

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL WITH COFFINSWELL

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING REPORT
2025**

**28th April 2026
at 7pm**

**Held in St Mary's Church
Kingskerswell**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 28th April 2026**

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7pm

To elect 4 Churchwardens (to serve for 1 year)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayers

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the Electoral Rolls
- 3) To accept the minutes of the APCM held on 29th April 2025.
- 4) To receive the following Reports...
 - a) Vicar's Report
 - b) Churchwardens Reports (Inc. Fabric Report)
 - c) Health and Safety Report
 - d) Safeguarding Report
 - e) Churchyard Report
 - f) Tower Captain's Report
 - g) Choir Report
 - h) Deanery Report
 - i) Mothers Union Report
 - j) Flower Report
 - k) Social Committee Report
- 5) To receive the Treasurer's Reports
- 6) To appoint Independent Examiners for the Accounts 2026
- 7) To elect the following
 - i) Members of the PCC
 - ii) Two Deanery Synod Members
 - iii) Electoral Roll Officers
- 8) To elect a Parish Clerk (to serve for one year)
- 9) To bring forward any business notified to the Secretary by 26th April 2026 and any other business brought forward at the Vicar's discretion.
- 10) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 11) Closing Prayers

COMMITTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

There were nine meetings of the PCC between the APCM of April 2025 until April 2026 and Two Extraordinary Meeting.

In addition to matters concerning the everyday running of the Church which are covered at each meeting, the following matters are of special importance

1. Safeguarding

This subject is on the Agenda for every PCC meeting. Any Parishioner who is aware of such an issue should discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Erica Dunn.

2. Finances

The Treasurers provide a minimum of monthly updates on the finances to the PCC in order for financial decisions to be made.

3. Charitable Giving

The PCC has been unable to financially donate due to limited funds, but has continued its Sponsorship of a child via Plan International, which is helping to end child poverty, at a cost of £192 annually.

4. Mission Outreach

Due to the importance of engagement with the wider community the PCC discuss outreach at each meeting, particularly connecting with Kingskerswell Primary School on a regular basis.

5. Fees

Kingskerswell PCC paid £36,000 towards the 2025 Parochial Fees.

Coffinswell PCC paid £8646 towards the 2025 Parochial Fees.

Social Committee

The Kingskerswell Social Committee, chaired by our Vicar Rev'd Michael Wilkie, has the responsibility of organizing the Parish Church's social activities which the PCC have approved.

The Committee members currently comprise of;

Sue Dunk, Helen Howells, Lyn Kelly, Patricia Rodriguez, Wendy Shillabeer and Sylvia Wightman, with support from Sandra Dunford, Trevor Heal and Helen Rowswell also.

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Background

The Vicar, along with the St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC), is responsible for the promotion within the Ecclesiastical Parish, the Mission Action Plan, covering all aspects of the Church's Mission – Pastoral, Ecumenical and Social.

The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of all buildings – the Church, the Parish Centre, the Coffee Room and Parish Office.

PCC Membership

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC IN 2025:

PCC Chairman: Rev Michael Wilkie

Ex-Officio Members:	Peter Thompson	Treasurer for Kingskerswell (Co-opted 2004)
	Sue Bowers	Treasurer for Coffinswell (Co-opted 2022)
	Erica Dunn	Deanery Representative and Safeguarding Lead

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 29th April 2025.

Michele Berry	Churchwarden
Gordon Bower	Churchwarden
Sandra Dunford	Churchwarden
Trevor Heal	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Mike Bundy
Stuart Devlin
Dr Stephen Hoskins
Helen Howells

Elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 29th April 2025.

John Dunn
Helen Rowsell

MINUTES FROM 2025 AMP AND APCM

Kingskerswell with Coffinswell Parish Church Minutes

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

And

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

29th April 2025 at 7pm in Kingskerswell Parish Church

Present: Rev. Michael Wilkie

Molly Amery, Michele Berry, Jacky Biggs, Jenny Bower, Susan Bowers, Ian Cooper, Delia Colegate, Malcolm Colgate, Eileen Davies, Eveline Davies, Stuart Devlin, Geoff Dunford, Sandra Dunford, Peter Gage, Val Gage, Trevor Heal (acting PCC Secretary taking minutes), Stephen Hoskins, Helen Howells, Lyn Kelly, Susie Lawrence, John Lewis, Patricia Rodriguez, Sue Rider, Wendy Shillabeer, Philip Stevens, Rachael Valentine, Sylvia Wightman.

