Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish Benefice of Scartho, St Giles with St Matthew, May 2026

St. Giles with St. Matthew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has responsibility, with the Rector, Reverend Sheena Cleaton, and the churchwardens, of joining in with God's mission and carrying out the work of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, throughout the parish of Scartho, St Giles with St Matthew. The PCC maintains the church building, the small parish hall and large church hall. Revd Sheena is responsible for the churchyard. This report considers aspects of our life together during 2025, focussing on the financial year (1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025).

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29.11)

Our plans during this last year seemed, at first, to have been thwarted: consider the small hall and how we did not get funding, and yet many of us believe we have seen God work amongst us even so (see Cath Gregory's report, appendix 2) for more details). Arguably, community flourished and prayers were answered in a way we would not have experienced had we received the money we wanted. Though the words in Jeremiah were for God's people of old written long ago, surely they are for us too. In God we place our future and our hope. The following further underpins our desire to place our purposes into God's plans for us.

The PCC meets 6 times a year; during 2025 there was an average attendance of 81% over all meetings. Our address is St Giles Church Hall, Church Lane, Scartho, Grimsby, DN33 2EU. PCC members are elected according to Church Representative Rules. Our PCC consists of ex officio members: Revd Sheena Cleaton (Rector, and Chair), Karen Clark (churchwarden), Marilyn Grantham (churchwarden), Heather Morton (lay-reader who is also an elected PCC member) Mike Pickwell (lay-chair, also an elected PCC member. Mike is also our safeguarding officer and electoral roll officer), Christopher Slater (Treasurer, also elected PCC member). Elected members are Stuart Blackbourn, Shirley Campbell, Ian Cook, Corrina Coulson (co-opted), Steve Coulson (also responsible for Health and Safety and Estate Management) Carolyn Davis, Cath Gregory, Lynn Nunn. Karen Powell is the PCC secretary. During 2025, there were 76 on roll (with 3 leaving during the year). At the time of writing this report, 74 are currently on the roll (with 1 joining during the year).

Prayer, reflection and special services:

Prayer is central to our church family, and, as part of that, intercessions at the Sunday 10am Eucharist are led by several congregation members. Should anyone be interested in joining the team, support would be given. Prayer is a day-to-day aspect of our lives and we encourage each other in this during the week. Morning Prayer is said on Friday mornings (all are welcome to come along). 'Quiet Space' offers an opportunity for space and prayer. We started opening the church to the public twice a month for

an hour on a Thursday as a Quiet Space in February 2025. We thank Cath Gregorgy, Heather Morton and Lynn Nunn for initiating this, and they report: 'We have maintained this space throughout the year (closing only for New Year's Day 2026), operating with 2 or 3 church members (DBS checked and who have completed basic safeguarding training). While numbers have always been in single figures, we have never opened with no-one attending, even in inclement weather! Other than normal greetings and farewells, we do not initiate conversations. Some visitors will start brief conversation with whoever is on the door, especially as they leave. Some need longer conversation, and that is conducted outside the door, so as not to disturb people inside. People who attend are a range of adult ages; some attend just once, others become regulars. Some are congregation members, most are not. Some travel quite a distance to share the quiet, having found us on Facebook. We provide prayer-cards and bookmarks for people to take away if they wish, and a prayer box. This box is opened and requests for prayer read when Morning Prayer is held the next day.'

Music is an important part of our worship. The choir is very much committed to supporting church services. Despite fewer in number they enjoy weekly practices and endeavour to learn new anthems and music. Many thanks and welcome back to the members who have recently returned to the choir after a break. New members are always welcome. Fewer in number this year, Christmas was a challenge but thanks to a wonderfully supportive congregation who turned out to the Carol singing and swelled the volume the choir was able to raise much needed funds for the Small Hall work. The choir extends grateful thanks to Anne Brown who generously offered the use of her home whilst the Small Hall is not available. This has been most welcome as the choir still wished to continue their practice time. We are grateful to Shirley Dunford for all her hard work, as well as Ruth Adamson. Ruth plays on a regular monthly basis and is a valued addition to the team.

