felicity Masheder (proposed by Sara Horner and seconded by Christine Moor) and Karen Youles (proposed by Marie Hildreth and seconded by Angie Connell) All in favour
- Vice Chair of the PCC: Anne Packer willing to continue
- PCC Secretary: Charles Masheder
- PCC Treasurer: Philip Gee
- Examiner of the Accounts; John Wilkinson (proposed by Anne Packer and seconded by Robert Willott)
- Electoral Roll Officer – the PCC to appoint – this is a simple role until 2031.
- Co-options to the PCC: John Connolly (for HF issues) and Charles Masheder
- Sidespeople: Margaret Baldwyn, Sheena Edger, Phil Black and Sarah Luff

The meeting was closed in prayer and Dana thanked all people for whatever contribution they make

Blockley Annual Report

Electoral Roll Report

The electoral roll is renewed from scratch every six years, as required by the Church of England. The most recent full renewal took place in 2025, when the roll stood at 61 members. In 2026, the roll requires only a refresh rather than a full renewal; notices were displayed in the church and the Jubilee Hall between 13 March and 28 April accordingly.

As a result of this year's update, we have removed 4 names from the roll (including those of Jeremy and Ann Bourne, and Fay Jeffrey, all of whom are deeply missed). 2 people have been added. The number now for the 2026 APCM is 58. Being on the electoral roll entitles people to vote in the Annual Church Meetings, and to become office holders, such as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). *Karen Youles, Electoral Roll Officer*

Churchwardens' Report

It has been a very active and positive year in and around the Church, with joyful celebrations at Easter and Christmas alongside regular services and special events, including a splendid gathering for VE Day+80, weddings and baptisms, and also celebrating the lives of people who have died. Over winter, from mid-November to March, Sunday morning services have been in the Jubilee Hall, as the church is so cold. We have enjoyed the hall's welcome warmth, for services and refreshments, and been very glad that congregation numbers have stayed good. The major Christmas services were in the church though, and it was filled to capacity.

It is very encouraging to have children in services almost every Sunday. Junior Church every third Sunday is well established; Open Door every first Sunday also has a focus on children and young people and is thriving.

Thanks to the Project Board chaired by John Connolly, we are making good progress with our major church heating and re-ordering project. Timing is heavily dependent on the requirements of grant giving bodies (in particular the Heritage Fund of the National Lottery) and we were delighted when it awarded us a £38k development grant in November in its major projects funding stream. It has set aside over £1million more in its budget for the delivery stage, which is when we'll see the major building and heating works take shape - subject to our final stage application being successful.

The Board, on behalf of the PCC and congregation, is now working on this final HF application, including conserving the East Window and installing an air-source heat pump for greater sustainability towards net zero carbon. We hope to apply in November 2026 and already have a three-year Activity Plan, for members of the local and school communities and other key audiences to learn more about the heritage, in a variety of enjoyable ways. We have also raised £23k in charitable grants, including Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, which is very welcome. 2026 will be a key year and to ensure that our final stage bid is successful, we need to demonstrate that there is local support for the activities that we are proposing. If we want a welcoming, accessible and sustainable church building then it is up to everyone to get involved. Please do contact either of us to discuss how you can become part of this exciting project.

We had an excellent Candlemas party both in 2025 and 2026 for Blockley, Bourton and Ebrington churches, when all seats were taken, with people enjoying a splendid home-cooked buffet. The quiz in 2025 was set by Dana and in 2026 by Sarah Luff, who tested our knowledge of local church and pub buildings. We had great musical entertainment from Longborough Opera Youth Chorus in 2025 and Naomi Morris' brilliant jazz trio in 2026. In the summer, members of the three congregations and friends enjoyed a tasty barbecue in the Vicarage garden.

BBC's Father Brown series continues to be a source of interest both to village people and visitors: many fans visit Blockley specifically to see the church and village. The BBC filmed in spring to early summer 2025 and are returning in 2026.

A few volunteers have recently stood down, to whom we are very grateful, and means it would be particularly good to welcome some new volunteers. There's a varied range of possibilities, and it needn't be forever! Do contact one of us or Dana if you have some time, regularly or occasionally, that you'd be happy to use for church activities. We look forward to hearing from you.

We are all indebted to Dana in particular, as she looks after us all and leads the churches locally and beyond, while continuing to deal with Long Covid, with the help of Adrian, and to the very valuable additional clergy resource we have in Charles Masheder, David Quin and others.

It is a privilege to be your Churchwardens, and we are very aware that all of this vibrancy and development is only possible through the time and energy that so many people volunteer to contribute to the church community: with more activities and names than we can do justice to here. Thank you all very much.

Sarah Brazier and Anne Packer, Churchwardens

Proceedings of the PCC in 2025

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) continued to perform its duties, which include consulting together on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish, promoting the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and maintaining its relationship to the wider Benefice and Diocese. We welcomed two new members who had been elected at the APCM, Felicity Masheder and Karen Youles. Attendance through the year was good and our discussions included Safeguarding, the Reordering Scheme and its funding, Building Maintenance, Finance and Charitable Giving.

Charles Masheder, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 2025 are in a document separate from the Annual Report. The accounts were approved and signed at the PCC meeting on 17th March, 2026. Because I was a little slow in handing the necessary files to our Independent Examiner, John Wilkinson, at the time of writing this report he has not yet been able to complete his work but he will have done so before the APCM on 17th May, 2026 and copies of the accounts including his signed report will be available then. An unsigned copy of the Independent Examiner's Report in standard format is included in the accounts for information.

