

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1130891

**Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet**

**Trustees Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31st December 2025**

**Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

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## **Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet**

### **Trustees Annual Report**

**Year ended 31st December 2025**

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a Registered Charity (Number 1130891).

PCC members (trustees) who served during the period were as follows:

Rector	Revd Jonathan Hunter Dunn
Churchwardens	Nick Bennett, Vaughan Ives
Lay Chairperson	David Crisfield
Treasurer	Andy Paull
Secretary	Robert Goodhand
Deanery Synod	Suzi Mackenzie
Elected Members	Ros Baldwin, Stephen Jarrett, Cliff Brown, Steve Bruce-Jones, John Knight, Rosie Sandquest

<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Peter Mullee (ACCA)
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#### **Structure, governance and management**

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#### **Objectives and activities**

Shepton Mallet PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the St Peter & St Paul's Church and associated property.

#### **Church Attendance**

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**RECTOR'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

This year has witnessed remarkable growth in Christ-like love throughout our church community, demonstrated through our commitment to Learning from God's Word and Living as Jesus' followers.

**Learning from God's Word**

Our focused sermon series approach proved highly effective in 2025. We began with Luke chapters 12-13, followed by Hebrews 4-7. Recognizing Hebrews' connection to Exodus, we undertook an ambitious study of the entire book of Exodus after Easter, which powerfully reminded us of God's rescue and mercy. Our summer "Vision Re-Loaded" series covered Learning from Jesus, Living for Jesus, and Loving like Jesus, followed by "Before You Open Your Bible," encouraging reflection on our attitudes toward Scripture. The generous gift of new pew and lectern Bibles emphasized God's Word's centrality to our faith and flourishing.

September featured charity representatives: Janet Papworth (Tearfund), Noel Richards (Christians Against Poverty), and Edward Zerata (Wycliffe Bible Translators), broadening our perspective on global needs. We concluded Exodus before Advent, using "Small Wonder" materials from The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

Thanks to Jasmine Hnatkova's wonderful design, we produced church Christmas cards delivered to every home in Shepton Mallet. Across the Benefice, nearly 1,000 people attended our Christmas services—a fantastic conclusion to the year.

**Living as Jesus' Followers**

2025 proved exceptional for growth. Sunday morning attendance rose from approximately 80 to 100 people weekly. We welcomed newcomers seeking church, returning to childhood faith, or exploring Christianity for the first time.

A dedicated team developed "Supporting Growth," outlining Wise Welcome, Purposeful Pathways, and Meaningful Ministries. This framework was shared with the PCC and will be presented during Lent Talks 2026.

Our Benefice Weekend Away featured Revd Mike Cain, who shared his miraculous cancer journey and spoke powerfully about being "jars of clay."

Children's and youth ministries continue thriving through dedicated volunteers, including Sunday groups and midweek Youth Bible Fellowship. Our evangelistic program included Start Course, The Bible Course, Christianity Explored, and Discipleship Explored, fostering faith growth and community connection.

School ministry flourishes across St. Paul's Junior, Shepton Mallet Community Infants, and Bowlish Primary schools. Open the Book teams are recognized throughout town, creating valuable witness opportunities.

**Growing in Love**

By God's grace, these activities have cultivated Christ-like love increasingly evident on Sundays and in our community relationships. We pray for continued growth in Jesus' love, so others might say of us, "See how they love one another." Deep gratitude extends to all serving out of love for Jesus in the Shepton Mallet Benefice.

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**Year ended 31st December 2025**

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**FINANCE REPORT**

**Income**

Our total income for the year was £199,395 representing an increase of 24% on 2024. Our General income increased by 17% or £24,678. Restricted funds benefitted from a total of £30,435, which was to fund our Discipleship lead role and Winter heating funds. Planned Giving, Cash Collections and Ad Hoc Donations to the General fund were 6% higher. Fundraising income more than doubled and the recurrence of the Parish Weekend also contributed to this strong income growth.

**Expenditure**

Our total expenditure of £173,841 represents a decrease of 0.5% on last year. In the General fund increases to building maintenance expenses and the costs of running the Parish Weekend drove the £13,746 or 10% increase whilst there was a decrease due to the expenditure on the clock in 2024 which did not recur in 2025.

**Fund values**

In addition to the income and expenditure movements outlined above the value of the PCC's investments grew by £2,964 over the year.

