

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SECRETARY'S REPORT 2025

Our Minister, Rev. Wilbert Sayimani, left us just after the last AGM to take up a Pastorate in Uxbridge and Ickenham after seven years at Richmond Hill St. Andrew's. Over the past year our services have been led by many different Ministers which has given us much variety each Sunday. Some services have also been taken by members of our own congregation, Alex Copeland, Joanna Cracknell, Chris Harris and John Guthrie to whom we are most grateful.

So many people have worked so hard keeping everything running smoothly. We must thank Anne Piggott who does so much work each month leading our Early Birds with her team. We love to see the youngsters in our service, and this usually co-incides with the Scout Parade which takes place once a quarter. Anne has a real talent with young people, and also constantly brightens our lives with her wonderful smile.

Agnes Copeland continues to do a splendid job persuading volunteers to take the Pause for Prayer half hour each Thursday in St. Andrew's Chapel which gives us a wide variety of different topics to enjoy. Thank you so much Agnes for all the work you do in your organisation of this very important time of the week.

The Lunch Club takes place every Wednesday and this provides outreach to the community who come and enjoy a splendid two course lunch. The meal is of course very important, but so is the social contact this offers people, many of whom live on their own. Our thanks to John Jones who undertakes the organisation of this, and the help given by Colin Dorset and Alex and Agnes. The numbers remain pretty steady, with an average of about twenty attending each week. Anyone from the congregation is also very welcome at the lunch.

We are so grateful for the wonderful flower arrangements that decorate our church each Sunday. These are arranged by Ann Gawler, Heather Crane, Maggie Sheath and Colin Dorset. Different people in the congregation sponsor these each week, and more offers would always be welcome. You will have heard that Sue and Adrian Marchant have faithfully tended our Memorial Garden for the last seventeen years and it has been lovely to always be able to see it in perfect condition. A huge thank you to you both, this is an incredible amount of hard work, and a real labour of love.

Of course there are many other people to whom we owe thanks, Peter Hansford for keeping the Buildings in good repair – this is a huge job and very time consuming. Sue Starkey is always faithfully at the West door each week, and also

arranges the readers and is one of the Registrars for the weddings. Thank you Sue for everything you do.

Also Margaret Seward who renews the car park permits each year, and creates the Sunday morning Coffee Rota. I would like to mention David Stoddart who very kindly compiles our church magazine each month, - a lot of work and preparation goes into this production and we give him our thanks.

We have gained much pleasure from the displays on the windows of the church Hall - at Christmas, then beautiful spring flowers, appropriate symbols for VE Day and now a lovely array of summer flowers. This was the initiative of Lauren Baba-Slimane, who was given much help by Pat Williams in their arrangement and application onto the windows. We thank them both very much for the time and effort they have given to these displays and for attracting attention to our church of those passing by.

Church life would be very much the poorer without music, so we thank our organist Chris Denton for his huge contribution to the services every Sunday. Last but not least enormous thanks to Stuart our caretaker and facilities manager. He is totally reliable, approaches everything with good humour, and all we do revolves around him. What would be do without him!

I finish with the Statistics for the year June 2024 to June 2025.

There were no Weddings.

There were four Baptisms:-

July 2024 - Gracie Brought
October 2024 - Olivia Nowicka
February 2025 - Albie Williams
May 2025 - Amelia Olivier

Those who have died:-

2024 July - Sheila Philipson
September - Peggy Smith
2025 January - Molly White
February - John Fricker
March - Elizabeth Edwards
March - Angela Pride
March - Derek Diprose
May - Sue Micklefield
May - Hazel Fricker

We express our condolences to all their families, and they will be much missed here.

New Members during this year

Gavin and Mary Bryson from Leicester and

Joan Memmott from Sheffield

We are delighted to say Pat Willcox also wishes to become a member = and the Elders commend her to the Church Meeting today. Are all in favour?

OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 76. 16 ADHERENTS 16 FRIENDS

We very much hope and pray that over the coming year progress will be made in the task to find a new Minister, for ourselves, Iford and Trinity.

Thank you.

Hilary Scott

Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church
Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Y/e 31 Mar 25	Y/e 31 Mar 24
Opening Balance	268,436	329,099
Income		
Legacies	5,121	6,800
Donations	33,445	38,217
Members Car Park	660	650
Fund Raising	-	-
Lettings	9,659	7,737
School of English	24,457	24,250
Commercial Car Park	28,031	26,678
Investment Income	1,906	2,090
Gain on Investments	13,651	-
Grants	1,100	6,500
Miscellaneous Income	2,516	562
Total Income	120,546	113,484
Expenses		
Ministry & Mission	48,248	48,039
Ministry & Manse Expenses	3,945	8,177
Early Bird Sal & Expenses	554	376
Churchkeeper, Organist & Choir	37,072	34,637
Administration	2,366	2,337
Ministers	1,281	-
Church Maintenance	20,051	18,809
Utilities, Insurance & Cleaning	22,823	22,780
Loss on Investments	-	2,854
Church Refreshments	463	287
Sundries	1,567	3,280
Audit/Inspection	150	150
Charity Donations	1,013	393
Repairs	9,112	24,744
Commercial Car Park Rates	7,734	7,285
Total Expenses	156,379	174,147
Net Deficit	- 35,833	- 60,663
Total Funds b/f	268,436	329,099
Funds at Year End	232,603	268,436

Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	as at 31 Mar 25	as at 31 Mar 24
Non Current Assets		
Brooks McDonald	166,006	201,882
M&G Charibond	22,600	23,073
Investments at Realisable Value	188,606	224,955
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments	19,952	14,300
Loans	-	1,789
Deposit Account	19,213	20,499
Current Bank Accounts	5,892	7,543
Cash Account	-	-
	45,057	44,131
Total Assets	233,663	269,086
less Current Liabilities		
Creditors & Accruals	1,060	650
Total Net Funds	232,603	268,436

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Richmond Hill St. Andrews United Reformed Church, Bournemouth.

This report on the financial statements of the church for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees of the church and examiner

As the trustees of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... Mr Peter A Miles
35 Swanmore Road Bournemouth Dorset BH7 6PD
Dated 21 May 202