I would like to draw your attention to the following points about the accounts:
As is shown near the bottom of page 3 (left hand column) there was a surplus on General Funds. This was £5,624 before adjusting for transfers between funds and the losses reflecting the decrease in the market value of the two CBF investments. This was decrease on the General Fund surplus of £9,086 for 2024 despite the income from the BBC for Father Brown filming being £18,250, only slightly less than £18,865 in 2024. It is important to note that without the income from the BBC the General Fund surplus of £5,624 would have become a deficit of £10,963. It is important to remember that the level of income from the BBC is uncertain year on year and inevitably it will stop completely at some point in the future.

As can be seen from the Designated Funds column on page 3, the expenditure relating to The Voice was covered by income.

There was some expenditure on the reordering project during the year but, as is shown towards the foot of the Restricted column on page 3, this amounted to £5,657 compared with £14,946 in 2024. The relatively low level of expenditure in the last two years reflects the pause in work while the application for a substantial grant from the Heritage

Fund was being prepared and submitted. The outcome of that application will be covered in another part of this Annual Report.

As is shown in the income section of the Restricted column on page 3, donations for the reordering project totalled £34,583 and £19,103 was received from grants. The funds held for the reordering project are listed on page 5 and totalled £129,153 on 31st December 2024 – Restricted Funds £78,179, Designated Funds £50,974.

A full breakdown of the amounts held in Restricted, Designated and Unrestricted Funds is shown on page 5.

Details of the funds held in bank and investment accounts are shown on page 4. on 31st December 2025 these totalled £253,739.

I am happy to answer any questions at the APCM on 17th May. *Philip Gee, Treasurer*

Safeguarding

The PCC and Dana continue to be fully committed to Safeguarding within Blockley Church. All members of the PCC have completed the required Basic and Foundation Training. Face to face training was provided for those who preferred not to do the training online.

The Parish Dashboard is an online resource that we use to make sure we are complying with statutory requirements and Church of England policies; it also explains what actions need to be taken by the Parish Safeguarding Officer. We are currently 90% compliant over all areas. The system allows a report to be produced which shows an overview that is presented to the PCC at meetings. A Parish Hub has now been introduced which helps with Safer Recruitment. It can be used to create role descriptions and to record volunteers training records in a way which is GDPR compliant.

The Pastoral Support group run by Felicity Masheder continues to give support to those who are in pastoral roles within our church. *Hannah Webb, Parish Safeguarding Officer*

Church Re-ordering

I can begin this year's Reordering Report with exactly the same fatuous statement that I made last year, "Work has continued preparing suitable applications to various funding bodies……" Whilst that is true, it completely fails to tell the whole story.

Making a 7-figure application to a major funding body (in this case the National Heritage Lottery Fund (HF) is anything but trivial. We have established a management group, the Project Board, and have divided the work of the main HF application, together with that seeking additional funding, amongst four "Working Groups": Congregation & Community, Capital Works, Activity Plan Development, and Charitable Trusts. HF will not simply give us the amount we ask for; it demands that applicants make realistic efforts to acquire substantial additional funds themselves, not just to prove that the applicant is serious but that it is doing a lot to help itself.

The breakthrough came last autumn when HF accepted our Stage 1 Application and, in doing so, granted us some £38,000 to enable us to develop our Stage 2 Application (submission next November) by trialling all the things we promised to do in our Stage 1 Application, and learning from the various experiences.

We've started the Community Choir and are about to embark on a series of church tours, tower tours, "Father Brown" village tours, and opening the church to a range of events, some fund-raising, others simply to gain and improve Community involvement.

Fortunately, we've been able to retain the services of the two consultants who served us so royally during Stage 1 development (Julia Holberry and Claire Jeffris). We've contracted another expert, Padmini Broomfield, to cover Evaluation – a role/function needed to meet HF's requirements – and who will provide much-needed experience and support.

We are seeking planning consent and a Diocesan Faculty for additional work not included in previous permissions, but suggested for inclusion by HF. The main items are the

installation of heat-pumps, to reduce our CO2-producing gas consumption, and restoration of the masonry and glazing of the east window. We are working with our architect and design team so that, when we get HF's go-ahead (and we have developed a good relationship with our HF contact), we'll be as ready as possible to go to tender and then project manage the capital works.

We will shortly be faced with what are known as "external dependencies", things needed by the project but outside the project's control, like availability of suitable contractors. What if no bidding contractor can start work for nine months after we've been given approval? What if Planning Permission for the siting of the heat-pumps, is seriously delayed? These are well-known project issues, and we hope that we'll be able to contain the majority of them.

The Project Board is seven-strong and, apart for me as the chair/convenor, every member is on the PCC – but the other six are also heading up, or working within, the Working Groups and therefore extremely busy with the project. This is highly risky for obvious reasons: project activity is very different from "business" activity and each PCC member has specific church responsibilities, some of which are time-consuming. Additionally, each member of the Project Board (apart from me) is not yet retired and hence has his/her separate secular responsibilities. The work those six have done, and are doing, for the project is substantial and each deserves enormous credit. We have got just about enough volunteers to handle the various tours being planned and the Choir has a professional conductor. However, more volunteer help would be so appreciated.

