



Kingswood Parish



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

The **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** of the Benefice of Kingswood in the Diocese of Bristol, has the responsibility of promoting throughout the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings of Holy Trinity Church and The Church of the Ascension.

This report, gives a summary of our activities in 2025 and seeks to celebrate all that God has been doing as well as demonstrate the good stewardship of our resources.

Overview of the Year

The past year has been one of faith, fellowship, and steady growth across the Parish of Kingswood. Our life together continues to be rooted in worship and strengthened by community, guided by the Holy Spirit as we honour our traditions while embracing new and emerging expressions of faith.

We have seen gentle but encouraging growth in attendance, welcoming new faces and new perspectives into our congregations.

We give heartfelt thanks for the ministry offered by our Licensed Lay Ministers, our clergy team, and the many volunteers whose faithful service sustains both Holy Trinity and the Church of the Ascension. The introduction of a new Welcome Team at Holy Trinity has helped nurture a culture of hospitality and belonging, while the “Together to Worship” services with Hanham Parish have continued to build unity and shared mission.

Our commitment to *fresh expressions of church* continues to bear fruit. The EXPLORE and Messy Church communities offer creative and accessible ways for families and individuals to encounter God, often acting as gateways for those who have little prior connection with church life. Both ministries have continued to grow in attendance and depth of relationship, helping children and adults alike to embark on faith journeys shaped by joy, storytelling, and shared discovery.

Outreach and pastoral care remain core to who we are. Through ongoing partnerships with local schools, hundreds of children have experienced church as a place of learning, celebration, and welcome. Initiatives like the Easter Adventure, Nativity Trail, and Community Carols have creatively told the story of God’s love to our wider Kingswood community. Regular groups such as Lunchbox, Friends and Neighbours, and H.A.R.T.S. offer fellowship, friendship, and pastoral support, helping to reduce isolation and provide connection for those who most need it.

The Mission Support Group has continued its generous outreach both locally and globally, supporting organisations from WaterAid and Save the Children to Mercy Ships and Maji Safi. Their faithful work reminds us that our calling extends far beyond our parish boundaries.

Safeguarding remains a top priority. Our policies and practice are regularly reviewed, training is well-attended, and DBS checks remain up to date. We maintain a Level 3 safeguarding status—the highest level—which reflects our commitment to ensuring that our churches remain safe and welcoming spaces for all.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector	Rev. Beverley Charles
Associate Vicar	Rev. Steve Dyson Rev. Chris Evans
Curate	Rev Kathy Prosser Rev Catriona Rawlins
Wardens (ex Officio):	Gill Godfrey (<i>one post vacant</i>)
Deanery Synod (ex Officio):	Rob Elliott Francis Hearne
Elected Members:	Kathryn Gulliford Cath Hayer Janet Hill Leta Hutchins Graham Jury Mandy Newport Colleen Mercer Jacqueline Owen Joan Reeves
Safeguarding Officer	Mary Whyatt
Treasurer	John Godfrey
Secretary	Cath Hayer

ADMINISTRATION

Bankers	HSBC National Westminster Bank
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Independent Financial Examiners

Parish level:	Paul Taylor
HTKDCC	John Godfrey
ASCDCC	Graham Jury
Mission	John Godfrey
HTK Restoration	Audrey Higbey

MEMBERSHIP

Electoral Roll 2026 - 56, (56 - 2025)

MINISTRY TEAM

The Ministry Team is made up of the Team Rector – Rev. Beverley Charles, Associate Vicar – Rev. Steve Dyson, Associate Vicar – Rev. Chris Evans, Curates – Rev. Kathy Prosser and Rev Catriona Rawlins and Lay Ministers – Janet Donnelly and Joan Reeves.

David Prosser has joined the team in a lay capacity leading on aspects of mission and outreach, including Explore, Schools work and Discipleship.

STATISTICS FOR MISSION

Normal Sunday Attendance	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025
HOLY TRINITY	52	29	33	36	40
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION	16	19	20	21	19
ALL SOULS	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL ADULTS	78	48	53	57	59
EXPLORE * MONTHLY				14	15
MESSY CHURCH * MONTHLY		19	21	24	25
HTK UNDER 16	3	0	6	6	9
ASC UNDER 16	1	2	0	1	0
ASSP UNDER 16	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL UNDER 16	7	2	6	7	9
EXPLORE * MONTHLY				5	6
MESSY CHURCH * MONTHLY		23	22	23	25

Sunday attendance figures were not reported in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid Restrictions

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BAPTISM	4	6	8	7	6	1
MARRIAGE	0	1	4	1	2	1
FUNERALS	12	20	19	20	10	5

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

Across the Parish, we follow a pattern of Common Worship Communion and Morning Worship services informed by the liturgical calendar, on Sunday mornings, Wednesday mornings, and at Tuesday morning prayer. We also offer Evensong twice a month. We have some variations for specific seasonal attention, such as our Lent focus for 2025 on the Psalms. There is a slight growth in our numbers, with us welcoming new people, bringing us new perspective and joy.

We are grateful for our Licensed Lay Ministers, Joan Reeves, Janet Donnelly and John Godfrey (Emeritus) who provide valuable leadership to Sunday services at Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension.

