

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BACKWELL

England & Wales · Charity number 1131461

Details

Other names ST ANDREW'S PCC BACKWELL

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-09-02

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, school assemblies and small groups. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas. Promoting the mission of the Church through provision of activities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- North Somerset

Finances

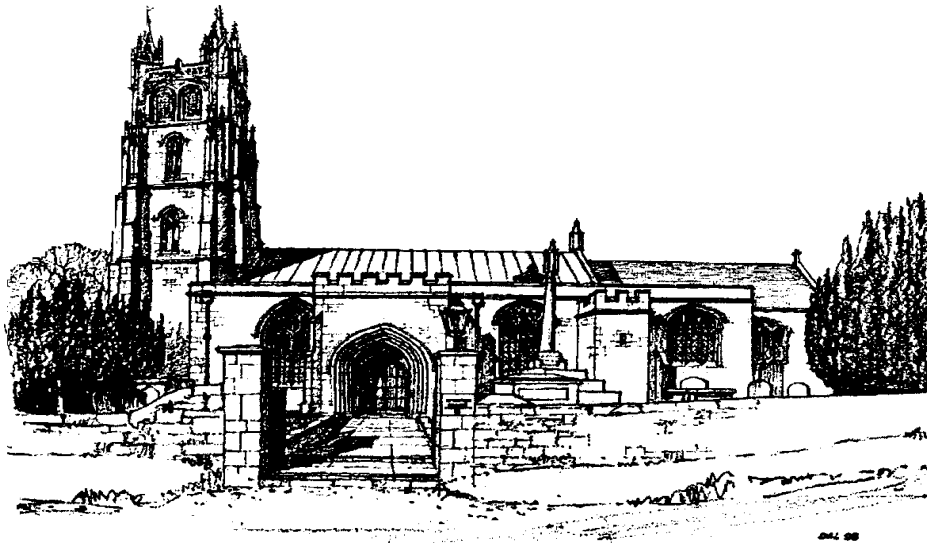
Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£115,966	£174,396	-	-
2024-12-31	£135,691	£221,038	-	-
2023-12-31	£156,035	£168,061	-	-
2022-12-31	£226,919	£181,871	-	-
2021-12-31	£109,782	£130,802	-	-
2020-12-31	£124,997	£141,798	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Sam Charles Norton	Chair	2025-02-27
Andrew Pitcher		2022-05-24
Anita Heappey		2015-04-23
CHRISTINE HAMILTON		2012-04-30
Cherry Leake		2020-10-18
Elizabeth Anne Smith		2026-04-26
Ian Bainbridge		2023-04-30
Janet Christine Macmillan		2026-04-26
MRS A L BARRATT		

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Andrew Backwell



Annual Report and Accounts for 2025

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday, 26th April 2026 at 11:15am

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*Please note that the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
are available for inspection at the Church Office.*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday 26th April 2026

AGENDA

Prayer

- 1 Nomination of Clerk by the meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on May 18th 2025
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

*(All nominations must be complete and before the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.
No nominations can be taken from the floor)*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 26th April 2026 at 11.15am

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting held on May 18th 2025
- 2 Consideration of Electoral Roll
- 3 ANNUAL REPORT
 - Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts for year ended 31.12.25
 - Churchwardens' Review of the Year
 - Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
 - Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 4 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
 - PCC members
 - Election of Electoral Roll Officer
 - Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - Appointment of Stewards/Welcomers
 - Election of Independent Examiner

- 5 To note—Informal Reports in separate booklet
- 6 Any other matters of parochial or general church interest

Short matters may be dealt with at this meeting or will be dealt with by the PCC

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
to be held immediately following the APCM

AGENDA

- 1 Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Consideration of Parish Share banding
3. Any matters of urgent consideration
4. Date of next meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in Church
Sunday 18th May 2025 at 12.00noon

1. Nomination of Clerk by the meeting

The meeting agreed that Jane Canning should act as clerk.

2. Apologies: Joan Rowe, John and Sheila Lee, David George, Peter and Heather Bailey, Janet and Ian Bainbridge, Andy and Janet Pitcher, Vanessa Colley, Tamsin Hockett, Doug and Pat Neilson, Anita Heappey, Barbara Harland.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the Last Vestry Meeting on 12th May 2024 were accepted as a true record by the meeting.

4. Election of Churchwardens

As required by the Churchwarden Measure 2001, nominations for Churchwarden had been submitted in writing before the meeting. Andrew Pitcher was proposed by Andrew Colley and seconded by Phil Hockett. Cherry Leake was proposed by Andrew Colley and seconded by Andy Pitcher. As there were no other nominations, Cherry and Andy were duly appointed as Church Wardens.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed.....Chair of Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on
Sunday 18th May 2025 at 12.00noon

Chair: Rev Sam Norton

PCC Secretary: Jane Canning

Church Warden: Cherry Leake

Present: Lesley Barratt, Chris Hamilton, David Sutton, Sue Griffiths, Elise Buckingham Lazell, Philip Hockett, Juliet Densham, Sheila and Andrew Round, Martin Canning, Elizabeth Smith, Lionel Smith, Ian Wills, Helen Wills, Ian Forsyth, Tim Harland, Andrew Colley. Jenifer Dyer, Marie Bale, Tina Soper.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 12th May 2024 had already been circulated with the annual reports. They were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

2. Consideration of Electoral Roll

This year there was a full review of the Electoral Roll. There were 221 on the roll in 2024. The new Electoral Roll has 103 names of which 25 live outside of the Parish.

It was proposed that the new Electoral Roll be accepted

Proposed Philip Hockett

seconded Ian Wills

Accepted unanimously

3. Annual Report

This was circulated in advance and included the following-

- Financial Report and Accounts
- Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
- Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- Reports on pastoral care and mission and evangelism

The Rector's annual report was delivered in the form of his sermon at the 11am service.

The Financial Report was presented by Lesley Barratt. She reported that although the church's shares had dropped in value earlier they have now partially recovered. The Parish Share had become the Benefice Share. There is a new method of calculating what the church is required to pay to the Diocese and this year it is lower than last year. The church still has a deficit on its running costs. There are no capital reserves to fund the churchyard, but John Brain's fund can be used instead.

Lesley was thanked for her work.

There were no questions from the meeting concerning the Annual Report.

4. Elections

There were no nominations for PCC. Doug Neilson and Lesley Barratt had completed 3 years as members of the PCC. Lesley was co-opted onto the PCC, but Doug Neilson has chosen to step down.

Anita Heappey, Ian Bainbridge and Martin Canning are willing to continue as Deanery Representatives.

Phil Hockett is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Secretary.

Stewards and Welcomers: Stewards are no longer elected but allocated onto the weekly rota through the Benefice Office. The church still needs more stewards, especially for big services and helping frail members of the congregation up and down steps.

Election of Independent Examiner: Amanda Collinson was proposed as St Andrew's Independent Examiner and accepted by the meeting.

5. Informal Reports as contained in the Annual Report.

This year the informal reports have again been produced as a small booklet, which was circulated via email. It is also available on the church website and A Church Near You. The meeting was encouraged to read this, especially the section about Little Lambs.

6. Any matters of Parochial or general church interest.

Sheila Round brought "Christians Together in and around Backwell" to the attention of the meeting. This ecumenical committee meets about three times a year. It is looking for younger people to take over its work.

The issue of extending the church graveyard was raised, including the communication of discussions with the congregation. Rev Sam Norton, said that the situation is currently very fluid and options available to St Andrew's will be reported in due course.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed.....Chair of Meeting

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2025

2025 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has worked with Revd Sam Norton, who was installed in February 2025, and the Ministry team Revd Joan Rowe, Revd Peter Bailey, lay readers Martin Canning and David George and Timi Booy, our Childrens Worker, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's, either through personal attendance or online. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We have enabled people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; biblical learning; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate some of this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric of St. Andrew's so it stands as a Christian statement in Backwell Village and is there for major moments in people's lives such as weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We continued to offer a wide range of services: formal (led by our choir) informal (led by a band) Morning Prayer/ 1662 Book of Common Prayer/ Evensong as well as offering Communion at The Meeting Point and Informal Communion and Café Church in Church House. This wide range of services are held at different times to meet the need of worshippers and we now have a communion service every Sunday at 11.00.

We have managed to enjoy fellowship together in the form of a meal after worship on our Patronal Festival and at our Summer Barbecue in aid of CMS, as well our usual Sunday times for coffee! Our members continue with other churches to be involved with The Meeting Point.

St Andrew's maintains good links with the other churches in the Benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them.

Timi continued to extend her work at our Junior School, before going on maternity leave, and there was an increase to 21 Pupil Chaplains. Each year group has a day in church with activities, and Timi and Revd Sam, regularly took collective worship at the school.

The children's choir, led by a professional music teacher, continues to meet weekly in term time.

The church held several popular services to fully celebrate Christmas. Crib and School Carol Services, our traditional choir-led Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas and outdoor 'Carols outside Spar'.

All are warmly welcomed at our regular services. In 2025 there were 104 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance on Sundays, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October when we had services in the church building, was 63 adults and 3 children.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and

commend the person into God's keeping. During the year we celebrated 1 Baptism, 1 Confirmation (in Wells Cathedral) and 5 weddings. We have held 6 Funerals in our church this year and our Clergy also took 5 services for parishioners at our local crematoriums.

Deanery Synod

Members of our PCC sit on the Deanery Synod which provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC was also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures.

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a high standard by contractors.

We are very grateful for the time and effort both Vanessa, our part time administrator, and Tina, our cleaner, put into the day to day running of the Church.

Church House continues to see a range of usage from both internal and external bookings.

Pastoral Care and Healing Ministry

During this past year in addition to the ministry team the pastoral group has consisted of 4 regular members who met prayerfully supporting parishioners by visits, telephone calls and home communion. This can be supporting families around bereavement, health and end of life care.

We have managed to maintain our pastoral commitments and will continue with our current list of parishioner needs. Along with Revd Sam it is the team's intention to expand this work with more helpers and guidance on reporting any concerns for those who may neighbours in need.

There has been a re-establishment of our Healing Ministry team which is looking to expand its work in 2026.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6.2

Mission and Evangelism

The four key areas of activity of The Mission & Outreach Committee of St Andrew's are our connection with the world church, our support for charities, connections to village life and concern for the environment.

We continue to pray for the community of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, Zambia as part of the Diocesan Companion Link programme, as they do for us, and we exchange news on community activities and events. The priest in our link church visited us in early 2025 and we explored building a school link with Backwell Junor School. We continue to support the Link at Diocesan level, which was strengthened by visits to Zambia by Bishop Michael, the Link Coordinator and 2 other link contacts. We remain committed to Fairtrade through use of Fairtrade supplies.

Maintaining our support for 4 charities during the year has enabled donations to be made to each based on a percentage of PCC receipts. Fundraising events comprised a meal, and a BBQ. We have now connected to a new CMS partner in DRC. The charities are selected on the basis that they are doing God's work, locally and more widely. Full details of our monetary support are shown in the financial accounts.

Our weekly news sheet includes prayer for every road in the village by rotation, and church groups on the same basis. We also pray for churches in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and our supported charity. World mission prayer is contributed to the Diocesan Prayer Calendar and many other prayer diaries are made available for individual use. The Meeting Point is a weekly drop-in café

offering hospitality and support under the umbrella charity, Backwell Life. The Meeting Point continues to have good attendance at its twice-monthly lunches and the weekly chair yoga sessions for those with less mobility. A monthly service of Holy Communion takes place there prior to lunch. The programme of children's activities in the summer was well attended, as are regular holiday activities (Tuesday Break) in the short holidays. The monthly Village Magazine includes significant church input. It is well and widely read across the community and is available free in both paper and on-line versions, reaching around 800 households each month.

Mission and Outreach has looked to develop ways of presenting our message of love and care for our church community, our village community and for the wider world. By using our website, a Church Near You and social media, our engagement and support with schools has expanded, notably with the successful pupil chaplains programme and Open the Book. With the help of our ecumenical partners, we delivered a Christmas card to every house in the village.

Individual congregation members take action to support the Nailsea Foodbank and the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol. Members hold collection boxes for other charities, such as USPG and The Children's Society, which are evidence of the supportive and generous nature of the congregation.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrew's, has held joint services with the other churches in the village during the year, including the World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, and united services in Holy Week. Through this we also work with the other churches in promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches in The Village Magazine. We are also participants in the Backwell Prayer Watch which meets monthly in the 3 churches in the village and also attracts Christians who live in the village but worship elsewhere.

Volunteers

St Andrew's would like to thank the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community whether in our worship, the maintenance of our building and churchyard or in the administration of the parish. In 2025 we said goodbye to Jane & Martin Canning who had been stalwarts of St Andrew's for over 40 years. We thank them for all they have done and may God bless them as they settle into a new life in Liverpool.

FINANCIAL REPORT

St Andrew's Church Financial Report to APCM – May 2026

1. At the end of 2025 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2024	£301,290	£484,522	£785,812
End 2025	£286,354	£433,359	£719,713

2. At 31 December 2025 the CCLA Investment holding was valued at £664,998 compared with £712,667 at the end of 2024. During the year 634 shares were sold yielding £40,000 reducing the number of shares we hold to 10,721. The overall value of the Investment Fund fell by £47,669 as a result of the sale of shares and the reduction of the share value. The share value decreased from £62.76 per share at 1 January 2025 to £62.03 at 31 December 2025.
3. The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and two current accounts with NatWest Bank.
4. Income from regular donations increased by £2,693. However, the number of regular donors is reducing. Currently the number is 90 compared to last year's when it was 95.
5. Collections have increased from £4,365 to 5,994.
6. In 2025 our Diocesan Benefice Share reduced by 3,802 (4%) to £84,141. In 2024 the name of the Parish Share altered and the way it is calculated changed and became less subjective. This has resulted in a reduced amount being due from our benefice.
7. The depreciation figure of £13,578 relates to the fitted cupboards in the church, Church House chairs and the new sound system purchased in earlier years.
8. Overall expenses from unrestricted funds were £4,072 less than in 2024 (a reduction of 3.25%). This was mainly due to the reduction in the Benefice Share and the ending of the vacancy costs.
9. Charitable giving from PCC funds was just over 5% of regular income. The £5,867 paid to charities shown in the accounts include £693 raised at the BBQ for CMS and £574 at the curry evening for USPG. The payments have been taken from our Missions and Outreach Fund. In addition, specific donations included food and gifts were made which raised a further £1,380. These were passed directly to various charities (see page 8 of the accounts).
10. Missions & Outreach work has continued to thrive. Full details of the outreach work can be found on page 7 of the accounts. As the capital left in this fund will be exhausted during 2026, the majority of expenditure to continue this work will be taken from our unrestricted funds.
11. The capital in the Learning Hub Fund has now all been used so this fund is closed.
12. Churchyard expenditure was partly covered by trust fund income, a Parish Council grant and donations. £2,321 from the Mr Brain Fund was needed to cover the excess expenditure. Churchyard expenditure is increasing and the amount needed in 2026 will be significantly higher due to a lack of volunteers coming forward to cut the grass etc.

13. The deficit for 2025 on unrestricted funds was £12,060. This was covered by drawing on money received from legacies. This deficit is lower than the budget estimate of £20,605. The main reasons for this different are: -

- a) Running costs and clergy expenses were lower than anticipated and the £6,000 sum included in the budget to fund a Musical Director was not used.
- b) However, Income from regular doners was less than estimated.

14. Our estimated budget deficit for 2026 on unrestricted funds is £41,211.

Church Financial Policies

- **Restricted Reserves Policy**
- Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£433,359 at the end of 2025). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, reviewed regularly and used in a positive manner to maintain and enhance the Fabric and Churchyard of St. Andrew's Church. At the present time, we believe that these reserves will cover any eventuality over the next 5/10 years.
- **Unrestricted Reserves Policy**
- These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £286,354 at the end of 2025. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £100,000). Subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.
- **Legacies Policy**
- We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector – vacant during 2024), Churchwardens, the Readers and those members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met 8 times since the last APCM in May 2024 with an average level of attendance of 73%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include mission and outreach, young people, pastoral and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Backwell, BS48 3JJ. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 18th May 2025 until the date of this approved report are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent – Revd Sam Norton

Wardens

Andy Pitcher
Cherry Leake

PCC Secretary

Jane Canning (until 4th September 2025)
Vacancy from 5th September 2025

Deanery Synod *(entitles automatic service on PCC)*

Martin Canning
Anita Heappey
Ian Bainbridge
Vacancy

Diocesan Synod *(entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC)*

Carol Hellen

Elected members *For 3 years unless otherwise indicated*

Lesley Barratt	(until APCM 2026)
Christine Hamilton	(until APCM 2026)
Tim Harland	(until APCM 2026)
Tamsin Hockett	(until APCM 2026)
John Lee	(until APCM 2026)
Tina Soper	(until APCM 2026)

By Invitation regarding Fabric matters

George Chedburn (Architect)

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by (Chair)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	FUNDS 2024 £
Income and Endowments					
Voluntary income	2(a)	88,329	2,225	90,554	106,233
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	1,350	1,383	2,733	2,583
Income from investments	2(c)	673	2,559	3,232	9,004
Church activities	2(d)	14,323	2,227	16,550	17,369
Other Receipts	2(e)	557	2,340	2,897	502
TOTAL INCOME		105,232	10,734	115,966	135,691
Expenditure					
Church activities	3(a)	116,476	56,819	173,295	219,865
Raising funds	3(b)	816	285	1,101	1,173
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		117,292	57,104	174,396	221,038
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		-12,060	-46,370	-58,430	-85,347
NET GAIN/LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	5	-2,876	-4,793	-7,669	37,396
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		-14,936	-51,163	-66,099	-47,951
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (2023)		301,290	484,522	785,812	833,763
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2025 (2024)		286,354	433,359	719,713	785,812

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Furniture and Equipment	4	20,073	33,651
Investment Fund	5	664,998	712,667
TOTAL		685,071	746,318
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		11,898	17,918
Debtors	6	10,499	9,400
Payment in Advance		137	137
Short term deposits		17,990	15,309
TOTAL		40,524	42,764
TOTAL ASSETS		725,595	789,082
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within one year		4,579	3,270
Fees received in advance		1,303	
		719,713	785,812
FUNDS		719,713	785,812
Unrestricted	7(a)	286,354	301,290
Restricted	7(b)	433,359	484,522
TOTAL		719,713	785,812

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1(a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on an accounting basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 2021 and the Church Regulations 2006.

1(b) Depreciation

Items of Furniture, Equipment and Fittings costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated over 4 years at 25% per annum.

2	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
2(a)	Voluntary income				
	Planned Giving: Gift aid donations	61,136		61,136	57,719
	Other	4,860		4,860	5,584
	Tax recoverable	14,643	249	14,892	15,450
	Collections: Open plate	2,189		2,189	1,383
	Gift aid envelopes	1,679		1,679	1,401
	Sum Up	650		650	636
	Sum Up with gift aid	1,476		1,476	945
	Grants: Backwell Education Foundation				300
	Listed Places of Worship		834	834	8,270
	National Society for Education				10,000
	Backwell Parish Council		550	550	500
	Donations	251	240	491	2,727
	Donations qualifying for gift aid	945	325	1,270	1,318
	Legacies	500	27	527	
	Total	88,329	2,225	90,554	106,233
2(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social Activity Donations	1,350	1,383	2,733	2,583
	Total	1,350	1,383	2,733	2,583
2(c)	Income from investments				
	Backwell Church Lands				4,549
*	Dividends from Trust Funds		2,247	2,247	2,227
	Interest	673	312	985	2,228
	Total	673	2,559	3,232	9,004
2(d)	Income from church activities				
	Bath & Wells Visiting Clergy Costs	321		321	2,468
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-vacancy	58		58	305
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	1,105		1,105	914
	Children's Choir		2,032	2,032	2,436
	Hire of Church House	5,032		5,032	5,147
	Weddings, Funerals & Monuments Fees	7,807	195	8,002	6,099
	Total	14,323	2,227	16,550	17,369
	Other Receipts				
2(e)	FIT Payments	557		557	502
	Maternity Pay Refund		2,340	2,340	
	Total	557	2,340	2,897	502
	Total Income	105,232	10,734	115,966	135,691

* Dividends from Trust Funds

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

3 EXPENDITURE		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
3(a)	Church Activities				
	Church overseas		3,567	3,567	3,583
	Home Missions & other Church Societies		1,150	1,150	2,300
	Other Charities		1,150	1,150	224
			5,867	5,867	6,107
	Ministry: Diocesan Benefice share	84,141		84,141	87,943
	Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses	770		770	
	Lay Training	48	434	482	50
	Other clergy costs	508		508	2,484
	Outreach		5,276	5,276	6,969
	Vacancy	265		265	1,702
	Church running and maintenance (note 3c)	11,258	3,521	14,779	15,140
	Upkeep of services : Flowers		611	611	731
	Material for Worship	600		600	401
	Sundries	474		474	371
	Churchyard upkeep		5,385	5,385	7,439
	Support costs: Children's worker expenses		110	110	113
	Choir	137	292	429	242
	Junior church			0	93
	Ringers		483	483	640
	Depreciation note (4)		13,578	13,578	13,578
	Equipment	1,239	749	1,988	1,264
	Major Repairs		2,048	2,048	42,064
	Employment Costs: Administrator	9,464		9,464	8,619
	Children's Worker		18,465	18,465	17,568
	Cleaner	3,900		3,900	3,813
	Fees: Organists	2,470		2,470	1,380
	Printing/ stationery/postage	849		849	802
	Bank Charges	353		353	352
	Total	116,476	56,819	173,295	219,865
3(b)	Raising funds				
	Cost of social activities	816	285	1,101	1,173
	Total	816	285	1,101	1,173
	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	117,292	57,104	174,396	221,038

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

3(c)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)	2025	2024
	£	£	
	Consumables & window cleaning	381	357
	Copyright licence/Data protection	549	489
	Drop Box ,Zoom & Mailchimp	415	298
	Electricity	2,413	3,989
	Insurance	3,340	2,942
	Keys	20	40
	Oil	2,601	2,635
	Phone/internet /computer issues	827	893
	Piano Tuning	120	120
	Water Rates	377	98
	Web Site	215	233
	TOTAL	11,258	12,094

4	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	2025	2024
	£	£	
	Cost		
	At Start of year	57,729	31,752
	Additions		25,977
	Disposals		
	At end of year	<u>57,729</u>	<u>57,729</u>
	Depreciation		
	At start of year	24,078	10,500
	Depreciation charge for the year	13,578	13,578
	At end of year	<u>37,656</u>	<u>24,078</u>
	Net Residual Value at end of year	20,073	33,651

5	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2025	2024
	Share holding at 31 December	10,721	11,355

The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2025 was £62.03.

