

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **1st January 2025** To **31st Dec 2025**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Note	Finance Return	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2024 to nearest £
A1 Receipts								
Voluntary Receipts								
Planned Giving								
Planned giving (tax efficient)		1	42,446				42,446	38,943
Planned giving (other)		2	6,828				6,828	10,252
Collections at services		3	5,799				5,799	4,397
Other giving/ voluntary receipts	5a		7,452		1,603		9,055	38,358
Gift Aid Recovered		6	17,152				17,152	8,837
Activities for generating funds	5b	9	3,717				3,717	2,134
Investment income	5c	10	52	2,777			2,829	3,220
Church Activities	5d		10,768		17,147		27,915	28,387
Sub total			94,213	2,777	18,750	-	115,740	134,528
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.								
							-	
Total receipts		A,B,C	94,213	2,777	18,750	-	115,740	134,528
A3 Payments								
Church Activities							-	
Diocesan Parish Share		19	73,382				73,382	69,001
Other Payments	5e		23,314	7,236	6,784		37,334	63,473
Mission giving and charitable donations	5f	18	5,880		120		6,000	7,050
Cost of Generating Funds		25	688				688	309
Fund raising trading costs					8,402		8,402	7,891
Governance Costs		26	171		8		179	282
Sub total			103,435	7,236	15,314	-	125,985	148,006
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.								
							-	
Total payments		D,E,F	103,435	7,236	15,314	-	125,985	148,006
Net of receipts/(payments)			- 9,222	- 4,459	- 3,436	-	- 10,245	- 11,047
A5 Transfers between funds								
							-	
A6 Cash funds last year end								
			36,711	34,645	12,441		83,797	97,275
Cash funds this year end			27,489	30,186	15,877	-	73,552	83,797

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To

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Finance Return	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		Current account	14,804			
		Business	-		-	
		CBF Deposit Fund	12,685	30,186	15,877	
		Parish centre account			-	
	31	Total cash funds	27,489	30,186	15,877	-
		(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts))	OK	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B3 Investment assets		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	32					
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		Parish centre building and contents		unrestricted		
		Loss limit £2.9m				
B5 Liabilities		Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		Outstanding invoices				

The notes attached on page 3 form part of these financial statements

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Andrew Brown
John Rawson

ANDREW BROWN
JOHN RAWSON

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Section C Notes

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

2. Assets retained for the charity's own use include the Parish Centre and its contents.

3. Any endowment and Fabric funds are with the CCLA (The CBF Church of England Deposit fund0

4. The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:

		Bal b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal c/f
Restricted:	Fabric	-				-
	Churchyard	-	278	273		5
	St Anne's school	-	120	120	-	-
	Flowers	46	-	46		-
	Christmas decs.	114	-	114		-
	DBF Fees	1,479	5,041	5,033		1,487
	Vases	1,976	681	167		2,490
	Other Fees	475	1,520	1,152		843
	Parish centre own A/c	8351	1633	617	-9367	-
	Parish centre res fund	0	9477	7792	9367	11052
		12,441	18,750	15,314	-	15,877
Designated:	Fabric(CBF)	557	2777	1204		2,130
	Mission (CBF)	34089	0	6032		28,057
						-
		34,646	2,777	7,236	-	30,187