At the moment we're fairly well on track to meet the Stage 2 Application date but it won't take much to de-rail progress. We really don't want the reordering project to fail and, shouldanyone feel that he/she could contribute in any way, please talk to Dana or either of the churchwardens We're well down the road to success but there's still a long way to go. *John Connolly, Project Board Co-ordinator*

Charitable Giving

The PCC has a policy of contributing annually to charities – generally 10 of these – which work locally, nationally or internationally. In 2025 the church contributed £300 to each. The charities chosen were: Campden Nursing; Cotswolds Friends; Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust; North Cotswolds Food Bank; The Britain Nepal Medical Trust; The Children's Society; Christian Aid; Church Missionary Society (for support for Tim and Miranda Heathcote) Keppelwray (supporting the work of Alice Webb); Diocese of Tamale, Ghana. In 2026, we will be supporting all the same with one exception – Cheltenham Street Pastors instead of Church Missionary Society. *Charles Masheder, PCC Secretary*

Open Door

Open Door has continued to serve all ages of our community this year, with some services taking place in the comfort of the Jubilee Hall during the winter months. Numbers remain steady and sometimes visitors join the congregation, always being welcomed with tea and coffee and a breakfast.

A Year in the Service of the Open Door has looked like this:

In May, we included a safeguarding video for the theme of 'feeling safe' which also included Dana talking about Jesus' death and the resurrection and how the disciples would not have felt safe.

In June, everyone got involved in making a giant timeline depicting the time from the Resurrection to Ascension Day and children were encouraged to make journey sticks made with things that reminded them of the Ascension from the churchyard (see photos).

July's service included a baptism and August's involved a prayer walk around the village.

In September, the church was full of the sounds of animals as Dana blessed all the wonderful pets or cuddly animals.

October was all about Harvest with a reading from Psalm 17 and four prayer stations to help with harvest prayers.
November had a bubble machine and paper when we remembered the saints (the bubbles last for a few seconds, but our memories of people we have lost last our whole lives) and the paper chains each had a prayer written on it and they were all joined together.
There was a wonderful dressing of John the Baptist for December's Open Door (enacted by Robert Burch and dressed by the children of the congregation). There was also the opportunity to makelocust biscuits (and very realistic they were too!).
In January we all went to Ebrington Church to celebrate Plough Sunday and The Epiphany – the coming of the Magi.
February included an all age acting out of The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, using a few props to help get our actors into character. It was truly wonderful to see the young children (some as young as 7) acting and reading their scripts alongside the adults.
Finally, in March, Dana told the story of the Three Trees (one of which became the cross that Jesus died on) when thinking about Puzzles and April's service coincided with Palm Sunday (which included a walk from the Jubilee back to the church with a wonderfully behaved donkey!) *Sarah Luff*

Junior Church

We are delighted to report that Junior Church has continued to meet consistently and successfully each month over the past year. When a need for Junior Church was agreed early in 2024, we knew that the number of children who might attend was likely to remain quite low. However, this did not make it any less important to ensure that those children who do come to church should feel that they matter, should really enjoy coming and should have an opportunity to grow in their faith.

So, I would like to say a really big thank you to Jane, Naomi and Stephanie for all the work they put into planning and preparation, regardless of how many may attend, and for their deeply held commitment to making Junior Church an enjoyable reality for our children every month. For this same reason, Naomi has been attending the Diocese of Gloucester's ten-module Children's Ministry Essentials course. Often, the number of children who attend is equalled or exceeded by the number of adults because of safeguarding requirements, and this is in itself an achievement! So, I'd also like to thank the other volunteers who have been willing to step up when needed to fill a gap in the numbers.

The good news is that when we did an informal survey earlier this year, we had excellent feedback. The children all expressed genuine enthusiasm about Junior Church and said that they really enjoyed the activities and discussions. Parents were equally positive. It would be great if in due course we could encourage other children to come too.

I once read somewhere that if a child knows at least five adults at church who take a significant interest in them, they are far more likely to keep coming, or to return to church when they are older. Even more importantly, this 'five to one' ratio ensures that our children feel valued, known and loved by the broader congregation, turning the church into a supportive 'home', rather than just a place they 'attend'. Can I therefore encourage us all to find ways to engage with 'our church children' appropriately whenever we can. This is surely, in fact, how we want our church to be for everyone. *Ginny Williams-Ellis*

Youth and Children's ministry in the VaCE Benefice

We have welcomed Sarah Furn Davis to our team. Who currently joins me for one day a week. Sarah is a gifted primary school teacher and has been a blessing to our team already. I look forward to continuing to work alongside her.

Dana and I have spoken about gathering the schools worship committee, which is made up of pupils from different year groups and classes. With the view, to help them deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and develop a more personal relationship

with God. We will also be encouraging them to host pupil led worship for the school with my support. This is something I am excited to nurture and eager to begin.

The wonderful, Open the Book team continue to act out Bible stories, in a whole school assembly, which delight both staff and students.

We continue to host church visits. Thus far, we have hosted the school for various Experience church events. Where children learn about Church, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. These are fantastic multi- sensory sessions the whole school and staff enjoy. We continue to host YR6 leavers in our annual games and transition session. Ready for their next academic adventure to secondary school.

Elizabeth from Pebworth and I have created an ECO church session. Where the children are able to visit the churchyard and learn about ECO church, bat boxes, moth lights and make Eco friendly crafts. We use stories and prayers to secure the faith element and the world and everything in it being Gods creation. This has been delivered in Pebworth and I have plans to host this in the summer term at Blockley Church.

Sarah has started back with Bright sparks after school club once a week. She has begun her second term running this and is enjoying building relationship with pupils and staff. We now have a younger youth group, which runs fortnightly in Chipping Campden. I currently have 6 young people who gather. One of which is from Blockley village. This is in its early stages, and we are focusing on developing relationships and conversations. The young people meet me after school for 1 hour and we have been allowed to use a local cafe to sit, talk, play games and dream up how they envisage their youth group to be. This has been wonderful as we want them to have ownership and be invested in this group.