Reading and studying the Bible is encouraged. Some members of the congregation of St. Giles continue to attend home groups for Bible Study led by members of the Methodist Church. During Lent, as has become a custom over the last few years, one of these groups met in St. Giles meeting room. This was well attended by members of both churches. Revd Sheena, with Heather Morton, has been running a Confirmation Preparation course (and, as many of you know, it was wonderful to see two of our congregation Confirmed in early 2026).

All-age services, held on the first Sunday of each month, are an important part of our worship. We also received good feedback on the Christingle, many appreciating the atmosphere of the church building. The 'Crib and Carol' service (in the large hall) was well received. Events in our large hall seem are effective partly due to the offering of a more informal and accessible space. We inform schools and local Rainbows, Brownie, Beavers, Cubs and Scout groups and publicise on social media.

Mindful of those who cannot get to church, we visit and take Holy Communion to a number of people in their home. Revd Sheena, with

Heather Morton, are building a fuller pastoral team (to be developed in conjunction with safeguarding and relevant training).

Services of worship, prayer and spirituality, and key life events

Revd Sheena, with the PCC, is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship, encouraging growing in faith through prayer, Bible teaching, music and sacrament. Our pattern of worship focuses round the 10am Sunday Parish Eucharist, Thursday 10am Holy Communion, Sunday 8am Holy Communion (1st Sunday of month), All-age Praise 10am (1st Sunday of month). The Church of England nationally gathers statistics annually, using October as representative. Thus, during October 2025, our average weekly attendance (Sundays and midweek) was 51. Significantly more attend at key festivals. We also hold Evening Prayer on the second Sunday of each month on Zoom.

The 'occasionals':

Weddings, baptisms and funerals, are central to mission and ministry. We offer God's blessing at weddings, celebrate new life at baptisms, and walk alongside people in their grief. Revd Sheena aims to keep strong connections with families and wedding couples (many of whom come to services at key festivals). During 2025 we held 15 baptisms. Revd Sheena thanks the stewards who assist so ably. Regular preparation sessions are held where families explore faith, and what it means to follow Jesus (usually held on a Saturday morning, preparation often involves chocolate and bubbles!). We held 7 weddings during 2025. We have already held 3 weddings this year (2026) with more to come, including a renewal of wedding vows (and we have taken enquiries for a number during 2027 and 2028). We are grateful to a wonderful team: Shirley Campbell, Barbara Limb, Corrina Coulson, Carol Blackbourn, Shirley Dunford, and Ruth Adamson. We have a brilliant team of bell-ringers, who cover most weddings and special events, and we so appreciate all those who clean the church, and who decorate the church (thanks to Carol Blackbourn for such beautiful flower arrangements).

Bereavement ministry is a key part of who we are. We have an excellent team, providing pastoral support, overseeing funerals, as well as interments of ashes. We have firm working relationships with funeral directors. We are grateful to Heather Morton, lay-reader, for her sensitivity, dedication and understanding, and also Corrina Coulson for managing the very necessary administrative aspects so expertly. During 2025 we held 15 funeral services in church, 6 crematorium services, and 7 interments of ashes. Revd Sheena manages memorial applications, and we thank Steve and Corrina Coulson, Les Brown, Stuart and Carol Blackbourn, and Andrew Waterson, for maintaining the churchyard. Shirley Campbell manages the faculties. This takes much energy, enabling us to offer a place of solace.

Hospitality, and outreach, stewardship and resources

Halls:

We are grateful to Corrina Coulson for managing the halls; these help facilitate our engagement with the wider community. For more details see

appendix 1. Corrina also notes that the church building is opened during the year on particular occasions (e.g. Christmas, Mothering Sunday weekend) for people to be able to come in, perhaps light a candle, or/and remember a loved one (thank you Steve and Corrina for making this happen). We are exploring how we might develop this for future years. We are excited by the progress of the Small Hall Redevelopment, and – again – we would direct you to appendix 2.

For a number of years (starting during lockdown, 2020), we have supplied the food bank at Old Clee with donations collected in the Large Hall car park each Thursday morning; this continued throughout 2025. Unfortunately, earlier this year (2026), due to the loss of their main volunteer and lack of people able to take over, the food bank had to close. After a period of time, while we looked at other options, we are now supporting the work of the *We Are One Foundation*. This organisation not only operates a food bank but also supplies cooked meals and runs a food larder where people are able to shop for a number of items for a set contribution. We look forward to developing our relationship with them. We also continue to support the work of Harbour Place with donations collected in church, of food and clothing. When a member of the congregation 'slept out' this February as part of the annual fundraiser the congregation were generous in sponsorship.

