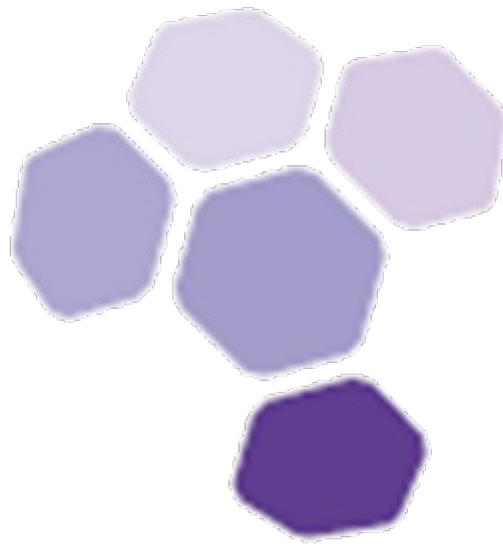


**AGM/APCM REPORTS
ST PETER'S CHURCH, FROGWELL
FOR YEAR 2025**
(Registered Charity No 1131473)



***Journeying together to share our Christian
faith and the love of God with all'***

May 2026

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INTRODUCTION

From a ministry perspective 2025 involved a lot of “tilling of the ground” and “tending the vine” and we have seen some development and growth already with community connections, Messy Church restarting, weddings and baptisms in church. We started with the repositioning of FoodBox from the church space into the old yellow room. This, along with our developing community presence is a foundation block on which 2026 and beyond will be built as we grow into a St Peter’s Church space that is accessible, welcoming, and used.

Perhaps the biggest achievement we have shared is the starting, if not completing within the year, the work on our St Peter’s window. Although I have only been here 2 years, I already share the love of St Peter’s as well as the frustration of a building that keeps throwing up unwanted issues to be sorted. Although just a building, the concrete structure is an integral part of our presence and ministry in the parish.

We have founded ourselves on prayer, supported by our weekly Sunday morning open prayer meeting before each service and have consolidated our work with St Peter’s School, the Mission Area in Chippenham and our seasonal interactive activities.

It has been wonderful to see the flexibility and understanding of a worshipping community involving themselves in new things and difference as well as coping with a large part of the autumn and winter being outside of the church space as works commenced and continue.

Thank you for your diligence, understanding, support, assistance, persistence, and commitment to a local church community that the community needs to succeed and flourish.

God Bless you all

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Revd Simon Dunn

Priest-in-Charge

Annual Report 2025 of the Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Frogwell

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me." John 15;5

Aim and Purposes

St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Priest-in-charge, Reverend Simon Dunn shared the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish of St Peter's, Frogwell. Whilst maintaining traditional aspects of worship, we are embracing new initiatives to allow the church to grow not simply numerically, but in spiritual depth. Work is in train to combine St Peter's with the parish of Lacock with Bowden hill in a single benefice. This report reflects the PCC's specific responsible for the maintenance of St Peter's Church and Community Centre, Lords Mead and reflects our faith that this branch will continue to bear fruit and flourish as we continue in our Christian 'journey together to share the love of God with all'.

Objectives

Any person is welcome to worship at our church and to become part of our community. Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship from diverse Christian cultures, including liberal, evangelical, sacramental/catholic and charismatic traditions or none.

Led by the priest-in-charge, church wardens, and leadership team, the PCC maintain an overview of life at St Peter's Church to better serve our wider community. Acts of worship include prayer and scripture, music, sacrament, preaching and interaction. In our other activities, we seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer; and discipleship for children and adults
- Partnerships with our C of E Academy, Lordsmead Playgroup, hirers, churches, charities
- Pastoral care and social action for people of church and parish, including our FoodBox ministry.
- Mission and outreach work.
- Stewardship of St Peter's physical, financial & human resources, especially the Church Community Centre.

Achievements in 2025

- Maintenance of a rich and varied pattern of worship.
- Continuance of periodic joint parish services to prepare them for a future within a single benefice

- Sustaining new worship communities through Sunday prayer sessions, life groups and a trial relaunch of Messy Church.
- Deepening relationships with the adjacent Academy and its new governing body, the Blue Kite Academy Trust, whilst sustaining worship & governance support both to the school and Lordsmead Playgroup.
- Establishing a new relationship with the local Middlefield Care Home.
- Obtaining Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Chancellor's agreement to the replacement of the Peter Window using an alternative material – aluminium and double-glazed units - to solve that localised concrete cancer issue and remove the threat to the Roper glass.
- Letting the contract to DM Windows and the subsequent successful extraction of the existing mullions and Roper glass in October.
- Obtaining a diocesan grant of £7K towards the costs of the window replacement due to the eco-benefits to be derived.
- Maintaining and enhancing of facilities through a programme of maintenance and repairs, including insurance covered repairs to the ladies' toilets opposite the meeting room following a burst underground pipe.
- Successfully transitioning the FoodBox project into its dedicated space in the Yellow Room, freeing the worship space for other activities whilst enhancing the projects operations.
- Continuing Footbox's' weekly doorstep deliveries to some 119 households which was only possible with the support of 59 volunteers. **(A separate report on FoodBox operations in 2025 is at Appendix A)**
- Commitment of our Pastoral Support to those in need, physically, spiritually or psychologically.
- Maintaining positive partnerships with all hirers & users of Church & Centre community centre.
- Fully meeting our Parish share through rental income and the congregation's continuing generosity via planned giving in its various forms.
- Providing financial support, with other Chippenham Anglican parishes, for the new Deanery Youth Worker.

Activity in 2025

Worship and prayer

Simon, with the support of our associate minister Rev Lynne Godfrey and curate Rev Jason Lee, has offered a range of services on a weekly, monthly and seasonal basis at St Peter's:

- a service of Holy Communion with sermon and hymns on Wednesdays at 10am offered a welcome community for 30 people at a time.
- on Sundays a weekly 10am Parish Communion attended by some 46 people.
- Pre Communion prayer sessions in the Lady Chapel on Sundays
- The reintroduction of a Christingle Service entwined with a Nativity Extravaganza

- Monthly school assemblies in the church space and fortnightly class assemblies within the school itself

In 2025, following a full revision of the Electoral Roll, there were 82 parishioners recorded. The latest roll shows some 82 listed. **A full report is at Appendix B.** Attendance at services at Easter stood at 78 and Christmas at 106.