5. Receipts and Payments analysis			Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2024 to nearest £
Receipts								
Other voluntary receipts	5a						-	
Collections weddings & funerals			166				166	460
Legacy			-				-	25,000
Donations to church funds			3,571				3,571	4,562
Churchyard donations					278		278	736
Community pantry (electricity)			-		1,205		1,205	
Donations for Christmas dec's							-	-
Donations for school toast			-		120		120	120
Sparkles			1,855				1,855	1,492
Men's/women's breakfast			319				319	220
Sunday refreshments			594				594	739
Holiday Club			-				-	318
Other activities			817				817	917
Benefact Trust Grant			-		-		-	2,100
Parish Centre insurance			130				130	1,560
Income from The Well	7		-				-	135
			7,452	-	1,603	-	9,055	38,359
Activities for generating funds	5b	9						
Shevington Fete			1,054				1,054	1,143
Craft Fayre			484				484	509
Dance			805				805	
Disco			721				721	
Brass Band Concert			653				653	482
			3,717	-	-	-	3,717	2,134
Investment income	5c	10						
Bank interest			52	2,777			2,829	3,220
			52	2,777	-	-	2,829	3,220
Receipts from Church Activities	5d							
Fees for weddings and funerals		11	10,768				10,768	12,690
Fees for vergers and sexton		11			1,520		1,520	1,710
Fees for vases		11			681		681	681
DBF Fees					5,041		5,041	4,590
Parish Centre income		12			9,905		9,905	8,716
			10,768	-	17,147	-	27,915	28,387

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Section C Notes continued

5. Receipts and Payments analysis		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2023 to nearest £
Payments							
Church Activities							
Other Payments	5e						
Clergy expenses	21	1,166				1,166	1,268
						-	
						-	
Sub total (if required)		1,166	-	-	-	1,166	1,268
Lighting	24	937				937	1,136
Heating	24	1,052				1,052	1,294
Water	24	186				186	120
Insurance	23	3,137				3,137	3,064
Maintenance	23	3,598	1,204	-		4,802	33,095
Organ/Organist/CCLI licences	23	1,940				1,940	1,856
Fees to vergers and sexton				1,151		1,151	1,538
DBF Fees				5,033		5,033	5,273
Purchase of Vases				167		167	-
Purchase of Iranian Bibles				-		-	12
Communion wafers & wine	23	431				431	271
The Well expenses	22	-				-	20
Christmas decorations	22			114		114	35
Holiday Club	22	-				-	231
Mission Opportunities Fund	22		6,032			6,032	3,674
Sparkles	22	475				475	256
CPAS DBS checks	23	201				201	30
Christian resources	23	600				600	619
Resources for mission	22	70				70	431
Data protection	23	47				47	35
Independent examiner	23	75				75	75
Men's breakfast & other food	22	205				205	32
Sunday refreshments	22	-				-	85
Churchyard benches	23	-		-		-	-
Churchyard maintenance	23	4,926		273		5,199	4,725
Vicarage council tax & water		3,891				3,891	3,552
Other expenses	23	377		46		423	746
		23,314	7,236	6,784	-	37,334	63,473
Mission giving and donations	5f					-	
Barchester Fund		770				770	1,540
OMF International		1,600				1,600	1,500
Open Doors		1,170				1,170	1,250
Manchester City Mission		1,170				1,170	1,250
Mission Aviation Fellowship		1,170				1,170	1,250
St Anne's School Toast				120		120	80
						-	
						-	
		5,880	-	120	-	6,000	6,870

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Anne's Church, Shevington, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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 with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below. Independent examiner's statement

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.

(Name) Gill Taylor

(Date) 14.2.2026

(Relevant professional qualification or body) ACMA

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Reports for Annual Parochial Church Meeting 16th March 2026



***Our vision is “to know Christ better and
to male Christ better know”.***

Vicar's report 2026

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24



Dear Friends

What you do has eternal significance. That's the message all the way through the Bible. The world tells us something different, we're just flashes of consciousness here today, gone tomorrow and mean nothing in the big scheme of things, that is, despite none of us living this way. We know in our hearts and soul that we matter, our families matter, our work matters, we are so much greater than the sum of our parts. Your work for the Lord, has eternal value.

One of the most wonderful things I have noticed over the past year is the number of people stepping forward to take on responsibility. To have an idea and to run with it. To respond to requests for help. To step out of their comfort zone and do things. Sometimes it takes a bit of courage, but I've always found that when I do that, the Lord rewards me even more and many others can testify to that too.

Reflecting back on the year my daily prayer continues to be based on what Jesus said:

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

As I pray, I bring to mind the faces of our congregation and pray for strength, health and God's empowering presence.