Mid-week activities:

Activities during the week are so important, so we regret that the 'Ladies Group' ceased meeting after having gathered together for over 60 years. With member numbers reducing, they decided that 2025 would be the last year. We give thanks for all this group has provided in terms of fellowship; grateful to Sheila Smith and all who have faithfully organised events. We thank them so much for their generous donation.

Monday Makers, now in its 4th year, continues with a loyal group of about 12 members. We share skills, friendship and cake and attendees are full of enthusiasm for new crafts and projects. Some of our members are not church goers which extends outreach and fellowship. New members are always welcome to meet on the first Monday of each month. Thank you to Heather Pickwell for making this happen.

During 2025, as Shirley Campell reports, the Social Committee held 6 successful events spread throughout the year raising much needed funds for our church. Our lunches are proving to be very successful and each year the numbers attending seem to be steadily growing. We start the year off with a Burns Lunch, followed in May with Christian Aid Lunch. During the summer we hold a large Summer Fair in the small hall grounds, then come October, our Harvest Lunch. November, we hold our Autumn Fair and lastly in December Turkey & Tinsel Lunch. All these events are largely supported by the whole community of Scartho. Since February 2025, we have also run a monthly coffee morning to raise extra funding to help with the restoration of the small church hall, which have been hugely successful. We are grateful to Shirley and dedicated group of volunteers for their hard work.

Publicity:

It was with much regret that we ceased publishing the church magazine at the start of 2025, and we are grateful for all those involved with its publication and distribution. We continue to explore other ways of publicity.

In 2022, we launched 'Friends of St Giles' newsletter, and continue to distribute. Cath Gregory reports "Friends of St Giles" are not worshippers at St Giles, but people who either have a love of the building, its churchyard, or its history or who see it as an important part of the Scartho community. We send a bi-monthly newsletter out to keep our "Friends" connected to church activities and public events at the halls. So, for instance we would mention the Summer Fair or Community Choir Concerts or our Fundraising Coffee mornings at the Halls, or Open Days or the Quiet Space or Christmas services at church. The focus is on those events the Friends might be interested in attending. This is currently a small but growing group, so if you know anyone who might wish to become a Friend of St Giles, please let us know. There is no financial commitment!

We publicise through our own website as well as the Church of England *A Church Near You* webpages. We also post updates regularly on social media.

Schools:

Our work with schools continues to develop, with schools regularly visiting our church for festivals (e.g. Harvest, Christmas, Easter). Revd Sheena also visits the schools regularly for collective worship, meeting with staff and pupils. One school in particular welcomes her to just 'pop in'. Quite often, they make things to contribute to celebrations (e.g. poppies on Remembrance Sunday, and stars at Christmas). They also visit in order to learn more about the Christian faith (in previous years we have even held a mock wedding!). We also made links with the new school on Scartho Top: Scartho Gateway Academy, leading collective worship at Harvest and Christmas, and look forward to developing this.

Finance:

We are grateful for the hard work of our treasurer, Christopher Slater, who reports:

1. Synopsis

A year when our prayers for guidance with our efforts to refurbish the Small Hall were answered. After the disappointment of seeing earlier work come to nothing as a result of very high costs, our team took the decision to redefine the work scope, and focus on fund raising and volunteer recruitment to achieve our aims. Out of this came the story of 2025 finances. The Small Hall Group introduced regular fund raising social events which not only increased donations in their own right but helped to instil the idea of fund raising on a wider level. We are thankful for the many donations, from both individuals and organisations, which gave us the boost to go ahead with the project.

2. Financial Surplus

We achieved a surplus this year of £11,132. This is a considerable improvement on the deficit of £15,833 incurred in 2024.

3. Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £102,545, a reduction of £5,693 on last year (5.3%). We reduced our Covenant Pledge for 2025 by £5,000. Despite this reduction the £40,000 was still our highest cost, representing 39% of overall expenditure. Church yard upkeep was the next highest cost at £13,748, a significant increase on 2024. This was as a result of the need to attend to a dangerous tree, the remedial work costing almost £10,000.