The Kingfisher Messy Church initiative was reintroduced on a trial basis for one event in October to test the water and assess opportunities for wider collaboration across the town's Anglican churches as part of the Deanery Mission Plan. In this it was supported by the new Deanery Youth Worker, whose expenses we help to fund.

Relations with the St Peter's Academy have continued to deepen, by sustaining the monthly services in church, special experience days such as the Escape Room hosted at Easter, and class assemblies on a fortnightly basis. The relationship with the Lordsmead Playgroup has also remained strong. Unfortunately, the work connected with the removal of the Peter Window has denied the use of the worship space for these purposes, resulting in a hopefully short interruption to the services provided.

Support for the LIGHT service for people with special needs each month, led by an ecumenical team under Simon's leadership, has been maintained with attendance of 20-30. Again, loss of the worship space has resulted in a change of venue within the church complex.

There were 2 weddings in the church, and we read banns for weddings for 7 couples in all. There were 2 baptisms and 4 funeral services conducted in the church in 2025.

Cornerstone Project

The PCC this year maintained its focus on solving the major concrete cancer issues relating to the Peter Window with the aim of removing it from the agenda by the close of 2025. A fortuitous fall of concrete in April helped to convince the Diocesan Advisory Committee of the need for urgent action. This resulted in an urgent meeting that ultimately fast tracked a joint solution via an emergency faculty on health and safety grounds. More detail on this is contained in the **Fabric Report of the Church Wardens at Appendix C.** Whilst this solves the most significant concrete cancer issue in the church, other instances exist throughout the complex in precast elements. These will continue to be closely monitored, and action taken when resources allow. However, it should be acknowledged that expenditure on the Peter Window has significantly depleted the overall resources available to us for these continuing tasks.

Partnerships and Centre Users

The Lordsmead Playgroup has maintained its operations in both the Hall, Harris Room and the meeting room when required. It had 80 children enrolled in 2025 and has expanded its hours to meet community demand.

The 'Distinctively Christian' input to St Peter's C of E Academy was maintained with Collective Worship in the church led by clergy and full participation in the governance of the academy.

Our hirers have included CLOGs, WWT, parents & toddlers, uniformed groups and exercise classes as well as family and community events. The use of our facilities by the diocese has reduced as the frequency of synods has declined over the year as a legally specified minimum number of meetings has been removed. It is unfortunate that this occurred at a time when our full complement of synod representatives was achieved this year after a long period of decline.

To simplify administration, we have now adopted a policy of annual increases to rental charges based on the Consumer Price Index to reflect the impact of inflation.

Pastoral care

A separate report on our pastoral care activities have been submitted for the APCM (Appendix D). Other groups who contribute to our pastoral support, such as Friendship Lunch and the Ladies Guild, men's activity over meals, coffee and walking; and the Choir remain active. Other pastoral initiatives included the church BBQ, and harvest lunch funded by donations.

Mission

In a continuing demonstration of our faith, we responded directly to need again this year. The cost-of-living crisis has not abated this year and our award-winning FoodBox initiative remains very active. We also maintained support for many charities: Leprosy Mission, Christian Aid, the Ripple Effect, Sightsavers, DEC Myanmar, Macmillan Nurses, Water Aid and Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, donating nearly £3400. Our Friendship Lunches also provided a much-needed source of fellowship and companionship to help combat social isolation within the local community and provide support and nurture.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church remains a participating member of Chippenham Churches Together (CCT). It had been hoped that the Chippenham Mission Area Plan might serve to reinvigorate matters with its various initiatives, but its own activities have been slower than expected to launch, primarily due to extended clergy vacancies in the town and wider deanery. As a result, CCT has yet to become as active as in previous years. In July we were delighted to welcome the whole of St Mary's RC Primary School to the church as part of their contribution to the Catholic Church's Worldwide Jubilee of Hope.

Volunteers

We could not function and offer community support to the extent that we do without the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers. We have yet to relieve fully the burden placed on them by expanding the number of those able and willing to actively support events and initiatives. We need to bend our efforts to this end again in 2026 to sustain our welcoming and friendly character. This will come as we grow and encourage others to participate in that burden sharing. With that increase in capacity, and a positive attitude to change and trying new things, we can do much. We greatly appreciate all that you do, from administrators, rota members, cleaners, flower-ladies, sacristy/servers, the PA team, welcomers, music & arts, treasury and other unnamed contributions essential to our

common life in Christ. To all our volunteers we offer our gratitude and most sincere thanks.

Charitable Status

The PCC takes note of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion in setting the framework of its public accountability.

Financial Review

A full **Financial Report together with Audited Accounts for 2025** have been submitted and are incorporated at **Appendix E**. These represent the translation of church activities into financial terms. The **Freewill Offering Report is at Appendix F**.

We have maintained our policy of keeping a £8,000 minimum reserve in line with Diocesan and Charity Commission guidance and met our Parish Share gift to the diocese. As we now share our Ministry costs with Lacock and Bowden Hill, the sum asked of us is lower than in previous years and thereby more sustainable. This allows us to achieve more in other areas of activity and is of especial significance given the increasing cost of utilities, maintenance and services necessary for the life of the complex.

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 Peter's the membership of the PCC consists of the clergy, churchwardens, any licensed lay minister, deanery synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All the baptised who attend services at St Peter's are encouraged to register on our Electoral Roll and are welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church and parish. New members receive initial briefing and support as to the workings of the PCC and sign standard terms of reference. All are required to undertake the national church's mandatory safeguarding training.

Officers of the PCC include a church warden, treasurer, and parish secretary and they are ably assisted by other members of the Leadership Team, that in addition to clergy, can consist of other nominees of the PCC each year.

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has various ways of dealing with particular aspects of parish life. Groups and individuals address worship, safeguarding, Cornerstone, finance, premises, outreach and pastoral issues, all responsible to the PCC and reporting back to it as necessary.

The PCC and the Leadership Team each met 6 times in 2025. The AGM/APCM was held on 4th May 2025.