Please do continue to pray for the children and young people in our schools, churches and villages. *Amy Todd*

Second Sunday at Six report

Second Sunday at Six was established in 2017 as a thirty minute meditative service to complement our regular morning worship. As it has grown, the service has moved from the chancel to the Little Village Hall. Those who attend value the opportunity it provides for stillness, reflection and the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. The service's blend of scripture, worship songs and prayer continues to offer a thoughtful and spiritually enriching start to the new week. *Marie Hildreth/Robert Burch*

Open The Book

"Open the Book" takes place on Tuesday mornings at Blockley Primary School, in StGeorge's Hall. The current team consists of five story tellers: Sandra Gee, Maggie Youell, Roger Morris, Kate Johson and myself. Others take part from time to time on an "ad hoc" basis. There is no pressure to commit to every Tuesday morning; neither is there any need to be an "actor". Other talents such as helping with costumes, props or reading the story are most welcome.

"Open the Book" is a Bible Society initiative, and the Tuesday morning sessions are based on stories in a Children's Bible specially produced by the Society. Each weekly session is planned to involve a number of children whenever possible, playing a variety of roles. Sometimes they have speaking parts (and only a few minutes to rehearse!). The OtB team provide costumes and props, and there is never a shortage of young volunteers to take part. The Tuesday morning sessions are enjoyed by children from Reception Class upwards. The team would very much welcome additional members, who are part of the Church community. Mandatory safeguarding checks are necessary. "Open the Book" is a joy to take part in, so please do consider joining us. *Christine Moor*

PS. Recent months have been particularly challenging for the "Open the Book" team, following my accident and subsequent absence. I would like to thank Sandra, Maggie, Roger and Kate for all their hard work at this time, it is hugely appreciated.

Blockley Benefice Choir Report

A special thank you to all concerned for housing us in the Jubilee Hall during the cold winter months. Also, a very real thank you to the wardens for the many times that they have come to our help!

Overall, this has been a sad year. Five of our choristers have died, all much loved and respected for their contribution to the choir. Jeremy and Ann Bourne, both founder members, Laura Shepherd, Chrissie Halls, and most recently, Fay Jeffries. They are very much missed by us all. Added to this was our great sadness of sharing with John and Margaret Baldwyn the loss of their beautiful daughter, Annabelle. We took part in her memorial service which was a most moving occasion. We were also privileged to sing at the memorial service for a much-loved family member of Sara and Garry Horner. This was Beverley Allan, in the beautiful old church at Aynho near Banbury

One highlight however brightened us all. Our grand-daughter, Tatyana, from Tasmania, who grew to love Blockley and our church on her many visits here as she was growing up, always promised that when she got married it would be in Blockley church. Sure enough, at Christmas, beautifully orchestrated by Dana, with video link to Tasmania, we celebrated her wedding with her and her husband Lachlan. The church was decorated with holly, ivy and Christmas roses and resounded to the sound of their favourite carols, all supported by a full choir.

On Good Friday, we performed the "Cross of Christ" with prayers and readings so meaningfully given by David Quin and John Connolly. As well as the various services already mentioned we took part in one more memorial service and two weddings. We have also enjoyed various workshops.

Anne Timms is now a well-established member of the choir and we have recently welcomed Chris Cranke into our group, her daughter Beatrice a past chorister for many years, joins us when she can. Also, Naomi who joins us when she can from Bourton-on-the-Hill

As always, our grateful thanks to Doreen; her energy and enthusiasm, and help to us all, are much appreciated. *Margaret Oliver*

Sacristans

The current team of Sacristans comprises Laurie Billing, Catrina Popham, Felicity Masheder and myself. Thanks to my colleagues' flexibility, efficiency and good humour, the past year has been problem-free. This is despite my accident and subsequent absence for several weeks, which meant additional work for my colleagues, and I am very grateful to them. These events highlighted the need for additional Sacristans, especially at times of the year when the Church calendar and Sacristans' own commitments make the rota particularly challenging. Four Sacristans really is the absolute minimum number needed if we are to support all the services for which a Sacristan is required. On average each Sacristan needs to cover one or two services each month; an additional one or two members would give us much – needed flexibility.

Sacristans no longer have to transport the Eucharist silver between the Church and the Jubilee Hall during the months when the Church is closed for services. This has helped us enormously, and we are grateful to the Clergy and PCC for making this possible.
My thanks again to Laurie, Catrina and Felicity for all that they do as Sacristans; they are unfailingly helpful and their input to the team is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Christine Moor

Blockley Bell Ringers

Bell ringing in Blockley continues to make good progress with our beginners starting to ring up and down in peal. Our improvement led to us winning the Salver Trophy for most improved tower at the G&B striking competition in Bourton on the Water.

We practice in Blockley on Thursdays at 7.30pm and welcome new recruits at anytime. Blockley rings most Sundays and supports Longborough by dashing over to the village for their 10.00 Sunday service. At Tim's suggestion, we have reinstated ringing at Bourton on the Hill and now ring there once a month prior to Evensong.

In 2025 there were 4 visiting teams from Banbury, St Marys Abbots, Kensington, who rang a peal, Feckenham and Bath Abbey. We rang at 6 weddings in Blockley and 5 in Ebrington, adding to the tower funds.

Our highlight (apart from winning the Salver Trophy) was a great trip to the historic John Taylor bell foundry in Loughborough. A tour of the foundry and a chance to ring on their very light bells was a real treat.