On the first Sunday of the month, we continued to worship with our brothers and sisters from Hanham Parish at our **‘Together to Worship’** Services.

We are always thankful to the **Messy Church** and **EXPLORE** teams for the time, commitment and gifting shared in fresh expression of communicating faith, worship and discipleship. We continue to notice the transformative presence of Christ among us. God appoints us to 'guard the good treasure entrusted to us with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.' (2 Timothy 1:14)) That's what we are about in nourishing the inherited patterns of tradition and worship, whilst opening to the emergent and new ways of communicating the Gospel with those living in Kingswood.



We have continued to be blessed by those who support our **music across the Parish**.

John Cottle and Jim Williams have curated another full year of music, both at Holy Trinity Church and across the wider Benefice. They have beautifully led Advent, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost services, to mention just a few, always bringing attention to theme. We are thankful to the Holy Trinity Singers and St George Singers for the beauty they bring among us as we worship God.

As well as blessing our worship for the church festivals at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, the Holy Trinity Singers also supported our Christmas outreach with a service for older people and their carers and joining in the Community Carols. A varied programme of Concerts and Afternoon Tea have been well received, bringing a growing number of visitors to the church and raising much needed funds for the organ restoration.

In addition, we are thankful to David Prosser, Colin Owen, Leta Hutchins for their willingness and gifts in stepping in to lead songs at Christingle, baptisms and EXPLORE.

We continue to give thanks for the important part that music plays in our Parish.

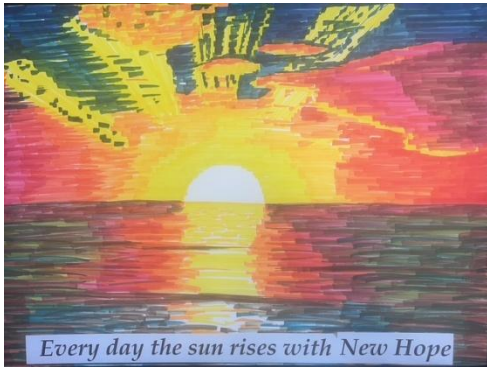
This year, a new **Welcome Team** was established at Holy Trinity Church, who have been instrumental in facilitating new people's experience of services and we are grateful to them for all their help.

We had a very successful and well attended **Parish Weekend at Emmaus House**, an encouraging weekend of teaching led by Ray Brazier as we focused on the part we all play, sharing our gifts in the Church Family.

We continue to pray for all that God is doing through and among us as we grow as disciples and share our faith with others.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

Explore – Rev Kathy Prosser



EXPLORE is part of a dedication to develop intergenerational ways of worship and discipleship, that can draw in those looking for a more informal setting, often those who have little or no contact with church. Whilst we have experienced a change in those attending, the EXPLORE team and I hope for growth of worship and discipleship in this space. It has become apparent that our efforts to build bridges between Messy church and the wider church is beginning to bear some fruit, with some Messy church families also attending EXPLORE and seeing it as their 'church.'

Our challenge going forward, is to prayerfully discern the growth of emergent worship and discipleship spaces at Holy Trinity church, to enable those least connected to Christian faith and church, to find a place to 'step into' and encounter God and the Christian community. We need to pray for what this will look like and how it may change things of the present.

As we listen with God and discern Vision, this calls for the inherited traditions of worship and discipleship and the emergent and new, to live well with one another to nourish the whole Christian community of Holy Trinity Church in our worship and discipleship.

Messy Church – Mandy Newport

Another great year at Messy church old and new families joining us, the average attendance is 40 but can range between 35 and 65 children and adults.

We have been looking at biblical journeys through most of this year ,particularly Mary and Joseph journeys to Bethlehem then into Egypt to escape King Herod, ,the Kings journey to visit Jesus, Paul's journeys and also looking at our own journey's in our lives, considering what we need to take to prepare for a journey and what we will need on the journey and how God helps us at all points of our lifelong journey.

We have had fun and laughter, made friends enjoyed time together, sang, worshipped, shared stories and heard many bible stories - all helping us learn and grow get closer Jesus as our Saviour and friend .

Looking forward to another year at Messy Church, growing our attendance and moving our families on in their journey with Christ



OUTREACH AND MISSION

School Links – David Prosser



We have continued to develop our links with the local primary schools this year.

We once again had every year group from Park School to visit the church and our volunteer team were able to bring alive the relevant parts of their curriculum from Christian symbols, the Bible, festivals, Experience Easter, parables and rites of passage. This year we also had Beacon Rise Year 1s visit us at Church of Ascension to learn about symbolism used in worship and Year 2 visit Holy Trinity Church to learn about the Bible as part of their topic on Holy Books.

As in previous years, Park School and Beacon Rise came to Holy Trinity Church for their Christmas Services. In addition, the choirs from these schools supported some of our Christmas events singing alongside the Holy Trinity Singers and others.

We were excited to have year 3 and 4 from Park School come to church for a Harvest Festival Service. We sang traditional Harvest Hymns

accompanied by the organ which is always very popular with the young people as well as a more modern, Harvest Samba, which the children had practiced in school. Gifts were collected for the foodbank.

From the generosity of the church family we were able to present each year group at Park School with a Bible to support them in their learning, this was initiated following the interest the children showed in being able to read the Bible on their visits to church.