Deanery Synod

The church had three Deanery Synod representatives during the year. As previously stated, synods have reduced this year to only 2 and consisted primarily of information exchanges of wider issues such as the eco church initiative and updates on the Mission Area Plan. As a result, no separate Deanery Synod report has been prepared on this occasion.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and Inclusion informs all aspects of our ministry at St Peter's as we have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' guidance. Information of who to contact in case of a Safeguarding Concern, or for advice about procedures and good practice in the parish and the diocese, is published in the foyer of the Church. St Peter's operates with a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO), Bev Webb, who has continued in her active support of the church's effective governance despite personal health challenges. Her assistant, Joan Taylor-Gunston resigned this year and was replaced by Daphne Brindle. We are grateful for the service of both in support of Bev. Caroline Masters continued as our DBS Validator.

St Peter's PCC has agreed policy guidance for parish safeguarding, safer recruitment, and response to safeguarding concerns or signs of domestic abuse. The PCC has also adopted the national statement of the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement' in our parish safeguarding policy. Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas. **(A safeguarding report for the APCM is at Appendix H).**

St Peter's PSO inputs to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to monitor performance and progress against national standards and requirements. Progress continues and all indicators are currently 'green'. All PCC members have completed or renewed the mandatory basic and foundational training on safeguarding. There is no place for complacency in this area and, as wider safeguarding policy develops, so we shall continue in our work to achieve a healthy and supportive worship environment bearing in mind Proverbs 11:14:

'Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counsellors there is safety'.

Administrative Information

St Peter's Church is situated at Frogwell, Chippenham. It is part of the Diocese of Bristol within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Peter's Church, Lords Mead, Chippenham SN14 0LL. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Reg No. 1131473)

PCC members who served at any time from 1 January – 31 December 2025:

Ex-Officio members:	
Priest in Charge:	Revd. Simon Dunn
Associate Minister	Revd. Lynne Godfrey
Curate	Revd. Jason Lee
Church wardens:	Mrs Vivienne Fuller Mr Phil Godfrey (from May 25)
Deanery Synod representatives:	Ann Dunn (from May 25) Margaret Perthen (from May 25)
Elected members:	Mrs. Daphne Brindle (Deputy Chair) Mrs Sue Burt Mrs Elisabeth Davies Mr. Ivan Hurcum Mr Matthew Hurcum (Treasurer) Mr. Christopher Gough Mrs Gill Perkins
Co-opted Member	Nigel Fuller (Secretary) Bev Webb (Safeguarding Officer)

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by Revd. Simon Dunn (PCC Chair)

Revd. Simon Dunn

April 2026



Review of 2025

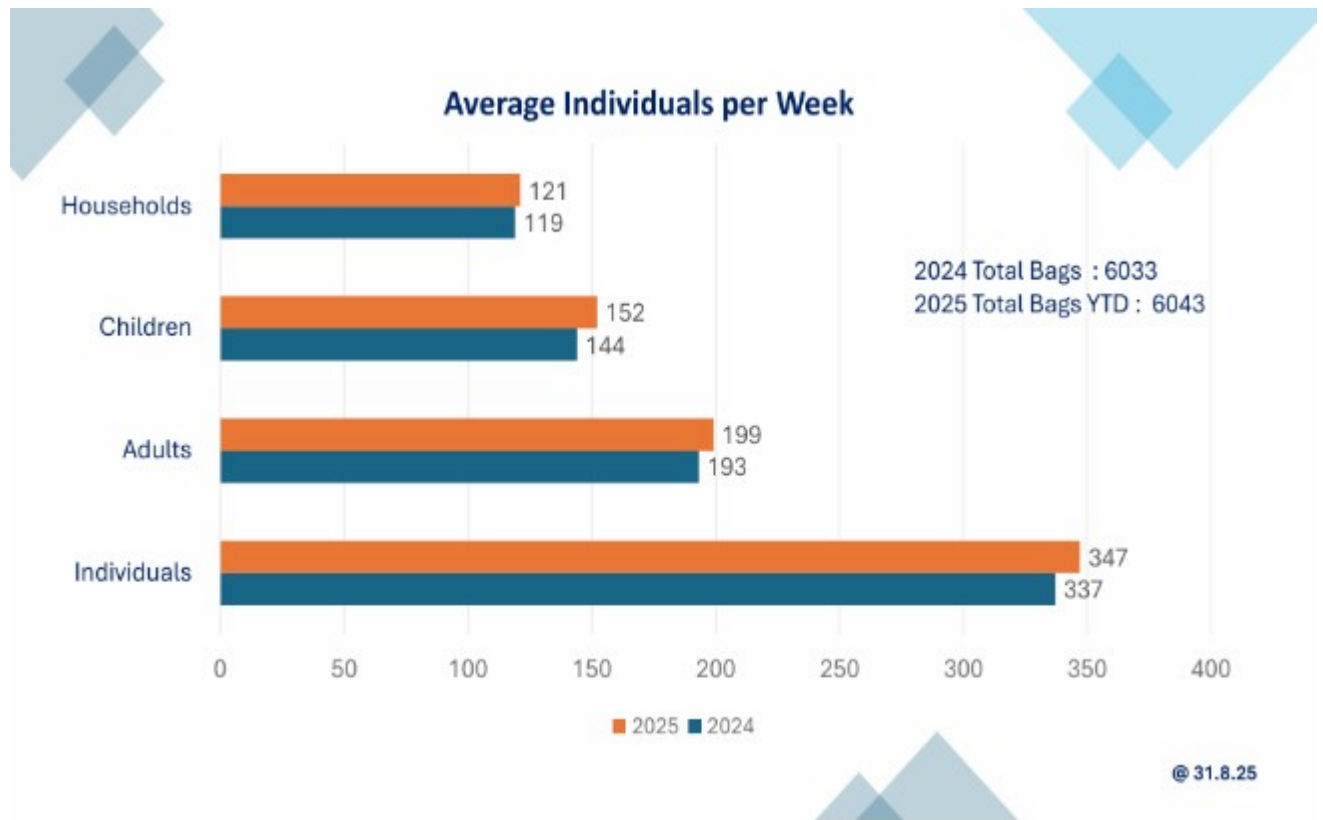
Background:

The FoodBox project collects surplus food from local stores, supplements this with purchased food, and distributes to those in need throughout the area. The project runs under the auspices of the PCC and operates in partnership with the wider community across Chippenham and its surroundings. It is wholly run and supported by volunteers from many churches across the area, as well as volunteers from the local community with no church affiliation. This review summarises activity across 2025 as submitted to the PCC.