A little word from Matthew our Steeple Keeper ……

Routine maintenance is regularly performed on our bells by our local ringers (something that does not occur at every tower). It is usually done quarterly and involves checking bolts on the bells, wheels and frame for tightness (there are lots), checking stays for cracks (and replacing where required), greasing clappers for free movement, waxing sliders for free movement, checking ropes for wear and protecting/adjusting. Occasionally the clappers need to be removed and refitted for tightening and/or alignment. Additionally, we like to keep the bells looking good and will clean the entire installation a couple of times a year.

As Rev Wigram said in 1880, 'In a belfry, no one thing is so costly as neglect, or so mischievous as dirt'! *Jackie Young*

Church Flowers Report

This year has been disrupted in the same way as last year because of Church Services being held in the Jubilee Hall over the winter, when flower decorations were impractical. It was wonderful to have the Spring, Summer and early Autumn in church and to be able to celebrate with Flowers again.

Our aim continues to be to use local flowers whenever possible. Particular thanks go to some of the talented Allotment growers who donated Flowers whenever possible, to be used in Church. Regular flower arranging proved difficult for Claire and myself because of our family caring commitments this year. Other members of the congregation stepped up to help but it was a challenging time for everyone. At Christmas we managed to decorate the Church for the big Christmas services.

We have not been able to offer wedding flowers because of our important, time-consuming caring responsibilities. We feel that we can no longer sustain the amount of work involved for weddings.Special local funerals are important, and we hope to be able to contribute to some of these if asked. Going forward we are delighted to announce that we have had offers from 2 more volunteers to cover regular Church flower arranging. This means that we will be able to organise a manageable rota for the first time in a number of years.

Clarification of Policies: at weddings, in accordance with the recent vote of the Church of England Synod and our own long standing sustainable flowers policy, florists who provide flowers for wedding in our church will be asked to do so without the use of toxic floral foam; at funerals, any coffin top arrangements constructed with the use of toxic floral foam will be discouraged. If it IS used it must be removed immediately from the Church and the churchyard. Toxic, non-biodegradable materials will damage our church's environment and put wildlife at risk.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep fresh flowers in the Church during the past year. Anyone else who would like to help occasionally with very simple arrangements would be most welcome to join our small group.
Please speak to the Church Wardens. *Rhea Bazeley and Claire Talbot*

Report on the Home Groups

Our three home groups have had another happy and interesting year. Each has around eight members, including a main and second leader, and we meet fortnightly in different people's homes for Bible study and discussion. Those who attend range from people who have been Christians for many years to those who are just starting out on their journey of faith, and we try to ensure that we have plenty of variety in the courses we follow, so that there is something for everyone and nobody gets bored!

Following our completion of the 24/7 Prayer Course last spring, we spent the summer months using Tom Wright's study guide to read through Paul's letter to the Philippians, with its encouragement for us to be united as Christians, and to live joyful lives as 'citizens of heaven' on earth.

In the autumn, we moved back to a freer form of Bible study, which we had used a couple of years ago. Under the title 'Encounters with Jesus', each of our six leaders chose one 'encounter' from the Gospels to focus on, and we then used the Bible Discovery method to explore and delve into each of these stories over six sessions. It is fascinating how a few simple questions can lead to so much interesting discussion and understanding.

At the beginning of this year, we embarked on a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans, using an excellent 10 session course created by the Bible Society, with videos (filmed in Rome) and discussion questions. Although Romans has been described as 'life changing' for many individuals (from St. Augustine and Martin Luther to members of our own congregation), it can be a pretty daunting read, and this course is helping to make it much more accessible for us all.

During the year, our groups have also enjoyed getting together for summer and Christmas parties, for a couple of screenings of episodes of The Chosen (an epic TV series about the life of Jesus), as well as for last year's retreat. Thank you so much to all our leaders and to those who offer us hospitality in their homes. As I've said before, our meetings provide great opportunities for friendship and fellowship, as well as for learning together, and anyone is welcome to join us. *Ginny Williams-Ellis*

The Pastoral Support Group

The group has met three times during the last year and continues to offer support to those who lead pastoral care in our communities. We share open and honest communication, within a safe and supportive environment. All of us value the opportunity to discuss challenges and concerns while upholding the ethical responsibility to protect the privacy and dignity of the people we support. We begin every meeting with a prayer and close with a space to reflect on and offer all to God. *Felicity Masheder*

Blockley Forum

The Forum changed shape this year. For four years, it had worked on a monthly basis, hearing about and discussing a wide range of topical and local issues, introduced by a knowledgeable visitor. But we found fewer people attending. Dana and I took stock and decided that Forums should now focus on a smaller number of major local happenings.

There were two this year. In the Gloucestershire County Election, the Lib Dems took over the reins, and we invited Paul Hodgkinson, a senior councillor and Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Fire Service, to talk about 'New Kids on the Gloucestershire Block – What will be different?' Our own Councillor Tom Bradley joined in the session, talking about his work, both at Shire Hall, and on Blockley issues.

The other Forum switched focus to Blockley Parish Council, when Council Chair Jon Bryan teamed up with Cllr Andy Turton to talk about, answer questions and gather views on the 'Blockley Neighbourhood Priorities Statement' which BPC is drawing up, to help ensure that development is suitable for our community. This had a capacity audience at the Little Village Hall – including upstairs in the balcony. We are grateful to all the Forum contributors, and participants, at these worthwhile sessions. *Leslie Packer*

The Voice Magazine

2025 was a year of consolidation for The Voice as we assembled an expanding editorial team. Margot Worton joined us as editor at the beginning of the year and she was joined by Hazel Cook our Arts Correspondent. Later in the year Carol Willott, the longest serving member of the editorial team, stepped down and Claire Talbot joined the team. Besides myself, the other members are Leslie Packer and Phil Black. Leslie, in addition to curating a number of our regular features looks after subscriptions. Each month working with our wonderful team of volunteers he ensures that the magazine is delivered to our hundreds of subscribers. Phil is our Communities Correspondent, who curated the popular local authors series, and we rely on him to keep us up to date on what is going on in our communities. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. It certainly takes a considerable number of villagers to publish and deliver a magazine and I am extremely grateful to all of them. After several years of change, I think we have established our purpose, which is to produce a regular high- quality magazine that informs, entertains and celebrates the lives of the extraordinary talented people who live and work in the communities displayed on our masthead.