Utilities cost a total of £9,891 across our three buildings. £4,773 (48%) of this was for the Large Hall. The total is considerably less than 2024 but the costs were skewed by a smart meter fault discovered on the Church gas supply. This led to an overcharge in 2024 which was corrected by a series of credits in the latter part of 2025.

Repairs and maintenance costs totalled £4,766 for the three buildings, three quarters of which was for the Church. This total was significantly lower than 2024 when the Large Hall was re-decorated.

In the latter quarter of the year we made initial payments of £8,467 for the Small Hall Project. The major part of this was for timber materials for the new windows.

Other significant spends were grass cutting at £5,738, Insurance at £4,487 and Funeral Expenses at £4,478

4. Income

Most of our revenue streams performed well throughout the year giving us a total annual income of £113,667. This was an increase over 2024 of 23%.

Our Large Hall continued to be well used by a variety of organisations and members of the community and remains a valuable asset of our Church. Hiring fees totalled £42,738, an increase of £8,573 (25%) compared to 2024. Conversely, the Small Hall fees fell to £3,904, a drop of £2,571 (40%). This could have been as a result of the impending closure for refurbishment influencing potential users.

Despite the fall off from the Small Hall, total hiring fees at £46,642 was an increase of £6,000, almost 15% higher than the previous year. These hiring fees achieved 41% of our total income. A repeated thanks to all involved in the running of the halls, particularly Corrina and Steve.

Regular givings and gift aid totalled £17,580 which was slightly up on last year. Envelope income and cash collections fell to £6,395, a reduction of £4,000. The success of the Small Hall fund raising initiatives throughout most of the year will have impacted regular givings so much of this short fall will have been recovered in the hall fund.
The Total of givings and donations throughout the year was £29,210. This represented 25% of total income

5. Other Income

The icing on the cake this year was the initiative implemented by the very hard working Small Hall Project Group to encourage donations and to seek grants for the hall refurbishment. This included the introduction of monthly coffee mornings which have proved a huge success. The result of this was a total contribution of £16,708 which was ring fenced specifically for this project and which included a number of significant private donations. The generosity of our congregation and community was amazing and we should thank everyone who has contributed

however large or small the donation. Thanks also to the members of the Group, led by “Project Manager” Cath Gregory. We will continue the efforts to raise funds into 2026 when the work starts. We expect to see a number of successes in obtaining grants to help us achieve our aim of a modernised and improved hall for the benefit of our church community.

Our Social Committee was, as ever, very active and organised a number of events and lunches throughout the year. These raised £4,068 and provided opportunities for us to enjoy fellowship and good food. Thanks to the Social Committee and all involved, with special recognition to Shirley Campbell for her organisational skills.

Wedding and funerals fees achieved £15,382, up 18%, most of which was sadly from funerals. Our Church remains a popular venue for weddings, thanks to its peaceful setting and attractive internal decorations. Thanks to the members of the congregation who help create the decorations.

6. Charitable Giving

Our regular donations were repeated in 2025. These included the local charities - Grimsby Food Kitchen, St Francis Community Larder and St Andrew’s Hospice. Donations were also made to Embrace the Middle East and The Royal British Legion. Our charitable givings totalled £2,260.

7. Small Hall Project

Throughout the year the Project Team spent a considerable time preparing plans and ideas for starting work on both fund raising, working activities and sourcing facilities needed for the hall. These included identifying potential grant opportunities and companies and individuals prepared to offer services (paid and voluntary). The fund raising became a huge success and enabled us to initially commit to starting work in November. Unfortunately this did not materialise due to circumstances outside our control, the work starting in early 2026. Total funds ring fenced for the project finished the year at £16,708. The PCC approved the allocation of £20,000 to a reserve fund for use on the hall.

The work is now well underway and further funding has been forthcoming in 2026 to enable activities to proceed. This has been aided by a small force of volunteers who have been involved in much of the work done so far. We are most grateful to those helpers.

8. Acknowledgements

My thanks to all who have helped with the administration, use of the halls, the Small Hall Team and the Finance Team. The latter have been a great help to me over the last three years.

Thanks yet again to Rev. Sheena, my colleagues on the PCC and members of the Finance Team, who have all been supportive and uplifting throughout the year.