2025 Household Review – Data on Current Households



* 2025 there was no formal waiting list from August 2025



2025 Household Review - New Criteria

- New Criteria for new recipients – 6 months maximum support
- Household advised when added to the weekly list
- Notice or review with household will be applicable at 5-month point
- Once current review complete of existing households, will consider advising of six months notice dependent on length of time on our list to ensure waiting list is at a minimum
- This new process and review of existing households has meant we no longer have a waiting list 😊

2025 In Summary

- Successful move to new FoodBox Room with the support of St. Peter's Church & CBLC
- Delivering 6043 bags across Chippenham
- Supporting on average 347 individuals weekly
- 76 emergency bags – a record number this year
- 884 Collections from our supplier partners
- 3 Morrison Donation Events
- 4 Successful Grant Applications
- Increase in donations including monthly individual gifts
- Reduce waiting list by adding formal review process & six-month review for new recipients



**REPORT ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL
FOR
ST PETER'S, FROGWELL
AGM/APCM 2025**

In 2025 we had a completely new electoral roll, this is in line with every Church of England church. This roll will last for 6 years when it will be refreshed again. During the intervening years we report on the increase or decrease in the number of members on the roll.

Unlike last year, there is no contact made with existing members, we simply advertise that the roll will be reviewed and anyone wishing to join (or leave) can do so before the closing date. This year the roll was reviewed between 12/04/2026 and the 09/05/2026.

Following the review, St Peters now has an electoral roll of 82 people. During the year we have had 3 new people join the electoral roll, but unfortunately 3 of our members have sadly passed away. As such, our total electoral roll has remained the same as last year's total of 82.

Of the 82 people on the roll, 59 people are a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England and resident in the parish. This value represents 72% of the members.

In line the Church of England rules, the full list of people, (names only), has been posted in the narthex since 9th May 2026.

**Mr Christopher Gough
Electoral Roll Officer**

10 May 2026

APCM CHURCH WARDEN'S (PREMISES) REPORT: INCLUDING CORNERSTONE – 2025

Introduction

This is the first time in a number of years that it has been possible to deliver a report from two church wardens. The movement in the apostrophe in the title is therefore both significant and a welcome sign of increased teamwork. The ability to share the burden of caring for this church and community complex, which creates many and varied challenges, has been very welcome. There is a reason we refer to it as a complex! It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work together over the last 8 months, along with a small but willing team of helpers, to keep this valuable spiritual and community space operational and available to all.

The Peter Window

From the gaping hole where the Roper glass and its rotting mullions once stood, it is perhaps unnecessary to say that our problems with solving the church's concrete cancer issues have again dominated our activities. This was made all the more unavoidable by a fall of concrete from one of the mullions in April created a major health and safety issue, both internally and externally. It also had the beneficial effect of creating a greater sense of urgency at the Diocese in addressing our concerns and in identifying an affordable solution.

You will recall that, following our feasibility study into alternative materials to concrete, the Chair of the DAC was consulted on the options and agreed that the curtain wall solution offered the best prospect of success. We were pursuing this further at the time of the concrete failure, with a variety of commercial contractors capable of meeting the requirement. A number of approaches to companies by both the DAC Chair and the church succeeded in identifying only 2 contractors willing to bid. One of these submitted an estimate that was deemed unrealistic and with a high level of financial risk. The other more closely approximated the church's available financial resources. Their original proposal to replace the Roper glass in purpose-built frames, matching the current configuration and colour, was quoted at £171,000 VAT inclusive. This was still considerably above the church's available budget of £100K, reflecting the bespoke nature of the frames to accommodate the glass and specialist conservator costs. In further discussions the company proposed that the Roper glass be removed and stored until displayed elsewhere in the church at a later date and that the existing window be replaced by a standard frame in the same formation of panels as now but using commercial plain/frosted glass double glazed units. Specialist conservators would not be employed to further constrain costs. This would cost £117,000.00 VAT inclusive. If assured of recovering the VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme this could achieve the target price. The proposal was put to the DAC on 13 Feb 2024 and, whilst the aluminium or steel framing proposal was

supported, their strong preference was still that this should be with the Roper glass in situ. At its February meeting the PCC agreed to press ahead with this potential solution.

Following the sudden concrete collapse, the Leadership Team met with representatives of the diocese on 8th April to discuss the way ahead. The meeting was very constructive, and all parties agreed that this was now a critical health and safety issue and threat to the Roper heritage glass. The Diocese agreed to seek a meeting with the Chancellor to gain his views on an emergency faculty to remove the mullions and glass and replace them with the final DM Windows proposal for an aluminium frame. The emergency faculty was issued with certain conditionalities applied with the timescales for their achievement. Whilst this was sometimes a fraught process, the requirements were met and the PCC formally approved the DM Windows proposal in April. This allowed work to be progressed whilst awaiting a confirmatory faculty from the Chancellor.

The Contract with DM Windows was signed in August with the deposit being paid. Further payments are due on delivery of the window with a 20% retention of contract value to ensure all is well until final payment. The organ was wrapped by Nicholsons in September to protect it from dust and will be retuned as part of that £2K contract once the new window is in place. External scaffolding was erected in September with internal scaffolding following in October. The work to demolish the mullions and extract and store the glass progressed through October and, whilst there were inevitably a few breakages, none of the significant Roper elements were damaged. The glass is now stored locally, and those elements removed previously for the trial work by Holywell Glass conservators, have been recovered and reunited with the other panes. Work to obtain grants to assist with either the window replacement or the repurposing of the Roper glass met with mixed results. Timescales for grant givers and the ineligibility of work already performed ruled out many. Others failed to respond. Ultimately, we did receive a most welcome grant of £7K from the diocese to reflect the eco-benefits of the double-glazed replacement for the window.

