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Taunton
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Reg. charity no: 1196804

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON
ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Administrative information

St Andrew's Church is situated in Taunton. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Parish Office, Greenway Avenue, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6HU.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members who have served from 1 January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent	The Revd Robin Lodge	Chair (ex-officio, Vacant from 1.2.26)
Churchwardens	David Budd	Vice Chair (ex-officio, from APM 2025)
	(1 Vacancy)	
Deanery Synod Representatives	Stephen Grimshaw	(ex-officio)
	Henry Haslam	(ex-officio)
	Darren Chalmers	(ex-officio)
Elected members	Ali Aish	(until APCM 2025)
	Carol Bull	(from APCM 2025)
	Steve Bull	
	Carol Dimmer	(until APCM 2025)
	Lesley Jones	(from APCM 2025)
	Bill Perry	
	Di Ruff	(until APCM 2025)
	Antony Yeo	PCC Treasurer
	(Vacancy)	
Co-opted member	Sue Goodman	PCC Secretary
Permission to attend and speak	Lesley Gold	Parish Administrator

[APM = Annual Parish Meeting APCM = Annual Parochial Church Meeting]

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a registered charity, numbered 1196804. It does not have any other related trusts or charities.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (2025). All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC meets approximately bi-monthly to conduct church business. Sub-committees of the PCC exist for the management of St Andrew's Church Hall, Fund Raising and to progress the New St Andrew's Project. Limited life working parties are set up occasionally to fulfil specific tasks and consist of PCC members and others by invitation.

The ministry of the parish is sustained by its Parish Priest, the Revd Robin Lodge and two Readers: Mrs Ruth Cook and Dr Jeremy Harvey. There is also a small team of four Lay Pastoral Assistants, one Lay Worship Assistant and several other teams of volunteers covering a wide range of church life, which report regularly to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 summarises the charitable objects of the PCC as "cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." St Andrew's PCC sees this as a calling to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been received by the Church of England by the nurture of faith among the community by word, pastoral care and practical service. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and the church hall.

From 1 September 2013, St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School converted to academy status and became a member of the Bath & Wells Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and was renamed St Andrew's Church of England School. Currently, there are no representatives of St Andrew's on the Local Governing Committee, the Foundation Governor posts being filled from elsewhere.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance & Statistics for 2025

The number on the Electoral Roll at 31 December 2025 was 81 (93 at 31 December 2024).

The average Sunday attendance including children, counted in October, was 62 (59 in 2024) but larger numbers attended for special services, such as at Christmas and Easter. In 2025 the number of baptisms was 4 (2 in 2024). There were no weddings in 2025 (0 in 2024). In total there were 4 funerals (plus 1 burial of ashes) both in church and at local crematoria (9 in 2024).

Review of the Year

The year 2025 was underpinned by the latest Mission Action Plan, arising from the Parish Conference in the Autumn of 2024. In the MAP we resolved to continue to focus on worship and nurturing faith; on hospitality, especially towards our international church family; to learning more about our community; and to attempt to align scarce financial resources with these aims, wherever possible.

One of the ways in which we fulfilled these aims was through our Lent and Advent Courses. The former covered a selection of Psalms, while in Advent we focussed on the Nicene Creed in its 1700th year. Our Lectio Divinia group continued to dovetail its reflections with these courses.

Our participation in MINT (Mission in North Taunton) saw another successful Easter Cracked and a new feature, the Life Exhibition, an interactive event teaching children about the life and work of Jesus. Several schools took part in a series of enjoyable visits. Another exhibition is planned for 2026. MINT is a federation of ourselves, Rowbarton Methodist, Oakwood Community Church and Wellsprings Chapel.

The month of June saw our International Service, a Eucharist that included texts and music in Urdu and Igbo, with a multi-lingual welcome in all the languages represented by our congregation. We followed this with a Bring & Share Lunch in which families new to this country were invited to contribute dishes from their own national cultures. In this way we signalled that all were welcome. The event was a success and much appreciated.

Our Ministry Team undertook to learn more about our local community through a visit from Sandra Lawson from Citizens Somerset/UK and online tools developed by the Church Urban Fund.

Our other MAP aim was to continue with the New St Andrew's Project. We consolidated the use of the newly cleared South Aisle and meeting space in the Narthex. New partition doors were installed so that the latter could be divided into two parts when needed, and so heated more effectively. Further modifications took place to our new electric heating system so that it would be more effective.