Overall the value of the General fund increased by £30,308 to £89,939 driven by income in excess of expenditure of £13,900 and the transfer of the AV equipment fixed asset from its restricted fund. The PCC's total funds increased by £28,518 to £228,981 due to income in excess of expenditure in both the General and Discipleship Funds. In total £204,894 is available as cash and investments. £90,155 of that being unrestricted.

**Reserves**

The PCC is required to formulate and disclose its policy on "reserves", i.e. the level of funds which are freely available at any time. The PCC has adopted a policy to maintain reserves of £42,500 which is based upon 3 months of average projected general expenditure to cover variability in the timing of outgoings and a £5,000 lump sum to cover unforeseen short term building maintenance needs. The PCC defines reserves as the total value of its unrestricted funds less Tangible fixed assets being £90,155 as at 31 Dec 2025

**Comments**

The overall growth in 2025 particularly that of the General fund was very encouraging and it was especially pleasing to see a growth in giving. However, costs continue to rise especially in utilities and building maintenance and the PCC wants to continue to fund current activities and to do more wherever possible.

The movement of PCC savings assets into an alternative account has again delivered strong interest returns 35% ahead of 2024. We will continue to seek to grow our income both through activities, donations and through fundraising events.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

**Year ended 31st December 2025**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**PETER MULLEE (ACCA)**  
**Independent Examiner**

**Date**                      **17th April 2026**

**Talbot Barn, Patterdown Farm, Patterdown, Chippenham, SN15 2NP**

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2025

		2025			2024	
	Note	Unrestricted				
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Donations & Legacies	4	139,595	0	9,398	148,994	128,810
Charitable Activities	5	10,419	0	21,034	31,453	22,718
Trading Activities	6	7,919	0	3	7,922	1,394
Investment Income/Interest	7	8,088	0	0	8,088	5,977
Other Income	8	2,939	0	0	2,939	1,342
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>168,960</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,435</b>	<b>199,395</b>	<b>160,241</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Expenditure on fundraising		360	0	0	360	0
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	9	132,892	0	17,313	150,205	164,909
Other Expenditure	10	21,807	0	1,469	23,276	9,791
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>155,059</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>173,841</b>	<b>174,700</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>13,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,653</b>	<b>25,554</b>	<b>-14,458</b>
Transfers between funds		13,444	0	-13,444	0	0
Investment in Fixed assets		0	0	0	0	13,491
Gains/Losses on investments	11	2,964	0	0	2,964	451
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>30,308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,790</b>	<b>28,518</b>	<b>-516</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>59,631</b>	<b>24,302</b>	<b>116,530</b>	<b>200,463</b>	<b>200,979</b>
<b>Total Funds Carried forward</b>		<b>89,939</b>	<b>24,302</b>	<b>114,740</b>	<b>228,981</b>	<b>200,463</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31st December 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	15	24,087	27,784
Intangible Fixed Assets	16	21,105	18,141
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>45,191</b>	<b>45,925</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		183,790	154,538
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>183,790</b>	<b>154,538</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Agency Collections		0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>228,981</b>	<b>200,463</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>	17		
Unrestricted - General		89,939	59,631
Unrestricted - Designated		24,302	24,302
Restricted		114,739	116,530
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>228,981</b>	<b>200,463</b>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC and authorised for presentation to the APCM.

Rev. Jonathan Hunter Dunn  
PCC Chairman



Date **17th April 2026**



## Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### Year ended 31st December 2025

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##### 1. General information

The PCC is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales (no. 1130891). The registered office address is Peter Street Rooms, Peter Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5BL.

##### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### 3. Accounting Policies

###### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared in pounds sterling, the functional currency of the entity.

###### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

###### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

###### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the income has been received .

###### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a payment is made. Expenditure includes any VAT and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates i.e.