Safeguarding:

The PCC takes safeguarding seriously and complies with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty being to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Safeguarding is discussed by the PCC and is an item on every Standing Committee and PCC meeting. We have a Safeguarding sub-committee who regularly review the PCC Parish Safeguarding Policy in

agreement with the whole PCC. Relevant/new members of the PCC keep their safeguarding training up-to-date, and DBS checks are always completed. We have reviewed 'safer recruitment' processes to be compliant with national Bishops' guidelines and Charity Commission law.

Wider church – Deanery and ecumenical links

During 2025, joint Deanery meetings of the Haverstoe Deanery and Grimsby and Cleethorpes Deaneries continued (see Deanery Synod report by Heather Morton, Deanery Rep). In 2024, Revd Sheena was proposed as oversight minister for the parishes of St Peter and St Paul, Tetney and St Peter's, Holton Le Clay (yet to be made official). Revd Sheena has taken funerals and baptisms as well as Sunday services in these churches and gets involved with other social events. It is hoped that the three churches of St Peter and St Paul, St Peter's and St Giles will come together more often (congregation members from Tetney and Holton Le Clay have visited St Giles). On occasion, Revd Sheena has taken services in other parts of the Deanery (including weddings, baptisms, funerals and services of Holy Communion), and Heather Morton also regularly leads service at other churches in the area. Revd Julie Donn is Partnership Dean of North East Lincolnshire with Ruth Brewin as lay lead. Julie is also Rural Dean of both deaneries with Revd Matt Rodgers as Assistant Rural Dean of Grimsby and Cleethorpes, and Revd Christine Goldsmith, Assistant Rural Dean of Haverstoe (although Christine has had to step down at the moment for health reasons).

We serve alongside other church groups within Churches Together in North-East Lincolnshire (CTNEL), and in Scartho. CTNEL meet for prayer on the 10th of each month. Each month is at a different venue lead by a member of that church. Over the last year the meeting has twice been at St. Giles. Churches Working Together in Scartho meet on approximately a 2 monthly basis to plan for joint activities. St Giles joined with Scartho Methodist for Pentecost, and also helped with the water station for the Grimsby run. There was a very well attended Advent service at the Methodist church. The Ashing Service at St. Giles was attended by members of both churches. The Walk of Witness on Good Friday began at St. Giles Large Hall and finished at the Methodist Church with readings along the way by members of both churches. It was very well attended and included members of at least 5 denominations.

From the above, we can see that the work of our church has continued growing through 2025, and, with that in mind, we express our thanks to our churchwardens, Karen Clark and Marilyn Granthm; both new to this, they have embraced their roles with such enthusiasm and dedication – we are grateful. Thanks goes to our church treasurer, Christopher Slater, for careful oversight of finances. We are grateful to Karen Powell, our PCC secretary, for her commitment and attention to detail. And we so appreciate all who enable our community to flourish and make mission and ministry possible. Let us then give thanks to our ever-faithful God, who, loving us, has given us so much, and sends us to the world to serve and love those around as Christ serves and loves us. As we continue to follow God's call on our lives, and discover his plans for us, as his family, together, let us pray our parish prayer:

Eternal God,
whose love is ever present to all people,
sustain us as we endeavour to nurture,
through prayer and action,
the community in which we live.
Grant us the vision to widen our horizons and reach out to all,
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Appendix 1: Halls Report

Hall bookings are still going well, and hopefully once the small hall is open again we can get back to normality as I know regular users have missed using this space. I have also got some people wanting to come and have a look at the hall once the works have been completed, so hopefully we will have some new hirers to welcome. Working alongside Scartho In Bloom has been another good year, raising funds for the small hall and SIB funds as well, by running beginners crochet classes which have gone down very well. The SIB team also help Steve and I with jobs/tasks around the halls and churchyard which is very much appreciated. We also had a sourdough presentation by Ernie from "My place Grimsby" which raised funds for his place, it was well attended and everyone went home with a sourdough starter pack and instructions, we are hoping to do other demonstrations later in the year. I have been contacted by the "Lincolnshire Talent Competition" organiser to host an event in June, and if successful further events will be held throughout the year.
[Corrina Coulson]

Appendix 2. Small Hall Renovation Project, Progress Report

As we reported during the year, we were unable to secure the funding necessary we needed to proceed with our original project plan. The Small Hall Project Group realised that we could possibly fund a less ambitious plan, if we project managed it ourselves, and carried it out bit by bit, as money became available. We have been amazed by the wonderful generosity of so many people in the congregation and in the local community via our GoFundMe Facebook page. We would also like to thank the following organisations who have donated or pledged money to the Small Hall:
The Bernard Sunley Foundation; St Giles Ladies Group; Scartho Community Choir; Scartho in Bloom Crochet Class; Ron Shepherd/NELC ward funding; Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions Scheme; Grimsby Rotary; Grimsby Cleethorpes Lions; and of course, our own PCC!