A determination to increase both our circulation and advertising has enabled us to establish a firm financial base. We have built up a good relationship with Blockley Parish Council and we retain a friendship with Blockley Parochial Parish Council, who through their enthusiasm and commitment originally established the magazine. We are grateful to Philip Gee the PCC Treasurer for his financial oversight. I should also mention and thank Vale Press who produce such a polished magazine of which the editorial team are very proud of.

Finally, we are always grateful for ideas and suggestions. Our editorial team are especially fortunate in getting to know an amazing group of people who read our magazine either in print or on-line. We aim to deliver to you on a regular basis a magazine which you look forward to reading. *Nigel Moor*

Cakes and Company

The year started well with our first meeting in February. It was lovely to be able to welcome our members back for tea after the Christmas period. The afternoon's entertainment was a collection of Pam Ayres poems and video clips. At our March meeting Sue Salmon took our members back to the good old days with photos and special memories of Blockley. They do enjoy this as they can recall some of their fond recollections.

At our May meeting Eve Jones, a friend of Gill Greenstock, came and gave us a very interesting insight into Claridges, where her husband had been employed as their General Manager for many years. We were all captivated by her funny stories and anecdotes of their experiences. We are hoping Eve will be able come back again and entertain us again with some more interesting stories in the near future.

In July we held our second Summer Lunch at The Great Western Arms in Blockley. Members sat down to a two-course lunch where they were able to sit and chat with their friends in pleasant surroundings. This lunch is funded by the money raised from the Cake Stall sale we held in August 2024.

On the 9th August we held our annual Cake Sale in the Churchyard. Our team of ladies excelled themselves, yet again, with a huge selection of cakes and savoury bakes. We raised an amazing £675.59 on the cake stall and £205 on the raffle which was an increase on last year's takings. We opened the stall at 10.00 am and by 11.40 am we were sold out! Luckily the weather was on also on our side. The money from the sale will go towards the Summer lunch for our members and helpers in 2026.

In September Cakes & Company celebrated their 23rd birthday. Our entertainment for this special meeting was Fourplay (side kick of BAD company). Great laughter rang through the Little Village Hall when they entertained us with some very funny verses and songs.

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to find someone to come and entertain our members so in November we decided we would pay for a professional singer to come along. The company we used specializes in entertaining residents at local nursing homes. We had a marvellous afternoon where Thea had us all singing along and dancing in our chairs.

In December we held our Christmas Party, where we were delighted to present all our members with a jar of local honey purchased from the Village Shop. We had a wonderful afternoon singing along to all the old Christmas favourites lead by John Robertson on the piano. We'd like to thank everyone who graciously gave up their time to come and entertain us in 2025.

We would also like to thank Tony and Sue Salmon who made some delicious soups for Souper Monday, with the help of some of our team, they raised an amazing £280.86 which they donated to Cakes & Company. We'd also like to thank Blockley Parish Council for the grant which enabled Tony and Sue to hire the hall and buy the ingredients for Souper Monday to happen. The team would also like to thank the PCC who very kindly covers the hire of the Little Village Hall for our meetings, which we greatly appreciate.

The accounts for 2025 show bank balance as at 31st December 2025 stands at £2229.93. which provides a sound foundation for 2026. Philip Gee has provided an Independent Examiner's Report confirming that the Accounts are in order.

Yvonne hugely appreciates the continued support she receives from the 'helpers' and thanks them very much for providing all the wonderful food served at our tea parties and for all their hard work. All the food provided for the monthly tea parties and the annual cake stall is donated by these wonderful ladies, namely Caroline Miller, Gill Greenstock, Sue Salmon, Jean Dicks, Lynne White, Ruth Reid and Claire Talbot. *Yvonne Smith*

Blockley Handbells Report: April 2026

As last year, our team of six ringers continues to practise regularly in the Church Room with the bells owned by the church. We are grateful that we are able to have that practice room.

We were sorry not to play at the Carol Service last Christmas, one of our members being away (in NZ), and we did not have anyone who could just step in, but we did play for the Charlbury Lunch Club again. This year, we hope to entertain at other small gatherings, possibly at Childswickham and Beechwood Residential at Stow; and if the weather allows, we might ring outside in Blockley for the passing crowds. And we have the this year's Carol Service in our sights, if we are needed.

Recently, Hilary and I took part in the recent National Skills Weekend organised by the *Hand Bells of Great Britain* at the Moreton Fire College. This proved to be very interesting and I had some instruction in ringing Four-in-Hand which might come in useful when our team is not at full strength. Though, having one or two more members would be helpful – provided they could read music. *Roger Thornborough*

Deanery Synod Report

The North Cotswold Deanery Synod met three times in 2025. The Deanery Strategic Pathway was a focus for our conversations. In all meetings we shared Good News stories from around the North Cotswold Deanery, and news and updates. Meetings focused on the appointment of a lay chaplain in the Cotswold School, how we engage with visitors and developing sustainable finances. *Helen Pike*

Vicar's Report 2025



Plough Sunday 2025 with a tractor from Washbrook Farm

2025 began with a joint service for Plough Sunday in Ebrington. It was very cold but well attended and good fun in the snow! As ever in Ebrington, the refreshments were excellent.

