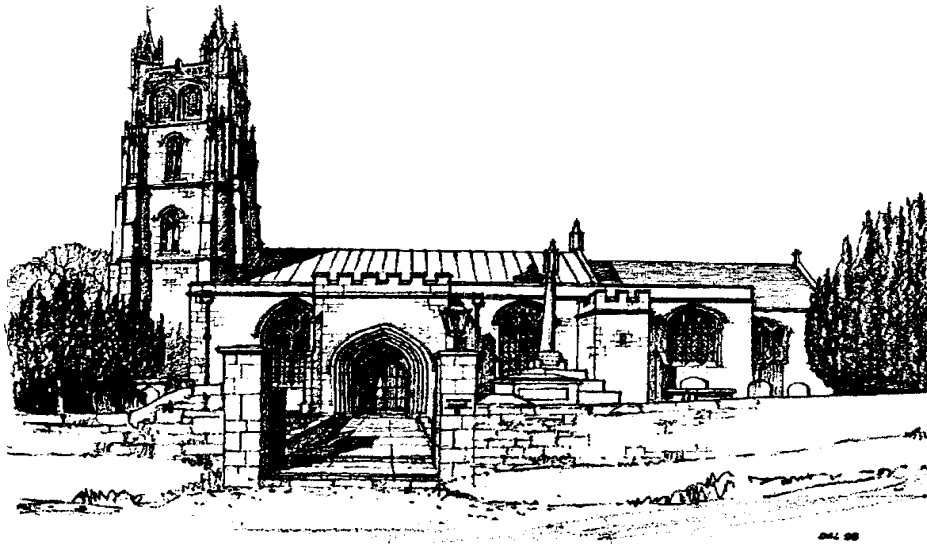


The Parish Church of St Andrew Backwell



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.

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3 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	FUNDS 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

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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

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7 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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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

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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>

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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").

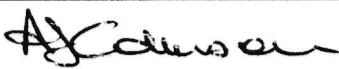
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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,		
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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