6707 shares are in restricted funds and 4014 in unrestricted funds

	£	£
Market Value at 1 January 2025	712,667	755,270
314.65 Shares Sold at £63.563 per share (2025)	-20,000	
319.73 Shares sold at £62.5519 per share (2025)	-20,000	-30,000
804.54 Shares sold at £62.1477 per share (2024)		-50,000
Net gain/loss on Investments	-7,669	37,397
Market Value at 31 December 2025	664,998	712,667

6	DEBTORS	2025	2024
	£	£	
	HM Revenue & Customs	9,435	8,160
	Other Debtors	1,064	1,240
	TOTAL	10,499	9,400

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

7 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

5 DETAILS OF FUNDS

7(a) UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

			BALANCE	BALANCE
			2025	2024
GENERAL FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Voluntary income	87,829	Church activities	116,476	
Activities for generating funds	1,350	Raising funds	816	
Income from church activities	14,323			
Other receipts	557			
TOTAL INCOME	104,059	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	117,292	
Transfer from Legacy Fund Fund	13,233			
Opening balance	0	Closing balance	0	
LEGACIES FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Interest	673	Investment Fund Loss	2,876	
Legacy	500			
TOTAL INCOME	1,173	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,876	
		Transfer to General Fund	13,233	
Opening balance	301,290	Closing balance	286,354	301,290
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			<u>286,354</u>	<u>301,290</u>

7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS

BELL RINGERS FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Donations & Tax	144	Affiliation fees	20	
Fees	150	Bell Muffles	463	
Interest	31			
Listed Places of Worship Grant	77			
TOTAL INCOME	402	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	483	
Opening balance	1,795	Closing balance	1,714	1,795
CHOIR FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Fees	45	Chorister bonuses	90	
Interest	48	Gifts	109	
		Other expenses	13	
		Social events	80	
TOTAL INCOME	93	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	292	
Opening balance	2,880	Closing balance	2,681	2,880
CHURCHYARD FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Dividends	2,062	Electricity	160	
Donations & Tax	425	Gardeners	4,057	
Grant	550	Hedge cutting	480	
Legacy	27	Machinery maintenance	371	
		Other expenses	317	
TOTAL INCOME	3,064	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,385	
Transfer from Mr Brain Fund	2,321			
Opening balance	0	Closing balance	0	0

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****For the year ended 31 December 2025****7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)**

BALANCE	BALANCE
2025	2024

CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Interest	159	Church maintenance	3,521		
Listed Places of Worship grant	757	Church tower roof	1,028		
		Depreciation of equipment & fixtures	13,578		
		Equipment -sound system	749		
		Insulation Church House	1,020		
		Investment Fund Loss	4,793		
TOTAL INCOME	916	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	24,689		
		Transfer to Churchyard Fund	2,321		
Opening balance	450,946	Closing balance		424,852	450,946

FLOWER FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Dividends	185	Christmas Tree	130		
Donations	75	Flowers etc	481		
Interest	40				
TOTAL INCOME	300	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	611		
Opening balance	2,548	Closing balance		2,237	2,548

LEARNING HUB FUND

Maternity Pay Refund	2,340	Children's Worker Payments	13,794		
		Pupil chaplaincy	802		
		School Altar Cloth	100		
		School Bibles	315		
		Training	71		
TOTAL INCOME	2,340	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,082		
Opening balance	12,742	Closing balance		0	12,742

MISSION & OUTREACH FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Children's choir	2,032	Alpha Course	300		
Interest	32	Begin Well	75		
Social events donations	1,553	Charities	5,867		
		Children's choir	2,510		
		Children's worker costs	110		
		Children's worker	4,671		
		Easter in the box	65		
		Expenses for social events	285		
		Junior School	28		
		Junior School books	518		
		Lay Training	363		
		Little Lambs	12		
		Other outreach expenses	60		
		St Andrew's churchdays	491		
TOTAL INCOME	3,617	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,355		
Opening balance	13,505	Closing balance		1,767	13,505

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Interest	2				
TOTAL INCOME	2	TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
Opening balance	106	Closing balance		108	106

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS

<u>433,359</u>	<u>484,522</u>
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2025
8 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

a:	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2025	2024
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG	1,150	1,150
	Church Mission Society	1,150	1,150
	World Day of Prayer		25
	Total	2,300	2,325
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Connect Nailsea	1,150	1,150
	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	1,150	1,150
	Total	2,300	2,300
b:	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES		
	Church Mission Society (BBQ)	693	632
	Somerset International October Festival		224
	USPG (Curry Evening)	574	626
	Total	1,267	1,482
	OVERALL TOTAL	<u>5,867</u>	<u>6,107</u>

The following donations are not included in the Account. St Andrew's only acts as an agent

*	Community of the Sisters of the Church (Donations)	44	
	Community of the Sisters of the Church (harvest)		65
	Children's Society collection (Christingle)		159
	USPG donations	145	
	USPG boxes and coffee morning	216	349
	Zambia collection (School Building Project)		277
	Total	405	850
*	Donations of food and gifts have also been given to the Sisters of the Church - estimated value	975	895



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell,
also known as Parochial Church Council of St Andrew, Backwell.

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131461

Set out on pages

1-8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date: 10/04/2026

Name:

Amanda Collinson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Former Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and
Wales (1980-2021)

Address:

12a Farleigh Road,

Backwell,

Bristol. BS48 3PA

Section B**Disclosure**

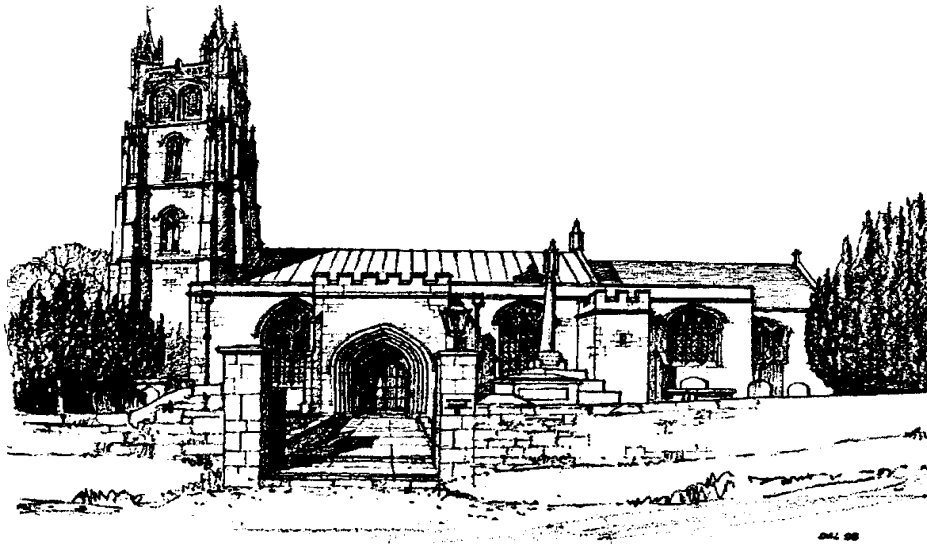
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Andrew Backwell



Annual Report and Accounts for 2024

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday, 18th May 2025 at 12:15pm

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*Please note that the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
are available for inspection at the Church Office.*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday 18th May 2025

AGENDA

Prayer

- 1 Nomination of Clerk by the meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on May 24th 2024
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

*(All nominations must be complete and before the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.
No nominations can be taken from the floor)*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 18th May 2025 at 12.15pm

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting
- 2 Consideration of Electoral Roll
- 3 ANNUAL REPORT
 - Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts for year ended 31.12.24
 - Churchwardens' Review of the Year
 - Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
 - Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 4 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
 - PCC members
 - Election of Electoral Roll Officer
 - Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - Appointment of Stewards/Welcomers
 - Election of Independent Examiner
- 5 To note—Informal Reports in separate booklet
- 6 Any other matters of parochial or general church interest

Short matters may be dealt with at this meeting or will be dealt with by the PCC

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
to be held immediately following the APCM

AGENDA

- 1 Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Consideration of Parish Share banding
3. Any matters of urgent consideration
4. Date of next meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in Church House
on Sunday 12th May 2024 at 12.00noon

1. Nomination of Chair and Clerk by the meeting

The meeting agreed that Jane Canning should act as clerk

- 2. Apologies:** Julie Densham, Barbara Paige, Doug & Pat Neilson, Carolyn Ireland, Jean Routley, Ian Forsyth, Val and Peter Lamb, Gill and Graham Hackett, Phil Hockett, Joan Rowe, Helen Wills, Barbara Harland, Trevor Watts

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the Last Vestry Meeting on 23rd April 2023 were accepted as a true record by the meeting.

Proposed Tina Soper

Seconded Sue Watts

4. Election of Churchwardens

As required by the Churchwarden Measure 2001, nominations for Churchwarden had been submitted in writing before the meeting. Andy Pitcher was proposed by Janet Pitcher and seconded by Trevor Leake. Cherry Leake was proposed by Tina Soper and seconded by John Lee. As there were no other nominations, Cherry and Andy were duly appointed as Church Wardens.

Minutes Approved Date.....9th May 2025.....

Signed.....Andy Pitcher..... Chair of Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in Church House
on Sunday 12th May 2024 at 12.00noon

Chair: Andrew Pitcher (Church Warden)

PCC Secretary: Jane Canning

Church Warden: Cherry Leake

Present: Ian Bainbridge, Janet Bainbridge, Martin Canning, Vanessa Colley, David George, Sue Griffiths, Tim Harland, Tamsin Hockett, Trevor Leake, John Lee, Janet Pitcher, Elizabeth Smith, Lionel Smith, David Sutton, Tina Soper, Anthony Stansfield, Sue Watts, Ian Wills

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 23rd April 2023 had already been circulated with the annual reports. They were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

Proposed Trevor Leake

Seconded Ian Bainbridge

2. Consideration of Electoral Roll

Our electoral roll now stands at 221, 45 of whom do not live in the Parish. Next year there is a full review.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

This was circulated in advance and included the following-

- Financial Report and Accounts
- Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
- Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- Reports on pastoral care and mission and evangelism

The Financial Report was presented by Andy Pitcher on behalf of Lesley Barratt and the meeting given the opportunity to ask questions.

It was agreed that we are currently in a sound position financially. Ian Bainbridge made the point that following on from the consultation for the Parish Profile, if we want to reach people, including young people, in the village new projects may need financing.

Lesley Barratt was thanked for all her work as Treasurer.

Andy Pitcher commented that it had been an interesting challenging year. He thanked the Ministry Team and the Parish Profile writing group for all their hard work. He also thanked Vanessa and Jane for their positive response to additional workload.

4. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

PCC members

No nominations were received

Deanery Synod

Anthony Stansfield has stepped down from his role on the Deanery Synod. This leaves two vacancies for St Andrew's Deanery reps. They do not have to be PCC members and can be co-opted later in the year.

Ian Bainbridge said he was willing to fill one of these vacancies

Proposed Andy Pitcher

Seconded Martin Canning

Electoral Roll Secretary

Phil Hockett was willing to continue as Electoral Roll Secretary.

Proposed Tamsin Hockett

Seconded Trevor Leake

Phil was thanked for this work.

Stewards and Welcomers

We need more helpers, particularly for the formal service. Cherry has given up on the rota as it no longer works. Tamsin and Amanda fill in for Cherry when she is absent.

Election of Independent Examiner

Amanda Collinson was proposed as St Andrew's Independent Examiner.

Proposed Andy Pitcher

Seconded Janet Pitcher

5. Informal Reports as contained in the Annual Report.

This year the informal reports have again been produced as a small booklet, which was circulated via email. It is also available on the church website and A Church Near You.

6. Any matters of parochial or general church interest.

Emergency lighting- rechargeable torches are in 3 places in church for use in an emergency.

Vicky Dunscombe – as Vicky no longer worships with us in person, the meeting expressed the church's thanks to her for her ministry over many years. Our prayers are with her in the days ahead.

David George expressed thanks to Andy and Cherry for a great job over the last year.

Minutes Approved Date.....9th May 2025.....

Signed.....Andy Pitcher.....Chair of Meeting

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2024

2024 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has worked in the vacancy throughout 2024 with the Ministry Team (Revd Joan Rowe Revd Peter Bailey, lay readers Martin Canning and David George and Timi Booy our Children's Worker) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's, either through personal attendance or online. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We have enabled people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; biblical learning; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate some of this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric of St. Andrew's so it stands as a Christian statement in Backwell Village and is there for major moments in people's lives such as weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We continued to offer a wide range of services: formal (led by our choir) informal (led by a band) Morning Prayer/ 1662 Book of Common Prayer/ Evensong as well as offering Communion in the village at The Meeting Point and informal Communion in Church House. This wide range of services are held at different times to meet the need of worshippers as Sundays become increasingly busy with family commitments and caring needs.

We have managed to enjoy fellowship together in the form of a meal before and after worship on our Patronal Festival and Maundy Thursday, as well our usual Sunday times for coffee! Our members continue with other churches to be involved with The Meeting Point.

St Andrew's maintains good links with the other churches in the benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them. Particular thanks go to the Profile Writing Group for their time and dedication in producing a very thorough report to help us attract our next Rector. Rev Sam Norton was appointed in October 2024 and Installed in February 2025.

Our children's worker is continuing to extend her work at our Junior School and was able to involve the Pupil Chaplains in larger events where they received glowing reports for their leading and participation.

Each Junior School year group has a day in church with activities, and Timi, our Children's Worker, regularly takes collective worship at the school. There is a parent and toddler group, Little Lambs, for under threes which meets once a month on a Sunday morning with play on a religious theme. Our thanks go to Rhiannon Mark and Timi (who took over while Rhiannon was on maternity leave) for their hard work in developing and running this group.

The children's choir, led by a professional music teacher, continues to meet weekly in term time, though numbers have reduced.

Another initiative continuing from last year, introduced by Timi, is the running of 'Begin Well' antenatal classes, and we look forward to following these families as they embark on parenthood. The church held several packed services to fully celebrate Christmas. There was a Christingle 'afternoon', where the children made the Christingles prior to the service, Crib Services, School Carol Services, informal family carol service and our traditional choir-led Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

All are warmly welcomed at our regular services. In 2024 there were 221 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, which is now subject to the periodic updating exercise. The average weekly attendance when we had services in the church building, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October, was 40 adults and 4 children.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. During 2024 we celebrated 5 Baptism and 4 weddings. We have held 6 Funerals in our Church this year and our Clergy also take services for parishioners at our local crematoriums.

Deanery Synod

Members of our PCC sit on the Deanery Synod which provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC was also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures.

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a high standard by contractors.

During the year a full electrical audit of the whole of the Church was undertaken and the lead roof of the Tower has been replaced. The table storage units in Church House are now in use and are much safer. Following the installation of the Sound desk in 2023 the new storage cupboards at the back of the church have now been completed.

Tina Soper has continued to clean the church and Church House. We are very grateful for the extra time and effort both Vanessa, our part time administrator, and Tina put into the day to day running of the Church. During the vacancy Vanessa's additional work and attention to detail has been invaluable.

Church House continues to see a range of usage from both internal and external bookings.

Pastoral Care

During this past year in addition to the ministry team the pastoral group has consisted of 4 regular members who met prayerfully supporting parishioners by visits, telephone calls and home

communion. This year there has been a good deal of support to families around bereavement and end of life care. Some of those families are still receiving support as they adjust to a new way of living without their loved ones.

We had hoped that this year would have seen the opportunity to expand our work however the team itself has been affected by long terms health issues. We have managed to maintain our pastoral commitments and will continue with our current list of parishioner needs. Along with Revd Sam it is the team's intention to expand this work with more helpers and guidance on reporting any concerns for those who may know neighbours in need.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ. Galatians 6.2

Mission and Evangelism

The four key areas of activity of The Mission & Outreach Committee of St Andrew's are our connection with the world church, our support for charities, connections to village life and concern for the environment.

We continue to pray for the community of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, Zambia as part of the Diocesan Companion Link programme, as they do for us, and we exchange news on community activities and events. Donations on Zambia Sunday in July helped towards the construction of two classrooms for a community school being built in the church grounds. This project was supported by Hands of Compassion charity and work was completed in early 2025. The priest in our link church visited us in early 2025 and we explored building a school link with Backwell Junor School. We continue to support the Link at Diocesan level, which was strengthened by visits to Zambia by Bishop Michael, the Link Coordinator and 2 other link contacts. We remain committed to Fairtrade through use of Fairtrade supplies and our registration as a Fairtrade church was renewed during the year.

Maintaining our support for 4 charities during the year has enabled a more significant donation to be made to each based on a fixed percentage of total PCC receipts. On average though we fell slightly short of our target of £2,000 per quarter for each charity. Further fundraising events comprised a meal, and a BBQ. Our support of a CMS Mission Partner in Nairobi was curtailed by his return to the UK on health grounds. However, we have now connected to another partner, this time in DRC. The charities are selected on the basis that they are doing God's work, locally and more widely. Financial support is provided to other charities in response to appeals or on special occasions, but this depends on individual events being organised by those having close charity links. Full details of our monetary support are shown in the financial accounts.

Our weekly news sheet includes prayer for every house and business in the village by rotation, and church groups on the same basis. We also pray for churches in the Anglican cycle of prayer and our supported charity. World mission prayer is contributed to the diocesan prayer calendar and many other prayer diaries are made available for individual use. The Meeting Point is a weekly drop-in café offering hospitality and support under the umbrella charity, Backwell Life. The Meeting Point continues to see growth in attendance at its twice-monthly lunches and the weekly chair yoga sessions for those with less mobility. A monthly service of Holy Communion takes place there prior to lunch. The programme of children's activities in the summer was well attended, as are regular holiday activities (Tuesday Break) in the short holidays. The monthly Village Magazine is edited by a member of the congregation and includes significant church input. It is well and widely read across the community and is available free in both paper and on-line versions, reaching around 800 households each month.

Work was completed in 2023 on an Eco Church application with the help of the pupil chaplains from the Junior School and we were awarded Bronze status. Sadly, no further work towards a Silver award was undertaken in 2024 although the higher award remains a target.

Mission and Outreach regularly reviews our communications both internally and externally including our website, a Church Near You and social media, to develop ways of presenting our message of love and care for our church community, our village community and for the wider

world. Our engagement with and publicity of children's groups and support in school has expanded, notably with the successful pupil chaplains programme. With the help of our ecumenical partners, we delivered a Christmas card to every house in the village.

Individual congregation members take action to support the Nailsea Foodbank and the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol. Members hold collection boxes for other charities, such as USPG and The Children's Society, which are evidence of the supportive and generous nature of the congregation. We are very keen to develop these tangible demonstrations of our faith in action where possible.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrew's, as a member of Christians Together in and around Backwell, has held joint services with the other churches throughout the year, including the World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, as well as united services in Holy Week. Through this we also work with the other churches in promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches in The Village Magazine.

We are also participants in the Backwell Prayer Watch which meets monthly in the 3 churches in the village and also attracts Christians who live in the village but worship elsewhere.

Volunteers

St Andrew's would like to thank the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community whether in our worship, the maintenance of our building or in the administration of the parish.

Our thanks also go to all the volunteers and contributors to the upkeep of the churchyard which we know is very much appreciated by the many visitors.

The Ministry team and Lay Readers have worked very hard to develop the life of the Church delivering a range of services, comforting the bereaved, growing our outreach programmes through Zoom prayers, live streaming, visits and other ways of serving our community.

FINANCIAL REPORT

St Andrew's Church Financial Report to APCM – May 2025

1. At the end of 2024 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2023	£302,559	£531,204	£833,763
End 2024	£301,290	£484,522	£785,812

2. At 31 December 2024 the CCLA Investment holding was valued at £712,667 compared with £755,270 at the end of 2023. During the year 1,293 shares were sold yielding £80,000 reducing the number of shares we hold to 11,355. The overall value of the Investment Fund fell by £42,603 as a result of the sale of shares. The share value increasing from £59.71 per share at 1 January 2024 to £62.76 at 31 December 2024 -a rise of 5%.

In April 2025 the share value dropped significantly. At 7 April the value was down by 10% reducing the value of the fund by £71,250.

3. The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and two current accounts with NatWest Bank.
4. Income from regular donations fell by £3,972. Collections, however, increased from £3,963 to £4,365. There was also a one- off capital payment of £4,549 from the winding up of Backwell Church Lands Charity.