Whilst this was going on our confirmatory faculty was progressing and, following the mandatory public consultation period, was granted on 1 December. DM Windows have measured on frequent occasions with the frame manufacturer to ensure that all is well with the replacement design. All materials have been purchased but fabrication and fitting will take us beyond the period of this report until late January/early February 2026. The PCC resolved at the beginning of the year to get the Peter Window off the agenda by the end of 2025. We may have missed that by a little, but we are well on the way to its achievement and the release of energy for other issues directed towards outreach and growth. We are particularly indebted to all those who have stuck with this project for over 14 years and at last can see it beginning to bear fruit. No doubt other concrete cancer issues will continue to emerge, but the major contributory factor to our woes will be a thing of the past!

Temporary Loss of Dedicated Church Space - Mitigation Efforts

Whilst the main Church space has been closed during the window replacement work, the efforts of the church team and ministers have successfully migrated regular services, including funerals and seasonal celebrations into the Hall and Meeting Room. The smooth transition of these services has been a success and well received by the congregation. This

has required continual thinking ahead and physical movement of tables, chairs and equipment in and out of the rooms in readiness for the needs of the next room use. Balancing services, pre-school use and routine room booking has been a challenge. This transition has been a credit to the whole congregation and leadership in their determination to find positive outcomes from the loss of the main facility. However, the effort needed is distracting though necessary and drains resource over time. I am sure that we all hope for an equally smooth transition back to the main worship space and a return to normality in 2026.

Ladies Toilet Repair

Another long running saga has been the repair of the ladies' toilets in the Link, caused by a pipe leak beneath the floor in February. This resulted in a claim to Ecclesiastical Insurance and their appointment of a loss adjuster and contractor for the work. Regrettably, what should have been a relatively simple repair resulted in a litany of contractor errors and delays, many of which were avoidable and due to their incompetence rather than any complexity in the task. Your wardens were constantly on the phone trying to sort out or expedite issues which arose where, rather than a one stop shop for the repair, they were required to chase, organise and source items for the company employed by Ecclesiastical. Despite making their disappointment and concerns known on many occasions, no improvement in performance was perceptible, and even involved a serious H&S incident when a rotary saw blade was left by a tradesman with other waste material dumped at the school entrance. This required us to issue an apology to the Head. Repairs were not completed until October. A formal complaint was made to Ecclesiastical for the poor performance on the repair, depriving us of a facility for 9 months. Ecclesiastical offered us compensation of £100, a derisory sum given that our excess was £250 just to advance the claim. We have, as directed by the PCC, returned to Ecclesiastical to seek £1K compensation to reflect the poor performance, the additional effort required of wardens and the undoubted loss of income from hirings due to the unavailability of this facility. We await a response.

Other Maintenance and Improvement Work

Following the highly successful relocation of FoodBox from the main body of the church into the old office, we were able to carry out some much-needed redecoration both to the wall behind the font and the vestry which now doubles as our admin hub. This was helped by a donation of some paint towards the project by Wickes on bumpers Farm. We also took the opportunity to touch-up elements of the Hall's décor which had been damaged during the course of the academic year.

The hot water in the Hall kitchen & toilets failed in early 2025 resulting in much inconvenience to pre-school and others. The fault was traced to a leaking hot water tank in the loft which had also caused the immersion heater to fail. A new replacement hot water tank and integral immersion heater has been installed and hot water restored.

A live St Peters defects list is now in use to capture minor issues as they arise and track them to closure. Eighty-three items were raised in 2025 of which Sixty-three have been closed. Twenty defects are work in progress for 2026.

Discussions are continuing with the Blue Kita Academy Trust, we have taken over responsibility for St Peter's Academy with the demise of the Bristol Diocese Academy Trust this year, about sharing the costs of maintaining the tarmac from the entrance on Lords Mead to the school gates. Hopefully we can reach an amicable and proportionate solution to this issue.

Conclusion

The cost of general maintenance over the course of 2025, not including Cornerstone, amounted to nearly £8K. Total running expenses including maintenance came to nearly £40K. We are well on the way to solving the Peter Window problem albeit that its full resolution will slip into 2026. We will then have to see how to reutilise our Roper glass within the resources available.

Our premises have once again demonstrated their worth to the local community but, despite progress with the Peter Window, keeping them to the standard we desire is a constant challenge. Something always seems to come along and surprise us and resources, as ever are limited!

Vivienne Fuller
Church Warden

Phil Godfrey
Church Warden

April 2026

Pastoral Work at St. Peter's Church Chippenham for year 2025.

At St. Peter's the Pastoral Team aim to co-ordinate the care of the St. Peter's Church Family.

During the year we have welcomed David Turnbull to our team. We co-opted the help of two drivers, Philip Godfrey and Ivan Hurcum. In compliance with Diocesan requirements, all have completed the necessary courses and checks.

What do we do?

We meet monthly to review and plan our actions. Communication between, confidentiality and support for each other is essential for us as a team.

Our work is very varied. We aim to respond promptly to those who contact us. People may need support for a short while or it may be over a prolonged period, or just need someone to talk to. We continue to support those who are no longer able to attend church services, our message being 'we the church still care about you and have not forgotten you'. The important ministry of Home Communion is available, monthly, to those who ask.

As we can spend a considerable amount of time, visiting people in their own homes or Care Homes. it is vitally important to be able to develop 'trusting relationships' not only with them but also with their families/carers. We regard this as an important role in demonstrating the love of Jesus for all.

Many visits have been made to Cepen Lodge Care Home, and a very good relationship has developed with Middlefields Care Home, with some residents regularly attending our Wednesday Communion Service.

We take people regularly for Medical Appointments, wherever possible visit people in hospital and inform the Hospital Chaplain of their stay.

Our 'card ministry for a diversity of occasions', expresses our care to many.

We provide support where necessary for bereaved families by visiting and sending cards of condolence. In November we organise a 'tea' (immediately before a Remembering Service) for families who have held a funeral in church or at the crematorium during the previous 3 years. This is well received.

We thank you for your continuing support and appreciation of our ministry both in practical ways and in prayer.

At St. Peter's the Pastoral Team aim to co-ordinate the care of the St. Peter's Church Family.

During the year our team has comprised six members. We welcomed Rev Lynne Godfrey and Rev Simon Dunn to our team. In compliance with Diocesan requirements, all have completed the necessary courses and checks.

Daphne Brindle
Pastoral Team Leader.