Where we are now

At the time of writing, (late April 2026) Stage 1 of the renovation is well under way. By the time of the APCM, we anticipate that the first stage will be complete. The main works include:

- Replacing the timbers above the main entrance, rendering and painting the area.
- Installing new timber double glazed windows.
- Reboarding the main hall.
- Rewiring the whole building and installing all new electrical works.
- Installing new radiators and a new boiler
- Creating a larger kitchen area and installing a new kitchen, with hatch.
- Installing new flooring; painting throughout.

Our Contractors

As a Group, we want to thank all our contractors for what they have done, sometimes at short notice, sometimes just at cost and sometimes for free. We really appreciate their contribution. Thank you also to volunteers from Scartho in Bloom for helping with several tasks. We want to record our great appreciation to two volunteers. First to Steve Coulson, who is part of the Small Hall Group, who project manages the works and supervises the contractors. Also, to Laurie Burt, a friend of one of our congregation. Between them they have put in a great deal of time and a herculean amount of physical effort in stripping out and reboarding the hall, making the hatch, and building and installing the kitchen. And done all the painting and assisted the joiner with the external works! We cannot thank them enough for what they have done.

<u>The second stage of the works will include:</u>
Renovating the current Ladies into a fully accessible toilet, which will also function as the Ladies.
Renovating the Gents toilets.
Renewing the path from the door to the gate to give easy wheelchair access to the building.
We hope to complete these works, as funding allows, later this year.
Finally, to all those who have kept us going with your prayers and support, thank you from the Small Hall Group!
[Cath Gregory]

THE CHURCH OF ST GILES WITH ST MATTHEWS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Cash on Plate	1 758		3 587	
Envelopes	3 639		5 255	
Gift Aid	17 580		17 291	
Tax Recoverable				
		22 977		26 133
Other Collections				
Weddings	170		164	
Baptisms	425		1 030	
Funerals	403		417	
		998		1 611
P.C.C. Fees (Net)				
Weddings	2 271		2 752	
Funerals	13 111		10 296	
		15 382		13 048
Total St Giles Income		39 357		40 792
Other Income				
Fund Raising	2 908		3 108	
Bank Interest	126		163	
Donations	2 970		2 309	
Church Halls	46 642		40 640	
Magazines	125		996	
Sundry Sales	4 841		4 397	
Flower Fund	-		-	
Small Hall Project Donations	16 708		-	
		74 320		51 613
Total Annual Income Prior to Adjustments		113 677		92 405
Adjustments				
Grant Received 2017-19				
Grant Received 2023				
Total Annual Income		113 677		92 405

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	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS				
Clergy Expenses		3 000		3 000
Church Services				
Altar	290		1 351	
Organ & Choir	2 445		2 473	
		2 735		3 824
Church Building				
Heat, Light and Water	3 434		4 523	
Insurance	4 487		4 407	
Maintenance	3 484		4 443	
		11 405		13 373
Churchyard (Net)		13 748		4 562
General				
Printing and Stationery	739		1 830	
Sundries	1 046		2 950	
Phone	1 331		1 253	
IT	1 388		1 491	
Social Committee				
Employment Costs	5 019		3 210	
Training				
Charitable Giving	2 260		1 984	
		11 783		12 718
Other Expenses				
Parish Share	40 761		45 000	
Bank Charges	295		395	
Accountancy Fees	1 184		780	
Small Hall Project	8 467		-	
Church Halls	9 167		24 586	
		59 874		70 761
Total Annual Costs Prior to Adjustments		102 545		108 238
Adjustment Grant Spent				
TOTAL PAYMENTS		102 545		108 238