In many ways the Lord has answered this prayer. You have been the answer to this prayer. From toddlers' groups, to older folks' groups, from Bible study fellowship groups, to churchyard work-parties. From men's groups to women's groups, from kitchen grafters to sermon preparers, from social event organisers to pastoral visitors. From diocesan form fillers to gift aid recoverers, from PCC members to readers and prayers. The list could go on and on. Our church is very active and our work does not go unseen. Wherever we work, we seek to work unto the Lord.

Since the last annual meeting so many different events have happened and I give thanks to the Lord for your energy and vision in serving Jesus and serving each other and in different and varied ways reaching out with His love and the message of salvation to our community.

In the coming year, we pray for God's leading, for growth in number and depth of faith, for opportunity to share and serve together and remember as our diocese is 100 years old that we are "All For Jesus".

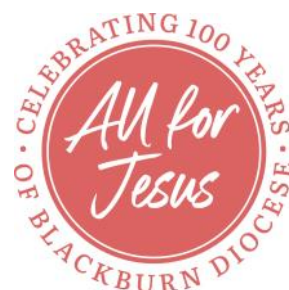
All Age Services

We have a small group of folk who come together to bring ideas and organise the All Age services. These services have been a service to families having their children baptised, but also we have started to draw families from the Sparkles group to the service and also our regular members. We meet within a couple of weeks of the service and delegate responsibilities to each other and bounce ideas off each other. Do continue to pray for our team and the All Age Services to be able to share the message of Jesus with our young families.

Your Brother Andrew

Centenary Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
in our Centenary year we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service,
and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



Electoral Roll Report for the A.P.C.M. 16th March 2026

The electoral roll has been updated this year, as it was revised last year. The number on the new roll is 98 of which 31 live outside the parish. (The overall number on the roll in May 2025 was 88)

Jean Gillson (PCC Secretary).

Report of the proceedings of the PCC May 2025 to February 2026

The PCC meets bi-monthly and met on 4 occasions during the shortened year under review.

The number of elected members to the PCC is governed by the number of people on the Electoral Roll. For many years this has previously been greater than 100 and therefore we had up to 12 elected PCC members, in addition to the clergy, two churchwardens and two Deanery Synod representatives ex officio. Since the 2025 revision of the Electoral Roll resulted in just 88 people signing up, we have had nine elected PCC members plus those who are ex officio.

Topics discussed during the year (fabric, finance and safeguarding were on every agenda).

In July we reviewed the church's newsletter mailing format and have since incorporated photos of the events such as the village Fete and a spread about Sparkles group. It was agreed that the purpose of the mailing is to reflect what's going on in the wider Christian community.

In September we agreed to install a dishwasher in the Parish Centre kitchen (this was financed by a generous anonymous donation). We introduced a Who's who information slide onto the screen notices to introduce everyone to the PCC members and included a dedicated

Safeguarding slide to promote our church as a safe place. We also began planning the Christmas services and how to improve them from the previous year.

In November, we reviewed the risk assessment procedure for hiring the Parish Centre for high-capacity events, with the Family Christmas disco event in mind. We finalised plans for Christmas services, this included promoting the Blue Christmas service with local funeral directors and we appreciate the generosity from R Banks funeral services for sponsoring the event. It was agreed to have a charity collection when carolling in the village and the money raised went to The Brick in Wigan.

In January we reviewed the Christmas services to make notes for improvement planning for next year. We discussed the provision provided for families during services. With the re-formatted All Age services now successfully underway, it was decided to incorporate additional seating area with more activities for slighter older children on the Font side of church. It was decided that older children can be incorporated into the services by helping with prayers and Bible reading. The PCC approved sending two Sparkles team members to the Generation to generation training event for children's ministry in February. We approved the proposed plan to start new Christianity courses for new Christians, beginning with 123 course and following this, Christianity Explored. Finally, with this being the Diocese centenary year, we have begun to think about plans for September's Centenary Mission weekend - to join other parishes by hosting events and inviting those who wouldn't ordinarily come to church to share in fellowship, and also to hear something about Jesus and be invited to learn more.