Rev Beverley is a member of the Governing Body at Beacon Rise school, contributing to building links with the church and the wider community and she visits both Beacon Rise and Park School for assemblies each term.

Christmas and Easter Outreach

"For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

We have a vision that everyone in Kingswood will know the story of God's love played out in the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus – the story behind the increasingly secular presentation of Christmas and Easter.

Alongside Messy Church and our School Visits, we partner with Freedom Church to share the Gospel story in an interactive way at both Christmas and Easter. During 2025 we tried two new activities.

Palm Sunday we launched the Easter Adventure, re-enacting the events of the last week of Jesus' life around Kingswood Park and the Churchyard, finishing at the Church Hall for Hot Cross Buns. Although the numbers were smaller, about 30, we were able to spend much more time with people and go deeper into the story leading to more conversations about the saving act of Jesus and faith in general. It was poignant to see three crosses standing on the bandstand in the park for all to see and many by standers were interested in the procession.

At Christmas we held a Nativity Trail in the church with costumes and activities. Again, numbers were lower but this made space for more significant engagement with families.

We pray for the seeds that have been sown at these events and families do go on to join Messy Church and Explore following our outreach.

We successfully gather the community to sing carols at Christmas with a short message and prayer; the weather was not so kind to us this year and **Carols at the Cross Keys pub** had to be cancelled because of the rain. **Carols in Kingswood Park** did go ahead and we also hosted the Kingswood Community Carols in the Church with over 400 people attending to hear choirs from the Church, Beacon Rise School and the Windrush Choir and join in some congregational carols.

Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity Church brought together so many strands of the life of our parish and the fruit of much that the Holy Spirit has been doing throughout the year, the church was full of all ages singing of the joy and hope that was born in Jesus Christ on that first Christmas – Emmanuel, God with us.

Christingle at Church of the Ascension brings the cubs and scouts into church with their parents and is always well received and Christingle at Holy Trinity Church is a highlight of Christmas for many families. These services also raised £251 for the Children's Society.

Toddler Groups



During 2025 we ran two toddler groups **Little Stars, at Church of the Ascension** and **CafeTots at Holy Trinity Church**. Each offers a safe welcoming environment for children 0-4 years to play and learn to socialise with other children. Parents and grandparents also benefit from a chance to chat with others and make friends. Our dedicated team of volunteers often provide a listening ear or offer of prayer when needed.

Changes to how the Government funds pre-school childcare has meant that more children are going to Pre-School earlier, which has had a knock-on effect to numbers attending toddler groups like ours. At the end of the year, we sadly took the decision to close Little Stars as it was no longer viable. Our thanks go to the amazing team who served Little Stars for five years: Gill, Cath' Colleen, Jan and Lisa.



Community Garden @ Ascension



The Queen Elizabeth 11 Peace garden continues to evolve. It was created to promote bio-diversity for wildlife and as a peaceful place for the local community to sit quietly and enjoy the flowers, birds and other wildlife.

Where possible, sustainable and recycled products have been used, such as old scaffolding planks for creating the raised beds. We have been grateful for donations of plants such as bluebell bulbs. The two created areas, the woodland area and the flower garden are maturing well, with daffodils and bluebells currently. Our aim is to have flowers for

pollinators for as much of the year as possible.

We also have bird boxes, bird feeders, bat boxes, hedgehog house and a bug hotel. The birds seem to appreciate the sunken sink, as do the resident foxes.

The willow archway created last year is beginning to form well, though the wild flower area suffered badly from last year's summer drought.

Last summer's open afternoon was supported by the church family. All of this has only been possible through the hard work of a small core of dedicated volunteers, three from the church family and three local residents.



Friends and Neighbours – Colleen Mercer

A light-hearted group aimed at Seniors, meeting fortnightly at Church of Ascension.

The group provides a place to socialise and make contact over tea and cake, reducing isolation for older people. We host Speakers - lately the Salvation Army, a biographer on Hannah Moore, Wessex Water "Down the plughole", Bristol Hippodrome "Behind the curtain", British Legion, as well as homespun games, quizzes, Armchair exercises, Bingo etc. Occasionally an outing and a cream tea.

And we make an annual donation to a chosen Charity.

Kingswood Community Transport faithfully bring members who have no other means to get to us.

The monthly Tuesday coffee mornings, have continued this year are very popular, another opportunity to socialise.

Mission Support - Kathryn Gulliford

The Mission Support Group continues to be active and meets regularly throughout the year, to plan various fund raising (and also just as important) social events. The money raised from these events along with 10% of the Congregation's weekly/monthly giving, goes to support Church Mission at home and abroad.

Since the last annual report, the decision was made to cease supporting two organisations- these were 'Embrace the Middle East' and 'The Friendship Clinic Nepal'.

In place, the following are now supported:

- Water Aid
- Save the Children
- 'We are BS15'

The following organisations have been continued:

- Mercy Ships
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
- Mission to Seafarers
- Maji Safi
- Community of Sisters of the Church (Bristol).

All of the above received an end of year donation of £200 each and will again be sent donations in Spring 2026. In addition there were Christmas donations of £250 each to: Caring at Christmas and the Jessie May Trust.

When able to do so, The Mission Group also attempts to send a donation to support major disasters .