Sadly, 2025 saw the deaths of two long standing members of the congregation: Mary Webster and David Anderson. We extend our continuing love and prayers to their families.

The PCC met seven times in 2025. Average attendance was 94% (77% in 2024). The Standing Committee, the Hall Committee, and Fund Raising Group met between meetings, although it was resolved to streamline the governance process by only activating Standing Committee meetings for specific purposes. The Vicar and the PCC Secretary continued to set the agenda for PCC meetings. Minutes of their meetings were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. Other focussed groups, teams and officers regularly report to PCC meetings.

It was pleasing to see our Children's Ministry grow and flourish during the year, led by a committed and hard working team. Sadly, however, the retirement of Joy Abnett in December meant the end to Church Mice as it was no longer possible to staff the activity sustainably. We resolved the keep the toys for our youngest members and in the hope that a revival might be possible in the future. We continue to hold Messy Church in conjunction with Rowbarton Methodist Church.

As noted above, schools work continues to be an important part of our work with children and young people. As well as involvement in governorship at St Andrew's School, the Vicar shares weekly acts of collective worship in school with the Revd Deborah Kirk and the Revd Annie Deche of Rowbarton Methodist Church, one of our own Readers, Ruth Cook, and Patrick Weld, one of the Foundation Governors. The Vicar is also a member of the Ethos Committee at Pyrland School (formerly The Taunton Academy), a church secondary school and part of the Richard Huish Academy Trust, which lies in our parish. Ongoing support for Collective Worship, Religious Education and its Chaplaincy is available on request. Our work with Priorswood Primary School, which also lies within the parish, continues to invite the Vicar and the Revd Deborah Kirk, the local Methodist Superintendent Minister to lead occasional acts of Collective Worship.

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St Andrew's has a Safeguarding Policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults in line with diocesan guidelines. It is reviewed and updated annually. A copy of the policy is displayed in church. Names of all volunteers and their roles, not just those with Disclosure & Barring Service clearance, is available to the PCC as the body legally responsible for running the church. Full Job Descriptions have been formulated for each post, and training is regularly undertaken at an appropriate level for all those working for the PCC in a volunteer capacity. The PCC also has a Lone Worker Policy for employees and volunteers who need to work alone in church or in the community on its behalf, an Employee's Complaints & Grievance Policy, and a Data Protection Policy. The PCC also has a range of other policies governing aspects of parish management.

Home Communion is now fully available to both the housebound and those indisposed or recovering from surgery for a longer period. Work with care homes consists of providing end-of-life spiritual support when requested, as well as a monthly hymn singing service at Aspen Court.

A full programme of public fund-raising events ran in 2025 providing both enjoyment for all and a much needed boost to church funds. This included regular Sunday lunches in the Church Hall and the usual Christmas Market in church, which, this year, breached the £2000 mark in terms of profit. Donations sponsoring the spire lighting continue. Finance pressures grew even tighter in 2025 so that all financial decisions need to be made with great care. Happily, an element of transitional relief plus the factoring in of the socio-economic background of parts of the parish meant that the new method of Parish Share calculation came up with a projected figure for 2025 that will be a whisker lower than 2024, but with a 6% increase projected for 2026. The PCC has a Financial Reserves Policy which ensures that we always have enough cash to cover all essential commitments for a minimum of 3 months in case of emergency.

St Andrew's continues to be represented at meetings of the North Taunton Development Group, alongside practical assistance given to Taunton Food Bank, Arc (formerly Taunton Association for the Homeless) and Taunton Welcomes Refugees. Support in kind was also given to Pyrland Academy (previously North Taunton Academy) for stationery supplies for students in need as the new academic year opened.

Joint services with our neighbours at Rowbarton Methodist Church continue to be valued part of our programme, as well as our work with them to offer Messy Church four or five times a year.

Many individual church members use household collecting boxes for the Children's Society, though this is changing with the decline in the use of cash. There remains no planned giving from PCC funds, apart from an annual contribution to the Chaplaincy at Pyrland School.

A Health and Safety policy statement approved by the PCC is on display in church and Health and Safety reporting is part of the regular Fabric Report by the churchwarden. Entries are made in the Accident Book and triggers action when required. The policy document regularly reviewed and updated.