\*\* expenditure on raising funds includes all the costs of fundraising activities, events, and non-charitable trading activities;

\*\* expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity;

\*\* other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

###### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less any residual value, over its useful economic life as follows:

Office equipment	straight line over 4 years
Audiovisual equipment	straight line over 5 years
Digital Organ	straight line over 20 years

The annual depreciation charge is recognised in expenditure

###### Investments

Investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised after net income/expenditure.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31st December 2025

	2025			2024	
	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>4. Donations &amp; Legacies</b>					
Planned giving	84,334	-	285	84,619	79,613
Cash collections	6,590	-	328	6,919	7,673
Ad hoc donations	18,160	-	3,775	21,935	16,289
Income tax recovered	27,174	-	5,010	32,184	25,235
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	3,338	-	-	3,338	-
<b>Total donations and legacies</b>	<b>139,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,398</b>	<b>148,994</b>	<b>128,810</b>
<b>5. Charitable activities</b>					
Donations to toddlers/children/youth	393	0	0	393	407
Wedding and funeral fees retained	10,026	0	0	10,026	9,951
Other income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	397
Discipleship funding	0	0	21,034	21,034	11,963
<b>Total charitable activity income</b>	<b>10,419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,034</b>	<b>31,453</b>	<b>22,718</b>
<b>6. Trading Activities</b>					
Bookstall	1,118	0	3	1,121	1,082
Peter Street lettings	25	0	0	25	0
Church lettings	1,564	0	0	1,564	200
Refreshments	178	0	0	178	112
Concerts and functions	0	0	0	0	0
Parish weekend	5,035	0	0	5,035	0
<b>Total trading activity income</b>	<b>7,919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7,922</b>	<b>1,394</b>
<b>7. Investment Income</b>					
Dividends and Interest	8,088	0	0	8,088	5,977
<b>8. Other Income</b>					
Fundraising income	2,706	0	0	2,706	1,229
Miscellaneous Income	232	0	0	232	113
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>1,342</b>

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## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31st December 2025

		2025			2024	
	Note	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>						
Parish Share		66,814	0	0	66,814	65,617
Children's & Youthwork		4,765	0	0	4,765	2,176
Finance & Administration		18,656	0	0	18,656	17,657
Charitable Giving	18	12,891	0	478	13,369	12,365
Church Utilities & Insurance		13,014	0	476	13,490	14,672
Church Buildings & Maintenance		4,562	0	667	5,229	8,414
Weddings & Funerals		3,081	0	0	3,081	21
Music & Services		1,246	0	466	1,712	2,251
Clergy Expenses		2,081	0	0	2,081	2,104
Discipleship ministry		581	0	15,227	15,808	15,536
Training & Recruitment		0	0	0	0	15
Books to promote objectives		109	0	0	109	592
Mission		0	0	0	0	26
Equipment		1,394	0	0	1,394	15,616
Depreciation	12	3,698	0	0	3,698	7,849
<b>Total Exp. on Charitable Activities</b>		<b>132,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,313</b>	<b>150,205</b>	<b>164,909</b>

<b>10. Other Expenditure</b>						
PSR Buildings & Maintenance		7,983	0	0	7,983	2,481
PSR Utilities & Insurance		5,341	0	0	5,341	5,623
Parish Weekend		4,825	0	0	4,825	0
Bookstall		972	0	0	972	848
Refreshment costs		1,193	0	0	1,193	772
Concerts & Functions		0	0	0	0	40
Miscellaneous costs		1,494	0	1,469	2,962	27
<b>Total Other Expenditure</b>		<b>21,807</b>		<b>1,469</b>	<b>23,276</b>	<b>9,791</b>

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		£	£
<b>11. Net gains on investments</b>			
M&G Charifund		2,964	451
<b>12. Depreciation</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		£	£
Net income is stated after charging depreciation of tangible fixed assets as follows:			
Digital Organ	Digital Organ	1,000	1,000
Audio & Visual Installation 2024		2,698	2,698
Audio & Visual Installation 2020	A/V Equipment	0	4,150
<b>Total depreciation</b>		<b>3,698</b>	<b>7,849</b>

## 13. Staff costs

The total staff costs (including employee benefits) for the year 15,134 12,640

The PCC employed a Parish Administrator throughout the year so the number of employees at the year end was 1 (2024 : 1).

## 14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were paid to Trustees or persons directly associated with them except for:

- the reimbursement of expenses incurred by various Trustees on behalf of the PCC;
- the salaries to the employee who is married to a Trustee.