5. In 2024 our Parish Share increased by £2,975 (3.5%) to £87,943.
6. The way the Parish Share is calculated has been changed from 2025 and has been renamed the Benefice Share. It is calculated on a benefice basis with the diocese providing a suggested split between the parishes. We are using this suggested split. The calculation is based on 4 elements-
 - a) Our direct ministry costs
 - b) Diocesan- wide costs
 - c) Mutuality and Generosity
 - d) Transitional paymentThe Benefice Share for 2025 is £98,915 with St Andrew's paying £84,141 and St Bridget's £14,774. This is a reduction for both parishes compared to 2024.
7. The major cost on fabric was the replacement of the tower roof costing £42,064 and the new fitted cupboards in the church costing £25,977. The latter cost is included in the depreciation figure which also included the sound system and the Church House chairs.
8. Overall expenses from unrestricted funds were £5,400 more than in 2023 (an increase of 5%). The cost of our Parish Share, fees paid to retired clergy and salaries, (paid to the administrator and cleaner), all increased but this was partial offset by refunds from Bath & Wells of £2,468 to reimburse clergy fees because of the vacancy.
9. Charitable giving from PCC funds was just over 5% of regular income. The £6,107 payments to charities shown in the accounts include £632 raised at the BBQ for CMS and £626 at the curry evening for USPG. The payments have been taken from our Missions and Outreach Fund. In addition, specific donations included food and gifts were made which raised a further £1,745. These were passed directly to various charities (see page 8 of the accounts).
10. The deficit for 2024 on unrestricted funds is £14,798. This deficit is lower than the budget estimate of £22,785. The main reasons for this different are: -
 - a) Income from fees and Church House hire were greater than estimated.
 - b) Running costs were lower than anticipated and the £6,000 sum included in the budget to fund a Musical Director was not used.
11. Our estimated budget deficit for 2025 on unrestricted funds is £20,605.
12. Missions & Outreach work has continued to thrive. There were some specific donations towards this work. Full details of the outreach work can be found on page 7 of the accounts. The capital left in this fund is likely to be exhausted during 2025. Some expenditure will therefore have to be taken from our unrestricted funds in this current year.
13. A new restricted fund named the Learning Hub Fund was created at the end of 2023. This was to monitor the use of two £10,000 grants we have received (one in 2023 and one in 2024) to take part in a national project to promote Christianity in schools this being mainly the work encouraging Pupil Chaplaincy.
14. Churchyard expenditure was partly covered by trust fund income, a Parish Council grant and the remaining capital in the Churchyard Fund. £2,405 from the Mr Brain Fund was needed to cover the excess expenditure.

Church Financial Policies

Restricted Reserves Policy

Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£484,522 at the end of 2024). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, reviewed regularly and used in a positive manner to maintain and enhance the Fabric and Churchyard of St. Andrew's Church. At the present time, we believe that these reserves will cover any eventuality over the next 5/10 years.

Unrestricted Reserves Policy

These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £301,290 at the end of 2024. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £100,000). Subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.

Legacies Policy

We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector – vacant during 2024), Churchwardens, the Readers and those members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met 8 times since the last APCM in May 2024 with an average level of attendance of 73%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include mission and outreach, young people, pastoral and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Backwell, BS48 3JJ. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 12th May 2024 until the date of this approved report are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent – Revd Sam Norton (from 27th February 2025)

Wardens

Andy Pitcher
Cherry Leake

PCC Secretary

Jane Canning

Deanery Synod *(entitles automatic service on PCC)*

Martin Canning
Anita Heappey
Ian Bainbridge
Vacancy

Diocesan Synod *(entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC)*

Carol Hellen

Elected members *For 3 years unless otherwise indicated*

Lesley Barratt	(until APCM 2025)
Christine Hamilton	(until APCM 2026)
Tim Harland	(until APCM 2026)
Tamsin Hockett	(until APCM 2026)
John Lee	(until APCM 2026)
Doug Neilson	(until APCM 2025)
Tina Soper	(until APCM 2026)

By Invitation regarding Fabric matters

George Chedburn (Architect)

Approved by the PCC on13th May 2025.....

and signed on their behalf by ...Andy Pitcher... (Chair)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	FUNDS 2023 £
Income and Endowments					
Voluntary income	2(a)	83,952	22,281	106,233	129,205
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	1,031	1,552	2,583	2,248
Income from investments	2(c)	6,387	2,617	9,004	3,878
Church activities	2(d)	14,693	2,676	17,369	20,589
Other Receipts		502		502	115
TOTAL INCOME		106,565	29,126	135,691	156,035
Expenditure					
Church activities	3(a)	120,604	99,261	219,865	166,961
Raising funds	3(b)	759	414	1,173	1,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		121,363	99,675	221,038	168,061
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		-14,798	-70,549	-85,347	-12,026
NET GAIN/LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	5	13,029	24,367	37,396	85,936
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		-1,769	-46,182	-47,951	73,910
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		500	-500		
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 (2022)		302,559	531,204	833,763	759,853
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (2023)		301,290	484,522	785,812	833,763

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Furniture and Equipment	4	33,651	21,252
Investment Fund	5	712,667	755,270
TOTAL		746,318	776,522
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		17,918	26,496
Debtors	6	9,400	9,487
Payment in Advance		137	
Short term deposits		15,309	26,712
Stock (heating oil, wine, candles)			
TOTAL		42,764	62,695
TOTAL ASSETS		789,082	839,217
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within One Year		3,270	5,454
		785,812	833,763
FUNDS		785,812	833,763
Unrestricted	7(a)	301,290	302,559
Restricted	7(b)	484,522	531,204
TOTAL		785,812	833,763

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1(a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on an accounting basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 2021 and the Church Regulations 2006.

1(b) Depreciation

Items of Furniture, Equipment and Fittings costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated over 4 years at 25% per annum.

2	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	FUNDS 2023 £
2(a)	Voluntary income				
	<i>Planned giving:</i>				
	Gift aid donations	57,719		57,719	61,283
	Tax recoverable	14,993	457	15,450	16,242
	Other	5,584		5,584	5,992
	<i>Collections:</i>				
	Open plate	1,383		1,383	1,252
	Gift aid envelopes	1,401		1,401	1,368
	Sum Up	636		636	483
	Sum Up qualifying for gift aid	945		945	860
	<i>Grants:</i>				
	Backwell Education Foundation		300	300	
	Bath & Wells Community Outreach				500
	Listed Places of Worship		8,270	8,270	2,015
	National Society for Education		10,000	10,000	10,000
	Parish Council		500	500	400
	St Mathias				1,500
	Donations	828	1,899	2,727	1,880
	Donations qualifying for gift aid	463	855	1,318	22,430
	Legacies				3,000
	Total	83,952	22,281	106,233	129,205
2(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social activity Donations	1,031	1,552	2,583	2,248
	Total	1,031	1,552	2,583	2,248
2(c)	Income from investments				
	Backwell Church Lands	4,549		4,549	
*	Dividends from Trust Funds		2,227	2,227	2,288
	Interest	1,838	390	2,228	1,590
	Total	6,387	2,617	9,004	3,878
2(d)	Income from church activities				
	Bath & Wells Visiting Clergy Costs	2,468		2,468	705
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-vacancy	914		914	1,250
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	305		305	
	Children's Choir		2,436	2,436	3,024
	Hire of Church House	5,147		5,147	5,546
	Sales				45
	Weddings, Funerals & Monuments Fees	5,859	240	6,099	10,019
	Total	14,693	2,676	17,369	20,589
	Other Receipts				
	FIT Payments	502		502	115
	Total	502	0	502	115
	Total Income	106,565	29,126	135,691	156,035

* Dividends from Trust Funds

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.
The dividends received are included in the Churchyard and Flower Funds.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

3	EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	2023 £
3(a)	Church Activities				
	Missionary & charitable giving:				
	Church overseas		3,583	3,583	4,556
	Home missions & other Church Societies		2,300	2,300	1,150
	Other Charities		224	224	
			6,107	6,107	5,706
	Ministry: Diocesan parish share	87,943		87,943	84,968
	Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses				690
	Lay Training	50		50	2,940
	Other clergy costs	2,484		2,484	944
	Outreach		6,969	6,969	5,222
	Vacancy	1,702		1,702	90
	Discretionary Disbursements				130
	Church running and maintenance (3c)	12,094	3,046	15,140	14,814
	Upkeep of services : Books etc			0	90
	Material for Worship	731		731	514
	Flowers		401	401	200
	Sundries	371		371	117
	Churchyard upkeep		7,439	7,439	7,369
	Support costs: Children's worker expenses		113	113	136
	Choir	133	109	242	601
	Junior church	93		93	55
	Ringers		640	640	289
	Equipment ,Fixture and Fittings	37	1,227	1,264	-4,386
	Depreciation		13,578	13,578	7,084
	Major Repairs		42,064	42,064	12,624
	Employment Costs: Administrator	8,619		8,619	7,820
	Children's Worker		17,568	17,568	11,818
	Church Cleaner	3,813		3,813	3,318
	Fees: Organists	1,380		1,380	2,250
	Printing/ stationery/postage	802		802	1,181
	Bank Charges	352		352	377
	Total	120,604	99,261	219,865	166,961
3(b)	Raising funds				
	Cost of social activities	759	414	1,173	1,100
	Total	759	414	1,173	1,100
	TOTAL RESOURCES USED	121,363	99,675	221,038	168,061

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

3(c)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)	2024	2023
	£	£	
	Consumables & window Cleaning	357	302
	Copyright licence/Data protection	489	470
	Drop Box	142	167
	Electricity	3,989	3,161
	Insurance	2,942	2,924
	Keys	40	
	Oil	2,635	3,380
	Phone/internet/ software issues	893	822
	Piano Tuning	120	200
	Water Rates	98	243
	Web Site	233	215
	Zoom	156	144
	TOTAL	12,094	12,028

4	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	2024	2023
	£	£	
	Cost		
	At Start of year	31,752	3,416
	Additions	25,977	28,336
	Disposals		
	At end of year	57,729	31,752
	Depreciation		
	At Start of year	10,500	3,416
	Depreciation charge for the year	13,578	7,084
	At end of year	24,078	10,500

Net Residual Value at end of year **33,651** **21,252**

5	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2024	2023
	Share holding at 31 December	11,355	12,648

The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2024 was 62.76 pence.
7098 shares are in restricted funds and 4257 in unrestricted funds

	£	£
Market Value at 1/1/23	755,270	694,334
450.45 Shares Sold at £55.5004 per share (2023)		-25,000
488.60 Shares sold at £61.3994 per share (2024)	-30,000	
804.54 Shares sold at £62.1477 per share (2024)	-50,000	
Net gain/loss on Investments	37,397	85,936
Market Value at 31/12/24	712,667	755,270

6	DEBTORS	2024	2023
	£	£	
	HM Revenue & Customs	8,160	8,148
	Other Debtors	1,287	1,339
	TOTAL	9,447	9,487

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

7 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

5 DETAILS OF FUNDS

7(a) UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

			BALANCE	BALANCE
			2024	2023
GENERAL FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Voluntary income	83,952	Church activities	120,604	
Activities for generating funds	1,031	Raising funds	759	
Income from investments	4,549			
Income from church activities	14,693			
Other receipts	502			
TOTAL INCOME	104,727	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	121,363	
Transfer from Bell Ringers Fund	500			
Transfer from Legacies Fund	3,207			
Opening balance	12,929	Closing balance	0	12,929
LEGACIES FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Interest	1,838			
Investment Fund gain	13,029			
TOTAL INCOME	14,867	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0	
		Transfer to General Fund	3,207	
Opening balance	289,630	Closing balance	301,290	289,630
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			<u>301,290</u>	<u>302,559</u>

7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS

BELL RINGERS FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Donations	350	Affiliation fees	20	
Donation Peal Board	470	Peal Board	620	
Tax	162			
Fees	150			
Interest	97			
TOTAL INCOME	1,229	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	640	
Transfer to General Fund			500	
Opening balance	1,706	Closing balance	1,795	1,706
CHOIR FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Donation	200	Chorister bonuses	70	
Fees	90	Other expenses	39	
Interest	150	Social events	94	
TOTAL INCOME	440	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	203	
Opening balance	2,643	Closing balance	2,880	2,643
CHURCHYARD FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Dividends	2,046	Electricity	189	
Donation	500	Gardeners	4,414	
Donation Gift Aid with tax	825	Hedge cutting	850	
Grant	500	Machinery maintenance	279	
Tax	50	Other expenses	281	
Work on grave	90	Tree Work	1,427	
TOTAL INCOME	4,011	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,440	
Transfer from Mr Brain Fund	2,406			
Opening balance	1,023	Closing balance	0	1,023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2024

7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

				BALANCE 2024	BALANCE 2023
CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Investment Fund Gain	23,149	Bookcase Church House	936		
Listed Places of Worship grant	8,270	Church maintenance	3,046		
		Church tower roof	42,064		
		Depreciation of equipment & fixtures	13,578		
		Equipment	291		
TOTAL INCOME	31,419	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	59,915		
		Transfer to Churchyard Fund	2,406		
Opening balance	481,847	Closing balance		450,945	481,847
FLOWER FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Dividends	181	Christmas Tree	130		
Donations	85	Flowers etc	271		
Interest	137				
TOTAL INCOME	403	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	401		
Opening balance	2,546	Closing balance		2,548	2,546
LEARNING HUB FUND					
National Society grant	10,000	Children's Worker Salary	5,464		
		Conference	326		
		Other Expenses	120		
		Phone	609		
		Pupil chaplaincy	739		
TOTAL INCOME	10,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,258		
Opening balance	10,000	Closing balance		12,742	10,000
MISSION & OUTREACH FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Children's choir	2,436	Alpha Course	300		
Christmas in the Box	84	Begin Well	668		
Donations Begin Well	145	Charities	6,107		
Grants Backwell Education Foundation	300	Children's choir	2,688		
Investment Fund Gain	1,218	Children's worker costs	122		
Social events donations	1,802	Children's worker	12,104		
		Christmas & Easter in the box	235		
		Expenses for social events	320		
		Junior School books	480		
		Light party	63		
		Little Lambs	39		
		Other outreach expenses	344		
		St Andrew's churchdays	349		
TOTAL INCOME	5,985	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,819		
Opening balance	31,340	Closing balance		13,506	31,340
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Interest	6	Disbursements			
TOTAL INCOME	6	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0		
Opening balance	100	Closing balance		106	100
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS				<u>484,522</u>	<u>531,205</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2024
6 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

a:	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2024	2023
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG	1,150	1,150
	Church Mission Society	1,150	1,150
	World Day of Prayer	25	
	Total	2,325	2,300
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Bristol Connect		1,150
	Community of the Sisters of the Church	1,150	
	Connect Nailsea	1,150	1,150
	Total	2,300	2,300
b:	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES		
	Church Mission Society (BBQ)	632	683
	Somerset International Festival (Music Weekend)	224	
	USPG (Curry Evening)	626	423
	Total	1,482	1,106
	OVERALL TOTAL	<u>6,107</u>	<u>5,706</u>

The following donations are not included in the Accounts as St Andrew's only acts as an agent

Community of the Sisters of the Church (Donations)		2,112
Community of the Sisters of the Church (harvest)	65	
Children's Society collection (Christingle)	159	143
Red Cross (Gaza)		228
Ripple Effect collection (Harvest)		139
USPG donations		30
USPG boxes and coffee morning	349	311
Zambia collection (Musical Instruments)		486
Zambia collection (School Building Project)	277	
Total	850	3,449
Donations of food and gifts have also been given to the Sisters of the Church - estimated value	895	850



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell,
also known as Parochial Church Council of St Andrew, Backwell.

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1131461

Set out on pages

1-8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

07/04/2025

Name:

Amanda Collinson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Former Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and
Wales (1980-2021)

Address:

12a Farleigh Road,

Backwell,

Bristol. BS48 3PA

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

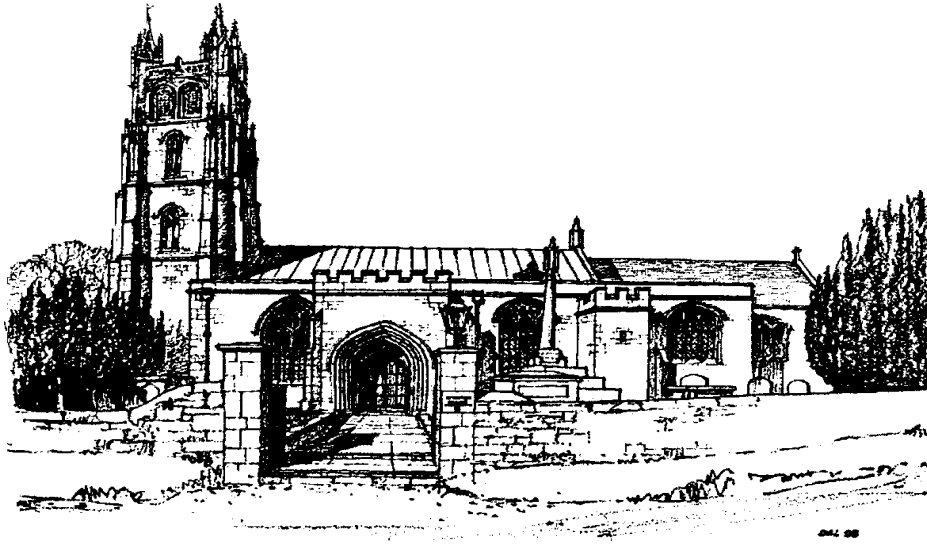
Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Andrew

Backwell



Annual Report and Accounts for 2023

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday, 12th May 2024 at 12:00noon

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*Please note that the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
are available for inspection at the Church Office.*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2024 at 12:00 noon

AGENDA

Prayer

- 1 Nomination of Clerk by the meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on April 23rd 2023
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

*(All nominations must be complete and before the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.
No nominations can be taken from the floor)*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2024 at 12:05 noon

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting
- 2 Consideration of Electoral Roll
- 3 ANNUAL REPORT
 - Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts for year ended 1.12.23
 - Churchwardens' Review of the Year
 - Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
 - Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 4 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
 - PCC members
 - Election of Electoral Roll Officer
 - Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - Appointment of Stewards/Welcomers
 - Election of Independent Examiner
- 5 To note—Informal Reports in separate booklet
- 6 Any other matters of parochial or general church interest

Short matters may be dealt with at this meeting or will be dealt with by the PCC

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

to be held immediately following the APCM

AGENDA

- 1 Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Consideration of Parish Share banding
3. Any matters of urgent consideration
4. Date of next Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in Church
Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 12.00noon

1. Nomination of Clerk by the meeting

The meeting agreed that Jane Canning should act as clerk.

2. Apologies: Carol Hellen, Julie Densham, Barbara Paige, Doug & Pat Neilson, Carolyn Ireland

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the Last Vestry Meeting on 24th April 2022 were accepted as a true record by the meeting.

Proposed Martin Canning

Seconded Tamsin Hockett

4. Election of Churchwardens

As required by the Churchwarden Measure 2001, nominations for Churchwarden had been submitted in writing before the meeting. Andrew Pitcher was proposed by Martin Canning and seconded by Jane Canning. Cherry Leake was proposed by Andy Pitcher and seconded by Martin Canning. As there were no other nominations, Cherry and Andy were duly appointed as Church Wardens. The meeting thanked Anita for her work and welcomed Cherry. Anita was thanked for her seven years working for St Andrew's as Church Warden. Her time in this role included the challenge of a vacancy.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on
Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 12.00noon

Chair: Rev'd Katy Garner

PCC Secretary: Jane Canning

Church Warden: Andrew Pitcher, Cherry Leake

Present: Heather Bailey, Peter Bailey, Ian Bainbridge, Marie Bale, Lesley Barratt, Martin Canning, Jane Canning, Vicky Dunscombe, Peter Garner, Rev'd Katy Garner, Sue Griffiths, Christine Hamilton, Tim Harland, Philip Hockett, Tamsin Hockett, Cherry Leake, Trevor Leaker, John Lee, Jan MacMillan, Stuart MacMillan, Andy Pitcher, Janet Pitcher, Andrew Round, Sheila Round, Jean Routley, Joan Rowe, Tina Soper, Anthony Stansfield, Sue Watts, Trevor Watts, Ian Wills, Helen Wills

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 24th April 2022 had already been circulated with the annual reports. They were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

Proposed John Lee

Seconded Trevor Leake

2.Consideration of Electoral Roll

No names have been added to the roll, and 10 members of the church have died. Our electoral roll now stands at 224.

3. Annual Report

This was circulated in advance and included the following-

- Financial Report
- Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
- Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The Annual Accounts were circulated at the meeting.

The Financial Report was presented by Lesley Barratt and the meeting given the opportunity to ask questions. The level of risk linked to the CCLA investment was queried. Although there is risk associated with any investment CCLA have shown themselves to very sound so far and so considered a low risk.

Lesley Barratt was thanked for all her work as Treasurer.

The Independent Financial Report was prepared by Toby Cowley, because Amanda Collinson was unavailable due to ill health. He had no concerns with the accounts.

Toby was thanked for his work in taking up this assignment.

The Rectors review considered the many projects and development over the last year. However, this work requires support, and the paucity of volunteers continues to drain the Rector's resources and ability to carry out key aspects of her work.

Tina Soper thanked the Rector on behalf of the meeting, for everything that she does.

Fabric

John Lee is stepping down as Chair of Fabric, but will supervise the installation of the new furniture, which will include storage for the drums clearing them from Church House. The updated sound system is arriving shortly, but the screen has not yet been approved. More LED lights are being installed and the glass doors have been modified to make them easier to open. The comments made to inform the Vision project have been typed out and will be considered when this group can reconvene. John Lee emphasised that the church needs someone to maintain checks on the fabric of the church.

John Lee was thanked for all his hard work as Chair of Fabric.

Deanery Synod

This group represents churches in local villages and meets to talk about items that affect this area. A recent meeting was to discuss the necessary loss of some local stipendiary clergy. Although this is difficult, the Diocese of Bath and Wells is being generous in giving time to make the changes. The Deanery has both Synod and Open Meeting. Members of the church are encouraged to attend the open meetings. Anthony Stansfield, Martin Canning and Anita Heappey all expressed interest in being representatives on Portishead Deanery. Their election was proposed on block

Proposed : Phil Hockett seconded : Peter Bailey

Elections and Appointments

PCC members

Christine Hamilton, Tim Harland, Tamsin Hockett and John Lee have reached the end of their term on the PCC but were willing to be re-elected. Tina Soper also completed the nomination form for election to the PCC. As the Council is below full capacity all the applicants were accepted onto the PCC.

Electoral Roll Secretary

Phil Hockett is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Secretary.

Propose Anita Heapey **seconded Martin Canning**

Phil was thanked for this work.

Appointment of Stewards

Cherry Leake is going to continue her work in charge of the stewards, helped by Anita Heappey. Cherry thanked the Stewards for their work as a warm welcome is so important for the congregation. Now the new service times is more established, Cherry will work on re-instating a rota. Rev'd Katy thanked her for her hard work.

Election of Independent Examiner

Amanda Collinson was proposed as St Andrew's Independent Examiner.

Proposed Lesley Barratt

Seconded Andy Pitcher.

Informal Reports as contained in the Annual Report.