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was made by the PCC's architect, Mr Michael Vaughan as the year closed, completed in January 2026.

The Hall Committee has continued to oversee the use of the building and implement planned improvements. At her appointment, the Hall Manager, Cherry Hingston was charged with making marketing of the Hall a particular priority, She has already done some excellent work improving and streamlining the booking procedure and other management systems. The Hall's financial footing is now such that a regular direct debit payment is now made into the PCC account, fulfilling our aim that the Hall should be a source of funding for the church's wider mission.

We continue to enjoy our regular feature newsletter, "Re-Inspire," edited by Ruth Cook. Our weekly electronic and postal mailing continues to aid communication, alongside our website, Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as the traditional weekly newsletter. However, low demand and the cost of equipment for a more effective broadcast spelled the end of livestreamed worship.

St Andrew's has enjoyed the ministry of many curates over the years, and we were blessed with the visit of two more on placement during 2025. In October we received the Revd Rob Cromwell, Curate of St George's Wilton, and in December, the Revd Lucy Davies from St Peter's, Milton in Weston-Super-Mare. Both were able to widen their experiences of ministry as they prepare for new ministries when their title roles come to an end.

The year 2026 will see considerable change with the retirement of our Vicar, the Revd Preb Robin Lodge on 1 February. The Churchwarden and PCC have been prepared for the particular leadership they will need to exercise over the coming year as the Diocese works with them to appoint a successor. We wish Fr Robin a long and fulfilling retirement.

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Financial review

Total receipts on funds were £142,371 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£137,631 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Andrew's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The parish share paid this calendar year was £57,761.

The net result was a surplus of £4,738, including Restricted Funds.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our fund balances in the CBF Church of England deposit funds.

Approved by the PCC on … 17 March 2026 …… and signed on their behalf by David Budd, Churchwarden.

The parish is in Vacancy, as of 1 February 2026.



The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,
Staplegrove, Taunton, TA2 6EJ

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Reciprocal Independent Examination for St Andrew's and St John the Evangelist, Taunton

23 February 2026

Dear Sue

I have carried out an Independent Examination on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025, prepared by your Treasurer Mr Antony Yeo.

I am delighted to confirm that, in my opinion, and having no reasons for concern, they accurately reflect the situation at St Andrew's Church during 2025.

With all good wishes

Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: St Andrew's, Taunton **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31 Dec 2025 Charity Number (if applicable): 1196804

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: [signature] **Date:** 23/02/2026

Name: DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): NONE

Address: 'AVONDALE', RECTORY CLOSE
STAPLEGROVE
TAUNTON TA2 6EW

St Andrew's Taunton 's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts						
Donations and Legacies:						
Planned giving		44,650	-	-	44,650	-
Collections, donations & other giving		24,201	-	-	24,201	-
Income tax recovered		10,396	-	-	10,396	-
Legacies		1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		32,449	-	-	32,449	-
Income from other Properties		18,306	-	-	18,306	-
Annual Fete/events		5,214	-	-	5,214	-
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest & dividends		475	3,112	-	3,587	-
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		1,311	-	-	1,311	
Other Receipts						
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
Other		1,258	-	-	1,258	-
Total Receipts		**139,260**	**3,112**	**-**	**142,372**	**-**
Payments						
Charitable activities:						
Donations/Grants to charities		-	-	-	-	-
Mission & Evangelism		(724)	-	-	(724)	-
Parish Share		(57,761)	-	-	(57,761)	-
Clergy expenses		(3,901)	-	-	(3,901)	-
Church running expenses		(21,637)	-	-	(21,637)	-
Churchyard maintenance		-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds		(522)	-	-	(522)	-
Support costs		(9,884)	-	-	(9,884)	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(34,684)	-	-	(34,684)	-
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other		(4,050)	-	-	(4,050)	-
Major expenditure						
Repairs to church buildings		(4,469)	-	-	(4,469)	-
Repairs to other property		-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions		-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		**(137,632)**	**-**	**-**	**(137,632)**	**-**
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments		**1,628**	**3,112**	**-**	**4,740**	**-**
Transfers between funds		(6,000)	6,000	-	-	-
		(4,372)	9,112	-	4,740	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)		36,163	-	32,656	68,819	
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)		31,791	9,112	32,656	73,559	-

**produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5*

Bank Reconciliation

Account	Account Name/Description	Opening ACTUAL Balance	Transactions In	Transactions Out	ACTUAL Balance
		£68,819.73	**£155,774.14**	**(£150,823.09)**	**£73,770.78**
A	Nat West Current Account U (Cash)	£2,044.40	£111,246.87	(£106,695.53)	**£6,595.74**
B	CBF Fabric Fund D 601034001 D (Cash)	£14,869.47	£7,059.07	-	**£21,928.54**
C	CBF General Fund U 003 D (Cash)	£34,118.28	£2,013.59	-	**£36,131.87**
D	CBF Bell Fund R 005 D (Cash)	£871.26	£39.42	-	**£910.68**
E	Hall Current Account R (Cash)	£8,732.66	£33,758.00	(£34,563.00)	**£7,927.66**
F	New St Andrews Building Account U (Cash)	£8,183.66	£1,657.19	(£9,564.56)	**£276.29**
			-	-	**-**
			-	-	**-**
			-	-	**-**
			-	-	**-**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement Balance Sheet St Andrew's Taunton year ending 31 December 2025

	Account Name	Opening Balance	Money in	Money Out	Statement Balance
A	Natwest Current Account U ("Cash")	2,044.40	111,246.87	-106,695.53	**6,595.74**
B	CBF Fabric Fund D ("Cash")	14,869.47	7,059.07		**21,928.54**
C	CBF General Fund U ("Cash")	34,118.28	2,013.59		**36,131.87**
D	CBF Bell Fund R ("Cash")	871.26	39.42		**910.68**
E	Church Hall Account	8,732.66	33,758.00	-34,563.00	**7,927.66**
F	New St Andrew's Building Fund	8,183.66	1,657.19	-9,564.56	**276.29**
	TOTALS	68,819.73	155,774.14	**-150,823.09**	**73,770.78**

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Assets

We have two investment accounts	CBF Fabric Fund ("Inv")	10677.38
These pay dividends	CBF General Fund ("Inv")	16049.37

Liabilities

Liabilities : Parish Share

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS FOR TAUNTON ST ANDREW 2025

		2025	2024
	Total Income/Expenditure	4738.47	-15751.10
	Receipts		
1	**Tax efficient planned giving**	42,909.27	42,203.54
2	**Other planned giving**	1,741.00	4,496.00
3	**Other collections at services**	722.70	442.89
4	**Other Giving & Donations - Recurring**		
5	**Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring**	9,842.91	8,527.23
6	**Special Appeals**	2951.26	2,527.62
7	**All tax recovered through Gift Aid**	10,395.51	11,235.39
8	**Legacies received**	1,000.00	1,345.20
9	**Recurring Grants**	3302.4	0.00
10	**Non-Recurring Grants**	7,381.98	0.00
11	**Fund Raising Events**	5,213.68	5,222.99
12	**Dividends & Interest**	3586.90	4774.83
13	**Income from Properties**	18,305.80	7,582.70
14	**Total Parochial Fees Income**	1,311.00	1,099.00
15	**Bookstall, Magazine etc**	3.00	0.00
16	**Hall Lettings**	32,446.00	30,620.00
17	**Income from other Church Activities**	64.80	73.48
18	**Insurance Claims**		

19	**Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes**		
20	**Sale of Fixed Assets**		
21	**Service Fee Reimbursement by DBF**		
22	**Other Income**	1,193.00	1,265.00
	Total Receipts	142,371.21	121,415.87

Other income consists mainly of refunds on amounts overpaid or paid for others

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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	Payments	**2025**	2024
30	**Fund Raising Costs**	-408.40	-311.95
31	**Donations to Charities & Mission Giving**		
32	**Parish Share**	-57,761.04	-58,197.00
33	**Salaries & Wages**	-18,465.97	-17,778.20
34	**Clergy Expenses**	-3,901.33	-4,319.66
35	**Other Expenses**	-9883.88	-2512.6
36	**Clergy Housing costs**		
37	**Local Mission and Evangelism Projects**	-724.40	-1155.49
38	**Children/Youth Work costs**		-95.10
39	**Insurance costs**	-4,049.67	-3,966.54
40	**Cleaning costs**	-1300.30	-1010.80