Opening Prayers were led by Rev. Michael Wilkie

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)

The Vicar, as Chairman, opened the meeting first thanking those attending and said copies of the Annual Parochial Report 2024 had been circulated both by e-mail together with “hard copies” left in the church porch.

The Vicar reminded those present that the purpose of the meeting was to agree the past year activities, with any outstanding items and new issues should be discussed at forthcoming PCC Meetings in the coming year.

To elect 4 Churchwardens (to serve for one year):

Michele Berry & Gordon Bower ... were nominated and duly elected to serve for Coffinswell Church.

Sandra Dunford & Trevor Heal ... were nominated and duly elected to serve for Kingskerswell Church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Apologises for absence: Jenny Benny, Gordon Bower, Mike Bundy, Heather Cooper, Erica Dunn, John Dunn, David Moate, Elaine Moate, Anita Osman, Helen Rowswell, Mark Rowswell, Jan Stainer, Peter Thompson, Mandy Thompson,

2. To receive the Electoral Roll: Helen Rowswell reported for Kingkerswell Church there were now 70 active members (plus 1 in May when they turn 16 yrs) down from 83 the previous year. For Coffinswell there are 26 in total. A full copy of the Electoral Roll would be made available in the church porch.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30th April 2024 (Kingskerswell) and 9th May 2024 (Coffinswell)

With regard to the Kingskerswell minutes ... Heather Cooper's name was omitted in error as she had been present. Erica Dunn had noted on page 7 in the Vicar's Report it had stated she is the lead for Health & Safety and Safeguarding ... this should be corrected to just Safeguarding Officer.

Subject to these two amendments these were passed unanimously as an accurate record and duly signed off.

4. The following reports were received

Vicar's Report

Health and Safety Report

Social Committee Report

Choir Report

Diocese Synod Report

Safeguarding Report
Churchwarden's Report / Fabric Report
Churchyard Report
Tower Captain's Report
Deanery Synod Report
Mother's Union Report

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all those their reports and assistance during the past year.

5. Treasurer's Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

The Vicar ran through the various accounts that had been prepared by Peter Thompson and that had been signed off by an independent auditor.

In the absence of Peter Thompson the Vicar reported for Kingskerswell Church that approx. 76% of our expected Parochial Share had been met. He also understood a similar percentage would be expected for 2025.

Susan Bowers had also prepared and presented accounts for Coffinswell Church. In this instance the full expected Parochial Share had been paid. For 2025 it was anticipated the Coffinswell portion of £8643 would be paid in full.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all the account holders for providing the details to allow Annual Accounts to be prepared and also the Auditor.

6. To appoint Independent Examiners for the Annual Accounts 2025

David Moate was elected

7. Election of Officers

John Dunn and Helen Rowswell were elected to the PCC. Helen Rowswell was elected as Electoral Roll Officer for the coming year.

The following individuals agreed to serve as Sidespersons at Kingskerswell Church for the coming year: Mike Bundy, Stuart Devlin, Sandra Dunford, Erica Dunn, Trevor Heal, Lyn Kelly, Sue Lawrence, Gerri Rees, Patrica Rodriguez, Helen Rowswell, Mark Rowswell, Megan Rowswell, Wendy Shillabeer.

8. Election of Parish Clerk

Helen Rowswell was elected unopposed for another year and was thanked by the Vicar on behalf of all those present for her continued outstanding work covering as it does for the 3 Wells Community.

9. AOB

With no other items for discussion the Vicar again thanked all those present for attending.

10. Date of the next monthly PCC Meeting

3rd June 2025 at 7pm to be held in the Kingskerswell Parish Coffee Room

11. The Meeting closed at 8.20 with prayers by the Vicar

a) VICAR'S REPORT

Kingskerswell 2025

Vicar's Report - Kingskerswell 2025-26

The church has continued to make encouraging progress this past year. The monthly pattern of services can still usually be managed by the pastoral team - the vicar, our two lay ministers (Ian and John) and our retired clergy (Ruth). We are still seeking new ways of making our services more inclusive and accessible. We need to connect to a much wider section of the local community. We are particularly concerned to find ways to attract younger families. I would again like to thank John, Ian, and Ruth for their continued willingness to give so much of themselves to their ministries here.