This year the informal reports have again been produced as a small booklet, which was circulated via email. It is also available on the church website and A Church Near You. It includes a report from the Worship Group that was requested last year.

Any matters of Parochial or general church interest.

Jean Routley re-iterated her regret that the photos of past Rector's had been removed from the wall in Church House. However, the PCC had already agreed to make the photos available by putting them in an album. Putting that in the church will make the images more available to visitors during the week.

Rev'd Joan asked the meeting to thank God for all the things that he has done in this place in the last year and shout Hallelujah.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed.....Chair of Meeting

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2023

2023 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has had the responsibility of co-operating with Rev Katy Garner and since her departure with the Ministry team Revd Joan Rowe Revd Peter Bailey and lay readers Martin Canning and David George in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's, either through personal interaction or online. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We have enabled people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; biblical learning; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate some of this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Andrew's so it stands as a Christian statement in Backwell Village and is there for major moments in people's lives such as weddings baptisms and funerals.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We continued to offer a wide range of services: formal (led by our choir) informal (led by a band) Morning Prayer/ 1662 Book of Common Prayer/ Evensong as well as offering Communion in the village at Meeting Point and informal Communion in Church House. This wide range of services are held at different times to meet the need of worshippers as Sundays become increasingly busy with family commitments and caring needs.

We have introduced a new sound system to improve our service delivery and streaming service. This was achieved after much hard work to comply with the Faculties' stipulations and the training of members of the congregation to operate it. It now provides us with a much-enhanced sound system able to adapt to the needs of a band and other music provision for 21st century worship.

We have managed to enjoy fellowship together in the form of a meal before and after worship on our Patronal Festival and Maundy Thursday, as well our usual Sunday times for coffee! Our members continue to be involved with The Meeting Point and there is a communion service there once a month in the Parish Hall.

St Andrew's maintains good links with the other churches in the benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them and during the interregnum have increased our times spent together creating the Parish Profile and discussing Chelvey's needs as a valued member of our benefice. Particular thanks go to the Profile Writing Group for their time and dedication in producing a very thorough report to help us attract our next Rector.

Our children's worker is continuing to extend her work at our Junior School and was able to take our Pupil Chaplains to Taunton for the day. Each year group has resumed

having a day in church with activities, and Timi, our Children's Worker, regularly takes collective worship at the school. There is a parent and toddler group, Little Lambs for under threes thriving on a Sunday morning once a month with play on a religious theme. It is always fully booked, and our thanks go to Rhiannon Mark and Timi (who took over while Rhiannon was on maternity leave) for her hard work in developing and running this group. The children's choir, led by a professional teacher, meets weekly in term time and has around 25 members.

Another initiative continuing from last year, introduced by Timi, is the running of 'Begin Well' antenatal classes, and we look forward to following these families as they embark on parenthood.

The church held several packed services to fully celebrate Christmas. There was a Christingle 'afternoon', where the children made the Christingles prior to the service, Crib Services, School Carol Services, informal family carol service and our traditional choir-led Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

All are warmly welcomed at our regular services. At present there are 221 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 8 were removed during the year through death and there were 5 new members. The average weekly attendance, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October when we had services in the church building, was 38 adults and 2 children.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 7 Baptism and 3 weddings. We have held 15 Funerals in our Church this year. Clergy also take services for parishioners at our local crematoriums.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC is also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures.

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a very high standard by contractors and the extensive services of Richard Standing, and we thank him for his long service, reliable and thorough approach to every task. Richard has retired after many years dedicated service to maintaining the fabric of St Andrew's. He will be greatly missed.

During the year a full electrical audit of the whole of the Church was undertaken and the planning of the replacement of the lead roof of the Tower has been concluded and the work will start in May 2024. The table storage units in Church House are now in use and are much safer. The Sound desk has been installed and the design of the new storage cupboards for the church has progressed, with installation planned for May 2024.

Tina Soper has continued to clean the church and Church House. We are very grateful for the extra time and effort both Vanessa our part time administrator and Tina put into the day to day running of the Church.

Church House usage has increased over the year with both internal and external bookings.

Pastoral Care

During this past year in addition to the ministry team the pastoral group has consisted of 4 regular members who met prayerfully supporting parishioners by visits, telephone calls and home communion. This year there has been a good deal of support to families around bereavement and end of life care. Some of those families are still receiving support as they adjust to a new way of living without their loved ones. We had hoped that this year would have seen the opportunity to expand our work however the team itself has been affected by long terms health issues. We have managed to maintain our pastoral commitments and will continue with our current list of parishioner needs.

**Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.
Galatians 6.2**

Mission and Evangelism

The four key areas of activity of The Mission & Outreach Committee of St Andrew's are our connection with the world church, our support for charities, connections to village life and concern for the environment.

We continue to pray for the community of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, Zambia as part of the Diocesan Companion Link programme, as they do for us, and we exchange news on community activities and events. Donations on Zambia Sunday in July helped towards replacement of equipment stolen from their church. There are plans to build a school in the church grounds to cater for children meeting in the church building. We continue to support the Link at Diocesan level, assisting with the appointment of a Link Coordinator. We remain committed to Fairtrade through our registration as a Fairtrade church and use of Fairtrade supplies.

Maintaining our support for 4 charities during the year has enabled a more significant donation to be made to each based on a fixed percentage of total PCC receipts. On average we reached our target of £2,000 per quarter for each charity including further fundraising with a fundraising meal, and a BBQ. We also support a CMS Mission Partner recently sent to Nairobi. Meanwhile our Harvest service drew attention to the work of Ripple Effect in Zambia. The charities are selected on the basis that they are doing God's work, locally and more widely. Financial support is provided to other charities in response to appeals or on special occasions, but this depends on individual events being organised by those having close charity links. Full details of our monetary support are shown in the financial accounts.

Our weekly news sheet includes prayer for every house and business in the village by rotation, as well as churches in the Anglican cycle of prayer and our supported charity. World mission prayer is contributed to the diocesan prayer calendar and many other prayer diaries are available for individual use. The Meeting Point has growing attendance at its twice-monthly lunches and the weekly chair yoga sessions for those with less mobility. The Meeting Point is a weekly drop-in café offering hospitality and support under the umbrella charity, Backwell Life. A monthly service of Holy Communion takes place there prior to lunch. The programme of children's activities in the summer was well attended, as are regular holiday activities (Tuesday Break). The monthly Village Magazine is edited by a member of the congregation and includes significant church input. It is well and widely read across the community and is available free in both paper and on-line versions.

Work was completed on an Eco Church application with the help of the pupil chaplains from the Junior School and we were awarded Bronze status. Further work towards a Silver award is planned for 2024 with the new chaplains keen to participate.

Mission and Outreach regularly reviews our communications both internally and externally including our website, a Church Near You and social media to develop ways of presenting our message of love and care for our church community, our village community and for the wider world. Our engagement with and publicity of children's groups and support in school has expanded, notably with the successful pupil chaplains programme. With the help of our ecumenical partners, we delivered a Christmas card to every house in the village.

A series of budget cooking workshops by a professional caterer took place at The Meeting Point and individual action in support of the Nailsea Foodbank, knitting for others and the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol continues. Members do hold collection boxes for other charities, such as USPG and The Children's Society. We are very keen to develop these tangible demonstrations of our faith in action.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrew's, as a member of Christians Together in Backwell, has held joint services with the other churches throughout the year, including the World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, as well as united services in Holy Week. Through this we also work with the other churches on items in local papers promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches. We are also participants in the Backwell Prayer Watch which meets monthly in the 3 churches in the village and attracts Christians who live in the village but worship elsewhere.

Volunteers

St Andrew's would like to thank the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community whether in our worship, the maintenance of our building or in the administration of the parish. We started Autumn without our Rector Revd Katy Garner who left for an appointment as chaplain at Bath Spa University. She is greatly missed. However the Ministry team and Lay Readers have worked incredibly hard to grow Katy's initiatives and the life of the Church delivering inspiring services, comforting the bereaved, growing our outreach programmes through Zoom prayers, visits and countless ways of serving our community. Three members of our congregation have undertaken Christian training Charlotte Stansfield (to be ordained in June) Timi Booy and Tina Soper – all three are inspiration to us all.

Financial Report

St Andrew's Church Financial Report to APCM – May 2024

1. At the end of 2023 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2022	£258,167	£501,686	£759,853
End 2023	£302,559	£531,204	£833,763

2. At 31 December 2023 the CCLA Investment holding was valued at £755,270 compared with £694,334 at the end of 2022. During the year 450 shares were sold yielding £25,000. The value of the Investment Fund rose during the year. The share value increasing from £53.00 per share at 1 January 2023 to £59.71 at 31 December 2023.
The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and two current accounts with NatWest Bank.
3. Income from regular donations remains steady. Collections, however, were down from £4,827 to £3,963.
4. During the year a legacy of £3,000 from the estate of Rex Alec de Winton was received and also a donation of £20,000. Both amounts are unrestricted.
5. In 2023 our Parish Share reduced from 86,044 to £84,968 per year. This was due to a drop in the number of our regular worshippers. This figure is used to calculate the amount payable.
6. Overall expenses from unrestricted funds were around £1,200 more than in 2022; a small increase of 1%. The cost of electricity, oil, insurance and salaries, paid to the administrator and cleaner, all increased but this was offset by the reduction in the parish share.
7. Charitable giving from PCC funds was just over 5% of regular income. The £5,706 payments to charities shown in the accounts include £683 raised at the BBQ for CMS and £423 at the curry evening for USPG. The payments have been taken from our Missions and Outreach Fund. In addition, specific donations included food and gifts were made which raised a further £4,299. These were passed directly to various charities (see page 8 of the accounts).
8. The deficit for 2023 on unrestricted funds was £7,525 (when the £23,000 received from the legacy and large donation is excluded). This deficit is lower than forecasted in the 2023 budget of £22,785. The main reasons for this different is
- a) income from fees and Church House hire were greater than estimated.
 - b) The parish share, clergy expenses and running costs were lower than anticipated and the £6,000 sum included in the budget to fund a Musical Director was not used.
1. The Missions & Outreach work has continued to thrive. There were some specific donations towards this work. Full details of the outreach work can be found on page 7 of the accounts.

2. For some time now fabric expenditure has been drawn from restricted funds. Full details are shown on page 7 of the annual accounts. The sound system and Church House chairs costs have been capitalised and will be depreciated at 25% per year over the next 4 years.
3. Churchyard expenditure was partly covered by trust fund income and a Parish Council grant. The capital remaining in the churchyard fund at the end of 2023 will not cover our forecasted expenditure for 2024 and capital from the Mr Brain Fund will be needed to cover the excess.
4. A new restricted fund has been created named the Learning Hub Fund. We have been given a grant to take part in a national project to promote Christianity in schools.
5. For 2024 our Parish Share has increased by £2,975 (3.5%) to £87,943.
6. Currently the estimated deficit for 2024 on unrestricted funds is £21,910. This includes £6,000 provision for a new Musical Director. We advertised the post in 2023 but no-one was appointed.

Lesley Barratt -
Treasurer

Revised Church Financial Policies (7th March 2024)

- **Restricted Reserves Policy**
- Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£531,204 at the end of 2023). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, reviewed regularly and used in a positive manner to maintain and enhance the Fabric and Churchyard of St. Andrew's Church. At the present time, we believe that these reserves will cover any eventuality over the next 5/10 years.
- **Unrestricted Reserves Policy**
- These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £302,559 at the end of 2023. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £100,000). Subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.
- **Legacies Policy**

We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the year ended 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
	Note				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary income	2(a)	111,575	17,630	129,205	205,288
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	945	1,303	2,248	1,328
Income from investments	2(c)	1,318	2,560	3,878	2,360
Church activities	12(d)	17,465	3,124	20,589	17,477
Other Receipts		115		115	466
TOTAL INCOME		131,418	24,617	156,035	226,919
EXPENDITURE					
Church activities	3(a)	115,168	51,793	166,961	180,629
Raising funds	3(b)	775	325	1,100	1,242
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		115,943	52,118	168,061	181,871
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		15,475	-27,501	-12,026	45,048
NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	5	28,917	57,019	85,936	-68,749
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		44,392	29,518	73,910	-23,701
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE START OF THE YEAR		258,167	501,686	759,853	783,554
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT THE END OF THE YEAR		302,559	531,204	833,763	759,853

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Furniture and Equipment	4	21,252	
Investment Fund	5	755,270	694,334
TOTAL		776,522	694,334
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		26,496	20,540
Debtors	6	9,487	9,474
Short term deposits		26,712	40,513
Total		62,695	70,527
TOTAL ASSETS		839,217	764,861
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within One Year		5,454	5,008
		833,763	759,853
FUNDS		833,763	759,853
Unrestricted	7(a)	302,559	258,167
Restricted	7(b)	531,204	501,686
TOTAL		833,763	759,853

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1(a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on an accounting basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

1(b) Depreciation

Items of Furniture, Equipment and Fittings costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated over 4 years at 25% per annum.

2	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022 £
2(a)	Voluntary income				
	<i>Planned giving:</i>				
	Gift aid donations	61,283		61,283	60,435
	Tax recoverable	15,489	753	16,242	15,573
	Other	5,992		5,992	6,194
	Collections:				
	Open plate	1,252		1,252	2,015
	Gift aid envelopes	1,368		1,368	1,710
	Sum Up	483		483	330
	Sum Up with gift aid	860		860	772
	Benefice Allowance				2,797
	Grants:				
	Bath & Wells Community Outreach		500	500	
	Church of England Energy Scheme				1,250
	Listed Places of Worship		2,015	2,015	2,164
	National Society for Education		10,000	10,000	
	Parish Council		400	400	350
	St Mathias		1,500	1,500	
	Donations	1,418	462	1,880	2,230
	Donations qualifying for gift aid	20,430	2,000	22,430	374
	Legacies	3,000		3,000	109,094
	Total	111,575	17,630	129,205	205,288
2(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social activity Donations	945	1,303	2,248	1,328
	Total	945	1,303	2,248	1,328
2(c)	Income from investments				
*	Dividends from Trust Funds	95	2,193	2,288	2,276
	Interest	1,223	367	1,590	84
	Total	1,318	2,560	3,878	2,360
2(d)	Income from church activities				
	Bath & Wells Visiting Clergy Costs	705		705	180
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	1,250		1,250	1,307
	Children's Choir		3,024	3,024	2,764
	Hire of Church House	5,546		5,546	4,400
	Sales	45		45	80
	Weddings, Funerals & Monuments Fees	9,919	100	10,019	8,746
	Total	17,465	3,124	20,589	17,477
2(e)	Other Receipts				
	FIT Payments	115		115	466
	Total	115		115	466
	Total Income	131,418	24,617	156,035	226,919

* Dividends from Trust Funds

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.
The dividends received are included in the Churchyard and Flower Funds.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

3 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	FUNDS 2022 £
3(a) Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving (see also note 8)				
Church overseas: Missionary societies		3,873	3,873	1,797
Churches overseas : Relief & Development		683	683	
Home missions & other Church Societies		1,150	1,150	3,075
	0.00	5,706	5,706	4872.00
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	84,968		84,968	86,044
Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses	690		690	1,205
Lay Training	20	2,920	2,940	3,948
Other clergy costs	944		944	638
Outreach		5,222	5,222	5,631
Vacancy	90		90	
Discretionary Disbursements		130	130	525
Church running and maintenance (2a)	12,028	2,786	14,814	14,918
Upkeep of services : Books etc	90		90	172
Material for Worship	514		514	656
Flowers		200	200	418
Sundries	117		117	95
Churchyard upkeep		7,369	7,369	5,262
Support costs: Children's worker expenses		136	136	269
Choir	127	474	601	304
Junior church	55		55	316
Ringers		289	289	52
Equipment	579	-4,965	-4,386	7,598
Depreciation		7,084	7,084	
Major Repairs		12,624	12,624	23,976
Salaries: Administrator	7,820		7,820	7,098
Children's Worker		11,818	11,818	11,054
Church House cleaner	3,318		3,318	2,964
Fees: Organist	2,250		2,250	1,200
Printing/ stationery/postage	1,181		1,181	1,046
Bank Charges	377		377	368
Total	115,168	51,793	166,961	180,629
3(b) Raising funds				
Stewardship costs				419
Cost of social activities	775	325	1,100	823
Total	775	325	1,100	1,242
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	115,943	52,118	168,061	181,871

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

3(c)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)	2023	2022
		£	£
	Consumables & window Cleaning	302	250
	Copyright licence/Data protection	470	752
	Drop Box	167	166
	Electricity	3,161	2,274
	Insurance	2,924	2,536
	Oil	3,380	2,732
	Phone/internet	822	824
	Piano Tuning	200	90
	Water Rates	243	210
	Web Site	215	233
	Zoom	144	144
	TOTAL	12,028	10,211
4	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	2023	2022
		£	£
	Cost		
	At start of year	3,416	3,416
	Additions	28,336	
	Disposals	-	
	At end of year	<u>31,752</u>	<u>3,416</u>
	Depreciation		
	At start of year	3,416	3,416
	Disposals	-	
	Depreciation charge for the year	7,084	
	At end of year	<u>10,500</u>	<u>3,416</u>
	Net Residual Value at end of year	21,252	
5	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2023	2022
	Share holding at 31 December	12,648	13,099
	The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2023 was £59.71 (2022 -£53.00)		
	8,392 shares are in restricted funds and 4,256 in unrestricted funds		
		£	£
	Market Value at start of year	694,334	763,083
	Additional shares purchased		50,000
	Shares sold	-25,000	-50,000
	Net gain/loss on Investments	85,936	-68,749
	Market Value at end of year	755,270	694,334
6	DEBTORS	2023	2022
	HM Revenue & Customs	8,148	8,497
	Other Debtors	1,339	523
	TOTAL	9,487	9,020

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

7 DETAILS OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

BALANCE BALANCE
2023 2022

7(a) GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Voluntary income 108,575
Activities for generating funds 945
Income from investments 1,318
Income from church activities 17,465
Other receipts 115
TOTAL INCOME 128,418
Opening balance 454

EXPENDITURE

Church activities 115,168
Raising funds 775
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 115,943
Closing balance 12,929

454

LEGACIES FUND

INCOME

Investment Fund gain 28,917
Legacy 3,000
TOTAL INCOME 31,917

EXPENDITURE

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 0

Opening balance 257,713

Closing balance 289,630

257,713

257,713

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

302,559

258,167

7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS

BELL RINGERS FUND

INCOME

Donations 327
Interest 83
Social 101
TOTAL INCOME 511
Opening balance 1,484

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation fees 20
Bench cushions 173
Ropes 96
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 289
Closing balance 1,706

1,484

1,484

CHOIR FUND

INCOME

Donations plus tax 2,580
Interest 105
Social 24
Funeral fees 100
TOTAL INCOME 2,809
Opening balance 306

EXPENDITURE

Chorister bonuses 52
Music 93
Other expenses 57
Social events 271
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 473
Closing balance 2,642

306

306

CHURCHYARD FUND

INCOME

Dividends 2,015
Grant 400
Interest 50

EXPENDITURE

Electricity 141
Gardeners 3,853
Hedge cutting 659
Machinery maintenance 248
Other expenses 387
Roses & rewilding 341
Tree Work 1,740
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 7,369

TOTAL INCOME 2,465

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 7,369

Opening balance 5,927

Closing balance 1,023

5,927

5,927

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

7 DETAILS OF FUNDS (continued)

7(b)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)			BALANCE 2023	BALANCE 2022
	CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Investment Fund gain	52,327 Architect- vision & sound system	3,353		
	Listed Places of Worship grant	2,015 Bell clapper assembly	540		
		Church House electricity board	396		
		Church House chairs dolly	311		
		Church maintenance	2,786		
		Church tower roof	5,529		
		Panel heater	1,067		
		Replacement light fittings	7,536		
		Water heater	1,430		
		Adjustment to capitalise 2022 chairs and sound system	-12,653		
		Depreciation of equipment	7,084		
	TOTAL INCOME	54,342 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17,379		
	Opening balance	444,884 Closing balance		481,847	444,884
	FLOWER FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Dividends	178 Christmas decorations	130		
	Donations	55 Flowers etc	71		
	Interest	124			
	TOTAL INCOME	357 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	201		
	Opening balance	2,389 Closing balance		2,545	2,389
	LEARNING HUB FUND				
	National Society grant	10,000			
	TOTAL INCOME	10,000 TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
	Opening balance	Closing balance		10,000	
	MISSION & OUTREACH FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Bath & Wells community grant	500 Begin Well	455		
	Children's choir	3,024 Charities	5,706		
	Investment Fund gain	4,692 Children's choir	2,622		
	St Mathias grant	1,500 Children's worker costs	136		
	Social events donations	1,178 Children's worker course fees	2,920		
	Tax	253 Children's worker salary	11,818		
		Christmas & Easter in the box	297		
		Expenses for social events	325		
		Junior school books	422		
		Light party	317		
		Little Lambs	221		
		Musical instruments	150		
		Other outreach expenses	170		
		Pupil chaplaincy	282		
		St Andrew's churchdays	436		
	TOTAL INCOME	11,147 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26,277		
	Opening balance	46,471 Closing balance		31,341	46,471
	RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND				
	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
	Interest	5 Disbursements	130		
	TOTAL INCOME	5 TOTAL EXPENDITURE	130		
	Opening balance	225 Closing balance		100	225
	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			531,204	501,686

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

8 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

8(a)	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2023	2022
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG	1,150	1,025
	Church Mission Society	1,150	1,025
	Total	2,300	2,050
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Bristol Connect	1,150	
	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	1,150	1,025
	Wellspring Counselling		1,025
	Total	2,300	2,050
8(b)	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES		
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	Church Mission Society BBQ	683	
	USPG Curry Evening	423	772
	Total	1,106	772
	TOTAL PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES	5,706	4,872

The following donations are not included in the Accounts as St Andrew's only acts as an agent

