

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew's Shifnal.
Other names charity is known by	St Andrew's Church, Shifnal
Registered charity number (if any)	1133242
Charity's principal address (eg. Address of the church or church office)	The Vicarage, Manor Close, Shifnal Shropshire Postcode TF11 9AJ

Names of the charity trustees – Members of the PCC - who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Henrywood Fran	Methodist Steward	Elected 2005
Odum Jean	Churchwarden	Elected 2025
Odum Jonathan		Elected 2025
Higson Marilyn		Elected 2021
Hedges Andy	Finance Committee	Elected 2023
Handley Ian		Elected 2021
Thorpe Christopher	Vicar - Chair	Ex Officio
Thorneycroft Jayne	Ex Officio Authorised Local Minister and Deanery Synod	Ex Officio
Flemming Debra	Deanery Synod	Ex Officio
Purser Robert		Elected 2021
Senior David	Church Warden	Ex Officio
Flemming Stuart	Deanery Synod, Finance Committee & Health and Safety Officer	Ex Officio
Parry Jane	Secretary	
Lambourne Janet		Elected 2025
Hobbis Liz		Elected 2022
Freeth Phil	Treasurer and Lay Chair of PCC	Co opted 2023
Leigh Phillip	Parish Safeguarding Officer	Elected 2023
Lander Janet	Methodist Senior Steward	Co-opted 2023
Insall Kathy	Methodist Representative	Co-opted 2023
Etheridge Roger		Elected 2023
Battye Jeanette		Elected 2023

Employees	Role	
Blake Susan	Organist and Director of Music	Attending but not Voting
Ackroyd Wendy	Parish Administrator	Attending but not Voting
Rogers Catherine	Outreach Enabler	Attending but not Voting
Hooper Kelly	Families Outreach Worker	Attending but not Voting
Etheridge Olivia	Assistant Director of Music	Attending but not Voting
Claire Dinwiddy	Trinity Centre Coordinator	Attending but not Voting

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected

Public Benefit Statement (Mandatory information)

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Shifnal it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them;
(Put your Risk Assessment Policy here)

Induction and training of new PCC Members:

There is an induction booklet for the new intake of PCC members, based on the resource book – "The ABC of the PCC" and links to the diocesan website resource section, and if needed, each new trustee will be assigned a mentor for an initial period.

Standing Committee:

The Standing Committee meets on a monthly basis to transact any urgent business between PCC meetings. It consists of Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, and monitors, finance, ministry leadership, pastoral care, hospitality & social.

Risk Management:

Risk is managed by a number of different bodies within the PCC. Financial risk is assessed and monitored by the Standing Committee. Physical property risks are assessed and managed by the Fabric Committee. Health and safety risks are managed by the Health and Safety Officer. Child and vulnerable adult protection risks are managed by the Safeguarding Officer.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Shifnal. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We serve our community, especially those in need or vulnerable.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers;

We support two other charitable activities by offering use of our premises:
Shifnal Help Food Bank
Centre Stage Youth Performing Arts

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This has been a year of continued growth in the life of the church. Congregations have slightly decreased on a Sunday to 122 adults and 15 young people, and the online congregation adds a further 34 people attending online each week. The Breakfast Church initiative has continued to be very well received and attracted younger people to attend. We have also opened the church throughout the year months as a Warm Welcome Space and an average of 80 people per day have used the facilities. We attracted £5k of grant funding to support this work. We registered our facilities as a food business with Environmental Health, and provided training for volunteers to reach Level 2 Food Hygiene. We maintained a five-star hygiene certificate.

We conducted 29 baptisms, 6 weddings and 2 wedding blessings, 37 funerals during the year.

We continued to develop our partnership agreement with Trinity Methodist Church and have had weekly shared worship.

2025 has been a year of recovery in our financial position with the Banking Ombudsman finding in our favour and requiring Lloyds Bank to reimburse most of our stolen funds. We have returned to a balanced budget and continued to be in surplus. We also received a very significant legacy from



Rev'd Sally's estate which has further strengthened our position.

We ran an Alpha course to welcome enquirers to the Christian faith, and to signpost new members to church activities that will enable them to grow in faith.

We strengthened our offering to families through Breakfast Church on a monthly basis, to offer a simpler, all age service. We continued our new HeartSpace on Sunday service in the Trinity Centre attracting a new congregation.

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been prepared and have a surplus for the year of £137,700. Thanks go to our incredibly generous supporters.

Section D

Achievements and performance (contd.)

Summary of the main objectives of the charity planned in the following year

Plans for 2026

In 2026 we will further embed our new mission statement "Reaching out together to share God's amazing faith, hope and love."

We plan to continue the Everyday Warm Welcome to run throughout the year and to provide a safe free space for all who need it. The provision includes lunch served most days.