During the last year, in August there was an 'Afternoon Tea' and more recently a 'Turkey Roll and Christmas Pud' lunch. Both were held in the Ascension Hall and both well attended and enjoyed, with £192 from the recent lunch being added to the Mission Funds.

The Group usually meets twice a year to discuss finances and possible activities. New members will be always welcome.

PASTORAL CARE – REV CHRIS EVANS

LUNCHBOX

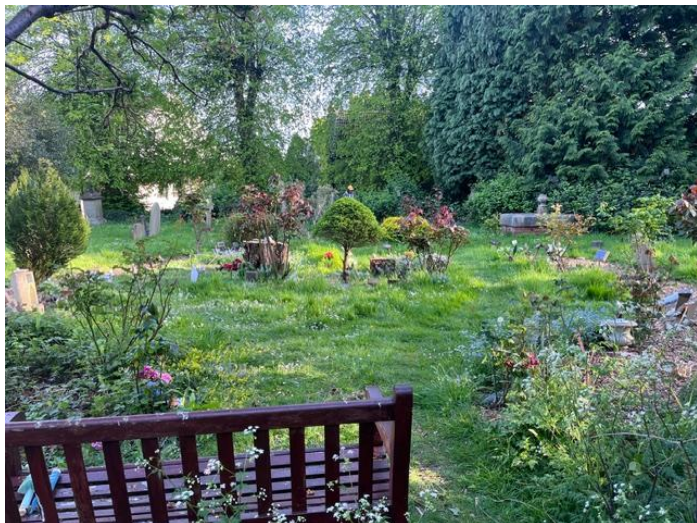
This continues each Wednesday, led by Lisa (catering) and Rev Chris Evans. (pastoral oversight), with a team of dedicated volunteers. Numbers vary from 12-18 on average. Those attending come for a variety of reasons from enjoying company and friendship to needing a listening ear and support. It is also an opportunity to invite folk to other church activities such as the bereavement support group, concerts and special services such as the service of Remembrance and Christmas services.

This year we have introduced a prayer table and candles which has been used by some, and a number of folk welcoming such leaflets as our daily reflections for Lent and Advent resources.

HARTS

Our bereavement support group continues to meet second Wednesday of each month at the back of Holy Trinity Church for tea, cakes and fellowship.

We are an informal group offering friendship, support and a listening ear to those bereaved either recently or some time ago. All volunteers have experienced bereavement themselves. We do not offer counselling but a safe space to share stories and to give mutual support. There is no formal referral process; word of mouth, posters and invitation, and increasingly via GP surgeries and Social Care.



Numbers vary from 6-10, some folk joining for just a few months to help them on their journey, and others for a number of years. We open with a quiet time to remember those who we have lost, including the lighting of candles, something the group finds helpful.

Our annual service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in May was well attended by members of the group, alongside families connected through funerals and internments in church and at local crematoriums.

Pastoral Care Group

A dedicated group meets each term with a remit of pastoral care oversight within the church family, supporting or visiting those in hospital and Care Homes, housebound church members and taking Home Communion when requested. There is a link person identified at both Ascension and Holy Trinity. We also carry out visits to those requesting contact with the church at times of need, meeting preferably in church or visiting in two's at home. We review our risk assessment and job description for pastoral care yearly, of importance particularly when visiting the vulnerable.

GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – MARY WHYATT, PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The Parish of Kingswood is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy has been reviewed and approved by the PCC and a copy is displayed on the parish website. During the year, the PCC has also reviewed and approved our Procedure for dealing with concerns and allegations and our Management of known offenders.

The lists of church and non- church activities which take place on church premises and may include children, young people and vulnerable adults have been reviewed and accepted by the PCC. They are, as follows:

Church activities - Café Tots, Explore. Messy Church, Friends and Neighbours, Lunch Box, H.A.R.T.S, Pastoral Care, Community Peace Garden , Monday Bible Study Group. All of these activities are risk assessed and the leaders and volunteers who run them have all been safely recruited and undergone the required safeguarding training.

Non-church activities - 1st Kingswood Scouts, Soccer Tots, Right at Home Community Lunch, Carers Support Bristol and South Glos, South Glos Play Scheme, Kingswood Food Club, Kingswood Kitchen.

The organisers of these activities are required to have their own safeguarding procedures.

Safeguarding training at different levels is a requirement for all roles and four levels of safeguarding training are provided by the Diocese.

- *Basic Awareness – required by all church officers and volunteers*
- *Foundation – required by Church Wardens, PCC members, Parish Safeguarding Officers, and all volunteers working with vulnerable groups in any capacity.*
- *Leadership - required by Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers, Licenced Ministers and Leaders of church activities*
- *Awareness of Domestic Abuse – required by Church Warden, Licenced Ministers, Parish Safeguarding Officer and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. In November 2025, 20 of our volunteers completed this training together.*

In addition to safeguarding training, Disclosure and Barring checks (DBS) are required every three years for PCC members, Safeguarding Officers, Leaders of Activities and the Pastoral Care Team. These checks are currently up to date.

The PCC receives regular Safeguarding Reports and has been kept up to date with the progress of the Safeguarding Action Plan, which remains at Level 3, the highest level.

Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to the PCC, the clergy and all of our volunteers for the support they give me, their willingness to undertake the relevant safeguarding training and for their commitment to working together to make our churches as safe as we possibly can, not just for our children, young people and vulnerable adults, but for the whole church community.