*	Community of the Sisters of the Church (donations)	2,112	1,050
	Children's Society collection (Christingle)	143	67
	CMS (donations & sponsored walk)		62
	Funeral Collection (Cancer Research)		190
	Red Cross (Gaza)	228	
	Ripple Effect collection (Harvest)	139	
	RSCM		316
	Ukraine Children's Camp		235
	USPG donations	30	62
	USPG (Ukraine)		585
	USPG boxes and coffee morning	311	287
	Wellspring (donations & sponsored walk)		806
	Zambia collection (musical instruments)	486	
	Total	3,449	3,660
*	Donations of food and gifts have also been given to the Sisters of the Church - estimated value	850	475



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A	Independent Examiner's Report		
Report to the trustees/ members of	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell, also known as St Andrew's PCC Backwell.		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1131461
Set out on pages	1-9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date: 09/04/2024

Name:

Amanda Collinson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Former Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (1980-2021)

Address:

12a Farleigh Road,

Backwell,

Bristol. BS48 3PA

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Backwell, BS48 3JJ. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 23rd April 2023 until the date of this approved report are:

Wardens : Andy Pitcher, Cherry Leake

PCC Secretary : Jane Canning

Deanery Synod (entitles automatic service on PCC)

Martin Canning

Anthony Stansfield

Anita Heappey

Vacancy

Diocesan Synod (entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC)

Carol Hellen

Elected members For 3 years unless otherwise indicated

Lesley Barratt (until APCM 2025)

Tim Harland (until APCM 2026)

Tamsin Hockett (until APCM 2026)

Doug Neilson (until APCM 2025)

Tina Soper (until APCM 2026)

Christine Hamilton (until APCM 2026)

John Lee (until APCM 2026)

Ian Bainbridge co-opted in 2023

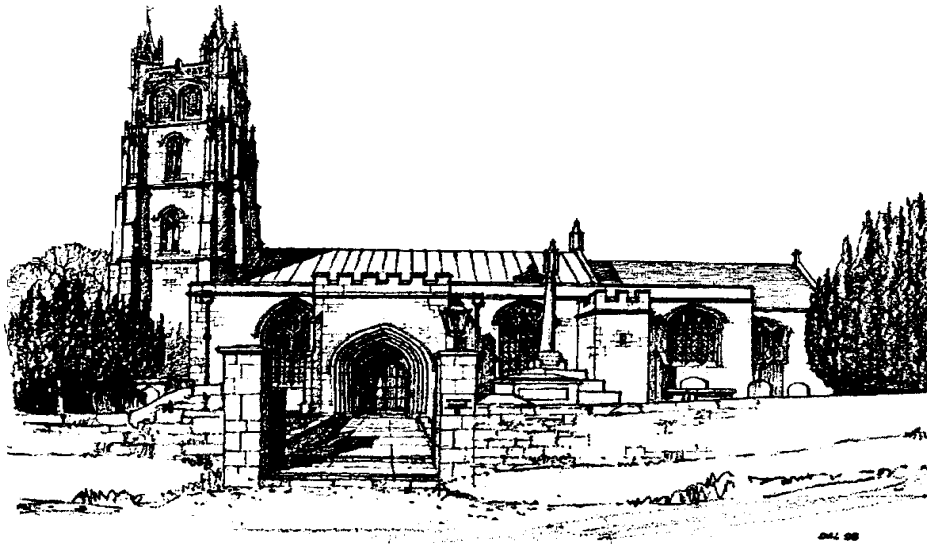
By Invitation to Fabric Committee George Chedburn (Architect)

Approved by the PCC on 25th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by Andy Pitcher (Church Warden and Chair)

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Accounts

The Parish Church of St Andrew Backwell



Annual Report and Accounts for 2022

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday, 23rd April 2023 at 12:00noon

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*Please note that the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
are available for inspection at the Church Office.*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Vestry Meeting
Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 12:00 noon

AGENDA

Prayer

- 1 Nomination of Clerk by the meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on April 24th 2022
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

*(All nominations must be complete and before the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.
No nominations can be taken from the floor)*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 12:15pm

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting
- 2 Consideration of Electoral Roll
- 3 ANNUAL REPORT
 - Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts for year ended 31.12.22
 - Rector's Review of the Year
 - Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
 - Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 4 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
 - PCC members
 - Election of Electoral Roll Officer
 - Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - Appointment of Stewards
 - Election of Independent Examiner

- 5 To note—Informal Reports in separate booklet
- 6 Any other matters of parochial or general church interest

Short matters may be dealt with at this meeting or will be dealt with by the PCC

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
to be held immediately following the APCM

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Consideration of Parish Share banding
3. Any matters of urgent consideration
4. Date of next Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in Church
Sunday 24th April 2022 at 12.00noon

1. Nomination of Chair and Clerk by the meeting

The meeting agreed that Jane Canning should act as clerk

2. Apologies: Christine Hamilton, Jean Routley, Carol Hellen, Julie Densham, Barbara Paige, Trevor Watts, Vanessa & Andrew Colley, Rev'd Katy Garner

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the Last Vestry Meeting on 9th May 2021 were accepted as a true record by the meeting.

Proposed Tamsin Hockett

Seconded Ken Edis

4. Election of Churchwardens

As required by the Churchwarden Measure 2001, nominations for Churchwarden had been submitted in writing before the meeting. Anita Heappey¹ was proposed by Lesley Barratt and seconded by Cherry Leake. Andrew Pitcher was proposed by Martin Canning and seconded by Jane Canning. As there were no other nominations, Anita and Andy were duly appointed as Church Wardens. The meeting thanked Anita for her work and warmly welcomed Andy.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed..... Chair of Meeting

Before the meeting the congregation were asked for things to thank God for during the last year

- Oliga and Anna (Ukrainian refugees) have their visas to come to Nailsea.
- Vicky's ministry talking to people at her garden wall
- Trying out different things and services in church
- Contact with Youth in the community, Timi's work, children's choir, Katy visited 3 local schools, pupil Chaplains at the Junior School.
- Welcoming Andy's congregation to St Andrew's building
- Easter Sunday service – so busy and uplifting
- Vision Day in the WI Hall

¹NB- The normal term of office for a Church Warden is 6 years. Anita has kindly agreed to stand for another year to help with the induction of a new warden to join her this year, and for someone to take over next year

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on
Sunday 24th April 2022 at 12.00noon

Chair: Anita Heappey

PCC Secretary: Jane Canning

Church Warden: Andrew Pitcher

Present: Vicky Dunscombe, Lesley Barratt, Jan MacMillan, David George, Martin Canning, Charlotte Stansfield, Janet Pitcher, Tamsin Hockett, Ken Edis, Tina Soper, Trevor Leake, Cherry Leake, Emma Pontin, Tim Harland, Barbara Harland, John Lee, Doug Neilson, Susan Harker, Heather Bailey, Rev'd Peter Bailey, Susan Watts, Howard Walton, Barbara Walton, Ian Bainbridge, Sue Griffiths, Rev'd Joan Rowe

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 9th May 2021 had already been circulated with the annual reports and accounts. They were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

Proposed Barbara Harland

Seconded Cherry Leake

2.Consideration of Electoral Roll

5 names have been added to the roll, but 2 members of the church have died, giving an overall increase of 3. 20% of those listed on the Electoral Roll are not resident in Backwell.

3. Annual Report

Was circulated in advance and included the following-

Financial Report and presentation of Accounts for year ended 31.12.21

Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The meeting was invited to ask questions or make comments.

The church finances continue to run at a deficit. The CCLA funds deliver an excellent dividend, but this cannot be relied on for the future. The Diocese have moved their money away from CCLA.

Martin Canning volunteered to find out why.

More members of the congregation give money to the church by direct debit, but collections during the services have decreased. The Cashless Payment system is as yet only yielding small sums of money.

The Fabric Committee need more people to volunteer to do routine jobs as Richard Standing needs to reduce his workload.

Lesley was thanked for her work as Treasurer and John for his work on the Fabric Committee.

There is an opportunity for church members to join Deanery Synod, which will shortly be reviewing the Deanery Plan. Neil Wylie's role as Deanery Youth Worker has ended because the Diocese has withdrawn funding as part of its extensive financial review. It was suggested that the church write a letter to the Diocese expressing its regret at the loss of our local youth worker. The point was made that if we want this type of support, we have to be willing to pay for it.

Vicky requested the reinstatement of Prayers for Healing. Joan reminded her that a prayer ministry is available to anyone after the 10.30am service twice a month.

Charlotte used a children's toy house to reflect on the "rooms" that we can put ourselves into. Tamsin reminded us that the church is a family and within a family there has to be give and take.

Vicky Dunscombe thanked Rev Katy, Peter, Martin, Joan, David, Anthony and Charlotte for giving of their time and trouble to support us all in worship.

Annual Report – Corrections: page 7 "Lent groups also met virtually studying "40 Days of Prayer" should be replaced by "During May, people came together as a Benefice to pray for 40 days". Also page 7 - sharing the needs of the congregations should be replaced by sharing the preferences of the congregations.

Elections and Appointments

PCC members

Lesley Barratt's term finished and she was re-elected to the PCC. Douglas Neilson was nominated by John Lee, seconded by Christine Hamilton and duly elected. Rhiannon Mark has expressed a willingness to be co-opted to the PCC later in the year,

Electoral Roll Secretary

Phil Hockett is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Secretary. He was thanked for this work.

Appointment of Stewards

Cherry Leake is concerned because the Steward Team is short of 7 members. Is anyone willing to join in welcoming people to church?

Election of Independent Examiner

Amanda Collinson was proposed as St Andrew's Independent Examiner.

Proposed Lesley Barratt

Seconded Trevor Leake.

Informal Reports as contained in the Annual Report.

This year the informal reports have again been produced as a small booklet, which was circulated via email. It does not include a report from the Flower Guild as this has closed. However, there is money in the flower fund if people wish to provide flowers in church.

It was noted that there was no report from the Worship Group and that should be corrected next year.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed.....Chair of Meeting

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2022

2022 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Catherine Garner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's, either through personal interaction or online. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In unprecedented times, we have continued to adapt to the restrictions placed upon us. We have enabled ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; biblical learning; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate some of this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Andrew.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

2022 saw the parish move forward and grow in the ways we reach out to the community, demonstrating our faith in everyday life.

As the Covid Pandemic becomes history we are building on our experiences over that time and using a hybrid of face to face contact as well as on Zoom and You Tube, to reach everyone, especially as our congregation gets elderly and less mobile. Our Sunday services try to encompass those who wish to worship in a more informal way as well traditional Eucharist and Evensong. Some of these services are also streamed on You Tube. Morning prayer as well as discussions groups and bible study continue on Zoom, but house groups have developed over the last year, giving people a chance to meet and pray together in person.

The PCC reviewed our service patterns to try and ensure everyone attending church is offered a choice of worship, whether it is following the 1662 Communion or an informal service with Worship band. The service pattern now includes services at 9:15, 10:45 and 5pm, and no longer do we hold a regular 8am service. There is also a monthly Communion service on Wednesdays at 12.00noon.

We have managed to enjoy fellowship together in the form of a meal before and after worship on Patronal Festival and Maundy Thursday, as well our usual weekly times for coffee! Our members

continue to be involved with The Meeting Point and there is a communion service there once a month in the Village Hall.

Our children's worker is continuing to extend her work at our Junior School and was able to take our Pupil Chaplains to Wells Cathedral for a day. Each year group has resumed having a day in church with activities, and Timi, our Children's Worker, regularly takes collective worship at the school. There is a parent and toddler group, Little Lambs, thriving on a Sunday morning once a month with play on a religious theme. It is always fully booked, and our thanks go to Rhiannon Marks for her hard work in developing and running this group. The children's choir, led by a professional teacher, meets weekly in term time and has around 25 members.

Another initiative the last year, introduced by Timi, is the running of 'Begin Well' antenatal classes, and we look forward to following these families as they embark on parenthood.

This year saw the church return to fully celebrating Christmas. There was a Christingle 'afternoon', where the children made the Christingles prior to the service, Crib Services, School Carol Services, informal family carol service and our traditional choir-led Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

St Andrew's maintains good links with the other churches in the benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 224 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 44 of whom are not resident within the parish, 10 were removed during the year through death. The average weekly attendance, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October when we had services in the church building, was 50 adults and 10 children. Our YouTube Sunday service this year has had an average of 40 views per week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. Due to the remaining Covid-19 concerns this year, we have only celebrated 8 Baptism and 6 weddings. We have held 19 Funerals in our Church this year. Clergy also take services for parishioners at our local crematoriums.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC is also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures.

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a very high standard by contractors and the extensive services of Richard Standing, and we thank him for his long service, reliable and through approach to every task.

Tina Soper has continued to clean the church and Church House, and the normal annual routine

tasks have been carried out mainly by Richard Standing, and as this is the last year that we shall have his extensive and dedicated services, we thank him for his dedication without which this church would not have functioned so smoothly and importantly, allowed others to perform their duties worry free.

Church House usage has increased over the year with both internal and external bookings.

The two major projects for completion in 2022 did not proceed.

(a) The upgrade of the Sound and Vision systems are fully planned, but the introduction of a drop-down motorised projection screen on the Nave side of the Chancel wall and a wooden Console to house the electronic control equipment at the back of the nave have failed to obtain Faculty permission from DAC. Our Architect is working towards our correcting that position in 2023.

(b) The introduction of increased cupboard storage to the Nave SW. wall and a purpose designed unit for the area close to the South door were originally a separate Faculty application, but as there was a common need with the above to remove pews the DAC required a combined approach. This too is receiving attention by our Architect for a successful outcome in 2023.

The Lightning protection system was totally replaced in the summer of 2022, together with repairs to the SW Pinnacle weight. The Sanctus bell is currently working well after minor maintenance.

The refurbishment of Church House has seen the completion of repairs to the roof, repairs to the apex window and the replacement of the Velux window in the office. The link, office and the main room have been redecorated together with a necessary upgrade to the Electricity Control unit in the link, replacement of all chairs and some new tables. The other major change was the replacement of the curtains. Outstanding is an upgrade to the heating provision, removal or disguise of the ceiling stains and the introduction of storage units for the tables and two other minor improvements, all planned for 2023.

The Quinquennial Report has been received with the usual mix of major and minor action needs for the next 5 years. The lead roof to the tower is leaking and temporary repairs have been carried out with early actions initiated, resulting in a complete replacement of the lead. The historic graffiti on the existing lead will be cut out and added to the new lead.

Substantial work has been carried out to introduce metal railings to protect the drop from the wall outside Church House for which we needed to acquire Local Authority planning permission as well as a Faculty. Regrettably, we are now faced with the trading demise of our preferred blacksmith. Artisans did not fare well in the pandemic.

Pastoral Care

During this past year in addition to the ministry team the pastoral group has consisted of 4 regular members who met prayerfully supporting parishioners by visits, telephone calls and home communion. This year there has been a good deal of support to families around bereavement and end of life care. Some of those families are still receiving support as they adjust to a new way of living without their loved ones.

We had hoped that this year would have seen the opportunity to expand our work however the team itself has been affected by long terms health issues. We have managed to maintain our pastoral commitments and will continue with our current list of parishioner needs.

Ideally, in the longer term we would like to expand our work. Revd. Katy would like to host pastoral leaders training with a view to recruiting new members to the group and working within a wider community brief. However, like other areas of discipleship any future plans are dependent on realising additional volunteers.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6.2

Mission and Evangelism

The four key areas of activity of The Mission & Outreach Committee of St Andrew's are our connection with the world church, our support for charities, connections to village life and concern for the environment. This involves committee activity as well as reviewing other group or individual activity in this sphere.

We have been refreshing and developing our link with the community of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, Zambia as part of the Diocesan Companion Link programme. We continue to pray for them as they do for us and exchange news on community activities and events. Sadly, some of the musical instruments we helped purchase were stolen recently, but there are plans for their replacement. A visit to Zambia by the committee chair took place in May, and we continue to support the Link at Diocesan level. This included attendance by Bishop Kamukwamba of Central Diocese at the installation of Bishop Michael in November. We remain committed to Fairtrade through our registration as a Fairtrade church, but the recent closure of Traidcraft has impacted our ability to supply local demand.

Maintaining our support for 4 charities during the year has enabled a more significant donation to be made to each based on a fixed percentage of total PCC receipts. We reached our target of £2,000 per quarter for each charity on only one occasion, but it has stimulated further fundraising with a fundraising meal, a sponsored cycle ride and afternoon tea. The charities are selected on the basis that they are doing God's work, locally and more widely. Financial support is provided to other charities in response to appeals or on special occasions, but this depends on individual events being organised by those having close charity links. Full details of our monetary support are shown in the financial accounts.

Our weekly news sheet includes prayer for every house and business in the village by rotation, as well as churches in the Anglican cycle of prayer and our supported charity. This was the last year of the Benefice monthly prayer diary, but world mission prayer is now contributed to the Diocesan prayer calendar. The Meeting Point and its regular lunch guests have been enjoying the twice-monthly lunches again and is now welcoming an expanded group to the weekly chair yoga sessions for those with less mobility. The Meeting Point is a weekly drop-in café offering hospitality and support under the umbrella charity, Backwell Life. It was also registered under the national and local Warm Rooms schemes over the winter. A monthly service of Holy Communion has also been established prior to lunch. The programme of children's activities in the summer was well attended, and regular holiday activities (Tuesday Break) are "a life saver". The monthly Village

Magazine is edited by a member of the congregation and includes significant church input. It is well and widely read across the community and is available free in both paper and on-line versions.

We were unable to make progress with applying for Eco Church status, and this work has been constrained by the lack of a volunteer to coordinate and lead the effort. New efforts to enhance the churchyard, including partial re-wilding, are planned in 2023.

Mission and Outreach regularly reviews our communications both internally and externally including our website, 'A Church Near You' and social media to develop ways of presenting our message of love and care for our church community, our village community and for the wider world. Our engagement with and publicity of children's groups and support in school has expanded, notably with the successful pupil chaplains programme.

In September, the PCC discussed ways in which St Andrew's could support the local community through the current pressures of the cost of living. This led to warm room registration and a series of budget cooking workshops by a professional caterer, both at The Meeting Point. Individual actions were encouraged, such as support for the Nailsea Foodbank, Knitting for Others and donations to the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol. This issue was discussed ecumenically, and the Methodist church also opened a warm room. A collection of clothing for Ukraine was organised in support of a local charity. Members do hold collection boxes for other charities, such as USPG and The Children's Society. We are very keen to develop these tangible demonstrations of our faith in action.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrew's, as a member of Christians Together in Backwell, has held joint services with the other churches throughout the year, including the World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, as well as united services in Holy Week. Through this we also work with the other churches on items in local papers promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches.

We are also participants in a monthly prayer watch within the village.

Volunteers

St Andrew's would like to thank the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, whether in our worship, the maintenance of our building or in the administration of the parish. However, the numbers of volunteers have reduced significantly, and we now find ourselves having to evaluate our ability to run all the events that have happened in the past.

Financial Report

St Andrew's Church Financial Report to APCM – April 2023

1. At the end of 2022 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2021	£169,479	£614,075	£783,554
End 2022	£258,167	£501,686	£759,853

2. At 31 December 2022 our CCLA Investment holding was valued at £694,334 compared with £763,083 at the end of 2021. During the year 358 shares were sold yielding proceeds of £20,000. Later in the year 933 shares were purchased at a cost of £50,000. The value of our Investment Fund fell during the year. The share value dropping from £58.32 per share to £53.00- just under 10%. However, the share value has recovered somewhat standing at £54.86 on 31 January 2023.
3. The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and our current accounts with NatWest Bank.
4. Our regular income from planned giving showed a decrease of 8% last year which is disappointing. Our collections, however, were up by over 100% from £2,230 to £4,827. This was helped by the purchase of a card reader costing £419.
5. During the year we received 2 legacies, £10,000 from the estate of Susan Guy and 99,094 from the estate of Janet Briggs.
6. Our overall expenses from unrestricted funds were around £8,000 more than in 2021 an increase of 7.5%. This was mainly due to an increase in our day to day running expenses and increases in the salaries of our administrator and cleaner.
7. In 2022 our Parish Share remained the same as 2021 at £86,044 per year. We also received a Benefice Allowance of £2,797 which was the same as for 2021.
8. Charitable giving from PCC funds was just under 5% of our regular income. The £4,872 payments to charities shown in the accounts include £772 raised at a curry evening for USPG. The payments have been taken from our Missions and Outreach Fund. In addition, specific donations included food and gifts were made which raised a further £4,135. These were passed directly to various charities (see page 8 of the accounts).
9. Our deficit for 2022 on unrestricted funds was £6,720 (when the £109,094 received from legacies is excluded). This deficit is lower than forecast in the 2022 budget of £15,729 (again excluding legacies). The main reasons for this different is that the income from Fees and Church House hire were higher than estimated and a grant of £1,250 from the Church of England Energy Scheme was received. Our expenditure for clergy expenses, lay training, running costs and organist fees were lower than anticipated.
10. The Missions & Outreach work has continued to increase. There were some specific donations towards this work. Full details of the outreach work can be found on page 7 of the accounts. A modest amount of donations has also been received at the events. These have been used to help pay the running costs.

11. For some time now our Fabric expenditure has been drawn from our Restricted Funds. During the year £15,240 was spent renovating the Church House. A further £6,832 was paid towards the cost of a new sound system. The faculty for this, which was submitted some time ago, has still not been approved so this work is on hold at present. Full details are shown on page 7 of the Accounts.
12. Churchyard expenditure was partly covered by trust fund income and a Parish Council grant.
13. For 2023 our Parish Share has increased by £1,985 (2%) to £88,029. We may receive a Benefice Allowance from the Diocese to help offset some of this expenditure.
14. Increases in expenditure for 2023 is anticipated; to cover, for example, higher administration costs and utility bills. The fixed term contract with Eon for our electricity ends in March 2023 so the electricity bill will increase significantly.
15. A new Musical Director role is planned to co-ordinate and grow all the musical aspects of our church life. This will be funded from the legacies received in 2022.
16. Currently the estimated deficit for 2023 on unrestricted funds is £22,785.

Restricted Reserves Policy

Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£501,686 at the end of 2022). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, reviewed regularly and used in a positive manner to maintain and enhance the Fabric and Churchyard of St. Andrew's Church. At the present time, we believe that these reserves will cover any eventuality over the next 5/10 years.