We plan to run a further Alpha course to welcome enquirers to the Christian faith, and to signpost new members to church activities that will enable them to grow in faith.

In July 2026 the present incumbent will retire, so a process of recruitment will begin. A management team has been set up to include the Treasurer, Church Warden, Senior Steward and Outreach Enabler, to be responsible for coordinating activity in the vacancy.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have completely revised our financial procedures and policies, introducing dual control for electronic banking, a new cash handling policy and have set up a high-interest reserve account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

none

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

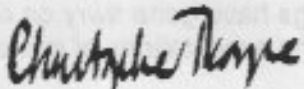
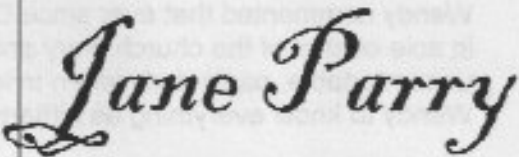
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher Thorpe	Jane Parry
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date 18/05/2026
(eg. Date of the APCM)

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrews, Shifnal

Charity registration number 1133242

**Statement of financial activities
For the year ending 31st December 2025**

Categories	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£ (Notes 5)	£	£	£
INCOME					
Regular Giving	54,002			54,002	58,300
Service collections	15,697	1,827		17,524	16,717
Gift Aid	12,599			12,599	11,358
Parish magazine	7,522			7,522	6,686
Weddings	6,176			6,176	9,486
Funerals	22,469			22,469	23,867
Donations and Fundraising - Notes 1	85,641	6,447		92,088	74,821
Sundry income - Notes 2	17,612			17,612	18,862
Bank interest and dividends	7,432		5,015	12,447	10,043
Investment funds increase in value (decline)					
- Notes 6	0		-3,903	-3,903	2,831
TOTAL INCOME	229,150	8,274	1,112	238,536	232,971
EXPENDITURE					
Stonework restoration	5,988			5,988	8,079
Common fund	49,367			49,367	48,403
Salaries & pensions	79,003			79,003	71,686
Service expenses	1,509	1,827		3,336	2,100
Magazine expenses	2,186			2,186	2,453
Heat, light & power	23,931			23,931	19,766
Water	911			911	686
Diocesan fees	10,633			10,633	8,700
Travel expenses	2,722			2,722	2,117
Telephony, broadband, software & licences	4,721			4,721	5,631
Building and equipment maintenance	13,039	4,500		17,539	10,319
Churchyard maintenance	6,806			6,806	2,195
General expenses - Notes 3	16,056	256		16,312	7,551
Bank & card charges	675			675	509
Choir & organist	3,964			3,964	5,141
Printing, postage & stationery	2,909			2,909	4,110
Insurance	6,672			6,672	6,534
Bellringers	1,140			1,140	1,190
Loan interest	0			0	325
Catering	6,579			6,579	6,639
Donations	1,840			1,840	480
Depreciation	329			329	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	240,980	6,583	0	247,563	214,614
TOTAL INCOME MINUS TOTAL EXPENDITURE BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	(11,830)	1,691	1,112	(9,027)	18,357
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS					
Legacy	46,747			46,747	-
Lloyds Bank reimbursement - Notes 4	100,050			100,050	-
	£ 146,797			£ 146,797	-
OVERALL INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURE	£ 134,967	£ 1,691	£ 1,112	£ 137,770	£ 18,357

Balance Sheet
as at 31st December 2025

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
Fixed Assets - Notes 6		155,902		183,818
Investments - Endowment funds		155,902		183,818
Anslow Trust		155,902		174,800
Pointon Trust Capital		0		6,734
M Ball Trust		0		2,284
Plant - gas boilers - Notes 7		17,000		0
Cost November 2025		17,329		0
Less accumulated depreciation		-329		0
Current Assets		292,162		143,476
Bank Accounts - Notes 8		282,162		133,476
Barclays Current Account		35		7
Barclays Deposit Account		31,859		13,834
Lloyds Current Account		1,905		1,229
Lloyds Current Account		542		842
Lloyds Deposit Account		34,098		75,626
CCLA Stonework account		7,733		7,487
CCLA Investment Income account		205,990		8,477
Lichfield Diocesan Trust		0		25,974
Debtors		10,000		10,000
Year End Income Accrued Gift Aid		10,000		10,000
Prepaid Expense		0		0
Current Liabilities		0		0
Creditors: Short Term		0		0
Current Assets less current Liabilities		292,162		143,476
Total Current assets less Current Liabilities		465,064		327,294
Long Term liabilities		0		0
Creditors Long Term Loan		0		0
Total Assets less Total Liabilities		£ 465,064		£ 327,294
Accumulated Funds B'fwd		327,294		308,937
Plus Excess of income over Expenditure		137,770		18,357
Accumulated Funds as at 31st December 2025		£ 465,064		£ 327,294

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew's, Shifnal

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Andrew's church, Shifnal for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

The charity's trustees of the church are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees consider that an audit is not needed for this year and that an independent examination is required.