The Three Churches Candlemas Party in St George's Hall was well supported, and the Longborough Youth Chorus entertained us all. Thank you to the organisers who hope to hand on the baton in 2027. You have been warned.





A local marriage blessing

Over the course of the year, we had 11 baptisms, 16 weddings and marriage blessings and 18 funerals and burials of ashes. The deaths in 2025 included a number of people who were well known and greatly loved church members including Ann Bourne, Chris Bazeley, Chrissie Halls, Jeremy Bourne, Annabelle Baldwyn and Fay Jeffery. We miss them greatly; may they rest in peace and rise in glory. I am so grateful for the outstanding support given to those who are bereaved and housebound by our authorised funeral minister, Angie Connell.

Our Sunday services at Blockley, Bourton on the Hill, and Ebrington continue to be blessed with such excellent volunteers who led services when I was ill or elsewhere. Thank you Revds David Quin, Peter Bevan, Nicholas Morgan and last but not least, Canon Charles Masheder. I also want to thank the diligent officers and members of our PCCs.



Concert at Bourton on the Hill

All three churches are being used for concerts, which include local, national and international performers. This is to be encouraged of course, not only because it gives additional income but more because it encourages people to experience music in a church setting whose acoustics are made for it.

Flush with the success of the new path around the church, Ebrington PCC began to fundraise for a new digital organ from Viscount Organs in Banbury. This project was led by Simon Coombe and has been completed in 2026. The fallen wall displaced by the old sycamore in Ebrington churchyard was mended with impressive speed, to the relief of all concerned. Bourton on the Hill received grants from two diocesan funds for renewed and renewable lighting. These small sums have helped the church to see more clearly.



John Taylor's Commemoration V which made it into an episode of Father Brown

VE Day on 8 May was celebrated in each of our parishes. Blockley raised a commemorative flag with representative of the Parish Council and the whole of Blockley School and later enjoyed a magnificent party in the churchyard organised by Derek Luff. Ebrington held a service at the War Memorial before the bells were rung. Bourton on the Hill had a festal evensong and flag-raising which included the bell ringers, who enjoyed it so much they ring before evening prayer every month.



Ebrington War Memorial



Timeline of the bible at Open Door

Our intergenerational Blockley Open Door on the first Sunday of the month continues to flourish, with breakfast, a music band and lots of creativity from Sarah Luff, Naomi Morris and Hannah Webb. We also continue to offer at monthly Junior Church on the third Sunday of the month, which is not always well attended, but much appreciated by the children who attend and their parents. Thank you to Jane Harwood, Naomi Morris, Stephanie Bevan and Ginny Williams Ellis for their commitment to the children of the parishes.

Although our attention in the Three Churches was not strongly focused on ecology and sustainability in 2025, we were able to hold a bioblitz in Blockley churchyard with the school and local residents. This was thanks to Megan from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

As members of a group of three churches in a benefice of 10 churches in the Vale and Cotswold Edge, we were delighted to bring the clergy team back to full force with the addition of Revd Jon Barwood to the northern group. With our retired clergy and readers, especially Wayne Parker who takes a monthly service at Ebrington, VaCE continues to grow together and parishes learn from one another. As the original clergy from the start of VaCE in 2014, Revd Canon Craig Bishop and I enjoy reminiscing and dreaming forward.

Thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate my 60th birthday in September. Sarah Luff's poem about me was a highlight - you can find a copy of in in back pages of the Voice so ably edited by Margot Worton with the editorial team.



Dana's birthday party

The Three Churches are a wonderful place to be a vicar, and I am deeply grateful for the support of all the volunteers who keep the churches thriving, especially the hard working church wardens, Peter Banton and Margot Worton, Naomi Morris and Philip Gee, and Anne Packer and Sarah Brazier.

The three fortnightly home groups in Blockley and the Advent/Lent group in Bourton on the Hill continue to be well attended. They help us to grow in our discipleship. A special mention is due to Miranda and Tim Heathcote who are sojourning in Blockley for two years, while maintaining the work they do in Spain to support Christian workers across the Middle East and north Africa. We are privileged to have them worship with us.



Harvest at Ebrington

Harvest Festival was celebrated in many ways – a joint Three Churches Eucharist at Ebrington with choir, Open Door in Blockley and Evening Prayer at Bourton on the Hill. The pattern seemed to work well.

The stunning scenery of the tractor ride from Ebrington and the luscious tea was a highlight of the year for many, and it is hoped we can do it again.



The playgroup window and Bourton on the Hill

Our riders and striders for the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust once again raised money for the Trust and our churches. Both Blockley and Bourton have received support from GHCT, and most recently we are grateful for the GHCT grant to Blockley of £10,000 matched by the Julia Rausing Trust.



Striders at Paxford

The work towards Blockley's conservation and development continued as we used the National Lottery Heritage Fund first stage grant to commission reports on the East Window and heat pumps, and to begin community engagement activities. Meanwhile fundraising continues, with less than £150k to still raise before we submit our stage 2 application for £1.45 million. We are hoping to do this in November 2026. This means we are working

towards Easter 2028 to finish changes and conservation to the building, with three years of funding beyond that for community engagement. The church wardens, Sarah and Anne, Robert Burch, Adrian Beney, Karen Youles, Charles Masheder and I were corralled by John Connelly to meet our targets and keep on track, and Blockley's *Building on History* would not have got so far, and will not continue without their very, very hard work.