CHURCHWARDEN – GILL GODFREY

Another fruitful year has passed where we have seen much growth and joy.

For Holy Trinity:

The 4 church windows have been repaired and completed.

Lighting in the Chancel is still ongoing.

The gables in the hall have been repaired.

The garage door was replaced to ensure the safety of all who are using it.

Thanks to fundraising by We are BS15, “Down Under” has been renovated and now in good use. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

A recent visit from health and safety for the church Kitchen has been given a good report.

The Car park lights have been repaired. There is now less stress on some days since the Orthodontist cars are no longer parking.

Funerals have become easier now the gates can be locked and opened by SGYH early in the mornings.

A faculty for an entrance gate from the park to the church grounds is still ongoing.

For Church of the Ascension

The Chancel has been painted and now work is complete.

A blind has been installed in the kitchen.

The church garden and surrounding borders of the church have been brought to life with bulbs popping up everywhere. Thank you to those who did the planting and to everyone for their continual hard work to keep Ascension alive and thriving.

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a joy our Parish is. We belong to one another in love, dedication and God's leading, together working and serving Him day by day. May he bless us all during the coming year and the vision he has for us, bringing light to those in our communities. We have a team and a leader who is outstanding in their loyalty and sacrifice, who work diligently to serve us and our God. We thank you all so much and give you our love and even a few days off now and again !!!

Please keep praying for another Church Warden, it could be you.

FINANCE REPORT – JOHN GODFREY, PARISH TREASURER

The maintenance of the Parish Finances are the responsibility of the treasurers of the five different bank accounts across the two churches in the Kingswood Parish.

The overall responsibility is held by the PCC treasurer, John Godfrey, who prepares the overall annual Parish accounts. Heartfelt thanks go to all our treasurers and to the independent examiners of the accounts for all the work they do on our behalf.

Our true parish income for 2025 was £100,006, a reduction of £155,162 on the 2024 level, 2024 was an exceptional year which included a legacy of £150,000 for HTK. Our expenditure for 2025 was £174,304, an increase of £66,611 on the 2024 level, which includes repairs to the windows at Holy Trinity Church, the Chancel roof at Church of the Ascension and masonry repairs to the Holy Trinity Church Hall which totalled £82,000.

True income/expenditure excludes all inter-account transfers such as various fees, donations for mission, administration from the churches within our parish.

Our cash balances at the end of 2025 were unrestricted, £164,345 and restricted, £160,559. This was an overall decrease of £74,047 on 2024, due mainly from the building repair costs at both churches, HTK - £61,817 and ASC - £18,498.

In 2025 £3,600 was transferred into the organ restricted fund, which now stands at £23,175, £33,568 was expended from the Restoration as a contribution to the window restoration at Holy Trinity Church. This cash is still to be transferred between the respective bank accounts.

Detailed accounts are shown in a separate document and presented to this AGM. If anyone wishes to have a copy of any of the individual accounts which make up the parish accounts, please see the office staff who will arrange a copy for you.



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1ST JANUARY 2025 to 31ST DECEMBER 2025

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

PCC Treasurers Report

The Parish accounts comprise of individual statements covering the funds operated for Holy Trinity Church, HTK Restoration, Church of the Ascension, and Parish Level Accounts which also includes Mission Account. All individual accounts have been independently examined by the relevant Independent Examiners assigned, and duly signed for accuracy. I would like to thank them on behalf of the parish for completing this task. The balances for each of these funds is shown in this report and details of individual accounts can be requested from the PCC treasurer.

All individual accounts have been prepared in the traditional manner by the respective treasurers and we thank them for their due diligence. Generally all accounts operated with reasonably healthy balances throughout 2025. The combined accounts true income figure, reduced to £100,007 in 2025, back to the normal annual level. The combined accounts true expenditure figure, increased to £174,303 in 2025 due to both churches carrying out extensive building work. Again this year, Parish Receipts and Payments Accounts have been prepared. Some receipts do not require to be included in the annual report, namely fees paid to the Diocese, choir and flower fees, collections such as Christian Aid and parish events where the parish is acting only as agent. Therefore, the report additionally shows balances/income/expenditure in gross terms as well as nett of these categories.

The main financial highlights of the Kingswood Parish for 2025 have been as follows:-

Fund highlights

PARISH LEVEL

The overall balance for this fund increased by £2940.87 in 2025 although the rent income received from 36 Elmfield was transferred to the Administration fund to partially pay for parish office staff costs. The balance of the Vicar & Churchwarden's account was transferred into the events fund within the parish level accounts in 2023. There were no significant highlights in the Mission accounts. The allocation of funds to charities is managed by the Mission Support Group, under the direction of the PCC.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Overall fund balance for HTK decreased substantially in 2025 to £127,622, which was due to the cost of building work in both Holy Trinity church and hall. The parish share figure raised for 2025 was £18,600. The budget for 2026 shows a parish share requirement of £19,201 but only £18,600 has been budgeted for.

HTK RESTORATION

The balance for this fund is shown as zero at the end of 2025. This is because the expenditure was £33,568, part of the cost of Holy Trinity windows repairs. It is expected that the Restoration bank account will be transferred into the Holy Trinity church account during 2026.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The overall fund balance decreased to £54,230 in 2025 due mainly to the cost of the chancel building repairs. The parish share promise for 2026 is £9644, an increase of £929.