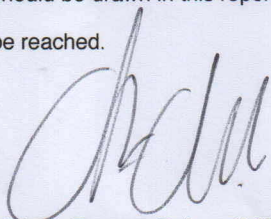
I report in respect of my examination of the church accounts, carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
2. The accounts do not accord with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no matters 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.



Name: Darren Driscoll MBA

Date: 15/4/2026

NOTES

1. Included in Donations & fundraising are the following:

Big House Holiday Club

Balance brought forward from 2024	£	3,512
Shropshire Council / HAF Grants	£	14,556
Other income	£	884
Parental fees	£	19,473
	£	<u>38,425</u>
Costs - supplies, 1	4,772	
Subsidies	825	
Wages	<u>16,122</u>	£ 21,719
	£	<u>16,706</u>
Contribution to church funds	£	10,219
Balance carried forward to 2026	£	6,487

The balance carried forward will be used partly to fund families unable to pay for their children to attend BHHHC in February 2026 as there is no HAF grant for the February dates.

Also included in Donations & Fundraising are surpluses from the Summer Fair £6,721 and Christmas Tree Festival £12,902, and grants £10,450.

The balance of £51,696, including £6,447 regarded as restricted, arises from general donations, contributions towards various regular church activities, such as Warm Welcome and Open Door, and fundraising events such as concerts.

2. Sundry income comprises reimbursed administration £4,700, rental of facilities £11,565 (of which £5,419 to registered charities) and VAT reclaimed on stonework restoration £1,347.

3. General expenses includes payroll processing costs £1,089, donations to Say Yes £1,200, replacement card reader £482, new AV fixed screen & computer £1,255, new marquee covering £764, replacement screens £2,016, replacement fridge freezer £549, boundary wall repair £1,905, website maintenance £587, follow-up visit by Lead Academy £867.

The balance £5,598 comprises numerous miscellaneous items such as cleaning materials, washroom hygiene and servicing sundry items of equipment.

4. As prefaced in last year's accounts, the Financial Ombudsman ruled in our favour as regards a majority of the funds drawn fraudulently from the Lloyds Bank account in 2023. The amount shown as received in the accounts is the full settlement with Lloyds Bank.

5. See next page

NOTES continued

5. Service collections and Service expenses £1,827 - this is the total of collections at services where the collection is for other than church funds i.e. Royal British Legion, Methodist Ordination, Shifnal Seniors, Christingle/The Children's Society, The Salvation Army.

A total of £4,500 donations were received specifically towards the cost of replacing the gas boilers. This money was expended in entirety during the year. This income and expenditure is shown in the Restricted Funds column in the Income & Expenditure account accordingly.

6. £20,000 was withdrawn during the year to part-fund stonework restoration in 2024 and 2025, and, from the Pointon and M Ball Trusts, to fund expenditure on various items detailed in Note 4.
7. The gas boilers were renewed in November 2025 at a cost of £17,329. They have an expected 15-year life. Depreciation £329 has been charged in this year's accounts and will then be charged at £1,700 per annum over a 10-year period.
8. Included in bank balances is the restricted funds balance as at 31st December 2025 of £2,754.31. This comprises Forget-Me-Not Group £399.04, Choir Fund £408.00 and Christians Together in Shifnal District £1,947.27.
9. Accommodation supplied as gift in kind:
CentreStage, Shifnal - weekly usage during school terms at £250 per month i.e. £3,000 per annum

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice for charities (SoRP) and applicable accounting standards (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Description of Funds

Restricted funds comprise two elements:

- a. Income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest.
- b. Donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

All funds not designated as endowment or restricted are unrestricted funds which can be freely spent on the PCC's general purpose.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable.

Interest received and all other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross. Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The Diocesan Common Fund payments (previously Parish Share) are accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

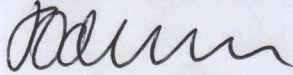
Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s. 10(2Xa) & (C) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and such assets are not included in the financial statements.

The financial statements set out on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the following at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 22nd April 2026.

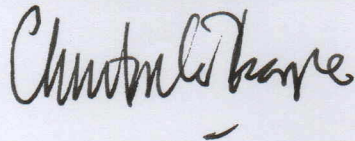
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VICAR: REVD. PREBENDARY CHRISTOPHER THORPE

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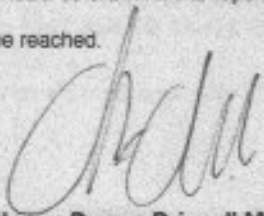
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