29 March 2026



St. Peters Church

LORDS MEAD, CHIPPENHAM, SN14 0LL

Journeying together to share our Christian faith and the love of God with all.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Charity trustees at date of approval:	<p>Ex-Officio members:</p> <p>Priest in charge:</p> <p>Associate Minister:</p> <p>Curate:</p> <p>Church Wardens:</p> <p>Deanery Synod representatives:</p> <p>Elected members:</p> <p>Co-opted members:</p>	<p>Revd. Simon Dunn</p> <p>Rev Lynne Godfrey</p> <p>Rev Jason Lee</p> <p>Mrs. Vivienne Fuller Mr Phil Godfrey (from May 25)</p> <p>Mrs Ann Dunn (from May 25) Margaret Perthen (from May 25)</p> <p>Mrs. Daphne Brindle (Deputy Chair) Mrs. Sue Burt Mrs Elisabeth Davies Mr. Ivan Hurcum Mr. Matthew Hurcum (Treasurer) Mr. Chris Gough Mrs Gill Perkins</p> <p>Mr Nigel Fuller (Secretary) Bev Webb (Safeguarding Officer)</p>
Former charity trustees who served during the financial year:		

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Financial Review

Summary:

Last year I reported a very slight surplus for 2024 and gave a rosy outlook to our finances for 2025. This year we have managed a deficit of nearly £41,000. However, this is no reason to be downbeat as a further look into the reasons will testify.

At the 2024 AGM I predicted a large decrease in our funds, and that has been realised. The principal reason for this is the start of the work on the Peter Window. Nearly £60,000 was spent on the window during 2025 (there will be a similar amount during 2026) this more than accounts for the £41,000 deficit.

On the positive side our planned giving has increased by over 18% (£30,066.47 against £25,398.81), I consider this demonstrates the true financial health of the church.

We have, again, met our Parish Share request in full.

A note about Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

A Restricted Fund, of which we have five, can only be used for the purpose of that fund. For example, if a donor gives money for Foodbox, that money is credited to the Foodbox Restricted Fund and can only be used for buying food for Foodbox. Unfortunately, wo(men) cannot live on bread alone, the insurance premiums, and waste collection, along with a multitude of other necessities, also need to be paid. For this we need to rely upon the faithful generosity of those who give unconditionally (unrestricted) to the church. To those people, thank you very much.

Although on initial inspection of the figures it may look as if we have a lot of money, the vast majority of it is tied up in various restricted and designated funds (>90%), leaving only £10,984.96 with which to do as we please. This is an improvement on last year when 96% of our funds were restricted.

We have continued to allocate 10% of our rental income to the Fabric Fund (a designated fund) and although the fund hasn't quite got its head above water, it is £1,000 better off than it was 12 months ago.

During 2025 we changed our Electricity supplier from SSE to Octopus. This has resulted in a far more satisfactory service whereby we are billed accurately and monthly and at a lower price. I continue to monitor the Energy designated account to try to iron out the seasonal fluctuations, predominately in the gas bill.

Income: As previously noted, our planned giving has increased this year. Our other principal source of income is from renting out our rooms, this revenue stream has also increased, although by a rather more modest 4.6%. Other fundraising efforts, such as an annual fete and barbeque, also make a significant contribution.

Expenditure: Aside from the significant expenditure on the Peter Window, our major items of expenditure from the Unrestricted account remain the same as previous years. These are the Parish Share (£43,003), Cleaning Fees (£17,378), Utility bills (£6,795), Other Repairs and Maintenance (£7,856).

Parish Share:

Last year we pledged to meet the Dioceses request for £43,003 in 2025. We met this target. 2026's request is for £46,076, an increase of 7.1% increase. We intend to pay in full again this year.

FoodBox at St. Peter's: Financially, Foodbox is living within its means. A grant of £5,000 from Wiltshire Community Foundation in the final days of 2025 contributed to an excess of income over expenditure of £4,941. Approximately 10% of Foodbox's income is from regular personal donations, the other 90% from corporate donations and grants.

Cornerstone Fund: This fund has been put to great use during 2025. Just under £60,000 has been utilised to repair the Peter Window. There is still a similar outstanding amount to be paid in 2026. Although the Peter Window has been the most obvious and visible victim of the faulty concrete that was used to build the church, there are many other areas that will require attention.

Conclusion: Over the past few years, we have met the challenge of both replacing the Peter Window (contractors are currently employed as this report is being written), and to return to meeting the requested Parish Share in full. However, the most encouraging aspect of this financial report is the growth in planned regular giving. This gives us further confidence to move forwards investing in our mission.

I would like to thank all those who have helped the Treasury team this year, with particular thanks to Ivan Hurcum for his continued weekly processing of any income to St Peters and the annual Tax Reclaim from the taxman and to Iain Craig who signs off our accounts. But my biggest thanks goes to those of you who

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contribute to the life of St Peters, not only those who give financially so generously, but also those you give their time, talents and prayers to this community, without this we would be poor, no matter what our balance sheet states.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hurcum', is centered within a rectangular box. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Matthew Hurcum PCC Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM: Donations and Legacies Regular giving Receipts from donors

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 8)	Total 2025	Total 2024
Planned giving Note 2	£27,778		£2,289	£30,066	£25,399
Collections other than planned giving Note 3	£6,067		£292	£6,359	£6,172
Income tax recovered Note 4	£7,895		£466	£8,412	£9,424
Grants Note 5		£1,761	£26,084	£27,844	£20,978
	<u>£41,740</u>	<u>£1,761</u>	<u>£29,130</u>	<u>£72,631</u>	<u>£61,972</u>

Other Donations and Legacies Note 6	£1,649		£5,599	£7,248	£14,970
Income from Charitable Activities Note 7	£5,446			£5,446	£3,049
Other Trading Activities Note 8	£36,325		£640	£36,965	£35,780
	<u>£43,421</u>		<u>£6,239</u>	<u>£49,660</u>	<u>£53,799</u>

Total Deposited into Bank	<u>£85,161</u>	<u>£1,761</u>	<u>£35,368</u>	<u>£122,290</u>	<u>£115,771</u>
Income from Investments Note 9	£375		£5,493	£5,868	£6,856
Total Income and Endowments	<u>£85,536</u>	<u>£1,761</u>	<u>£40,861</u>	<u>£128,158</u>	<u>£122,627</u>