Our links with the school continue to be very strong. I continue as a foundation governor and offer help with the development of monitoring and developing spirituality in the school. I lead weekly assemblies as well as taking part in other school activities. I also get invited into classes to answer questions on various topics connected to faith and life. Sandra Dunford and Heather Cooper have continued their "Open the Book" ministry in the classrooms this year. They are always enthusiastically welcomed and appreciated by the children. The school's own services at Christmas, Easter and School Leavers continue to be highlights of the year. They pack out the church and are, by far, the most well attended services of the year. There is still a vacant foundation governor role for anyone interested from the church community.

The choir's dedication and enthusiasm continues to be greatly appreciated as they not only lead our musical worship, but also creatively seek to further develop their [and our!] repertoire. As a congregation we are very grateful for all the hard work they put in, particularly for festivals and special events such as Easter and Christmas seasons.

We are also greatly indebted to all the Bell Ringers. They are a much-appreciated presence in the village. They call us to worship on Sundays, and also ring for important family events such as weddings, funerals and important national events. Philip's whole team are a greatly loved part of our church and we are very grateful for their special contribution to our church's ministry.

The Social Committee is a relatively small but very dedicated and hard working group that a magnificent job of organising all our social events. These include all the traditional regulars such as the Harvest Lunch and all the Christmas season celebrations. As a church we owe them all a debt of gratitude for the huge efforts behind the success of the two big annual events, the Craft Fair before Christmas and the Spring-time Plant Sale. The Light Lunches with a different guest speaker each time, continue to give extra chances to share meals together.

These events are not just social, they also raise important funds for the church. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, the Social Committee were able to pay for various expensive items in the church, the church office and the Parish Centre.

The House Group continues to meet fortnightly at the vicarage. It is an informal and friendly group where all are welcome to chat, share stories, ask questions, study the Bible and pray together. We also share some good biscuits and/or cake, both home-made and luxury shop-bought – the aim being that at the end of each evening together we can go home feeling fed, both physically and spiritually.

One of the most challenging aspects of the church's life continues to be that we still have insufficient regular income to pay for the costs of running our church. We are now 5 years from the Covid crisis that crashed the church's former income streams. Despite all the long efforts to increase and stabilise our monthly income, we are still not able to fully pay our diocesan share. This year we managed to increase our payments to 75% of the amount requested. This was a commendable increase from where we began 6 years ago, but unfortunately it is not enough. We have now reached the point where serious conversations will happen with the Diocese to see how the Three Wells can realistically move forward.

We continue to be greatly indebted to our treasurer Peter, and I would like to express our thanks to him for his continuing expertise and careful guidance of the church finances.

A special mention must again be given to Geoff Dunford for all the enormous generosity of time and energy he gives to the church in his tireless work and dedication. This last year he was responsible for all the work and creativity needed in the remodelling of the Coffee Room, which allowed the Church Office to move out of its worn-out and increasingly dilapidated old quarters and into its new location. It is not just a relief that Helen and Mercy can work in decent conditions now, but we now have a much-improved office. This matters as it is often the first point of contact for people getting in touch with us. We are all extremely grateful to Geoff since he almost single-handedly enabled this to happen.

I would also like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Sandra and Trevor for their tireless dedication and work as Church Wardens. They don't simply look after the fabric of our buildings, but their work and care is central to the daily life and ministry of our church.

Likewise, I would also like to thank all the members of the PCC for all their dedication and support of our church community. The ongoing life of our church could not happen without them.

The new Church Office is especially welcome as it is a tangible symbol of our appreciation for the work of the Church Office team. Quite simply, they are indispensable. The hard work and dedication shown by Helen and Mercy is absolutely invaluable. The Church Office is essential to our church's ministry and activities. With all that they do and the people they come into contact with, the work of the office is most certainly an important ministry.

Thanks and appreciation is also due to those many people who quietly, and often behind the scenes, do so much of the hard work needed to keep our church running. From the hard work of cleaning and producing beautiful flower arrangements, to keeping the grass cut and the churchyard tidy – we could not get by without them.

Together as a church family may we work together to keep our Church as a living, active expression of God's love and compassion within the wider community of Kingskerswell.

Vicar's Report Coffinswell 2025

St Bartholomew's continues the same pattern of services - 9am every Sunday morning. Although the congregation has remained modest, it remains viable and encouraging. St Bartholomew's continues to be a quiet, sacred space that offers Christian public worship and a place for prayer and reflection to Coffinswell and surrounding areas.