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	2025			2024
	Large Hall	Small Hall	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Lettings	42 738	3 904	46 642	40 640
Expenses				
Heat, Light and Water	4 773	1 684	6 457	8 640
Repairs	998	284	1 282	12 320
Cleaning / Hygiene	7	21	28	951
Admin, Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	-
Grounds	225	1 175	1 400	2 675
Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	6 003	3 164	9 167	24 586
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	36 735	740	37 475	16 054

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		Dec-25 £		Dec-24 £	
Fixed Assets					
	Grants For Hall		(178)		(178)
Current Assets					
	Barclays Current Account	37 066		25 934	
	CBF Deposit Fund	98 933		93 700	
	Short Term deposit Account	364		364	
	Cash Account	-		-	
			136 363		119 998
Liabilities					
	Other Creditors	780		780	
	General Fund	52 433		47 200	
	Fabric Fund	45 000		45 000	
	Bequest Fund	-		-	
	Home Mission Fund	750		750	
	Bell Restoration	750		750	
			99 713		94 480
		99 713		94 480	
Net Assets			36 472		25 340
Reserves					
	Excess / Deficit In Year	11 132		(15 833)	
	Opening Balance	25 340		41 173	
			36 472		25 340

Signed By

Chris Slater

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Envelopes	3 639		5 255	
Gift Aid	17 580		17 291	
Tax Recoverable				
		22 977		26 133
Other Collections				
Weddings	170		164	
Baptisms	425		1 030	
Funerals	403		417	
		998		1 611
P.C.C. Fees (Net)				
Weddings	2 271		2 752	
Funerals	13 111		10 296	
		15 382		13 048
Total St Giles Income		39 357		40 792
Other Income				
Fund Raising	2 908		3 108	
Bank Interest	126		163	
Donations	2 970		2 309	
Church Halls	46 642		40 640	
Magazines	125		996	
Sundry Sales	4 841		4 397	
Flower Fund	-		-	
Small Hall Project Donations	16 708		-	
		74 320		51 613
Total Annual Income Prior to Adjustments		113 677		92 405
Adjustments				
Grant Received 2017-19				
Grant Received 2023				
Total Annual Income		113 677		92 405

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	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS				
Clergy Expenses		3 000		3 000
Church Services				
Altar	290		1 351	
Organ & Choir	2 445		2 473	
		2 735		3 824
Church Building				
Heat, Light and Water	3 434		4 523	
Insurance	4 487		4 407	
Maintenance	3 484		4 443	
		11 405		13 373
Churchyard (Net)		13 748		4 562
General				
Printing and Stationery	739		1 830	
Sundries	1 046		2 950	
Phone	1 331		1 253	
IT	1 388		1 491	
Social Committee				
Employment Costs	5 019		3 210	
Training				
Charitable Giving	2 260		1 984	
		11 783		12 718
Other Expenses				
Parish Share	40 761		45 000	
Bank Charges	295		395	
Accountancy Fees	1 184		780	
Small Hall Project	8 467		-	
Church Halls	9 167		24 586	
		59 874		70 761
Total Annual Costs Prior to Adjustments		102 545		108 238
Adjustment Grant Spent				
TOTAL PAYMENTS		102 545		108 238

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	2025			2024
	Large Hall	Small Hall	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Lettings	42 738	3 904	46 642	40 640
Expenses				
Heat, Light and Water	4 773	1 684	6 457	8 640
Repairs	998	284	1 282	12 320
Cleaning / Hygiene	7	21	28	951
Admin, Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	-
Grounds	225	1 175	1 400	2 675
Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	6 003	3 164	9 167	24 586
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	36 735	740	37 475	16 054

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		Dec-25 £		Dec-24 £	
Fixed Assets					
	Grants For Hall		(178)		(178)
Current Assets					
	Barclays Current Account	37 066		25 934	
	CBF Deposit Fund	98 933		93 700	
	Short Term deposit Account	364		364	
	Cash Account	-		-	
			136 363		119 998
Liabilities					
	Other Creditors	780		780	
	General Fund	52 433		47 200	
	Fabric Fund	45 000		45 000	
	Bequest Fund	-		-	
	Home Mission Fund	750		750	
	Bell Restoration	750		750	
			99 713		94 480
		99 713		94 480	
Net Assets			36 472		25 340
Reserves					
	Excess / Deficit In Year	11 132		(15 833)	
	Opening Balance	25 340		41 173	
			36 472		25 340

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