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### Year ended 31st December 2025

#### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	£
<u>Acquisition cost</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2025	59,032
Additions	0
Disposals	0
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>59,032</b>
<u>Depreciation</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2025	31,248
Charge for the year	3,698
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>34,945</b>
<u>Carrying Amount</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2025	27,784
Additions	0
Charge for the year	3,698
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>24,087</b>

#### 16. Investments

M&G Charifund	
Valuation at 1 January 2025	18,141
Revaluation	2,964
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>21,105</b>

#### 17. Analysis by fund

	Value 1st Jan £	Income & Gains/(Losses) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Value 31st Dec £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	59,631	171,924	155,059	13,444	89,939
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Margaret Dyke	24,302	0	0	0	24,302
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>83,933</b>	<b>171,924</b>	<b>155,059</b>	<b>13,444</b>	<b>114,241</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Screen and family area	13,444	0	0	-13,444	0
Discipleship	6,535	25,643	15,227	0	16,952
Winter Heating	0	4,792	3,023	0	1,769
Re-Ordering	96,085	0	67	0	96,019
Music	466	0	466	0	0
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>116,530</b>	<b>30,435</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>-13,444</b>	<b>114,739</b>
<b>Total funds of the charity</b>	<b>200,463</b>	<b>202,359</b>	<b>173,841</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>228,981</b>

**Margaret Dyke:** Set up with a legacy from Margaret Dyke, to support Youth and music ministry, as decided by the incumbent and wardens in consultation with the PCC.

**Screen and family area:** A restricted fund to pay for improved AV and family area on the North side of the church. The project is complete and the fund is closed.

**Discipleship:** a restricted fund established to fund the role of Discipleship lead.

**Winter Heating:** A restricted fund set up during the year to fund additional heating costs over the winter period

**Re-ordering:** A restricted fund to provide for the development and implementation costs of our re-ordering project. Since 2022 major donations were received and a small amount of professional fees have been incurred so far in pursuit of faculty approval.

**Music:** A restricted fund created during 2022 on receipt of a legacy from the estate of Rae Fulford. The fund has been spent to support the musical life of the church.

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18. Charitable Giving from General Fund	2025 £	2024 £
Tearfund	2,478	2,000
St Peter's Lifeline	2,000	2,634
Windsor Hill Wood	3,391	2,000
Salvation Army	1,500	1,500
Believers in Recovery	2,000	2,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	2,000	2,000
Various Others		231
<b>Total charitable giving</b>	<b>13,369</b>	<b>12,365</b>
 <b>Percent of previous years unrestricted income</b>	 <b>9.6%</b>	 <b>9.9%</b>

Main charities supported

**Tearfund:** As a Christian charity, Tearfund believes that everyone has an amazing God-given potential to create change. They show people around the world how to unlock these gifts and put them to use escaping poverty. Many of their partners in this work are local churches, who discover how to offer their communities material and spiritual hope.

**St Peter's Lifeline** is a small charity that supports an impoverished parish community in a harsh, remote, area of Kenya. It's principal activities are: educating orphaned and impoverished children, eliminating the foul scourge of FGM, a sustainable micro finance scheme for women, daily feeding scheme at 7 local primary schools, caring for over 120 disabled children & their families and the provision of a water supply & irrigation.

**Windsor Hill Wood** is a woodland shelter, a place of radical hospitality, manual labour and prayer. They aim to create a loving environment for people going through tough or uncertain times and offering them the chance to rediscover peace, silence and acceptance amidst the beauty and simplicity of the woods.

**Salvation Army:** Our gift was to support the local food bank operations in our town.

**Believers in Recovery** is a church wide Christian recovery community supporting men and women who have been affected directly or indirectly by any forms of addiction.

**Wycliffe Bible Translators** is a mission agency with a big vision: A world where everyone can know Jesus through the Bible. 1 in 5 people worldwide still don't have a Bible in their language. Wycliffe serve local partners worldwide as they bring God's word to their communities in the language which speaks to them best.

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There were 93 parishioners on the Church Electoral Role (May 2025). Declared Church membership as of December 2025 was 120. Average, in-church, Sunday attendance was 85 adults and there was an average of 13 connections listening on-line during the same period.

We conducted 1 Baptisms, 5 in Church Funeral Services and no Wedding ceremonies.



Trustees Annual Report (continued)

Year ended 31st December 2025

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**RECTOR'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

This year has witnessed remarkable growth in Christ-like love throughout our church community, demonstrated through our commitment to Learning from God's Word and Living as Jesus' followers.