Jean Gillson (PCC secretary)

Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31st 2025

Income

Total receipts in unrestricted funds were £96990 of which:

£49274 planned giving

£13251 unrestricted voluntary donations,

£17152 Gift Aid.

£10768 fees for funerals and burials of ashes..

£3717 from fund raising activities ie Dance, Family Disco, Shevington Fete,
Craft Fayre and Brass Band Concert.

£2829 bank interest

Restricted funds of £18750 were also received, including:

£9905 for hire of the parish centre.

£7242 restricted fees (diocesan fees, fees to verger and sexton)

£1205 from the Community Pantry for the cost of the electricity used by
them

£278 for the churchyard

£120 for toast at St Anne's school

64 people out of a membership of 89 (the number on the electoral roll at the end of the year) donated by way of planned giving, either by standing order or Free Will Offering envelopes. £49274 was given of which £45902 was eligible for gift aid. Gift Aid continues to be a lifeline for St Anne's and I would urge you if you are a tax payer and have not signed up for gift aid, to do so.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2025 was £125985:

£73382 parish share.

£5199 for upkeep of the churchyard

£1989 for church gas and electricity

£3137 for insurance for the church and parish centre.

£4802 for church maintenance

£950 for the organists

£6032 was spent out of the £50K gift received in 2022 (£5732 on the refreshment area at the back of church and £300 on website support)

£6351 for restricted fees

£6000 Mission giving

£5057 clergy expenses and vicarage council tax and water
£8402 parish centre running costs

***Day to day running costs for St Anne's church
(excluding the parish centre) in 2025 = £103,435***

Divided by 52 = £1989 per week

Divided by 365 = £283.38p per day

Parish share is the contribution each parish makes to the diocese for, amongst other things, clergy housing and salaries. The sum that the churches have to find is shared according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the congregation. In 2025 that was £73,382 In 2026 it is £75,216. That is a lot of money, and is much more than the single salary our vicar receives, but the parish system works on the basis that better off parishes support the less well off so that all can have a paid minister. In order to make savings, many parishes are being merged to form larger group ministries with fewer clergy. The hope is that if we keep making payment of our parish share a priority we will continue to have a full time paid minister at St Anne's.

We continue to remain committed to giving 10% of our unrestricted income to support mission, which in 2025 amounted to £6000. £770 of this was paid into a fund (the Barchester Fund) specifically for the use of St Anne's school; £1600 was given to OMF specifically for Roz Stimpson working to spread the gospel in Japan; £1170 was given to Open Doors an organisation supporting the persecuted church; £1170 was given to Mission Aviation Fellowship, an evangelical Christian organisation and the world's largest humanitarian air operator, flying medical supplies, doctors, and nurses to places no one else can reach; 1170 to Manchester City Mission a local organisation which shares the Gospel through training, prison visitation, street work and chaplaincy.

At the end 2025 we had £73,552 in the bank, in all funds, compared with £83,797 at the end of 2024.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance in unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted expenditure.

Conclusion

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the finances of St Anne's. We are grateful for money through special events and one-off gifts, but the backbone of our income is always the regular planned giving of our members and the gift aid that generates.

So thank you to each and every one of you.

I am sure that when dealing with your personal finances you assess what you expect your income for the year will be, whether that is from a salary or pension, and then decide what you have left to spend when you've budgeted for expenses. The church is no different. We know it costs on average £283 per day to keep St Anne's going and pay all the bills. I would strongly urge you, if you don't already, to give in a planned way either through the bank by regular standing order, or using Free Will Offering envelopes, so that we can have a clearer idea of what our income will be and budget accordingly.

We all need to be realistic about what we give to church too, compared with what we are prepared to spend going out for coffees, meals or other luxuries. Is giving to God's work here a priority for you? Have you increased your giving over the last year in line with the increase in your salary or pension? And would you consider leaving a legacy to St Anne's in your will to help future generations keep this church going? (Gifts to charities avoid inheritance tax).