I would particularly like to express my sincere thanks to Gordon and Michele for their continued willingness to stay on as Wardens, and for Sue Bower for continuing as Treasurer.

The appeal made to Coffinswell village has greatly eased the financial side of keeping St Bartholomew's open and its ministry alive. It greatly helps too, that due to its historic nature, the Church Commissioners are responsible for a great deal of the upkeep of the church fabric. However, it's greatest challenge continues to be the serious issue of finding people willing to help with practical side of caring for and running the church itself. We are deeply grateful to Gordon and Michele's willingness to continue looking after St Bartholomew's but they must be allowed to step back too!

Conclusion

Both Kingskerswell and Coffinswell churches face the challenge of fully engaging with a village community that has largely demonstrated little inclination to attend church with any regularity. The only way to ensure a future for our two churches is to find ways of communicating our faith to the younger generations.

As churches, we aim not to merely to serve the community as a useful resource, but also to preach the gospel by who we are and what we do.

Revd. Michael Wilkie

b) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORTS (INCLUDING FABRIC REPORT)

St Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

Churchwardens are responsible, along with the Vicar- in- charge, for the day to day functioning of the Parish Church, which includes administration, building operation and check on church fabric and personnel, and helping the smooth running of the church. All insurances have been paid and are up to date. We are reminded by the Archdeacon that our duties include connections to our local Primary School and our community, and we hope that we continue to make the most of our church buildings, the facilities on site and the grounds for use by those in the village and the wider community.

Activities with the Primary School included regular "Open the Book" sessions reading and acting Bible stories with the children, and church services with the school at Easter, school leavers' services in July, at which the church gave each child a book mark, Harvest time and Christmas. With the school we held a Christingle Service where children and parents/guardians are offered hot chocolate before the service. One day in the Autumn the top classes of school visited the church to learn a little more about the church and the religious items in the building, then visited the bell tower to try ringing the bells and finally a visit to the churchyard before returning to school. For the community there was a popular annual Christmas Carol Concert in church and as Christmas approached a very well attended Crib Service was held for the very young and their families.

The Social Committee organised regular after-service lunches in the Parish Centre attended by many in the community, and in the Spring a Plant sale, and in the Autumn a very popular Craft Fayre.

Some members of the church attended South West Awake held on Marine Drive, Torquay, in July, a site overlooking the sea, and in September Devon Historic Churches Day was held with much information about the church on display. There were also a number of Bell Ringers visiting the church during the year.

On May 5th, together with the Parish Council we celebrated "VE 80", the ending of World War II in Europe 80 years ago. We held a Cream Tea in the beautifully decorated Parish Centre, with flags, old newspapers on display and 40's music playing, and many people and families came and enjoyed the atmosphere, scones, teas and sunshine.

Some members of the church attended a Day's Retreat in April at the Sheldon Centre, conducted by the Reverend Ruth Oates. It was an interesting day and successful, and it is hoped to repeat the experience in the future.

We continued to meet with the Contract Manager of "Open Spaces" Teignbridge District Council, to discuss the condition of the trees along Church End Road where there has been a lot of growth in 2025. All trees have grown in the churchyard and in the Autumn we obtained permission from T.D.C. and the Parish Council to remove the lower branches of the beech trees in the churchyard extension which were causing concern above the pathway in there. One tree in the middle of the churchyard extension was removed because it was dying and dangerous. All tree work was carried out by a professional tree surgeon. Work on the proposed "Wetland" at the end of the Church Meadow was on hold in 2025. Excessive rainfall and several storms made it impossible to work there as well as restrictions in the Spring because of bird nesting regulations. The storms have blown over several trees, however if the weather is dryer this Autumn 2026, we are hoping to resume work on this project.

Work began in January 2025 to prepare to cover the trench at the West end of the church which had been covered by wooden boards since the reordering work done in 2018/9. The new flooring would contain inspection hatches to check the pipe work in the trench laid as part of the gas central heating. The matching tiles were obtained from a specialist company Craven, Dunhill, Jackfield of Ironbridge, Staffordshire and were paid for by The Friends of Kingskerswell Church. We thank them for their contribution to this work. The work continued during Spring and Summer, and although not quite completed, the work stopped in September for a boiler inspection and service undertaken by a qualified gas engineer.