Going Concern Accounting Policy

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £164,346, that can be drawn down if necessary and restricted reserves of £160,559. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Finally I commend the accounts to the APCM.

L.J. Godfrey, PCC Treasurer - Parish of Kingswood

26th March 2026

PARISH OF KINGSWOOD
FUND BALANCES AT 31st DECEMBER 2025
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)	TOTAL CASH
<u>Kingswood Team Ministry (restricted/unrestricted)</u>			
HSBC main checking account	5412.19	3392.36	<u>KTM 2020</u>
HSBC BMM account	31000.00	30158.20	£109,415.55
HSBC HI Bond	100000.00	100000.00	
Cash in Hand	£136,690.76	278.57	199.33
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)			<u>KTM 2021</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>136690.76</u>	<u>133749.89</u>	£112,696.70
<u>Parish Mission Account (Restricted Fund)</u>			
HSBC Current account	636.77	285.77	<u>KTM 2022</u>
HSBC Bonus Savings a/c	1557.90	1112.04	£118,734.56
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	£1,994.67	200.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1994.67</u>	<u>1397.81</u>	<u>KTM 2023</u>
			£133,749.89
<u>KTM & MISSION ACCOUNTS</u>			
	£138,685.43	<u>138685.43</u>	<u>KTM 2024</u>
		<u>135147.70</u>	£136,690.76
<u>Holy Trinity Accounts</u>			
HSBC current account	510.21	2347.72	
HSBC deposit account (part restricted)	131269.75	160446.27	£33,568 from Restn fund
Cash in Hand	8.61	22.21	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed) + Creditors	4871.45	2886.76	was £2886.78 in 2024
Debtors	£131,788.57	704.70	2417.65
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>127621.82</u>	<u>162347.09</u>
<u>Holy Trinity Restoration Account (Restricted)</u>			
National Westminster bank reserve account	0.00	1105.16	
National Westminster bank current account	0.00	27848.94	£33,568 to HTK Dep fund
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)			
TOTAL ASSETS	£0.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28954.10</u>
<u>HTK & RESTORATION ACCOUNTS</u>			
		<u>127621.82</u>	<u>191301.19</u>
	£131,788.57		
<u>Church of the Ascension Accounts</u>			
HSBC Community account	632.80	976.95	
HSBC BMM account	8117.22	22000.00	
HSBC HI Bond	45000.00	45000.00	
National Westminster Hanham bank account	3.00	3.00	
Cash in Hand	476.95	155.77	
Reconciliations (cheques not cashed)	£54,229.97		
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>54229.97</u>	<u>68135.72</u>
TOTAL ASSETS - ALL ACCOUNTS	£324,703.97	<u>320537.22</u>	<u>394584.61</u>
<u>Vicar & Churchwardens Account (General Fund)</u>			
Now held in Events Fund - KTM A/C			
<u>Parochial Trusts held by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance (market value)</u>			
36 Elmfield (residual of house purchase)		8640.62	

Prepared by: LJ Godfrey, PCC Treasurer, Kingswood Team Ministry, 25th March 2026

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	1,716,290	1,716,289
Investment assets	5(b)	8,641	8,641
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		0	0
Debtors	7	705	2,418
Short term deposits		145,000	145,000
Cash at bank and in hand		179,904	250,053
		<u>325,609</u>	<u>397,471</u>
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	8	5,071	3,137
NET CURRENT ASSETS		320,538	394,334
NET ASSETS		<u>2,045,469</u>	<u>2,119,264</u>
FUNDS			
	6		
Unrestricted		1,801,469	1,835,674
Restricted		244,000	283,591
Endowment		0	0
		<u>2,045,469</u>	<u>2,119,265</u>

HTK accounts approved 25th March 2026, Restoration, subsequently approved. ASC accounts approved 28th January 2026, KTM accounts and Mission accounts approved 28th January 2026.

Revd Beverley Charles - Team Rector



The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts

Parochial Church Council of The Parish of Kingswood

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Receipts and Payments Accounts

2a RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2025	2024
Voluntary Income/Receipts								
Planned giving:								
1 Tax efficient planned giving	13166	10575	900	3122			27763	27450
6 Gift Aid recovered	4104	3275	225	1220			8824	9064
2 Other planned giving	2767	2758		260			5785	4926
3 Collections at services	1491	604				671	2766	2825
All other giving & voluntary receipts, including								
4 Special Appeals (recurring & one off)	437	92				179	708	1405
7 Legacies received (capital value)	5500						5500	154000
8 Grants (include recurring & one off)	5000						5000	7000
TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME	32465	17304	1125	4602	0	850	56346	206670
Activities for generating funds								
9 Gross income from fundraising activities	937						937	1057
Income from investments								
10 Dividends, interest, income from property	2197		1724	12	1750	13070	18753	19135
Church activities								
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc)								
11						3792	3792	4414
Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.								
12	14863	2558					17421	21540
Other incoming resources								
13 Any other income/receipts not already listed		131	223	1917		487	2758	2352
TOTAL RECEIPTS	50462	19993	3072	6531	1750	18199	100007	255168
EXCLUDED RECEIPTS	1839	405	115	0	0	9465	11824	13134
GROSS RECEIPTS	52301	20398	3187	6531	1750	27664	111831	268302