All the work with children and families, those who are getting older and those who are vulnerable is supported by our work on safeguarding. Hannah Webb, our parish safeguarding officer has worked hard to make sure that everyone who needs to learn about protecting those who are most vulnerable in our churches are supported and protected. Any of us can become vulnerable, not least me.

2025 was a hard year for me, marking 2 years since I was diagnosed with long covid and the associated impact on my asthma and the death of my mother. I have been repeatedly ill through this time, and although I have received outstanding care from the NHS, I find my lack of energy and resilience during those periods of illness difficult.

I have been so grateful for the patience and support from you all, those I have thanked already and the many others who support me and the churches, in service both up front and unseen. Thank you all.

God bless you, Dana

Revd Canon Dana Delap
April 2026

Vale and Cotswold Edge Team

St Peter and St Paul

Blockley with Aston Magna

(Registered Charity No. 1181561)

Annual Accounts 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

To the members and trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Blockley with Aston Magna.

This report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees of the charity and the examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the examiner's responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to the Examiner's attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

   * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
   * to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 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..... Name John Wilkinson

Date 12/05/2026.

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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH, BLOCKLEY WITH ASTON MAGNA
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted		Restricted	2025		2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds		TOTAL		TOTAL
INCOME							
Giving							
Parish Giving Scheme		25,310			25,310		25,378
Other giving and donations		16,171		100	16,271		13,601
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		5,674			5,674		6,036
Church activities							
Father Brown income from BBC		18,250			18,250		18,865
The Voice - subscriptions & donations			6,377		6,377		6,468
- advertising			5,111		5,111		3,678
- grant			627		627		-
Legacies					-		-
Parochial Fees income		6,019			6,019		5,905
Concerts in church		616			616		807
Sundry income		1,444			1,444		1,253
Investment income							
Interest & investment income		1,523	1,146	2,468	5,137		2,560
Income from extraordinary activities							
Donations for reordering				34,583	34,583		28,608
Grants for reordering				19,103	19,103		-
Fund raising events for reordering					-		4,086
Donations from the Brownees					-		145
Non-recurring grants		325			325		4,070
Special collections				179	179		627
Total incoming resources		**75,332**	**13,261**	**56,433**	**145,026**		**122,087**
EXPENDITURE							
Outward Giving							
Donations		(3,588)			(3,588)		(4,169)
Running expenses							
Parish Share		(37,497)			(37,497)		(35,711)
Minor repairs & routine maintenance		(4,157)			(4,157)		(7,892)
Clergy expenses		(2,360)			(2,360)		(2,023)
Vicarage expenses					-		(461)
Visiting Clergy - fees & expenses		(457)			(457)		(101)
Heating & lighting		(3,528)			(3,528)		(3,864)
The Voice costs			(11,983)		(11,983)		(7,950)
Father Brown costs		(1,663)			(1,663)		(1,845)
Insurance		(3,154)			(3,154)		(2,896)
Altar supplies		(664)			(664)		(280)
Music costs		(666)			(666)		(372)
Administration costs		(3,374)			(3,374)		(2,108)
Flowers		(104)			(104)		-
Youth work costs		(1,817)			(1,817)		(1,817)
Sundry costs		(6,679)			(6,679)		(4,724)
		(69,708)	(11,983)	-	(81,691)		(76,213)
Extraordinary expenditure							
Reordering project		-	-	(5,657)	(5,657)		(14,946)
Total resources expended		**(69,708)**	**(11,983)**	**(5,657)**	**(87,348)**		**(91,159)**
(Deficit)/surplus before gains & losses		5,624	1,278	50,776	57,678		30,928
Transfers between funds	**2**	(500)	-	500	-		-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains		5,124	1,278	51,276	57,678		30,928
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets- unrealised		(390)	(294)	(632)	(1,316)		2,815
Net movement in funds		**4,734**	**984**	**50,644**	**56,362**		**33,743**
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2025		70,167	56,140	71,070	197,377		163,634
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2025	**2**	**£74,901**	**£57,124**	**£121,714**	**£253,739**		**£197,377**

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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH, BLOCKLEY WITH ASTON MAGNA
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025
(CONTINUED)

	2025	2024
Total funds are represented by:		
Lloyds Treasurers' account	14,428	17,092
Lloyds Instant Saver	22,895	22,203
Lloyds re Voice	6,105	5,974
Lloyds re Reordering	79,649	25,895
CBF Investment Fund (accumulated income units) at Market Value.	48,866	49,443
CBF Investment Fund (income units) at Market Value.	17,736	18,475
United Trust Bank	61,052	56,901
Unbanked cash and cheques at 31st December	3,008	1,394
	£253,739	**£197,377**

Accounts approved at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 17th March, 2026.

Sarah Brazier (Churchwarden) **Anne Packer (Churchwarden)** **Philip Gee (Treasurer)**

ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH, BLOCKLEY WITH ASTON MAGNA
Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis and are in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

2. After the financial activity during 2025, the detailed allocation of funds at 31st December, 2025 is:

Restricted Funds:

Chancel	33,677	
Robinson Organ (see note below)	8,578	
Bells	1,280	
Reordering	78,179	121,714

Designated Funds:

Future refurbishment work	50,974	
The Voice	6,150	57,124

Unrestricted Funds	74,901
	£253,739

Note:
Each year £500 is credited to the Organ Fund. This is a donation from Doreen Robinson in lieu of notional payments that she would receive for playing the organ in regular services.