**Learning from God's Word**

Our focused sermon series approach proved highly effective in 2025. We began with Luke chapters 12-13, followed by Hebrews 4-7. Recognizing Hebrews' connection to Exodus, we undertook an ambitious study of the entire book of Exodus after Easter, which powerfully reminded us of God's rescue and mercy. Our summer "Vision Re-Loaded" series covered Learning from Jesus, Living for Jesus, and Loving like Jesus, followed by "Before You Open Your Bible," encouraging reflection on our attitudes toward Scripture. The generous gift of new pew and lectern Bibles emphasized God's Word's centrality to our faith and flourishing.

September featured charity representatives: Janet Papworth (Tearfund), Noel Richards (Christians Against Poverty), and Edward Zerata (Wycliffe Bible Translators), broadening our perspective on global needs. We concluded Exodus before Advent, using "Small Wonder" materials from The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

Thanks to Jasmine Hnatkova's wonderful design, we produced church Christmas cards delivered to every home in Shepton Mallet. Across the Benefice, nearly 1,000 people attended our Christmas services—a fantastic conclusion to the year.

**Living as Jesus' Followers**

2025 proved exceptional for growth. Sunday morning attendance rose from approximately 80 to 100 people weekly. We welcomed newcomers seeking church, returning to childhood faith, or exploring Christianity for the first time.

A dedicated team developed "Supporting Growth," outlining Wise Welcome, Purposeful Pathways, and Meaningful Ministries. This framework was shared with the PCC and will be presented during Lent Talks 2026.

Our Benefice Weekend Away featured Revd Mike Cain, who shared his miraculous cancer journey and spoke powerfully about being "jars of clay."

Children's and youth ministries continue thriving through dedicated volunteers, including Sunday groups and midweek Youth Bible Fellowship. Our evangelistic program included Start Course, The Bible Course, Christianity Explored, and Discipleship Explored, fostering faith growth and community connection.

School ministry flourishes across St. Paul's Junior, Shepton Mallet Community Infants, and Bowlish Primary schools. Open the Book teams are recognized throughout town, creating valuable witness opportunities.

**Growing in Love**

By God's grace, these activities have cultivated Christ-like love increasingly evident on Sundays and in our community relationships. We pray for continued growth in Jesus' love, so others might say of us, "See how they love one another." Deep gratitude extends to all serving out of love for Jesus in the Shepton Mallet Benefice.

**Trustees Annual Report (continued)**

**Year ended 31st December 2025**

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**FINANCE REPORT**

**Income**

Our total income for the year was £199,395 representing an increase of 24% on 2024. Our General income increased by 17% or £24,678. Restricted funds benefitted from a total of £30,435, which was to fund our Discipleship lead role and Winter heating funds. Planned Giving, Cash Collections and Ad Hoc Donations to the General fund were 6% higher. Fundraising income more than doubled and the recurrence of the Parish Weekend also contributed to this strong income growth.

**Expenditure**

Our total expenditure of £173,841 represents a decrease of 0.5% on last year. In the General fund increases to building maintenance expenses and the costs of running the Parish Weekend drove the £13,746 or 10% increase whilst there was a decrease due to the expenditure on the clock in 2024 which did not recur in 2025.

**Fund values**

In addition to the income and expenditure movements outlined above the value of the PCC's investments grew by £2,964 over the year.

Overall the value of the General fund increased by £30,308 to £89,939 driven by income in excess of expenditure of £13,900 and the transfer of the AV equipment fixed asset from its restricted fund. The PCC's total funds increased by £28,518 to £228,981 due to income in excess of expenditure in both the General and Discipleship Funds. In total £204,894 is available as cash and investments. £90,155 of that being unrestricted.

**Reserves**

The PCC is required to formulate and disclose its policy on "reserves", i.e. the level of funds which are freely available at any time. The PCC has adopted a policy to maintain reserves of £42,500 which is based upon 3 months of average projected general expenditure to cover variability in the timing of outgoings and a £5,000 lump sum to cover unforeseen short term building maintenance needs. The PCC defines reserves as the total value of its unrestricted funds less Tangible fixed assets being £90,155 as at 31 Dec 2025

**Comments**

The overall growth in 2025 particularly that of the General fund was very encouraging and it was especially pleasing to see a growth in giving. However, costs continue to rise especially in utilities and building maintenance and the PCC wants to continue to fund current activities and to do more wherever possible.

The movement of PCC savings assets into an alternative account has again delivered strong interest returns 35% ahead of 2024. We will continue to seek to grow our income both through activities, donations and through fundraising events.

**Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

**Year ended 31st December 2025**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**PETER MULLEE (ACCA)**  
**Independent Examiner**

**Date**                      **17th April 2026**

**Talbot Barn, Patterdown Farm, Patterdown, Chippenham, SN15 2NP**

Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2025

		2025			2024	
	Note	Unrestricted				
		General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Donations & Legacies	4	139,595	0	9,398	148,994	128,810
Charitable Activities	5	10,419	0	21,034	31,453	22,718
Trading Activities	6	7,919	0	3	7,922	1,394
Investment Income/Interest	7	8,088	0	0	8,088	5,977
Other Income	8	2,939	0	0	2,939	1,342
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>168,960</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,435</b>	<b>199,395</b>	<b>160,241</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Expenditure on fundraising		360	0	0	360	0
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	9	132,892	0	17,313	150,205	164,909
Other Expenditure	10	21,807	0	1,469	23,276	9,791
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>155,059</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>173,841</b>	<b>174,700</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>13,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,653</b>	<b>25,554</b>	<b>-14,458</b>
Transfers between funds		13,444	0	-13,444	0	0
Investment in Fixed assets		0	0	0	0	13,491
Gains/Losses on investments	11	2,964	0	0	2,964	451
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>30,308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,790</b>	<b>28,518</b>	<b>-516</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>59,631</b>	<b>24,302</b>	<b>116,530</b>	<b>200,463</b>	<b>200,979</b>
<b>Total Funds Carried forward</b>		<b>89,939</b>	<b>24,302</b>	<b>114,740</b>	<b>228,981</b>	<b>200,463</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet

Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31st December 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	15	24,087	27,784
Intangible Fixed Assets	16	21,105	18,141
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>45,191</b>	<b>45,925</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		183,790	154,538
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>183,790</b>	<b>154,538</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Agency Collections		0	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>228,981</b>	<b>200,463</b>
<b>Represented by Funds</b>	17		
Unrestricted - General		89,939	59,631
Unrestricted - Designated		24,302	24,302
Restricted		114,739	116,530
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>228,981</b>	<b>200,463</b>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the PCC and authorised for presentation to the APCM.

Rev. Jonathan Hunter Dunn  
PCC Chairman



Date **17th April 2026**

## Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### Year ended 31st December 2025

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##### 1. General information

The PCC is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales (no. 1130891). The registered office address is Peter Street Rooms, Peter Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5BL.

##### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### 3. Accounting Policies

###### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared in pounds sterling, the functional currency of the entity.

###### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

###### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

###### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the income has been received .

###### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a payment is made. Expenditure includes any VAT and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates i.e.

\*\* expenditure on raising funds includes all the costs of fundraising activities, events, and non-charitable trading activities;

\*\* expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity;

\*\* other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

###### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less any residual value, over its useful economic life as follows:

Office equipment	straight line over 4 years
Audiovisual equipment	straight line over 5 years
Digital Organ	straight line over 20 years

The annual depreciation charge is recognised in expenditure

###### Investments

Investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised after net income/expenditure.

Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31st December 2025

	2025			2024	
	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>4. Donations &amp; Legacies</b>					
Planned giving	84,334	-	285	84,619	79,613
Cash collections	6,590	-	328	6,919	7,673
Ad hoc donations	18,160	-	3,775	21,935	16,289
Income tax recovered	27,174	-	5,010	32,184	25,235
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	3,338	-	-	3,338	-
<b>Total donations and legacies</b>	<b>139,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,398</b>	<b>148,994</b>	<b>128,810</b>
<b>5. Charitable activities</b>					
Donations to toddlers/children/youth	393	0	0	393	407
Wedding and funeral fees retained	10,026	0	0	10,026	9,951
Other income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	397
Discipleship funding	0	0	21,034	21,034	11,963
<b>Total charitable activity income</b>	<b>10,419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,034</b>	<b>31,453</b>	<b>22,718</b>
<b>6. Trading Activities</b>					
Bookstall	1,118	0	3	1,121	1,082
Peter Street lettings	25	0	0	25	0
Church lettings	1,564	0	0	1,564	200
Refreshments	178	0	0	178	112
Concerts and functions	0	0	0	0	0
Parish weekend	5,035	0	0	5,035	0
<b>Total trading activity income</b>	<b>7,919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7,922</b>	<b>1,394</b>
<b>7. Investment Income</b>					
Dividends and Interest	8,088	0	0	8,088	5,977
<b>8. Other Income</b>					
Fundraising income	2,706	0	0	2,706	1,229
Miscellaneous Income	232	0	0	232	113
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>1,342</b>

# Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	2025			2024	
		Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities</b>						
Parish Share		66,814	0	0	66,814	65,617
Children's & Youthwork		4,765	0	0	4,765	2,176
Finance & Administration		18,656	0	0	18,656	17,657
Charitable Giving	18	12,891	0	478	13,369	12,365
Church Utilities & Insurance		13,014	0	476	13,490	14,672
Church Buildings & Maintenance		4,562	0	667	5,229	8,414
Weddings & Funerals		3,081	0	0	3,081	21
Music & Services		1,246	0	466	1,712	2,251
Clergy Expenses		2,081	0	0	2,081	2,104
Discipleship ministry		581	0	15,227	15,808	15,536
Training & Recruitment		0	0	0	0	15
Books to promote objectives		109	0	0	109	592
Mission		0	0	0	0	26
Equipment		1,394	0	0	1,394	15,616
Depreciation	12	3,698	0	0	3,698	7,849
<b>Total Exp. on Charitable Activities</b>		<b>132,892</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,313</b>	<b>150,205</b>	<b>164,909</b>

## 10. Other Expenditure

PSR Buildings & Maintenance	7,983	0	0	7,983	2,481
PSR Utilities & Insurance	5,341	0	0	5,341	5,623
Parish Weekend	4,825	0	0	4,825	0
Bookstall	972	0	0	972	848
Refreshment costs	1,193	0	0	1,193	772
Concerts & Functions	0	0	0	0	40
Miscellaneous costs	1,494	0	1,469	2,962	27
<b>Total Other Expenditure</b>	<b>21,807</b>		<b>1,469</b>	<b>23,276</b>	<b>9,791</b>

		2025 £	2024 £
<b>11. Net gains on investments</b>			
M&G Charifund		2,964	451
<b>12. Depreciation</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Net income is stated after charging depreciation of tangible fixed assets as follows:		£	£
Digital Organ	Digital Organ	1,000	1,000
Audio & Visual Installation 2024		2,698	2,698
Audio & Visual Installation 2020	A/V Equipment	0	4,150
<b>Total depreciation</b>		<b>3,698</b>	<b>7,849</b>

## 13. Staff costs

The total staff costs (including employee benefits) for the year	15,134	12,640
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The PCC employed a Parish Administrator throughout the year so the number of employees at the year end was 1 (2024 : 1).

## 14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were paid to Trustees or persons directly associated with them except for:

- the reimbursement of expenses incurred by various Trustees on behalf of the PCC;
- the salaries to the employee who is married to a Trustee.



# Parochial Church Council of St. Peter & St. Paul, Shepton Mallet

## Notes to Financial Statements Continued)

### Year ended 31st December 2025

#### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	£
<u>Acquisition cost</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2025	59,032
Additions	0
Disposals	0
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>59,032</b>
<u>Depreciation</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2025	31,248
Charge for the year	3,698
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>34,945</b>
<u>Carrying Amount</u>	
Brought forward at 1 January 2025	27,784
Additions	0
Charge for the year	3,698
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>24,087</b>

#### 16. Investments

M&G Charifund	
Valuation at 1 January 2025	18,141
Revaluation	2,964
<b>Carried forward at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>21,105</b>

#### 17. Analysis by fund

	Value 1st Jan £	Income & Gains/(Losses) £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Value 31st Dec £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	59,631	171,924	155,059	13,444	89,939
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Margaret Dyke	24,302	0	0	0	24,302
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>83,933</b>	<b>171,924</b>	<b>155,059</b>	<b>13,444</b>	<b>114,241</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Screen and family area	13,444	0	0	-13,444	0
Discipleship	6,535	25,643	15,227	0	16,952
Winter Heating	0	4,792	3,023	0	1,769
Re-Ordering	96,085	0	67	0	96,019
Music	466	0	466	0	0
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>116,530</b>	<b>30,435</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>-13,444</b>	<b>114,739</b>
<b>Total funds of the charity</b>	<b>200,463</b>	<b>202,359</b>	<b>173,841</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>228,981</b>

**Margaret Dyke:** Set up with a legacy from Margaret Dyke, to support Youth and music ministry, as decided by the incumbent and wardens in consultation with the PCC.