Unrestricted Reserves Policy

These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £258,167 at the end of 2022. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £86,000) but in practice we look beyond that in planning stewardship campaigns because these reserves are being significantly eroded year by year to supplement our income which falls seriously short of our current needs. Again, subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.

Legacies

Allied to our Reserves policy is our policy relating to Legacies. We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we would encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion.

All other policy documents can be found in the POLICY FOLDER held in the CHURCH OFFICE and available for inspection.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, the Readers and those members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met 8 times since the last APCM in April 2022 with an average level of attendance of 90%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include mission and outreach, young people, fabric, pastoral and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Backwell, BS48 3JJ. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 24th April 2022 until the date of this approved report are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent- The Reverend Dr Catherine Garner (Chair) (since July 2019)

Warden

Anita Heappey¹ (Vice-Chair)
Andy Pitcher

PCC Secretary

Jane Canning

Deanery Synod

(entitles automatic service on PCC)

Martin Canning (until Synod elections of 2023)
Anthony Stansfield (until Synod elections of 2023)

Vacancy
Vacancy

Diocesan Synod

(entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC)

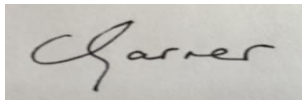
Carol Hellen

Elected members**For 3 years unless otherwise indicated**

Lesley Barratt	(until APCM 2025)
Tim Harland	(until APCM 2023)
Tamsin Hockett	(until APCM 2023)
Cherry Leake	(until APCM 2023)
Doug Neilson	(until APCM 2025)

By Invitation to Fabric Committee

George Chedburn (Architect)



Approved by the PCC on 21 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Catherine Garner (Chair)

¹ The normal term of office for a Church Warden is 6 years. Anita has kindly agreed to stand for another year to help with the induction of a new warden to join her this year, and for someone to take over next year,

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	FUNDS 2021 £
Income and Endowments					
Voluntary income	1(a)	201,356	3,932	205,288	96,948
Activities for generating funds	1(b)	564	764	1,328	1,389
Income from investments	1(c)	169	2,191	2,360	2,212
Church activities	1(d)	14,543	2,934	17,477	9,072
Other Receipts		466	0	466	161
TOTAL INCOME		217,098	9,821	226,919	109,782
Expenditure					
Church activities	2(a)	113,624	67,005	180,629	129,948
Raising funds	2(b)	1,100	142	1,242	854
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		114,724	67,147	181,871	130,802
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		102,374	-57,326	45,048	-21,020
NET GAIN/LOSE ON INVESTMENTS	3	-13,686	-55,063	-68,749	113,633
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		88,688	-112,389	-23,701	92,613
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	4				
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 (2020)		169,479	614,075	783,554	690,941
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2022 (2021)		258,167	501,686	759,853	783,554

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investment Fund	3	694,334	763,083
TOTAL		694,334	763,083
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		20,540	9,135
Debtors	4	9,474	8,993
Short term deposits		40,513	5,461
Stock (heating oil, wine, candles)			50
Total		70,527	23,639
TOTAL ASSETS		764,861	786,722
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within One Year		5,008	1,173
Receipts in Advance			995
		759,853	784,554
FUNDS		759,853	783,554
Unrestricted	5	258,167	169,479
Restricted	5	501,686	614,075
TOTAL		759,853	783,554

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	2021 £
1(a)	Voluntary income				
	<i>Planned giving:</i>				
	Gift aid donations	60,435		60,435	65,999
	Tax recoverable	15,423	150	15,573	15,231
	Other	6,194		6,194	6,131
	Collections:				
	Open plate	2,015		2,015	875
	Gift aid envelopes	1,710		1,710	1,355
	Sum Up	330		330	
	Sum Up with gift aid	772		772	
	Benefice Allowance	2,797		2,797	2,797
	Grants: Church of England Energy Scheme	1,250		1,250	
	Job Retention Scheme				604
	Listed Places of Worship		2,164	2,164	413
	Parish Council		350	350	1,100
	Donations	962	1,268	2,230	1,143
	Donations qualifying for gift aid	374		374	1,300
	Legacies	109,094		109,094	
	Total	201,356	3,932	205,288	96,948
1(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social activities	564	764	1,328	1,389
	Total	564	764	1,328	1,389
1(c)	Income from investments				
*	Dividends from Trust Funds	127	2,149	2,276	2,198
	Interest	42	42	84	14
	Total	169	2,191	2,360	2,212
1(d)	Income from church activities				
	Children's Choir		2,764	2,764	
	Fees for weddings and funerals	8,576	170	8,746	5,801
	Hire of Church House	4,400		4,400	1,330
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	1,307		1,307	735
	Bath & Wells Visiting Clergy Costs	180		180	76
	Sales	80		80	100
	Voices for Life Summer School				1,030
	Total	14,543	2,934	17,477	9,072
	Other Receipts				
	FIT Payments	466		466	161
	Total	466	0	466	161
	Total Income	217,098	9,821	226,919	109,782

* INCOME FROM TRUSTS

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.
The dividends received are included in the Churchyard and Flower Funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

2 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	FUNDS 2021 £
Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving:				
Church overseas: Missionary societies		1,797	1,797	975
Churches overseas : Relief & Development				1,020
Home missions & other Church Societies		3,075	3,075	3,050
Secular charities & Organisations				
	0	4,872	4,872	5,045
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	86,044		86,044	86,044
Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses	1,205		1,205	1,151
Lay Training	1,150	2,780	3,930	1,000
Outreach		5,631	5,631	4,901
Readers costs	18		18	
Visiting clergy costs	638		638	525
Discretionary Disbursements		525	525	35
Church running and maintenance (2a)	10,211	4,707	14,918	9,667
Upkeep of services : Books etc	129	43	172	192
Material for Worship	656		656	393
Flowers		418	418	69
Sundries	95		95	187
Churchyard upkeep		5,262	5,262	3,940
Support costs: Children's worker expenses		269	269	155
Choir	143	161	304	145
Junior church	316		316	350
Ringers		52	52	35
Major Repairs		23,976	23,976	1,811
Equipment	343	7,255	7,598	1,413
Salaries: Administrator	7,098		7,098	4,962
Children's Worker		11,054	11,054	3,393
Church House cleaner	2,964		2,964	2,759
Fees: Organist	1,200		1,200	675
Printing/ stationery/postage	1,046		1,046	774
Bank Charges	368		368	327
Total	113,624	67,005	180,629	129,948
Raising funds				
Stewardship costs	419		419	
Cost of social activities	681	142	823	854
Total	1,100	142	1,242	854
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	114,724	67,147	181,871	130,802

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For the year ended 31 December 2022

2(a)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES (UNRESTRICITED FUNDS)	2022	2021
	Consumables & window Cleaning	250	212
	Copyright licence/Data protection	752	422
	Drop Box	166	
	Electricity	2,274	1,202
	Insurance	2,536	2,389
	Keys		16
	Oil	2,732	856
	Phone/internet	824	795
	Piano Tuning	90	90
	Water Rates	210	140
	Web Site	233	215
	Zoom	144	144
	TOTAL	10,211	6,481

2(b)	PHOTOCOPIER	2022	2021
	Cost	3,416	3,416
	Depreciation to date	3,416	3,416
	Net Book Value at 31 December 2022	0	0
	Depreciation is charged at 25% of cost per annum		

3	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2022	2021
	Share holding at 31 December	13099	12786

The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2022 was 5300.82 pence.
10477 shares are in restricted funds and 2,620 in unrestricted funds

		2022	2021
	Market Value at 1/1/22	763,083	634,450
	297.49 Shares purchased at 5042.18p per share (2021)		15,000
	465.71 Shares purchased at 5368.13p per share (2022)	25,000	
	467.22 Shares purchased at 5350.77p per share (2022)	25,000	
	363.09 Shares Sold at 5508.29p per share (2022)	-20,000	
	196.91 Shares Sold at 5078.47p per share (2022)	-10,000	
	181.13 Shares Sold at 5520.88.29p per share (2022)	-10,000	
	176.86 Shares Sold at 5654.14p per share (2022)	-10,000	
	Net loss/gain on Investments	-68,749	113,633
	Market Value at 31/12/22	694,334	763,083

4	DEBTORS	2022	2021
	HM Revenue & Customs	8,497	8,072
	Other Debtors	523	921
	TOTAL	9,020	8,993

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

5 DETAILS OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				BALANCE	BALANCE
				2022	2021
GENERAL FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Voluntary income	92,262	Church Activities	113,624		
Activities for generating funds	564	Raising funds	1,100		
Income from investments	169				
Income from church activities	14,543				
Other Receipts	466				
TOTAL INCOME	108,004	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	114,724		
From Legacies Fund	5,877				
Opening balance	1,297	Closing balance		454	1,297
LEGACIES FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
	109,094	Investment fund loss	13,686		
TOTAL INCOME	109,094	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,686		
		To General Fund	5,877		
Opening balance	168,182	Closing balance		257,713	168,182
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				<u>258,167</u>	<u>169,479</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
BELL RINGERS FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Donations	232	Affiliation fees	20		
Interest	6	General Expenses	32		
Wedding & Funeral Fees	20				
TOTAL INCOME	258	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	52		
Opening balance	1,278	Closing balance		1,484	1,278
CHOIR FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Donation (RSCM Refund)	170	Chorister Bonuses	15		
Interest	1	Music	146		
Wedding & Funeral Fees	150				
TOTAL INCOME	321	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	161		
Opening balance	146	Closing balance		306	146
CHURCHYARD FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Dividends	1,972	Electricity & Water	186		
Grant	350	Gardeners	3,533		
Interest	23	Hedge cutting	440		
		Machinery maintenance	98		
		New Mower	725		
		Other expenses	280		
TOTAL INCOME	2,345	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,262		
Opening balance	8,844	Closing balance		5,927	8,844

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

5 DETAILS OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

RESTRICTED FUNDS

			BALANCE 2022	BALANCE 2021
CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Listed Places of Worship Grant	2,164	Architect Quinquennial	895	
		Church House Chairs	5,821	
		Church House Curtains	4,051	
		Church House Decorating	2,387	
		Church House Roof	2,388	
		Church House Tables	593	
		Church Maintenance	3,812	
		Electrical Tests & new		
		Distribution Board	2,880	
		Floor Divider Screens & Lego	841	
		Investment fund loss	49,855	
		Lightning Conductor and Tower		
		repairs	5,438	
		Sound System	6,832	
TOTAL INCOME	2,164	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	85,793	
Opening balance	528,514	Closing balance	444,885	528,514
FLOWER FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Dividends	177	Flowers etc	166	
Donations	135	Christmas Decorations	252	
Interest	10			
TOTAL INCOME	322	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	418	
Opening balance	2,485	Closing balance	2,389	2,485
GENERAL FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Advent Books	43	Charities	772	
Social Event Donations	764	Advent Books	43	
Tax	150	Expenses on Activities	142	
TOTAL INCOME	957	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	957	
Opening balance	0	Closing balance	0	0
MISSION & OUTREACH FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Children's Choir	2,764	Charities	4,100	
Donation Bath & Wells	138	Begin Well	331	
Donation Easter in the Box	150	Children's Choir	2,935	
Donation Little Lambs	200	Children's Worker Costs	269	
Donation Pupil Chaplaincy	200	Children's Worker Course Fees	2,780	
		Children's Worker Salary	11,054	
		Christmas & Easter in the Box	429	
		Investment fund loss	5,208	
		Junior School Books	535	
		Junior School R.E. Today	210	
		Light Party	83	
		Little Lambs	162	
		Other Outreach Expenses	223	
		Pupil Chaplaincy	422	
		St Andrew's Church Days	301	
TOTAL INCOME	3,452	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	29,042	
Opening balance	72,061	Closing balance	46,471	72,061
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Interest	2	Disbursements	525	
TOTAL INCOME	2	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	525	
Opening balance	747	Closing balance	224	747
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			<u>501,686</u>	<u>614,075</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2022
6 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

a:	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2022	2021
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG	1,025	
	USPG Curry Evening	772	
	Church Mission Society	1,025	975
	Total	2,822	975
	Churches overseas : Relief & Development		
	Diocese of Central Zambia (Ndola)		325
	Total	0	325
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Bristol Emmaus		650
	Mothers Union		325
	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	1,025	975
	Wellspring Counselling	1,025	1,075
	World Day of Prayer		25
	Total	2,050	3,050
b:	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES		
	Churches overseas : Relief & Development		
	Diocese of Central Zambia (Ndola)		695
	Total	0	695
	OVERALL TOTAL	<u>4,872</u>	<u>5,045</u>

The following donations are not included in the Accounts as St Andrew's only acts as an agent

*	Community of the Sisters of the Church	1,050	335
	Children's Society Collection	67	
	CMS (donations & sponsored walk)	62	663
	Funeral Collection (Cancer Research)	190	
	RSCM	316	
	USPG Ukraine	585	
	Ukraine Children's Camp	235	
	Unicef UK Covid Vaccines		3,380
	USPG (boxes and coffee morning)	287	
	USPG (donations)	62	236
	Wellspring (donations & sponsored cycle ride)	806	570
	Total	3,660	5,184

* Donations of food and gifts have also been given to the Sisters of the Church - estimated value £475



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell, also known as St Andrew's PCC Backwell

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131461

Set out on pages

1-8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £200,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a sometime member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: T S J Cowley

Date: 12 April 2023

Name: T S J Cowley

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

Past Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

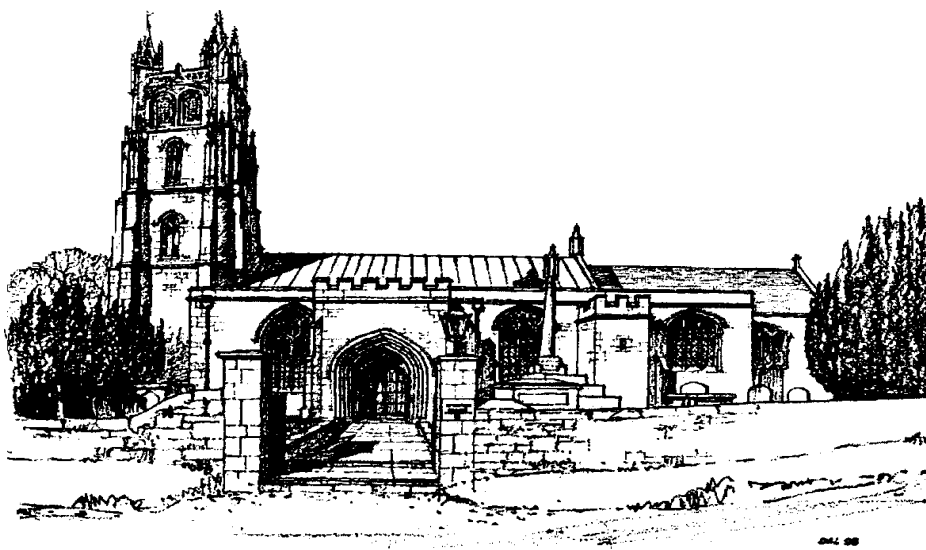
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

none

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Andrew Backwell



**Annual Report and Accounts for
2021**

**for presentation to the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

on Sunday, 24th April 2022 at 12:30pm

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*Please note that the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
are available for inspection at the Church Office.*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Vestry Meeting
Sunday 24th April 2022 at 12:30pm

AGENDA

Prayer

- 1 Nomination of Clerk by the meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on May 9th 2021
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

(All nominations must be complete and before the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.

No nominations can be taken from the floor)

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 24th April 2022 at 12:30pm

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting
- 2 Consideration of Electoral Roll
- 3 ANNUAL REPORT
Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts for year ended

31.12.21

- Rector's Review of the Year
- Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
- Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 4 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
PCC members
Election of Electoral Roll Officer
Appointment of Stewards
Election of Independent Examiner

- 5 To note—Informal Reports in separate booklet
- 6 Any other matters of parochial or general church interest

Short matters may be dealt with at this meeting or will be dealt with by the PCC

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
to be held immediately following the APCM

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Consideration of Parish Share banding
3. Any matters of urgent consideration
4. Date of next Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held via Zoom
Sunday 9th May 2021 at 5pm

1. Nomination of Chair and Clerk by the meeting

The meeting agreed that Jane Canning should act as clerk

2. Apologies

Phil & Tamsin Hockett, Andrew Colley, Carol Hellen

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the Last Vestry Meeting on 18th October 2020 were accepted as a true record by the meeting.

Proposed Lesley Barratt Seconded Chris Hamilton

4. Election of Churchwardens

As required by the Churchwarden Measure 2001, a nomination for Churchwarden had been submitted in writing before the meeting. Anita Heappey was proposed by Lesley Barratt and seconded by Cherry Leake. As there were no other nominations Anita was appointed as the only churchwarden. Anita's term of office must finish next year. The Rector thanked Anita and the Deputy Church Wardens.

Minutes Approved

Date.....

Signed..... Chair of Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting via Zoom on
Sunday 9th May 2021 at 5.00pm

Chair: Rev'd Dr Katy Garner
PCC Secretary: Jane Canning
Church Warden: Anita Heappey

Present:

Lesley Barratt, Martin Canning, Vanessa Colley, Susan Harker, Justine Jones, Jean Routley, Sue Standing, Anthony Stansfield, Charlotte Stansfield, Rev'd Peter and Heather Bailey,
Ken Edis, Barbara and Tim Harland, David George, Marie Bale, Teressa Southern, Chris Hamilton, John Lee, Rebecca and Tony Cox, Ian Wills, Tina Soper, Julie Densham, Rev'd Joan Rowe, Cherry & Trevor Leake, Doug & Pat Neilson, Toby Cowley,

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 18th October 2020 had already been circulated with the annual reports and accounts. They were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

Proposed Anita Heappey

Seconded Doug Neilson

2.Consideration of Electoral Roll

The number of people on the electoral roll has risen by 1.

3.Annual Report

Was circulated in advance and included the following-

Financial Report and presentation of Accounts for year ended 31.12.20

Rector's Report APCM 2020 Backwell

Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The meeting was invited to ask questions or make comments.

It was noted that church income has dropped and this is only partially compensated for by the decrease in outgoings. How can we encourage church members to increase their giving?

St Andrew's only has two representatives on the Deanery Synod, which is important because it discusses issues of interest to more than one parish. Everybody who contributed to the reports was thanked.

Elections and Appointments**PCC members**

Vanessa Colley, Toby Cowley and Theresa Southern are leaving the PCC.

No new members of the PCC were proposed.

Electoral Roll Secretary

Phil Hockett is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Secretary

Appointment of Stewards

Chris Perry has stepped down from the role of Steward after 34 years. Cherry Leake, as Head Steward, has written to all members of the team to thank them for their important task.

Election of Independent Examiner

Amanda Collinson was proposed as St Andrew's Independent Examiner.

Proposed Lesley Barratt

Seconded Cherry Leake.

Cherry Leake volunteered to write Amanda a letter of thanks for her work.

Informal Reports as contained in the Annual Report.

This year the informal reports have again been produced as a small booklet.

Minutes Approved

Date.....

Signed.....Chair of
Meeting

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2021

2021 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Catherine Garner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's, either through personal interaction or online. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In unprecedented times, we have continued to adapt to the restrictions placed upon us, supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We have enabled ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; biblical learning; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate some of this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Andrew.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

In 2021 we began the year with the church building open for private prayer only, with our congregational services still virtual. Main Sunday services were streamed on YouTube, with Zoom used for daily Morning Prayer, weekly Bible Study, book group and other types of Sunday worship. The Lent groups also met virtually studying '40 Days of Prayer'. During Holy week and Easter day we celebrated in person in the open air. At the beginning of May, with the Covid-19 figures decreasing, the PCC voted to resume services in person in the church buildings, enabling the people to celebrate Pentecost and Trinity Sunday together.

Once we returned to in-person services, the delivery of paper copies and DVD recordings was stopped, although Zoom continued to be a very useful tool for a

number of smaller gatherings. The weekly Bible study began to study Mark's Gospel in detail in June and this continued into the following year.

As the PCC had previously agreed, we continued with two morning services, with differing contemporary and traditional styles, on a Sunday morning throughout the summer. Following an agreed review by the PCC in September, the two morning services were reduced to one main morning service, sharing the need of the congregations for differing styles – two Sung Eucharists and 2 contemporary styles of service. The 8am said prayer book holy communion was also reinstated on the second and fourth Sunday's. There is also an evening service at 5pm for both styles of worship, with prayer and Praise and sung Evensong. The current service pattern will continue to be reviewed in 2022 to ensure we continue to try and meet the needs of the worshipping community. More recently, we have introduced a monthly communion service at The Meeting Point in the village.

Following the St Andrew's patronal festival service, we were able to have a parish meal, the first in 2 years.

This year, even though the Covid-19 figures rose significantly, we were able to celebrate Christmas together in church, with the Covid-19 restrictions being reinstated. Mask wearing was made compulsory for all to protect the congregation, even for singing which meant that the carol service became a hybrid service, with choir carols being recorded, while congregational singing happened behind masks. The midnight service was cancelled.

In September, Timi Booy was appointed as St Andrew's Children and Families worker, working with the church on a half time contract. She has, in her short time with the church, begun to make a significant difference to this community, with a chaplaincy role at Backwell Junior School (BJS), a light party attended by 40, Christmas in a Box with year 3's and 4's at BJS and Bertie's nursery and West Leigh infant school, alongside the regular collective worship and church services for BJS. Her vitality has reverberated in a very positive way through this church community.

St Andrew's maintains good links with the other churches in the benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them.

St Andrew's continues to support our village church school (BJS) by offering 4 themed church days, one for each year group. Sadly, this year, the church was only able to hold the Year 4 group at Advent.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 234 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 46 of whom are not resident within the parish, 5 were added during the year and 2 were removed through death. The average weekly attendance, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October when we had services in the church building, was 71 adults and 11 children. Our YouTube Sunday service this year has had an average of 100 views per week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the

gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions this year, we have only celebrated 2 Baptism, there were no weddings. We have held 11 Funerals in our Church this year. Clergy also take services for parishioners at our local crematoriums.