In October, in view of the poor condition of the Portacabin housing the Church Office, work started on the conversion of rooms in the Coffee Room to a new Church Office in the kitchen area and Kitchenette in the Meeting Room. The kitchenette was the first to be installed, and was first used on December 7th. Work then commenced on converting the old kitchen into the new Church Office, and it was completed and occupied earlier this year 2026. We would like to thank Geoff Dunford for his work with the new flooring at the rear of the church (almost completed) and in particular for the new office and lovely kitchenette in the Coffee Room.

Due to the heavy rainfall in the Autumn, water flooded the Flower Room floor. It was unclear where the problem lay. During November more heavy rain and several storms caused more water ingress into the Flower Room and the South Transept. It was unfortunate that the Specialist Plasterers came to repair the damaged plaster in the South Transept which was coming away from the walls. They hung dust sheets in the South Transept to protect the church from the dust as they worked. The walls were repaired with lime render, which takes a long time to dry out, and was not helped by the rainwater seeping through the ceiling of the South Transept. Water was also found to be seeping down the west wall over the Flower Room, and investigations are required to find the problem. We have started inspections already and engaged Grant Elliott of Architects Le Page to give us advice on the way forward. Please be aware that we may need to do extensive investigations as to the state of the roof. We have been advised that some coping stones on the roof ridge need to be re-bedded. We thank the Friends of Kingskerswell Church for a donation towards the costs of the re-rendering of the walls in the South Transept with lime cement.

The Log Book and Inventory have been updated and we are working our way through the Quinquennial (2024) recommendations as funds allow. The alterations to heating and lighting over the past few years are still reducing our electricity bills. In 2024 we used 7585 kwh costing £2119.67. In 2025 we used 6274 kwh at a cost of £1784.02. We thank everyone for helping us to cut our expenses, which is very much appreciated.

We also thank everyone for all the help you have given to your Churchwardens over the year in 2025. We have had a rather unfair share of illnesses during the year and so we thank you for all your support in helping to run our church, especially Wendy and Lyn, and all sidespeople, and making it a very welcoming and warm experience for all who visit this lovely building and attend our church services. We thank also Rev Michael Wilkie, Rev Ruth Oates and LLM John Dunn and LLM Ian Firth for furthering and explaining the Gospel and giving interesting sermons and talks. We greatly appreciate our congregations and all who help to show, share and spread our Christian Faith.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal, Kingskerswell Churchwardens

St Bartholomew's Church (Chapel of Ease) Coffinswell.

The Churchwardens are pleased to report that our Annual Audit of the contents, valuables and fabrics have been completed, and that all is in good order.

The Church of St Bartholomew's has now been a chapel of ease for two years, ensuring the continuation of services as before. We share our joint P.C.C. with St Mary's of Kingskerswell, but our finances are ring fenced and both treasurers and the joint P.C.C. do not wish to consolidate the Accounts of the individual churches, which the Diocese seems keen to do! It is pleasing also to both churches, to be able to acknowledge the independent giving of our individual parishes.

We have been able to pay in full our part of the joint Coffinswell/Kingskerswell Parish Share.

The Parish Giving Scheme is working successfully, although we would welcome any new contributions from Parishioners; the Contactless Giving Scheme continues to work well, whilst the votive candle holder near the Font and the Altar, has received the most generous contributions from both visitors, parishioners, and congregation. This March is an instance, when from the votive we collected £100, whilst the cash box by the church door, raised £105! We are truly, grateful to all the many contributors, who so generously give, to retain our beautiful country church, and we welcome all, in quiet moments, in regular or festive services.

The 2024 Quinquennial work continues steadily. The next on the list will be work on the old West door which will need repair and conservation, whilst the South door will require attention. The great West window particularly and its surrounds, also need repair work. Meanwhile, we have had a leak in the Vestry from the vents in the roof, and water seeped down the internal tower wall. However, it is a superficial problem, caused by the unusual force and direction of one of our recent storms.

The churchyard continues to be satisfactorily maintained and, the pile of logs from the felling of the damaged Oak tree has been sold, making a modest contribution to the cost of the felling.

We continue to have our regular Sunday services and although the congregation remains small, the numbers sometimes swell as they did at our extremely popular Carol Service; the church was packed and filled with joyful song.