**Screen and family area:** A restricted fund to pay for improved AV and family area on the North side of the church. The project is complete and the fund is closed.

**Discipleship:** a restricted fund established to fund the role of Discipleship lead.

**Winter Heating:** A restricted fund set up during the year to fund additional heating costs over the winter period

**Re-ordering:** A restricted fund to provide for the development and implementation costs of our re-ordering project. Since 2022 major donations were received and a small amount of professional fees have been incurred so far in pursuit of faculty approval.

**Music:** A restricted fund created during 2022 on receipt of a legacy from the estate of Rae Fulford. The fund has been spent to support the musical life of the church.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31st December 2025

18. Charitable Giving from General Fund	2025 £	2024 £
Tearfund	2,478	2,000
St Peter's Lifeline	2,000	2,634
Windsor Hill Wood	3,391	2,000
Salvation Army	1,500	1,500
Believers in Recovery	2,000	2,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators	2,000	2,000
Various Others		231
<b>Total charitable giving</b>	<b>13,369</b>	<b>12,365</b>
 <b>Percent of previous years unrestricted income</b>	 <b>9.6%</b>	 <b>9.9%</b>

Main charities supported

**Tearfund:** As a Christian charity, Tearfund believes that everyone has an amazing God-given potential to create change. They show people around the world how to unlock these gifts and put them to use escaping poverty. Many of their partners in this work are local churches, who discover how to offer their communities material and spiritual hope.

**St Peter's Lifeline** is a small charity that supports an impoverished parish community in a harsh, remote, area of Kenya. It's principal activities are: educating orphaned and impoverished children, eliminating the foul scourge of FGM, a sustainable micro finance scheme for women, daily feeding scheme at 7 local primary schools, caring for over 120 disabled children & their families and the provision of a water supply & irrigation.

**Windsor Hill Wood** is a woodland shelter, a place of radical hospitality, manual labour and prayer. They aim to create a loving environment for people going through tough or uncertain times and offering them the chance to rediscover peace, silence and acceptance amidst the beauty and simplicity of the woods.

**Salvation Army:** Our gift was to support the local food bank operations in our town.

**Believers in Recovery** is a church wide Christian recovery community supporting men and women who have been affected directly or indirectly by any forms of addiction.

**Wycliffe Bible Translators** is a mission agency with a big vision: A world where everyone can know Jesus through the Bible. 1 in 5 people worldwide still don't have a Bible in their language. Wycliffe serve local partners worldwide as they bring God's word to their communities in the language which speaks to them best.

## PCC Accounts and Returns Checklist

This checklist is designed to enable the PCC Treasurer to ensure all year end responsibilities have been completed.

Accounts have been prepared on:

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Receipts & Payments basis **OR**

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Accruals basis

(If income is greater than £250k, your accounts must be prepared on an accruals basis)

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The accounts have been approved prior to the APCM, received at the APCM & signed by the PCC Chairman.

All the following should form part of your accounts pack. Check the box to confirm this.

☒ PCC annual report approved prior to the APCM.

☒ Signed independent examiner's certificate.

*Certificate template can be downloaded from*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-examiners-report-template-sorp-frs-102>

☒ Statement of Assets & Liabilities / Balance Sheet as appropriate.

☒

The Return of Parish Finance totals agree with the accounts (submit online)

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Is PCC income (total including all restricted funds and excluding transfers between funds) above £100k for the year? (Yes/No)

If **YES**, the following further confirmation is required:

Either ☒ The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission.

The registration number is

☒ PCC accounts and annual return have been filed at the Charity Commission / will be filed before the deadline (31<sup>st</sup> October).

Or ☐ The PCC is currently applying for registration.

Or ☐ This year is a 'one off' & the PCC has applied to the Charity Commission for dispensation not to register this year.

Please return this checklist with your Year-end Accounts to: [pccaccounts@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:pccaccounts@bathwells.anglican.org)

Please submit the Return of Parish Finance on <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/> . In case of issues with your login, please email: [returns@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:returns@bathwells.anglican.org)

If you have any queries regarding the completion of your accounts or returns, there is guidance on the Diocesan [Accounting and returns - Bath and Wells Diocese](#) and Parish Resources website [www.parishresources.org.uk](http://www.parishresources.org.uk)