41	**Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance**	-9,698.58	-10,383.84
42	**Administration costs**	-16,218.25	-5,477.28
43	**Other Church Expenses Services**	-923.6	-1726.01
44	**Churchyard Maintenance**		
45	**Flowers**		-6.19
46	**Music costs**	-1217.31	-1237.81
47	**Heating & Lighting costs**	-8,308.11	-12,944.33
48	**Water Rates**	-189.00	-184.00
49	**Costs of Trading**	-113.9	-11.77
50	**Governance Costs**		
51	**Parochial Fees Remittance to DBF**		
52	**Parochial Fees to visiting Minister**		
53	**Parochial Fees to other 3rd party**		
54	**Parochial Fees Remitted to other PCC**		
55	**Service Fee to visiting Minister**		
56	**Payment of costs to other Parishes**		
57	**Deanery Costs**		
58	**Sundry Expenses**		-642.00
59	**Major Repairs to Church Building**	-4,469.00	-15,206.40
60	**Major Repairs to other properties**		
61	**Alterations/Extensions to Church Building**		
	Total Payments	-137,632.74	-137,166.97

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

Balance Sheet			
70	**Loans received**		-
71	**Repayment of Loans**		-
72	**Alterations/Extensions to other Assets**		-
73	**Charities where PCC acts just an agent**		
78	New Fixed Assets (not Investments)		-
79	Purchase of Investments		-
80	Sale of Investments		-
	Total balance sheet income/expenditure		
	TOTAL Income/Expenditure	**4,738.47**	**-15,751.10**

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

		2025	2024
	RECEIPTS		
A	Donations in for Garden of Remembrance AP	70.00	3,517.00
B	Coffee time donations	361.35	418.00
C	Donations in for Messy Church	31.50	43.00
F	Yellow one off envelopes	57.00	75.00
G	Hall receipts	33,758.40	31,948.00
			0.00
	PAYMENTS		0.00
J	Gas -Church	0.00	-693.41
K	Heating Out		0.00
L	Electricity- Church	-5,282.11	-4,549.92
N	Organist	-1,095.00	-1,505.00
O	Parish Administrator	-7,976.00	-7,619.40
P	Phone (admin)	0.00	0.00
U	Website cost	0.00	0.00
V	Vicars expenses	-4,160.65	-4,319.66
W	Messy church expenses	-85.64	-112.14
X	Hall payments total	-34,563.06	-24,790.00

FUNDRAISING DETAILS

RECEIPTS	2025	RECEIPTS	2024
Table top sales	213.00	Table top sales	354
Spring Lunch	479.00	March Lunch	392
Summer Fete	1538.00	Summer Fete	1468
Christmas Market	1966.00	Christmas Market	1742
Easyfundraising	110.00	Easyfundraising	322
Winter Warmer		Winter Warmer	222
Harvest Lunch	347.00	Harvest Lunch	317
Summer Lunch	£246.00	Summer Lunch	362
Spire lighting	475.00	Spire lighting	550
Other			80.00
(recorded as donations)			
	5374.00		5809.00

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HALL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

		2025	2025
		Receipts	Payments
16	Hall lettings inc deposits	33,639.00	
33	Hall salaries inc overtime		-9,395.00
40	Hall cleaning costs		-1,188.00
12	Hall interest in	119.00	
22	Other Income		
41	Hall maintenance		-6,857.00
47	Hall heating and lighting		-3,026.00
39	Hall insurance		-1,159.00
48	Hall water		-189.00
58	Hall sundry expenses (misc minus water)		
42	Hall admin		-1,749.00
58	Transfer to Church		-11,000.00
	Totals	**33,758.00**	**-34,563.00**

2024 Receipts	2024 Payments
31,885.00	
	-8,585.00
	-811.00
63.00	
	-4,291.00
	-7,141.00
	-1,313.00
	-184.00
	-719.00
	-746.00
	-1,000.00
31,948.00	**-24,790.00**

Parish Finance Return

The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted using their webportal at:
http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/

Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2025

Parish code: (6 digits)	11358	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery:	Taunton
Parish name:	St Andrew's Taunton		Diocese:	Bath & Wellls

	INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Voluntary income/ receipts		
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 42,909	£ -
2	Other planned giving	£ 1,741	£ -
3	Collections at services	£ 723	£ -
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 12,794	£ -
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 10,396	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 1,000	£ -
8	Grants [Include recurring and one-off)	£ 10,684	£ -
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	**£ 80,247**	**£ -**
	Activities for generating funds		
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 5,214	£ -
	Income from investments		
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 21,893	£ -
	Church activities		
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 1,311	£ -
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ 32,514	£ -
	Other incoming resources		
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£ 1,193	£ -
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
A	Unrestricted	£ 142,372	
B	Restricted	£ -	
C	TOTAL	£ 142,372	
	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES		
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers		
15	Number of other planned givers		
16	Number of new legacies received		

This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook

	RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Costs of generating income		
17	Fund-raising activites (costs and payments)	£ 408	£ -
	Church activities		
18	Mission giving and donations	£ -	£ -
19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 57,761	£ -
20	Salaries, wages and honararia	£ 18,466	£ -
21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 13,785	£ -
	Church expenses		
22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	£ 724	£ -
23	Church running expenses	£ 33,408	£ -
24	Church utility bills	£ 8,497	£ -
25	Cost of trading	£ 114	£ -
	Major capital expenditure		
27	Major repairs to the church building	£ 4,469	£ -
28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ -	£ -
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ -	£ -
	SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	**£ 137,224**	**£ -**
26	Governance costs	£ -	£ -
99	Other outgoing resources/ payments	£ -	£ -
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
D	Unrestricted	£ 137,632	
E	Restricted	£ -	
F	TOTAL	£ 137,632	

	Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31 Dec 2025	£ 40,901	£ 32,656
32	Investments as at 31 Dec 2025	£ 16049	£ 10677
	Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)		
30	**Receipts and payments [X]**	Accruals [ ]	

**produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5*

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, **2013**.

Date	
Name	
Position	
Telephone or email	

Looking back across 2016, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? ***Please provide details in the box below.***

Payments

	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities				**0**	0
Mission & Evangelism	-724			**-724**	-1,251
Parish Share	-57,761			**-57,761**	-58,197
Clergy expenses	-3,901			**-3,901**	-4,320
Church running expenses	-21,637			**-21,637**	-27,493
Churchyard maintenance				**0**	0
Cost of raising funds	-522			**-522**	-324
Support costs	-9,884			**-9,884**	-2,513
Administration costs	-34,684			**-34,684**	-23,255
Governance Costs				**0**	0
Other(incl insurance)	-4,050			**-4,050**	-4,609
Major expenditure				**0**	
Repairs to church buildings	-4,469			**-4,469**	-15,206
Repairs to other property				**0**	0
Capital purchases/additions				**0**	0
Loan repayments				**0**	0
Total payments	-137,632	0	0	-137,632	-137,168
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,628	3,112	0	4,740	-15,752

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH TAUNTON

Receipts and Payments Accounts for year ending 31 December 2025

Receipts	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies:				-	-
Planned giving	44,650			44,650	46,700
Collections, donations & other giving	24,201			24,201	11,498
Income tax recovered	10,396			10,396	11,235
Legacies	1,000			1,000	1,345
Other Trading activities				-	
Magazine/Bookstall /Hall Lettings etc	32,449			32,449	30,620
Income from other Properties	18,306			18,306	7,583
Annual Fete/events	5,214			5,214	5,223
Receipts from Investments:				-	
Interest & dividends	475	3112		3,587	4,775
Receipts from Charitable activities:				-	
Parochial fees	1,311			1,311	1,099
Other Receipts				-	
Insurance claims				-	
Sale proceeds from fixed assets				-	
Loans received				-	
Other	1,258			1,258	1,338
Total Receipts	139,260	3,112	-	142,372	121,416

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined



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The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,

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Reciprocal Independent Examination for St Andrew's and St John the Evangelist, Taunton

23 February 2026

Dear Sue

I have carried out an Independent Examination on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025, prepared by your Treasurer Mr Antony Yeo.

I am delighted to confirm that, in my opinion, and having no reasons for concern, they accurately reflect the situation at St Andrew's Church during 2025.

With all good wishes



Independent Examiner's Certificate
for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: St Andrew's, Taunton **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31 DEC 2025 Charity Number (if applicable): 1196804

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: [signature] **Date:** 23/02/2026

Name: DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): NONE

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