EXPENDITURE ON:

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Expenditure on Charitable Activities Note 10			£20,724	£20,724	£29,299
Parish Share	£43,003			£43,003	£42,861
Other Expenditure Note 11	£28,918	£17,979	£59,531	£106,429	£49,137
Total Expenditure from Bank Account	<u>£71,922</u>	<u>£17,979</u>	<u>£80,255</u>	<u>£170,156</u>	<u>£121,296</u>

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	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 8)	Total 2025	Total 2024
Net income/(expenditure)	£13,594	(£16,199)	(£39,394)	(£41,998)	£1,331
Transfers between funds	(£9,372)	£9,322	£50		£0
Net movement in funds	£4,223	(£6,877)	(£39,344)	(£41,998)	£1,331
Cash at bank 1st January	£9,316	£5,323	£140,608	£155,247	£154,066
Cash at bank 31st December	<u>£13,539</u>	<u>(£1,554)</u>	<u>£101,264</u>	<u>£113,249</u>	<u>£155,647</u>

Notes:

The 2024 Annual report included £400 which was collected for The Leprosy Mission. It is now mandated practice that church accounts should not include funds which have been collected for other causes, even if those funds go 'through the books'. Hence the £400 discrepancy between the closing balance of 2024 and the opening balance of 2025.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Restricted & Unrestricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Cash Funds			
HSBC current account	£13,118	£13,118	£8,206
HSBC deposit account	£26,477	£26,477	£19,102
CCLC Fund	£73,832	£73,832	£128,339
Total Assets	£113,428	£113,428	£155,647
Liabilities (funds held in trust for other charities)	£179	£179	£400
Net Assets	£113,249	£113,249	£155,247

The attached notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the PCC 21st April 2026 and signed on their behalf by Rev Simon Dunn (PCC Chair) and Matthew Hurcum (PCC Treasurer)



Rev Simon Dunn (PCC Chair)



Matthew Hurcum (PCC Treasurer)

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1. Notes

- (i) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. These financial statements have also applied the guidance from the new Charities SORP (FRS102) that is effective for all year ends from 31 December 2015 onwards and replaces the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005).
- (ii) These financial statements are prepared using the receipts and payments basis and as such exclude income earned during the financial year that have not been received as at 31 December as well as amounts owing from obligations entered into during the financial year for which payments have not been raised.
- (iii) The funds specified on page 4 represent all the funds of the PCC including those which are subject to special restrictions regarding their use.

The PCC is committed to maintaining an £8,000 minimum reserve representing three months essential expenditure, which is held within the HSBC current and deposit accounts. The level of the minimum reserve will be decided annually by the PCC. It is a requirement to have a contingency plan to restore funds to the minimum reserve level should ever the situation arise.

(iv) Assets recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include:

- Moveable church furnishings held by the Church Warden on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
 - Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment of which the PCC is free to dispose of without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.
- (v) Expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion that relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

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Note 2. Planned Giving

	Unrestricted	Restricted*	Total 2025	Total 2024
Standing Orders	£11,129	£180 £300	£11,609	
PGS Giving	£16,186	£1,809	£17,995	
Envelopes	£462		£462	
Total	£27,778	£2,289	£30,066	£25,399

*Foodbox and Light Service respectively

Note 3. Other Collections

	Unrestricted	Restricted*	Total 2025	Total 2024
Plate Collection	£5,046	£292	£5,338	
Contactless Giving	£1021		£1,021	
Total	£6,067	£292	£6,359	£6,172

*Light Service

Note 4. Income Tax Recovered

Income Tax Recovered	Unrestricted	Restricted*	Total 2025	Total 2024
Non-PGS	£4,812	£51	£4,863	
PGS	£3,083	£414	£3,498	
Total	£7,947	£466	£8,412	£9,424

*Foodbox

Note 5. Grants

Grants	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Clergy Expenses from St Cyriacs		£1,680			
Eco grant from the Diocese for St			£7,584		

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Peter Window					
Eco grant from the Diocese for LED bulbs		£81			
Foodbox Grants:					
Neighbourly			£1,500		
Chipp Boro Lands			£5,000		
Lions Cub			£2,000		
Wilts CC			£5,000		
Wilts Community Foundation			£5,000		
Total		£1,761	£26,084	£27,844	£20,978

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Note 6. Other Donations and Legacies

Other Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
WHCT	£165				
Chippenham Deanery (laptop)	£250				
Toddlers	£179				
Lunch Club	£100				
Miscellaneous	£955				
<u>Foodbox:</u>					
Station Hill Baptists			£1,300		
St Andrews			£540		
Other Foodbox donations			£2,270		
Cornerstone donations			£1,489		
Total	£1,649		£5,599	£7,248	£14,970

Note 7. Income From Charitable Activities

Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Weddings	£1,566				
Funerals	£1,320				
Spring Fete	£1,605				
Summer BBQ	£640				
Rock around the Xmas Tree	£316				
Total	£5,446			£5,446	£3,049

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Note 8. Other Trading Activities

Other Trading Activities	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted*	Total 2025	Total 2024
Lords Mead Playgroup**	£24,227				
Other room bookings	£11,525				
Sunday Coffee	£483				
Votive Candles	£90				
Weds Coffee			£640		
Total	£36,325		£640	£36,965	£35,780

*AED Fund

**Lords Mead Playgroup are our principle hirers of our church rooms

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Note 9. Income from Investments

Income from Investments	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted*	Total 2025	Total 2024
Deposit Account Interest	£375				£352
CCLC Investment			£5,493		£6,504
Total	£375		£5,493	£5,868	£6,856

*Cornerstone

Note 10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Expenditure on Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Foodbox			£20,173	£20,173	£28,758
Light Service			£551	£551	£541
Total			£20,724	£20,724	£29,299

Note 11. Other Expenditure

Other Expenditure	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Electricity		£3,591		£3,591	£1,330
Gas		£3,205		£3,205	£4,150
Repairs & Maintenance		£7,856		£7,856	£10,327
Clergy Expenses		£3,328		£3,277	£3,279
St Peter Window			£59,531	£59,531	£3,547
Bank Fees	£125			£125	£151
Benefice Fees	£1,312			£1,312	£518
Insurance	£2,215			£2,215	£2,154
Grass Cutting	£528			£528	£600