2b PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
	HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2025	2024
Cost of generating income								
17 Fund -raising activities (costs & payments)							0	0
Church activities								
18 Mission giving & donations						3850	3850	4961
19 Diocesan parish share contribution	18600	8715					27315	27223
20 Salaries, wages & honararia		0	10711			360	11071	9947
21 Clergy and staff expenses			1039				1039	1242
Church expenses								
22 Church expenses: Mission & evangelism costs						1458	1458	3907
23 Church running expenses	9143	1943	2564				13650	17629
24 Church utility bills	14500	1033					15533	19752
25 Cost of trading	13593	3375					16968	20484
Major capital expenditure								
27 Major repairs to church building	18128			33568	18498	1800	71994	0
Major repairs to church hall, clergyhousing or other PCC property								
28	10121						10121	336
29 New building work to the church,							0	0
SUB-TOTAL for church activities & expenses	84085	15066	14314	33568	18498	7468	172999	105481

26	Governance costs	97	40	112	0		249	959
99	Other outgoing resources/payments	717	0	191	137	11	1056	1254
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	84899	15106	14617	33568	18635	7479	107694
	EXCLUDED PAYMENTS	4044	2314	0	0	0	5216	12848
	GROSS PAYMENTS	88943	17420	14617	33568	18635	12695	120542
	Excess of receipts over payments	-36642	2978	-11430	-27037	-16885	14969	-74047
	Transfer between funds	-3600			3600		0	0
		-40242	2978	-11430	-23437	-16885	14969	147760
	Cash at bank & in hand at 1 Jan	140264	38027	-1860	51037	30108	137008	246574
	Cash at bank & in hand at 31 Dec	100022	41005	-13290	27600	13223	151977	320537
		100022	41005	-13290	27600	13223	152177	320737

NOTE:

In the interests of full transparency, the Organ Fund increase for 2025 shown as part of the HTK unrestricted fund previously has been transferred to the HTK restricted fund, which stands at £23,175.49.

STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		Unrestricted Funds (£)			Restricted Funds (£)			TOTAL FUNDS (£)	
		HTK	ASC	PARISH	HTK	ASC	PARISH	2025	2024
<u>Cash Funds - gross</u>									
	Bank Current Account	519	6005	0	0	3224	38885	48633	88502
	Deposit Funds	131270	35000	0	0	10000	100000	276270	306551
7	Debtors	705	0	0	0	0	0	705	2418
		132494	41005	0	0	13224	138885	325608	397471
<u>8 Other Monetary Assets</u>									
	Insurance claim refund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cheques not cashed	0	0	0	0	0	-200	-200	-250
	Creditors	-4871	0	0	0	0	0	-4871	-2887
		-4871	0	0	0	0	-200	-5071	-3137
<u>3 Investment Assets</u>									
	Investment Fund Shares								
	at market value	0	0	0	0	0	8641	8641	8641
2	Assets retained for church use	1110000	585520	75000	0	0	0	1770520	1716289

FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, Holy Trinity Organ fund, the Mission fund and some elements of the Church of the Ascension funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction.

The freehold land and buildings comprise the curate's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. This property is currently rented and generates £10,200 per annum which is used to supplement the salary of the Parish Office Administrator.

Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.

Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2016.

At Ascension a replacement projector and microphone was purchased in 2019, also flower stands and advent ring were purchased in 2019. A replacement Tractor-mower was purchased in 2022 following theft of the original.

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land and buildings	Church equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Fixed Assets as at 31/12/22, depreciation no longer taken into account				
5(a) <i>Tangible fixed assets</i>				
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2025	1,715,000	1,935	1,716,935
	Additions	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2025	1,715,000	1,935	1,716,935
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2025	0	645	645
	Charge for the year	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2025	0	645	645
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2025	1,715,000	1,290	1,716,290
	At 31 December 2024	1,715,000	1,935	1,716,935

The freehold land and buildings comprise the evangelist's house located at 36 Elmfield, Kingswood. For accounting purposes, the historical cost of this property is deemed to be its 1997 valuation, and has not been updated. Additionally Ascension church hall, Holy Trinity church hall plus the HTK ex-scouts hall are valued at insurance values. The church halls were revalued for insurance purposes in June 2004. ASC Hall was revalued in June 2020.

Church equipment comprises a computer shown at estimated value at the date of purchase in April 2000.

Also a new photocopier was purchased at a cost of £875 in 2006 and a new Copyprinter was purchased in 2009

5(b) *Investment fixed assets*

£

Movements in the year:

Market value - 1 January 2025	8641
Purchases at cost, less disposals at carrying value	0
Net gains on disposals and annual revaluation	0

Market value - 31 December 2025	8641
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Parochial Trusts held with BDBF = £8641 (36 Elmfield).