As you read this report, please do use it as a prompt to prayer and ask the Lord how you can respond. We thank God for his gracious provision and continue to trust Him for the upkeep of our buildings and, above all, the mission and ministry of St Anne's, as we seek to spread the Gospel and grow His Church.

Heather Rawson

(Treasurer to St Anne's PCC)

Churchwarden's Report for APCM Meeting on 16th March 2026

Church Building and Graveyard

We have continued to do repair works from the last Quinquennial Inspection, and are slowly coming to the end of that work. The church emergency lighting system has been renewed.

At present we are pursuing a project to resurface most of the churchyard paths, to be paid for by a generous donation by a church couple, to whom we are very grateful.

Church Refreshment Area

The Refreshments Area at the back of church, with hot water system, boiling water dispenser for drinks preparation, fridge and dishwasher, was completed at the end of 2025. This was financed from the £50,000 anonymous gift we received some time ago. Our sincere thanks go to the volunteers who put in many hours of work to install this. It enabled us to serve drinks in church for the Christmas Services, and is now in regular use on Sundays.

Church Cellar Drainage System

For several years we have had continual problems with the cellar pump failing, leading to serious flooding of the cellar. A new drainage pump with a better water level control system has been installed to overcome this problem.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre toilets have been refurbished, with new toilet lights, new tiling around the sink, and redecoration.

The main room has been completely re-decorated.

Parish Centre Dishwasher

A dishwasher was kindly donated, and is now installed and operational in the Parish Centre. Our thanks go to the volunteers who installed this.

Thanks to our volunteers

Our thanks go to **ALL** our volunteers and helpers who do so much in so many ways. Their hard work and enthusiasm keeps St. Anne's going. We are not naming individuals, so as not to offend anybody missed, but **THANK YOU** to all of you.

Vicar

As always, Andrew has worked tirelessly, and we thank him for his leadership, vision, enthusiasm and commitment during the last year.

John Rawson and Rodger Lock

(Church wardens)

Safeguarding Report St Anne's, Shevington 16th March 2026

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The PCC of St Anne's Church, Shevington are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. As a church we operate under the guidelines laid down by the "Promoting A Safer Church" document published by the House of Bishops, 2017. This statement is based on the 5 foundations of the Gospel, Human Rights and the Law, Core Principles, Good Safeguarding Practice, and Learning from the past.

The PCC of St Anne's Church, Shevington, are committed to six overarching principles laid out in the "Promoting a Safer Church" policy. These include:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture,
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church,
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation,
- Caring pastorally for victims and survivors of abuse and other affected persons,
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons, and,
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others within our church community.

Praise God that St Anne's is a safe church where all volunteers maintain a safe working environment.

Approved Policies

Since Nigel Gillson (PSO) was appointed, the PCC have adopted the following policies in line with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance:

- Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Responding to concerns and Allegations
- Volunteers working alone
- Understanding Appropriate Boundaries
- Using Social Media on behalf of St Anne's
- Data Protection and Retention
- Managing Known Offenders
- How to support victims and survivors

All relevant posters have been updated to ensure all visitors are aware of who the Safeguarding team are.

Risk Assessments

All church activities have had appropriate risk assessments completed in line with safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults.

Safer Recruitment

Andrew and Nigel have updated the policy for Safer Recruitment, and this will involve:

- A job description
- A character reference from someone who is not part of St Anne's
- A brief interview with Andrew or an appointed person
- A brief safeguarding induction (which will be in addition to expected diocesan training)
- A DBS must be completed prior to commencement of the role

Safer Recruitment will apply to all volunteers who begin a role (whether voluntary or paid) as part of St Anne's Church and if at least one of the following applies:

- They have not held and do not hold an existing position within St Anne's Church for at least one year
- They have not already been safely recruited by St Anne's Church within the last five years
- They have been away from St Anne's Church for a minimum of three years.