Although Covid-19 has affected this church in many difficult ways, many parishioners of St Andrew's have been able to deepen their faith by engaging in online worship, Bible study and prayer. This has allowed this church community to hear more of God's plans and to be able to bring more people into God's kingdom.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC is also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures.

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a very high standard by contractors, which has continued despite Covid restrictions.

Tina Soper has continued to clean the church and Church House.

Church House is now back to pre-Covid activity levels and generating income from outside bookings.

This year has been one for planning rather than doing and we have made arrangements-

- (a) for the Lightning protection system to be totally replaced in the summer of 2022, together with repairs to the SW Pinnacle weight.
- (b) to introduce more storage to the church and new pieces of furniture to compliment the Welcome area by the south door and again this is planned for 2022
- (c) for the repairs to the roof and Velux windows, to redecorate and refurbish Church House and the Link. This is also planned for completion in 2022
- (d) for the overhaul of the Sound and Visual systems to meet the real needs of St Andrew's for many years to come.

This is not an exhaustive list, but represent those activities that are well advanced and have the best chance of completion within the year. The Fabric Committee is no longer charged with introducing the main Vision Project as that is now the province of a separate Vision Group.

The usual annual routine tasks have been carried out and in addition we have completed the installation of a WIFI controlled system for the Boiler. Repairs under warranty have been made to the Inverter of the PV Panel system. New instructions

were prepared for Alarm responders and they were briefed where necessary. The Quinquennial survey was completed, but we still await the report.

In August, a parish-wide meeting was held to review the aims and objectives set out in the Parish Profile and to provide input to a renewed vision for the church. Since that time, the Vision Group has evaluated and responded to the ideas and suggestions raised in August and begun to shape that vision and develop fitting proposals for the church building itself.

Pastoral Care

Since the gradual easing of restrictions, the majority of people have returned to attending the church services in person. However, a small group from St Andrew's keep contact with those who are unwell or unable to attend services for a variety of reasons. Phone calls have continued where required and the Pastoral team of Revd Katy, Heather Bailey and Barbara Harland continue to review the list every two months. In addition, there is a small team who conduct home communions.

Revd Katy is also looking ahead for a new focus for the pastoral team and the first step in that is a Lay Pastoral Assistants training day, planned for May 3rd. This will shortly be advertised within the St Andrew's family in the hope of recruiting more pastoral team members and will also be extended to the deanery in order to support the pastoral work of other local churches.

In addition to maintaining contact with those who are unwell or frail, we seek to remember in prayer especially any with long term difficulties and we always appreciate being made aware of those who would value contact from the pastoral group.

Mission and Evangelism

The Mission & Outreach Committee of St Andrew's concentrates its efforts on four key areas; our connection with the world church, our support for charities, connections to village life and concern for the environment.

We continue to pray for our link community of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, Zambia as part of the Diocesan Link programme. This has been a challenging time for the church

in Zambia, but they have been able to purchase a number of musical instruments for their Boy's Brigade band. This was a joint project and the contribution from Backwell was sent early in 2021. Sadly, no visits to Zambia have been possible during the last year, although it is anticipated that the Lambeth conference in 2022 will provide a spur to Link renewal. Monthly Traidcraft stalls in church were resumed during the year. Orders, particularly at Easter and Christmas, are welcome, but there's plenty of opportunity to do more.

It was decided that our support for charities during the year should be reduced to 4, each sharing equal amounts from a fixed percentage of total PCC receipts. However, we set ourselves the targets of increasing our engagement with each of them and of raising additional funds, with a target of £2,000 per quarter overall. These charities are selected on the basis that they are doing God's work, locally and more widely. Financial support for other charities in response to appeals or on special occasions has been much reduced due to our inability to meet and share information in the same way, although a few special fundraising events were organised by those having close links. We managed to raise the profile of a few of these charities by including sermons within our recorded services. Full details of our monetary support are shown in the financial accounts.

Every house and business in the village is included by rotation in our weekly prayers, as are churches in the Anglican cycle of prayer and our supported charity. With the easing of restrictions, The Meeting Point and its regular lunch guests were delighted to be able to re-instate twice-monthly lunches and gradually re-start other activities. The Meeting Point is a weekly drop-in café offering hospitality and support under the umbrella charity, Backwell Life. It was also a delight to offer a full programme of children's activities in the summer, making up for time lost the previous year. Carol singing around the village was another casualty of lockdown but will be seeking a refreshed look when it returns. The monthly Village Magazine is edited by a member of the congregation and includes significant church input. It continued to be published throughout the year and is available free in both paper and on-line versions.

We had hoped to make progress with applying for Eco Church status, but this work has also been constrained by lockdowns and the lack of a volunteer to coordinate and lead the effort.

Mission and Outreach regularly reviews our communications both internally and externally including our website, a Church Near You and social media to develop ways of presenting our message of love and care for our church community, our village community and for the wider world. Timi Booy has been instrumental in expanding our engagement, especially with the children's work. We would welcome more volunteers to take on and develop these communications on a parish-wide basis.

Those members of the church who have dedicated themselves to working with the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol, have had limited opportunities during the year due to lockdown and closure, but the donation collection point for this has been re-activated and will become even more important during 2022. Members do hold collection boxes for other charities, such as USPG and The Children's Society. We are very keen to develop these tangible demonstrations of our faith in action.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrew's, as a member of Christians Together in Backwell, has held joint services with the other churches throughout the year, including the World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, as well as united services in Holy Week. Through this we also work with the other churches on items in local papers promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches.

Volunteers

St Andrew's would like to thank the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, whether in our worship, the maintenance of our building or in the administration of the parish. However, the numbers of volunteers have reduced significantly and we now find ourselves having to evaluate our ability to run all the events that have happened in the past.

Financial Report

1. At the end of 2021 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2020	£143,183	£547,758	£690,941
End 2021	£169,479	£614,075	£783,554

2. At 31 December 2021 our CCLA Investment holding was valued at £763,083 compared with £634,450 at the end of 2020. In April 2021, 297 shares were purchased at a cost of £15,000. Excluding the extra £15,000 invested, the value of the fund has increased by a staggering 18%.
3. The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and our current accounts with NatWest Bank.

4. Our regular income from planned giving shows an increase of 17.5% compared to last year which is very encouraging. Our collections also recovered slightly. As a result of the pandemic most people now donate directly into our bank account rather than through cash collections and we are moving closer to a cashless system.
5. The Job Retention Scheme continued to help paying our cleaner's salary. We are also grateful to the Parish Council for a grant of £500 towards our running costs.
6. Our overall running expense were around £10,000 less than in 2020. This was mainly due to the decrease in our parish share, reduction in the administrator's hours and lower utility bills.
7. In 2021 our Parish Share, due to reduced numbers, was lower than 2020- at £86,044 compared with £89,509 in the previous year. We also received a Benefice Allowance of £2,797 in 2021 compared with £2,652 in 2020.
8. Charitable giving from PCC funds remained at the 5% level amounting to £5,045. As these payments are a form of outreach, the expense has been taken from our Missions and Outreach Fund. This has reduced the pressure on our unrestricted funds. In addition, specific donations included food and gifts were made which raised a further £5,609 which was passed directly to various charities see page 8 of the accounts.
9. Our deficit for 2021 on the unrestricted funds was £2,703.
10. Due to the continuing excellent performance of the CCLA fund the value of our unrestricted capital at the end of 2021 was well maintained. However, the value of investments can go both up and down we cannot keep relying on the CCLA fund to cover our deficit.
11. During the year Missions & Outreach activity has increased substantially. This is largely due to the initiatives created by the children's worker who was appointed in September 2021. Full details of the outreach work can be found on page 7 of the accounts.
12. For some time now our Fabric expenditure has been drawn from our Restricted Funds. Full details are shown on page 7 of the Accounts.
13. Churchyard expenditure was partly covered by trust fund income and a Parish Council grant.
14. For 2022 our Parish Share and Benefice Allowance remain the same as for 2021 at £86,044 and £2,797 respectively; the net amount being £83,247.

15. Increase in expenditure in 2022 is anticipated to cover higher administration costs and utility bills. This particularly affects the cost of the heating oil. Fortunately, we have a fixed rate contract with Eon for the electricity until March 2023.
16. Currently the estimated deficit for 2022 on unrestricted funds is £12,750.

Restricted Reserves Policy

Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£614,075 at the end of 2021). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, reviewed regularly and used in a positive manner to maintain and enhance the Fabric and Churchyard of St. Andrew's Church. At the present time, we believe that these reserves will cover any eventuality over the next 5/10 years.

Unrestricted Reserves Policy

These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £169,479 at the end of 2021. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £110,000) but in practice we look beyond that in planning stewardship campaigns because these reserves are being significantly eroded year by year to supplement our income which falls seriously short of our current needs. Again, subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.

Legacies

Allied to our Reserves policy is our policy relating to Legacies. We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we would encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion.

All other policy documents can be found in the POLICY FOLDER held in the CHURCH OFFICE and available for inspection.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, the Readers and those members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met 8 times (5 of which were on Zoom) since the last APCM in May 2021 with an average level of attendance of 90%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include mission and outreach, young people, fabric, pastoral and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Backwell, BS48 3JJ. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 9th May 2021 until the date of this approved report are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent- The Reverend Catherine Garner (Chair)(since July 2019)

Warden

Anita Heappey (Vice-Chair)

Assisting Deputy Wardens

John Lee, Christine Hamilton and Anthony Stansfield

PCC Secretary

Jane Canning

Deanery Synod

(entitles automatic service on PCC)

Martin Canning (until Synod elections of 2023)
Anthony Stansfield (until Synod elections of 2023)

Vacancy
Vacancy

Diocesan Synod

(entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC)

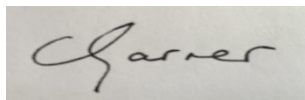
Carol Hellen

Elected members**For 3 years unless otherwise indicated**

Lesley Barratt	(until APCM 2022)
Tim Harland	(until APCM 2023)
Tamsin Hockett	(until APCM 2023)
Cherry Leake	(until APCM 2023)

By Invitation to Fabric Committee

George Chedburn (Architect)



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Approved by the PCC on 21st April 2022 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Catherine Garner (Chair)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	FUNDS 2020 £
Income and Endowments					
Voluntary income	1(a)	94,520	2,428	96,948	114,850
Activities for generating funds	1(b)	1,389	0	1,389	360
Income from investments	1(c)	120	2,092	2,212	2,222
Church activities	1(d)	8,002	1,070	9,072	7,054
Other Receipts		161	0	161	511
TOTAL INCOME		104,192	5,590	109,782	124,997
Expenditure					
Church activities	2(a)	106,041	23,907	129,948	141,288
Raising funds	2(b)	854	0	854	510
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		106,895	23,907	130,802	141,798
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		-2,703	-18,317	-21,020	-16,801
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		24,999	88,634	113,633	59,929
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)	3	22,296	70,317	92,613	43,128
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	4	4,000	-4,000	0	
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020 (2019)		143,183	547,758	690,941	647,813
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 (2020)		169,479	614,075	783,554	690,941

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investment Fund	3	763,083	634,450
TOTAL		763,083	634,450
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		8,135	42,561
Debtors	4	8,993	11,228
Short term deposits		5,461	5,458
Stock (heating oil, wine, candles)		50	50
Total		22,639	59,297
TOTAL ASSETS		785,722	693,747
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within One Year		1,173	2,806
Receipts in Advance		995	
		783,554	690,941
FUNDS			
		783,554	690,941
Unrestricted	6	169,479	143,183
Restricted	6	614,075	547,758
TOTAL		783,554	690,941

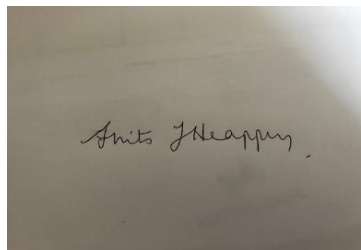
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

09-Mar-22

Signed on its behalf by :

(PCC chairman)

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	2020 £
1(a)	Voluntary income				
	<i>Planned giving:</i>				
	Gift aid donations	65,999		65,999	55,306
	Tax recoverable	14,968	263	15,231	13,688
	Other	6,131		6,131	5,947
	Collections:				
	Open plate	875		875	982
	Gift aid envelopes	1,355		1,355	849
	Benefice Allowance	2,797		2,797	2,652
	<i>Grants:</i> Job Retention Scheme	604		604	3,475
	Listed Places of Worship		413	413	2,281
	Parish Council	500	600	1,100	
	Western Power Coronavirus Response				250
	Donations	1,041	102	1,143	21,585
	Donations qualifying for gift aid	250	1,050	1,300	2,535
	Legacies				5,300
	Total	94,520	2,428	96,948	114,850
1(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social activities	1,389		1,389	360
	Total	1,389	0	1,389	360
1(c)	Income from investments				
*	Dividends from Trust Funds	120	2,078	2,198	2,124
	Interest		14	14	98
	Total	120	2,092	2,212	2,222
1(d)	Income from church activities				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	5,801		5,801	5,065
	Hire of Church House	1,330		1,330	1,201
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	735		735	751
	Bath & Wells Visiting Clergy Costs	76		76	
	Sales	60	40	100	37
	Voices for Life Summer School		1,030	1,030	0
	Total	8,002	1,070	9,072	7,054
	Other Receipts				
	FIT Payments	161		161	411
	Insurance Claim				100
	Total	161	0	161	511
	Total Income	104,192	5,590	109,782	124,997

* INCOME FROM TRUSTS

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.
The dividends received are included in the Churchyard and Flower Funds.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

2 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	2020 £
Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving:				
Church overseas: Missionary societies		975	975	3,575
Churches overseas : Relief & Development		1,020	1,020	
Home missions & other Church Societies		3,050	3,050	
Secular charities & Organisations				60
	0	5,045	5,045	3,635
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	86,044		86,044	89,509
Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses	1,151		1,151	1,339
Lay Training	1,000		1,000	
Outreach		4,901	4,901	438
Readers costs				12
Visiting clergy costs	525		525	227
Discretionary Disbursements		35	35	100
Church running and maintenance (2a)	6,481	3,186	9,667	11,579
Upkeep of services : Books etc	152	40	192	96
Material for Services	393		393	522
Flowers		69	69	
Streaming Online Services				1,881
Sundries	187		187	96
Churchyard upkeep		3,940	3,940	4,070
Support costs: Children's workers expenses		155	155	
Choir	145		145	142
Junior church	350		350	127
Ringers		35	35	55
Major Repairs		1,811	1,811	8,181
Equipment	116	1,297	1,413	3,185
Depreciation on Church Equipment 2(b)				854
Salaries: Administrator	4,962		4,962	11,494
Children's Worker		3,393	3,393	
Church House cleaner	2,759		2,759	2,358
Fees: Organist	675		675	500
Printing/ stationery/postage	774		774	553
Bank Charges	327		327	335
Total	106,041	23,907	129,948	141,288
Raising funds				
Stewardship costs				63
Cost of social activities	854		854	447
Total	854	0	854	510
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	106,895	23,907	130,802	141,798

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

2(a)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES (UNRESTRICTED FUND)	2021	2020
	Consumables & window Cleaning	212	204
	Copyright licence/Data protection	422	370
	Electricity	1,202	1,561
	Hire Halls		529
	Insurance	2,389	2,360
	Keys	16	8
	Oil	856	1,381
	Phone/internet	795	931
	Piano Tuning	90	0
	Water Rates	140	134
	Web Site	215	248
	Zoom	144	
	TOTAL	6,481	7,726

2(b)	PHOTOCOPIER	2021	2020
	Cost	3416	3416
	Depreciation to date	3416	3416
	Net Book Value at 31 December 2021	0	0
	Depreciation is charged at 25% of cost per annum		

3	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2021	2020
	Share holding at 31 December	13,084	12,786

The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2021 was 5832.33 pence.
10205.68 shares are in restricted funds and 2,878 in unrestricted funds

		2021	2020
	Market Value at 1/1/21	634,450	94,521
	297.49 Shares purchased at 5042.18p per share (2021)	15,000	-20,000
	421.13 Shares Sold at 4749.10p per share (2020)		
	Net gain on Investments	113,633	59,929
	Market Value at 31/12/21	763,083	634,450

4 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The bell ringers have transfer £4000 to the general fund towards the day to day running costs of the church

	DEBTORS	2021	2020
	HM Revenue & Customs	8,072	6,950
	Other Debtors	921	4,278
	TOTAL	8,993	11,228

5 PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

During the year one PCC member was reimbursed expenses totalling £65.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

6 DETAILS OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

BALANCE BALANCE
2021 2020

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Voluntary income

94,520

Activities for generating funds

1,389

Income from investments

120

Income from church activities

8,002

Other Receipts

161

TOTAL INCOME

104,192

From Bell Ringers Fund

4,000

Opening balance

0

EXPENDITURE

Church Activities

106,041

Raising funds

854

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

106,895

Closing balance

1,297

0

LEGACIES FUND

INCOME

Investment fund gain

24,999

TOTAL INCOME

24,999

Opening balance

143,183

EXPENDITURE

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

0

Closing balance

168,182

143,183

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

169,479

143,183

RESTRICTED FUNDS

BELL RINGERS FUND

INCOME

Donations

83

Interest

1

TOTAL INCOME

84

Opening balance

5,229

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation fees

20

General Expenses

15

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

35

To General Fund

4,000

Closing balance

1,278

5,229

CHOIR FUND

INCOME

Opening balance

146

EXPENDITURE

Closing balance

146

146

CHURCHYARD FUND

INCOME

Dividends

1,907

Donation & Tax

63

Grant

600

Interest

9

TOTAL INCOME

2,579

Opening balance

10,205

EXPENDITURE

Electricity & Water

186

Gardeners

3,091

Hedge cutting

302

Machinery maintenance

161

Other expenses

200

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

3,940

Closing balance

8,844

10,205

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2021
6 DETAILS OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

RESTRICTED FUNDS				BALANCE	BALANCE
				2021	2020
CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Investment fund gain	77,839	Car Parking Boundary Wall	1,039		
Listed Places of Worship Grant	413	Church Maintenance	3,186		
		Equipment for Worship	692		
		Porch Mat	100		
		Thermostat Monitor	672		
TOTAL INCOME	78,252	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,689		
Opening balance	455,951	Closing balance		528,514	455,951
FLOWER FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Dividends	171	Flowers etc	69		
Interest	3				
TOTAL INCOME	174	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	69		
Opening balance	2,380	Closing balance		2,485	2,380
GENERAL FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Books purchased	40	Books	40		
		Musical Instruments Zambia	695		
TOTAL INCOME	40	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	735		
Opening balance	695	Closing balance		0	695
MISSION & OUTREACH FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Donation Gift Aided	1,000	Charities	4,350		
Donations	19	Children's Choir	47		
Investment fund gain	10,795	Children's Worker Costs	155		
Tax Refund	250	Children's Worker Salary	3,393		
Voices for Life Summer School	1,030	Christmas in the Box	210		
		Junior School Books	904		
		Laptop	605		
		Light Party	112		
		Little Lambs	71		
		Other Outreach Expenses	92		
		St Andrew's Church Days	142		
		Voices for Life Summer School	3,323		
TOTAL INCOME	13,094	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	13,404		
Opening balance	72,371	Closing balance		72,061	72,371
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Interest	1	Disbursements	35		
TOTAL INCOME	1	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	35		
Opening balance	781	Closing balance		747	781
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS				<u>614,075</u>	<u>547,758</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2021
7 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

a:	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2021	2020
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG		580
	Church Mission Society	975	325
	Total	975	905
	Churches overseas : Relief & Development		
	Diocese of Central Zambia (Ndola)	325	
	Embrace		325
	Total	325	325
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Bristol Emmaus	650	325
	Mission to Seafarers		580
	Mothers Union	325	280
	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	975	580
	Wellspring Counselling	1,075	580
	World Day of Prayer	25	
	Total	3,050	2,345
	Secular Charities & Organisations		
	Senior Club		60
	Total	0	60
b:	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES		
	Churches overseas : Relief & Development		
	Diocese of Central Zambia (Ndola)	695	
	Total	695	
	OVERALL TOTAL	<u>5,045</u>	<u>3,635</u>

The following donations are not included in the Accounts as St Andrew's only acted as an agent

	CMS (donations & sponsored walk)	663	
*	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	335	201
	Unicef UK Covid Vaccines	3,380	
	USPG	236	122
	Wellspring (donations & sponsored walk)	570	
	Total	5,184	323
*	Donations of food and gifts have also been given to the Sisters of the Church - estimated value £425		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell,
also known as St Andrew's PCC Backwell.

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1131461

Set out on pages

1-8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date: 21/03/2022

Name:

Amanda Collinson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

12a Farleigh Road,

Backwell,

Bristol. BS48 3PA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

Accounts

The Parish Church of St Andrew Backwell



Annual Report and Accounts for 2020

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday 18th April 2021, 5pm

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2020

2020 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Catherine Garner, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrews. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we had considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we had planned to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Andrew.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC working with the Rector planned to increase our monthly Fresh Expression services, known as Andy's to weekly from September 2020, but with the Covid lockdown in March 2020, all plans were put on hold. The Church was closed as per government and Church of England instructions.

The Benefice moved to pre-recorded services on You Tube, very quickly various members of the congregation were taking part, plus recorded contributions from the choir and orchestra. Evening services and Morning prayer were conducted on Zoom, both these times of worship had higher numbers attending than previously in person, and a new bible study group started and has thrived after Wednesday morning prayer.

The PCC decided to re-open the church for private prayer twice a week as soon we were able under government guidelines in June.

At the end of July we returned to worshipping in church as well as the You Tube service, we followed social distancing and organised entry, with an average of 40-50 worshipping in the building each week, the service time was moved to 11:15 am. In September, plans were revived to make Andy's a weekly service, and as the school (where they previously met) would not rent their building, services started at 9:30am in the church with around 50-60 people, including children.

In November, with new restrictions, live services were suspended, but as cameras had been installed, the Andy's service was streamed and the main service was on You Tube.

At Christmas, there was a new initiative of a toddler's service and a communion for those who were shielding. Children's crib services were cancelled because of health risks due to numbers involved and Covid case increases. Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning eucharists were celebrated in church, but with restricted numbers

St Andrew's maintains good links with other churches in the benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them.