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets for Church use	1,641,290	75,000	0	1,716,290
Investment Fixed Assets	0	8,641	0	8,641
Current Assets	165,050	160,559		325,609
Current Liabilities	-4,871	-200	0	-5,071
Fund balance	1,801,469	244,000	0	2,045,469

Parochial Church Council of Kingswood

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

7 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Income tax recoverable	0	0
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	0
Other debtors	705	2418
	<u>705</u>	<u>2,418</u>

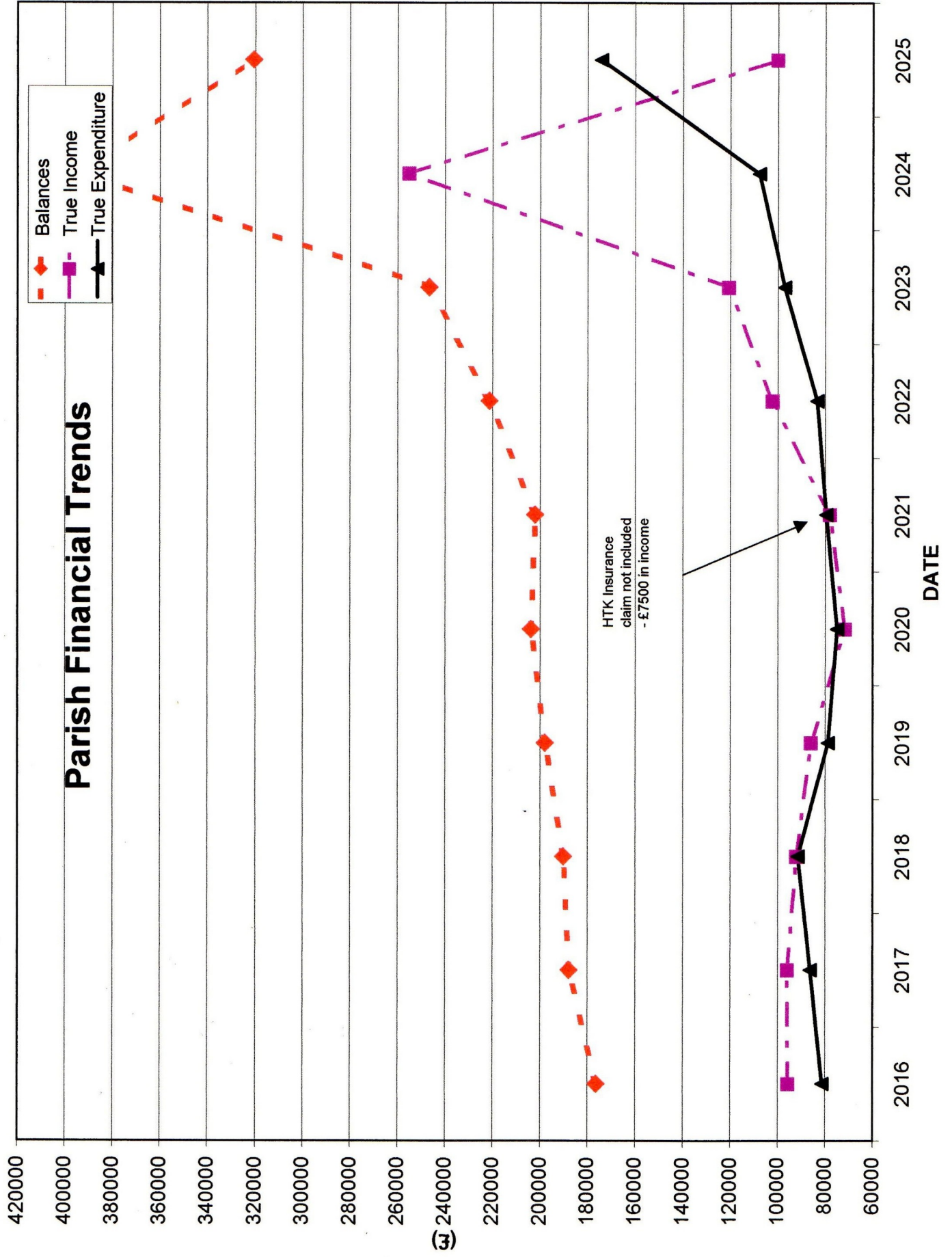
8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	0	0
Accruals of utility and other costs	0	0
Creditors for goods and services - diocesan parish share	4871	2887
Other creditors	200	250
	<u>5,071</u>	<u>3,137</u>

9 FUND DETAILS

The restricted funds comprise Holy Trinity Restoration fund, the Mission fund and some elements of both Holy Trinity and Church of the Ascension funds. Specifically the fabric element of the C of A fund is subject to restriction as well as the organ fund within HTK.

Parish Financial Trends



Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (KTM – Parish Level), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Parish Level - KTM accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 by those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

Paul A. Taylor BA, ATT
The Long Barn, Collins Farm
Abson, Bristol. BS30 5TT

PA Taylor
12 March 2026

Dated:

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Holy Trinity), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Holy Trinity accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 3 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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Laurence John Godfrey
168, Forest Road
Kingswood Bristol. BS15 8EN



Dated:

23/2/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Kingswood (Church of the Ascension), Parochial Church Council.

I report on the Church of the Ascension accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 4 of the Financial Statement.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

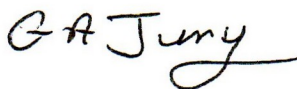
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Independent Examiner's Statement

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to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.

Graham Jury
21, Northfield Avenue
Hanham Bristol. BS15 3RB



Dated: 8/3/2026