It has been agreed that all existing volunteers will not need safer recruitment.

Current members of the PCC who are trained to safely recruit are:

- Revd Andrew Brown
- Nigel Gillson
- Heather Rawson

Parish Safeguarding Officer

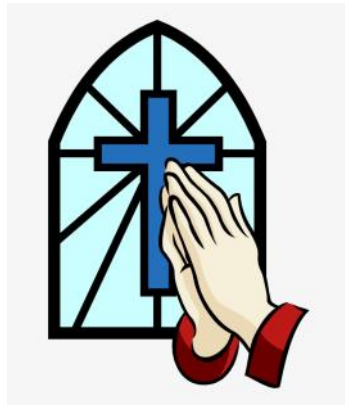
In 2025, Nigel Gillson was appointed Parish Safeguarding Officer. His role is to ensure that St Anne's has a healthy safeguarding culture. He has an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults, and helps to ensure the implementation of the safeguarding policy by all volunteers and workers within St Anne's. Nigel has completed the necessary safeguarding training. We have a dedicated safeguarding email address for any disclosures: stannes.shevington.safeguarding@gmail.com. Alternatively, if you do have a disclosure and need to talk to someone about it, please contact Nigel Gillson, Parish Safeguarding Officer on 07710012553.

Prayer Points

Please pray that as we welcome new people into the church, that they will find St Anne's a safe haven away from the world's influences where they can feel comfortable to disclose any safeguarding needs with the relevant people. That no one will feel like they are alone, and that vulnerable adults and children are cared for and supported according to their need.

Nigel Gillson

(Parish Safeguarding Officer)



Weekly Prayer Meeting

Meeting to pray together is the most effective activity we can do as a church, and our weekly prayer meetings continue to take place on a Wednesday morning at 11am at 55 The Oval.

Andrew leads with a short Bible passage and then we pray, both silently and aloud.

The great blessing of this time together is that it gives us an overview of the needs of our parish, and because people know that we are praying, we regularly have requests for prayer.

We thank God for answers to prayer in the past year, particularly for 2 people who were receiving "end of life care" but are now at home.

We pray particularly for those in the parish who are sick, their families and their carers.

We pray for the needs of the world and remember our Christian family of the Persecuted Church.



Home Groups

There are 4 Bible Study Groups which are part of St Anne's Church

- Monday 1 meets at 55, The Oval at 1.30pm. Leader Brenda, 07757079229
- Monday 2 meets at 4, Calico Wood Avenue at 1.30pm, Leader Sue Mousley 01257 400713
- Thursday 1.30pm meets at 12, High Park, Leader Sue Cooper, 01257425910
- Thursday 7.30pm meets at 61 Glenside, Leaders Heather Rawson and Pauline Byrne 07827625084

We use a variety of different materials for study, and discussion can be very lively. We value each other's experiences and views as we learn more about our Christian faith and what that means in today's fractured world.

We can pray together and practice pastoral care for each other.

All the groups welcome new members for times of learning together.

Pastoral Care Team

We thank God for the loyal Pastoral Care Team who visit people who are no longer able to attend church.

Some of the visits include Communion, prayer and Bible Reading. For others it is an informal visit with prayer.

Jeanette is no longer able to be part of the team because of her own health issues, but Lorna, Audrey and Violet are continuing along with 4 new members, Sue Mousley, Elaine Ellams, Jean Fisher and Les Robinson.

They meet with Andrew on a regular basis to prepare and pray for the Memorial Services.

Please remember the team in your prayers as they work alongside Andrew in this important task.

Brenda Harrison

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Roz Stimpson is our link missionary working in Japan.

She has been studying, working and learning the language for a few years now.

She is due home this summer and will return to Japan in 2027.

Please Pray for her as she, with others, seeks to spread the Gospel message in a very different culture.