St Andrew's continues to support our village church school, although on a more remote basis than in normal times, there have been no school services in the Church, but classes have been held in Church House when there was building work on the school site.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 230 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, a proportion of whom are not resident within the parish. 10 were added during the year and 4 were removed through death. The average weekly attendance, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October when we had services in the church building, was 91 adults and 20 children. There were no large festivals or services celebrated in the Church building this year. Our You Tube Sunday service has an average of 198 views per week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. This year we have celebrated 1 baptism and 2 weddings, and have held 13 funerals in our Church this year. Clergy also take services at our local crematoriums for parishioners.

Deanery Synod

Five members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC is also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures. These meetings have continued via Zoom

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a very high standard by some contractors, which has continued despite Covid restrictions.

Tina Soper has continued to clean the church and Church House, although the latter has only been used a few times over the last 12 months.

Lockdown has had a major effect on activities, with the Quinquennial survey deferred and contractors not able to work, but we did complete the replacement of the old wooden doors at the south entrance and our thanks to Rev Katy for her input on their decoration. We have had visitations from a lighting Consultant and an Electrical Contractor, both recommended by our Architect to provide initial guidance on a £40,000 spend in the 2021 Budget for rewiring and lighting/heating improvements. Developments elsewhere in the church's congregational arrangements have delayed action on re-ordering and Vision aspirations until later in 2021.

Thanks to the endeavours of Doug Neilson and Anthony Stansfield as well as the processing skills of Vanessa Colley the Video equipment installation has provided an excellent method for Church Service recording and the future purchase of a hand-held camera will enhance this ability.

Our thanks also to Richard Standing for ensuring that many of the annual tasks have been performed in difficult circumstances as well the installation of additional coverings to the Lightning Conductor protection, the replacement of all nave and chancel light bulbs with LED versions and his critical input in ensuring the output stabilization from the PV panels.

In the absence of any major activities, we currently have the following under review

- (a) Porch Mat replacement
- (b) Railings to be installed north of Church House
- (c) Introduction of a remote operating control system for the Boiler

The report on the Churchyard is in the accompanying "Life of the Parish" pamphlet.

John Lee

Pastoral Care

In January 2020 the group consisted of 6 regular members who met prayerfully, supporting parishioners by visits, telephone calls and home communion. March 2020 brought the pandemic and swift action to do things remotely. Our response to Covid 19 has included:-

Within 10 days of the first lockdown announcement 15 volunteers telephoned 225 people from St Andrews church family checking on welfare, giving information about local Covid support for shopping and prescriptions, creating an email list for weekly worship or hard copy where required.

By May with an extended first lockdown we entered phase 2. The team geographically 'zoned' the entire church family with callers in each area so that by June 52% percent of the church family were committed to receiving regular calls. We are so grateful to our callers past and present, without them this scheme would be unworkable.

The pastoral Coordinators Heather Bailey and Barbara Harland (together with Joan Rowe until recently) have met monthly on zoom with Revd Katy to review the list of those sick, vulnerable or in need. Of course where it is appropriate, Revd Katy is herself involved in caring for those needing pastoral care.

Throughout 2020 we have worked alongside the Village Covid Response committee offering ideas, prayerful and spiritual support beyond the St Andrews Family, liaising with Parish Councillors and The Meeting Point. Also just prior to Christmas we called 50 people who had been shielding to check on their Christmas arrangements, practical support and to invite them to a special Christmas service. We do have some capacity to increase regular calls where this is requested.

Heather Bailey & Barbara Harland

Mission and Evangelism

World Mission. Although communications with our link church in Zambia have been patchy during the year, we are aware of a number of changes there. A new deacon has been installed to replace Fr Edwin Zulu and major repairs have been carried out on the church of St Andrews, Chipulukusu, with photos provided to show progress. After our visit to Zambia in 2018, we began a joint project to raise funds for the Boys Brigade brass band to buy their own instruments (instead of hiring them). This has now progressed so that we jointly have sufficient funds to buy a number of instruments and our contribution has now been sent to Zambia. Photos have been promised! Although no visits have been possible in the last year, efforts are in hand to re-invigorate the link across the Diocese.

Global Justice. We are currently in the midst of our annual review the list of charities we support from St Andrews for the 2021/22 year. A deeper engagement with our chosen charities may be possible which would tie in more closely with the focus across the Diocese. The response to an appeal from The Sisters of the Church for warm clothes and other goods at Christmas was wonderfully supported and they were very grateful. In light of the pandemic, the chance to make a positive contribution to others in return for our own vaccinations (the BOGOF scheme) has been wonderfully supported, for which many thanks. More on this will appear in next year's report. Traidcraft goods have been available throughout the year, and thanks are due to all those who ordered at Christmas time. We expect high demand for Easter eggs this year.

Presence in the Village. Although we stopped delivering the prayer cards during the year due to the very low response level, we continue to pray for the whole community road by road in our weekly prayer list. The phone box display in the Christmas season this year featured a giant star and some positive messages to lift us in an unusual season. We missed the chance to sing carols around the village at Christmas, but our recorded carol service included representatives from across the community. Our website and social media have been really important for communications this year, but we would welcome the formation of a Communications group to take this forward.

Christian voice on the environment. The solar PV panels on the church roof have finally benefitted the Church financially as well as being a tangible demonstration of our commitment to environmental improvement. The work of the group to establish a rating under the EcoChurch scheme has stalled during the year, but we hope this can be resumed during the present year.

Martin Canning

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrews, as a member of Christians Together in Backwell, has held joint services with the other churches throughout the year, including the Women's World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, as well as united services in Holy Week and Lent Groups. Through this we also work with the other churches on items in local papers promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches.

We also maintain links with the Church of England churches that form the Coombe Local Ministry Group, uniting for Lent Groups and an annual study day. The clergy maintain bi-monthly meetings which offer support and encouragement.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is, whether in the maintenance of our building or in the administration of the parish, and in our worship.

Financial Report

1. At the end of 2020 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2019	£132,939	£514,874	£647,813
End 2020	£143,183	£547,758	£690,941

2. During 2020 we were delighted to receive a legacy of £5,300 from the estate of Sidney Cox and an anonymous gift of £20,000. Both are unrestricted. These amounts are included in the unrestricted capital figure at the end of 2020.
3. At 31 December 2020 our CCLA Investment holding was valued at £634,450 compared with £594,521 at the end of 2019. In 2020, 421 shares were sold realising £20,000. Despite a large fall of over £98,000 in the value of the fund in March 2020 due to the effect of Covid -19 on the world markets and the sale of the shares, the value of the fund has still increased by over 7%.
4. The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and our current accounts with NatWest Bank. During the year the account with West Country Savings & Loans was closed as we were getting no return on the money invested.
5. Our regular income from collections fell by over 75% and fees dropped by 60% due to the Covid-19 restrictions. This was compensated partially by reduced expenditure on running costs.
6. The Furlough Payment Grant has helped substantially towards paying the employment costs of our administrator and cleaner.
7. We also received a small grant from Western Power which was put towards the cost of streaming and recording church services.
8. For some time now our Fabric expenditure has been drawn from our Restricted Funds. Full details are shown on page 7 of the Accounts. The largest expenditure was for the installation of the inner glass doors at a cost of £6,396.
9. Churchyard expenditure was supported by trust fund income of £1,841.
10. In 2020 our Parish Share, due to reduced numbers, was slightly lower – at £89,509 compared with £90,009 in the previous year. We also received a Benefice Allowance of £2652 in 2020 compared with £3,436 in 2019. Taken together this amounted to a net increase in payments of £284.
11. Charitable giving from PCC funds remained at the 5% level amounting to £3,754.
12. Our deficit for 2020 on the unrestricted funds was £2,315. Without the benefit of the legacy and donation mentioned in para.2 above, the deficit would have been £27,615.
13. Due to the continuing excellent performance of the CCLA fund the value of our unrestricted capital at the end of 2020 was well maintained. However, the value of investments can go both up and down we cannot rely on the CCLA fund to cover our deficit.

14. The problem of our expenditure exceeding our regular income has been ongoing for a number of years and needs to be addressed. It is quite unreasonable to rely on legacies and large donations to pay for our day-to-day expenditure.
15. For 2021 our Parish Share and Benefice Allowance are set at £86,044 and £2,797 respectively; the net amount being £83,247 – a 4% reduction compared with 2020.
16. Our 2021 budget on Unrestricted Funds shows a deficit of £20,910.

Lesley Barratt -Treasurer

Restricted Reserves Policy

Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£514,874.9 at end 2019). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, review

Unrestricted Reserves Policy

These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £132,938 at end 2019. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £110,000) but in practice we look beyond that in planning stewardship campaigns because these reserves are being significantly eroded year by year to supplement our income which falls seriously short of our current needs. Again, subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.

Legacies

Allied to our Reserves policy is our policy relating to Legacies. We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we would encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion.

All other policy documents can be found in the POLICY FOLDER held in the CHURCH OFFICE and available for inspection.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, the Readers and those members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met 3 times since the last APCM in October 2020 with an average level of attendance of 80%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include worship, mission and outreach, young people, Fabric and Finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back

to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrews Church, Church Lane, Backwell. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 18th October 2020 until the date of this approved report are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent- The Reverend Catherine Garner (Chair)(since July 2019)

Warden

Anita Heappey (Vice-Chair)

Assisting Deputy Wardens

John Lee, Christine Hamilton and Anthony Stansfield (Responsibility Andy's)

PCC Secretary

Jane Canning

Deanery Synod

(entitles automatic service on PCC)

Martin Canning	(until Synod elections of 2020)
Anthony Stansfield	(until Synod elections of 2020)
Ted Wood	(until Synod elections of 2020)

Diocesan Synod

(entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC)

Carol Hellen	(until Diocesan election of 2021)
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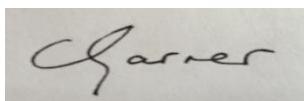
Elected members

For 3 years unless otherwise indicated

Lesley Barratt	(until APCM 2022)
Vanessa Colley	(until APCM 2021)
Theresa Southern	(until APCM 2021)
Toby Cowley	(until APCM 2021)
Tim Harland	(until APCM 2023)
Tamsin Hockett	(until APCM 2023)
Cherry Leake	(until APCM 2023)

By Invitation to Fabric Committee

George Chedburn (Architect)



Approved by the PCC on 10th March 2021 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Catherine Garner (Chair)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	FUNDS 2019 £
Income and Endowments					
Voluntary income	2(a)	112,490	2,360	114,850	109,714
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	190	170	360	2,409
Income from investments	2(c)	118	2,104	2,222	2,496
Church activities	2(d)	6,836	218	7,054	14,472
Other Receipts		511	0	511	2,286
TOTAL INCOME		120,145	4,852	124,997	131,377
Expenditure					
Church activities	3(a)	122,120	19,168	141,288	163,669
Raising funds	3(b)	340	170	510	1,405
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		122,460	19,338	141,798	165,074
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		-2,315	-14,486	-16,801	-33,697
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		12,559	47,370	59,929	108,936
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		10,244	32,884	43,128	75,239
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2019/2018)		132,939	514,874	647,813	572,574
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020 (2019)		143,183	547,758	690,941	647,813

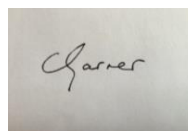
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Photocopier	4		854
Investment Fund	5	634,450	594,521
TOTAL		634,450	595,375
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		42,561	20,680
Debtors	6	11,228	13,531
Short term deposits		5,458	20,945
Stock (heating oil, wine, candles)		50	500
Total		59,297	55,656
TOTAL ASSETS		693,747	651,031
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within One Year	7	2,806	3,218
		690,941	647,813
FUNDS		690,941	647,813
Unrestricted	9	143,183	132,939
Restricted	9	547,758	514,874
TOTAL		690,941	647,813

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10-Mar-21

Signed on its behalf by :



(PCC chairman)

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounts have been prepared on the accruals accounting basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006

2	INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
2(a)	Voluntary income				
	<i>Planned giving:</i>				
	Gift aid donations	55,306		55,306	57,003
	Tax recoverable	13,688		13,688	15,999
	Other	5,947		5,947	6,010
	<i>Collections:</i>				
	Open plate	982		982	4,047
	Gift aid envelopes	849		849	3,981
	Benefice Allowance	2,652		2,652	3,436
	<i>Grants:</i>				
	Bell Ringers Associations				6,850
	Job Retention Scheme	3,475		3,475	
	Listed Places of Worship		2,281	2,281	4,560
	Parish Council				300
	Western Power Coronavirus Response	250		250	
	Curate Gift				385
	Donations	21,506	79	21,585	2,043
	Donations qualifying for gift aid	2,535		2,535	1,100
	Legacies	5,300		5,300	4,000
	Total	112,490	2,360	114,850	109,714
2(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social activities	190	170	360	2,409
	Total	190	170	360	2,409
2(c)	Income from investments				
*	Dividends from Trust Funds	117	2,007	2,124	2,064
	Interest	1	97	98	432
	Total	118	2,104	2,222	2,496
2(d)	Income from church activities				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	4,847	218	5,065	8,839
	Hire of Church House	1,201		1,201	2,978
	Contribution Visiting Clergy Costs				1,604
	Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	751		751	876
	Sales	37		37	175
	Total	6,836	218	7,054	14,472
	Other Receipts				
	FIT Payments	411		411	
	Insurance Claim	100		100	2,286
	Total	511		511	2,286
	Total Income	120,145	4,852	124,997	131,377

* INCOME FROM TRUSTS

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.
The dividends received are included in the Churchyard and Flower Funds.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

3 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	FUNDS 2019 £
3(a) Church Activities				
Missionary & charitable giving:				
Church overseas: Missionary societies	3,575		3,575	488
Relief & development				325
Home missions & other Church Societies	119		119	2,721
Secular charities & Organisations	60		60	2,860
	3,754	0	3,754	6,394
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	89,509		89,509	90,009
Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses (3c)	1,339		1,339	853
Outreach	279		279	300
Readers costs	12		12	65
Visiting clergy costs	227		227	1,899
Vacancy Costs				1,632
Discretionary Disbursements		100	100	100
Church running and maintenance (3d)	7,726	3,853	11,579	13,899
Upkeep of services : Books etc	96		96	443
Candles/wine/wafers etc.	522		522	927
Flowers				286
Streaming Online Services	1,881		1,881	
Curate Gift				385
Sundries	96		96	201
Churchyard upkeep		4,070	4,070	3,123
Support costs: Choir	102	40	142	479
Deanery youth worker				60
Junior church	127		127	207
Ringers		55	55	425
St Andrew's church days	40		40	273
Training				24
Major Repairs		8,181	8,181	26,286
Equipment	316	2,869	3,185	1,121
Depreciation on Church Equipment (4)	854		854	854
Wages/Fees : Administrator (3e)	11,494		11,494	9,100
Church House cleaner	2,358		2,358	1,287
Organists	500		500	1,500
Printing/ stationery/postage	553		553	1,122
Bank Charges	335		335	415
Total	122,120	19,168	141,288	163,669
3(b) Raising funds				
Stewardship costs	63		63	62
Cost of social activities	277	170	447	1,343
Total	340	170	510	1,405
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	122,460	19,338	141,798	165,074

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

3(c)	CLERGY EXPENSES	2020	2019
	Chelvey PCC contribution to this cost.	150	150
3(d)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES	2020	2019
	Advertising		50
	Consumables & window Cleaning	204	304
	Copyright licence/Data protection	370	538
	Electricity	1,561	2,772
	Hire Halls	529	1,530
	Insurance	2,360	2,288
	Keys	8	45
	Oil	1,381	2,550
	Phone/internet	931	736
	Piano Tuning		90
	Water Rates	134	223
	Web Site, software,computer repair	248	270
	TOTAL	7,726	11,396
3(e)	ADMINISTRATOR WAGES	2020	2019
	Chelvey PCC contribution to this cost.	550	550
4	PHOTOCOPIER	2020	2019
	Cost	3,416	3,416
	Depreciation to date	3,416	2,562
	Net Book Value at 31 December 2020	0	854
	Depreciation is charged at 25% of cost per annum		
5	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2020	2019
	Number of shares held at 31 December	12,786	13,207
	The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2020 was 4961.99 pence. 10,036.19 shares are in restricted funds and 2,750 in unrestricted funds		
	Market Value at 1/1/20		594,521
	421.13 Shares Sold at 4749.10p per share	(20,000)	
	Increase in value of fund	59,929	
	Net gain on investments	39,929	
	Market Value at 31/12/20		634,450
6	DEBTORS	2020	2019
	HM Revenue & Customs	6,950	8,826
	Other Debtors	4,278	4,705
	TOTAL	11,228	13,531
7	CREDITORS	2020	2019
	Creditors	2,806	3,218
	TOTAL	2,806	3,218
8	PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS		
	During the year one PCC member was reimbursed a total of £10 for printing & postage		

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

9 DETAILS OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

BALANCE BALANCE
2020 2019

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Benefice Allowance	2,652
Chelvey PCC	751
Collections	1,831
Dividends (Church Lands)	117
Donations	24,041
Fees	4,847
Fit Payments	411
Grants	3,725
Hire Church House	1,201
Income tax recoverable	13,688
Insurance Recovery	100
Interest	1
Sales	37
Social events	190
Stewardship pledges	61,253
TOTAL INCOME	114,845
From Legacies Fund	7,615
Opening balance	0

EXPENDITURE

Church administration	951
Depreciation on equipment	854
Charitable giving	3,754
Church running expenses	7,726
Cost of social activities	277
Equipment	316
Streaming Online Services	1,881
Ministry	91,366
Support costs	269
Upkeep of services	714
Wages & Fees	14,352
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	122,460
Closing balance	0

LEGACIES FUND

INCOME

Investment Fund Gain	12,559
Legacy	5,300
TOTAL INCOME	17,859
Opening balance	132,939

EXPENDITURE

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0
To General Fund	7,615
Closing balance	143,183

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

143,183 **132,939**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

BELL RINGERS FUND

INCOME

Donations	79
Fees	88
Interest	11
TOTAL INCOME	178
Opening balance	5,106

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation fees	40
General Expenses	15
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	55
Closing balance	5,229

CHOIR FUND

INCOME

Choir Courses	170
Donation	90
Fees	40
TOTAL INCOME	300
Opening balance	56

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation fees	107
Bonuses junior choristers	10
Choir courses	170
Gift	25
less paid from General Funds	-102
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	210
Closing balance	146

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

9 DETAILS OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

RESTRICTED FUNDS				BALANCE	BALANCE
				2020	2019
CHURCHYARD FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Dividends	1,841	Electricity & Water	90		
Interest	21	Gardeners	2,859		
		Hedge cutting	940		
		Machinery maintenance	126		
		Other expenses	55		
TOTAL INCOME	1,862	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,070		
Opening balance	12,413	Closing balance		10,205	12,413
CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Interest	58	Altar Linen	373		
Investment Fund Gain	40,655	Architect	1,786		
Listed Places of Worship Grant	2,282	Church Maintenance	3,853		
		Drum Kit	350		
		Inner Porch Doors	6,396		
		Oil Filled Candles	378		
		Streaming Equipment	1,479		
		Hand Sanitiser Units	288		
TOTAL INCOME	42,995	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,903		
Opening balance	427,859	Closing balance		455,951	427,859
FLOWER FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Dividends	165				
Interest	5				
TOTAL INCOME	170	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0		
Opening balance	2,210	Closing balance		2,380	2,210
GENERAL FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
TOTAL INCOME	0	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0		
Opening balance	695	Closing balance		695	695
MISSION & OUTREACH FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Investment Fund Gain	6,715				
TOTAL INCOME	6,715	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0		
Opening balance	65,656	Closing balance		72,371	65,656
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND					
INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
Interest	2	Disbursements	100		
TOTAL INCOME	2	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	100		
Opening balance	879	Closing balance		781	879
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS				<u>547,758</u>	<u>514,874</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

10 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

a:	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2020	2019
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG	580	325
	Church Mission Society	325	163
	Total	905	488
	Churches overseas : Relief & Development		
	Diocese of Central Zambia (Ndola)		325
	Embrace	325	
	Total	325	325
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Backwell V C Junior School Religious Books	119	446
	Bristol Emmaus	325	163
	Children's Society		325
	Christians on Ageing		325
	Langley House Trust		325
	Mission to Seafarers	580	325
	Mothers Union	280	
*	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	580	407
	Wellspring Counselling	580	325
	Total	2,464	2,641
	Secular Charities & Organisations		
	Alzheimers Society		163
	Backwell Foundation		325
	Julian Trust		162
	Mines Advisory Group		162
*	Royal British Legion		568
	Samaritans		163
	Senior Club	60	60
	Village Magazine		1,000
	Total	60	2,603
	Grand Total	<u>3,754</u>	<u>6,057</u>
b:	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES	2020	2019
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Children's Society (Cake Sale)		80
	Total	0	80
	Secular Charities		
	Caring at Christmas (Christmas Card and Carol Singing)		257
	Total	0	257
	Grand Total	<u>0</u>	<u>337</u>
	OVERALL TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>6,394</u>

The following collections are not included in the Accounts as St Andrew's only acts as an agent

Bishop's Ordination Fund (Installation Collection)	506
Children's Society (Boxes)	1,105
Children's Society (Christingle Collection)	344
Cyclone (Collection)	50
Diocese of Central Zambia (Ndola)	10
Peace & Hope Trust (Lent Boxes)	177
Severn Sowers Benefice	10
The Community of the Sisters of the Church (Donations)	201
Twin a Toilet	54
USPG (Amazon/Bahamas)	183
USPG (Boxes)	122
USPG (South Africa)	10
Total	323
Collections at Funerals (Charities chosen by Bereaved)	339
Grand Total	<u>3,252</u>

* Payments in 2019 to Royal British Legion of £598 and £82 given to Sisters of the Community came from insurance money received.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell,
also known as St Andrew's PCC Backwell.

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

Charity no (if any)
1131461

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 which gives me
cause to believe that in, any material respect,;

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date: 30/03/2021

Name:

Amanda Collinson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

12a Farleigh Road,

Backwell,

Bristol. BS48 3PA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None