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Cleaning Costs	£17,378			£17,378	£15,473
Boiler Servicing	£198			£198	£198
Fire Ext servicing	£568			£568	£316
Photocopier	£1,594			£1,594	£1554
IT Costs	£736			£736	£457
Website hosting	£216			£216	£192
Hallmaster license	£265			£265	£265
Chairs	£165			£165	
Stationery	£102			£102	£82
Telephone	£368			£368	£403
Alter Requisites	£265			£265	£263
Radio mic license	£149			£149	
Flowers	£83			£83	£0
Literature for resale	£26			£26	£0
Copyright fees	£575			£575	£396
Miscellaneous	£356			£356	£2,431
Deposit Returns	£650			£650	£0
Waste Collection	£1,044			£1,044	£1,051
Total	£28,918	£17,979	£59,531	£106,429	£49,137

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12. Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds year-ended 31/12/2025

	A	B	C	D	E	
	Cornerstone Fund	Foodbox	LIGHT Service	AED Fund	Friendship Lunch	Totals
Balance at 01/01/2025	£115,902	£14,568	£1,338	£501	£300	£133,608
Income	£9,072	£25,064	£592	£640	£0	£35,368
Interest received	£5,493	£0	£0	£0	£0	£5,493
Expenses	£59,531	£20,173	£551	£0	£0	£80,225
Transfers from/to unrestricted funds	£0	£50	£0	£0	£0	£50
Total movements in year	(£44,965)	£4,941	£41	£640	£0	(£39,344)
Balance at 31/12/2025	£70,936	£19,509	£1,379	£1,141	£300	£94,264

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Notes:

Restricted Funds in St. Peter's are set out above. All the figures have been provided and confirmed by the designated organisers of the respective funds.

- A. Cornerstone Fund:** This fund has been used to meet the costs associated the replacement of the Peter Window. Any donations marked 'for the repairs', or similar have been credited to this fund. What remains of the fund after the Peter window has been replaced is intended for any further work that may be needed to combat the failing masonry work around the church buildings.
- B. Foodbox:** Various donations received from Wiltshire Council and others exclusively for Foodbox expenses for purchase of food.
- C. LIGHT service:** Administered via HSBC account. Donations received fund the expenses incurred, primarily for transport for the disabled.
- D. AED Fund:** Solely funded by the Wednesday coffee proceeds. Shortfall in funds required to maintain the AED made up from unrestricted funds
- E. Friendship Lunch Club:** Cash transactions only. Self-funded by members of the congregation for various social events. £100 donated to general funds

IMPORTANT NOTE

Guidance for Treasurers has been given that monies raised or collected for other organisations should not be included in the Church accounts. However, it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge those funds raised by the congregation for other worthy causes. Therefore I set out below what we have collected on behalf of other charities and organisations.

Sightsavers	£436.37
Leprosy Mission	£1140.00
DEC Myanmar appeal	£269.85
Christian Aid	£272.50
MacMillan Nurses	£454.54
Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust	£330.00
The Ripple Effect	£227.30
Water Aid	£268.00
TOTAL	£3,398.56

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St. Peter's Church, Chippenham, Parochial Church Council



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

Charity Name

The PCC of St Peters Church - Chippenham

On accounts for the year
ended

December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1131473

Set out on pages

1 - 11.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity
("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of
report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in
accordance with the requirements of 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.

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Independent examiner's
statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

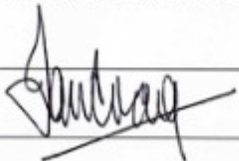
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:



Date:

16th April 26

Name:

IAIN CRAIG

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

Retired : Fellow of Institute of Cost &
Management Accountants.

Address:

Tythe Barn, - High Street
Sutton Benger.
Wiltshire SN15 4RE.

FREEWILL OFFERING (FWO) Annual Report 2025

The following figures for 2024 exclude transactions concerned with Foodbox and the Light Service.

You will note how the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has been increasing in numbers at the expense of the more traditional methods.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Number of participants / donors	40	43	42
Loose coin in Plate	£6,394	£4,981	£7,334
Giving by standing order / envelopes	£19,997	£11,657	£11,733
Giving by special donation (yellow envelopes)	£620	£900	£170
Gift Aid Tax recovery	£7,346	£5,427	£4914
Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)	£4,046	£17,230	£19,790
TOTAL	£38,403	£39,164	£43,941

The result indicates a 12% increase in giving as a whole. Having lost just one in our number of contributors, our individual donations have increased from last year's £910 to £1046 each.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) continues to increase in popularity. This is where the donation via PGS attracts the gift aid recovery month by month instead of having to claim in one go at the end of the tax year. Hence the apparent reduction in "Gift Aid Tax recovery" above.

I.B.Hurcum

FWO Secretary.

2025 Safeguarding Report for APCM meeting of St Peters Church

Even though I have been physically unable attend St Peters over the past year – I am totally committed to serving you all within the Safeguarding management & policies necessary to protect both children & adults.

Any Safeguarding policies needing to be addressed or reviewed, have been agreed & passed by our PCC. I have advised the PCC regarding all necessary Modules & Courses needed by all the people involved within the areas of their Safeguarding responsibilities for both children & adults - & to date, all necessary modules/courses have been completed by people within the requirement of their role. This has enabled us as a Church to achieve the highest level that is required within the Diocesan annual Audit.

Unfortunately, Joan Taylor-Gunston decided to step down from her Role as Assistant Safeguarding Officer with responsibility for Children during the year, but Daphne Brindle has very kindly taken up the Role, which is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Caroline (Masters) who has completely & regularly managed all of our DBS requirements – actioning any queries that I have had – for which I thank you.

I have updated the PCC for each of their Meetings through a written report, of any reports/safeguarding matters that I have been made aware of. Thankfully, there have been none of any gravity that needed to be redirected to any outside Agencies – & I have only had one query in the past 12 months, that, following discussion, was more of a Pastoral issue (which was dealt with “in-house”), rather than a Safeguarding issue. I have been able to manage any concerns “remotely” - & trust that you will all have the faith in me to continue this service, both to any vulnerable person in need of protection or help, & especially for our Church.

Bev Webb.
Parish Safeguarding Officer

29.03.2026