Brenda Harrison



The Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group meets twice a month in the Parish Centre. We have an attendance of between 12-15 who regularly attend. Everyone is greeted with a warm welcome and a smile. The aim of the group was thinking about individuals living alone, but the group consists of singles and couples. Tea, coffee and cake are plentiful throughout the afternoon. Some of the group enjoy a game of Scrabble while the rest enjoy a good chat. Although the group is small we think it's of benefit to those who come, and hope in the future numbers will increase.

The ladies enjoyed an afternoon of floral arranging making a table decoration for Christmas—they looked amazing! The demonstration was given by one of our late member's daughter.

For those living alone who attend it's something to look forward to on those weeks, and we love to see them all.

Ruth Porter



Sparkles meets every Tuesday term-time only and is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who have been DBS checked and have attended Safeguarding training courses. Ruth Porter (Sparkles Leader) and another team member, have attended Generation to Generation children's ministry Conference in February.

The session runs from 10-11.30am and we have an average of 24—30 families attending weekly. The group is proving to be very popular and is also attended by families outside from the Shevington area. Children attending have a fun time in a safe, nurturing environment and parents/carers also receive a warm welcome. The Sparkles team all wear lanyards so if parents/carers have any questions they are there to help.

The children enjoy weekly crafts which are based on God's love for us and also free play. The reading table has a toddler Bible and books telling stories from the Bible for the children to enjoy.

The Sparkles display boards are enjoyed by everyone using the Parish Centre, and a lovely way to showcase the children's work.

The children enjoy a mid morning snack sitting with siblings and friends. Both children and adults help with 'tidy up time' and finally everyone settles on the carpet for 'circle time' which consists of nursery rhymes and songs. Vicar Andrew plays his guitar and the children join in singing with actions to "Jesus loves is very wonderful" while playing musical instruments. We finish the session with the Sparkles prayer.

As families leave, it is lovely to hear both children and adults saying that they have had a good time, and this is entirely down to the hard work of the Sparkles team.

Sparkles is also linked to the All Age service and a couple of the Sparkles grandparents are on the team helping with planning and making crafts.

Sparkles families attend All Age service and enjoy the crafts and showing the congregation their drawings. The Sparkles prayer is always said in the service.

May Sparkles and the All age service continue to flourish in God's love and guidance.

Ruth Porter

(Sparkles Leader)





Men's Breakfast and Women's Prayer Breakfast

Both the Men's and Women's breakfasts events took place in 2026.

The emphasis is slightly different with the men enjoying a full English breakfast followed by a speaker – an event you could comfortably invite someone who is not part of the church to.

The women enjoy a simpler breakfast followed by singing, listening, praying and thinking about God's plans which we see in the Bible and in our own lives.

There is plenty of room for more men and women to come – look out for future dates in the Monthly Mailing.

Men's Work

Over the past year, men from the church have attended men's services at Blackburn, curry nights, breakfasts with a speaker and also retreat weekends. This is an opportunity for blokes to encourage each other and be encouraged, and also to bring friends along to different events. As the Bible says, "as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Your Brother Andrew



Mother's Union

St Anne's Mother's Union branch is a welcoming and lively group which meets in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

The program consists of a variety of different speakers, encouragement for social action e.g. prevention of domestic abuse, times for prayer and fellowship, and an Agape meal during Lent.

The committee members for 2025-26 are Linda Green and Marie Simpson (joint branch leaders), Joan Boardman, Marjorie Moore, Rhona Anderson and Anne Jones.

In 2025, the membership was 20, there were 13 meetings over the year. In May, 4 members attended the Chorley Deanery Festival at St Laurence's Church.

In June, members enjoyed fellowship at the Gathurst Golf Club over a meal—they enjoyed it so much that the venue was booked for December's meal.

In October, we held the annual MU Wave of Prayer service.

New members of MU are always welcome.

For more information contact Linda on 07939123036.

Linda Green

MU Secretary / Joint Leader

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of St Anne's Church, Shevington, Parochial Church Council.

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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 with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below. Independent examiner's statement

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.

(Name) Gill Taylor

(Date) 14.2.2026

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