We are very appreciative of Jenny Bower who continues to play the organ regularly for us and of Michael Roberts, their playing enhancing our weekly services.

The maintenance and appearance of our ancient church is sustained by a valiant, small group of volunteers, who decorate the church so beautifully, clean and polish its brass, pews and floors for which we are so grateful.

The essential work of Helen and Mercy in the Office, supports us and we continue to be grateful.

As always, we are thankful to those who take our services, firstly our priest, the Reverend Michael Wilkie and those who volunteer their time, when possible, the Reverend Canon Ruth Oates and our Readers John Dunn and Ian Firth.

Michèle Berry and Gordon Bower, Coffinswell Churchwardens

c) HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible and accountable for the Health and Safety for St. Mary's Church Kingskerswell. We have a H&S strategy which is underpinned with a regularly reviewed H&S Policy with it being included in monthly PCC meetings for any issues arising. We continue not having a duly elected Health & Safety Advisor, however the Vicar and Churchwardens are responsible for the day-to-day management and review of H&S and will continue to monitor and Health & Safety related matters along with the PCC. Irrespective of any delegation, the PCC remains accountable for Health and Safety. Emergency and First Aid procedures are documented and equipment subject to regular checks during the year. The fire extinguishers are checked on a monthly basis and have an annual service by JLA. All service records of equipment (PAT tests) checks made during the year are available for inspection in the Parish Office together with all Public Liability insurance policies.

Helen Rowsell, PCC Member

d) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The new Archbishop of Canterbury has made a commitment to treat safeguarding as a top priority; she has previously spoken in favour of safeguarding in the Church to become independent.

The diocese is encouraging all parishes to use the safeguarding hub to record our safeguarding data including roles, DBS checks, training and policies, improving safeguarding governance. The diocese safeguarding and DBS co-ordinator is being freed up to support parishes with this task.

Regular parish safeguarding representative drop-in sessions are also now being provided

Safeguarding training is renewed 3 yearly and for some members of the PCCS/congregation will be due again this year. I will be contacting those who are required to renew their training which can be completed online. I will also support with face-to-face sessions as required. This ensures people have the knowledge and understanding of our safeguarding responsibilities to report any safeguarding concern.

On Sunday 16 November we again supported Safeguarding Sunday this is a yearly event held every November to raise awareness of safeguarding.

The diocese has a very supportive Safeguarding team and our PCC's are committed, through our church community, to the support, nurture and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable.

Within our congregations there has been an increase in awareness and I will continue the focus on updating the safeguarding hub, further training and DBS checks over the next 12 months. Thank-you for your continued support.

Erica Dunn, Parish Safeguarding Representative

e) CHURCHYARD REPORT

For the year 2025 the Churchyard Maintenance Account income was £2,454.61 and the expenditure was £1,990.00 which gave an overall gain for the year of £464.61.

The income from donations for 2025 amounted to £2,368 00 and our sincere thanks go to all who regularly and generously donate to the churchyard fund either by one-off donations or by regular standing order payments. Without these donations, we would really struggle to maintain a healthy credit balance. The Service for All Soul's Day raised £86.61.

The expenditure for 2025 amounted to £1990 00. The largest outlay for the year was £600 which was the cost of having the crown raised on the row of beech trees. This work was carried out in September and was necessary for safety reasons. The remaining expenditure included the cost of lawn mowing, hedge trimming, fuel for the mower, the annual charge for the green recycling bin and for generally keeping the churchyards tidy.

The low cost of maintenance in the New Churchyard and Churchyard Extension is due to Geoffrey Dunford. Mike Howard maintains the Old Churchyard and looks after the Memorial Garden which is situated between the churchyard and the stream. Geoffrey and Michael do this work voluntary and, as always, my sincere thanks go to them for giving freely of their time to keep the churchyards looking neat and tidy.

In 2024 it was decided to start using the Churchyard Extension for Cremation plots due to the fact that the Old Churchyard was becoming very wet underfoot and the New Churchyard Cremation Plot area becoming rather full. This has proved to be a good decision and so far the first row is almost full.

A new bench has been placed in the New Churchyard, kindly donated in memory of Colin and Sadie Smith by their family.

The sole purpose of a Churchyard Maintenance Fund is to provide a tidy and well-cared for Churchyard where people are able to come and sit peacefully in beautiful surroundings to reflect their memories of those they have loved and lost.

If anyone would like more information regarding the running of the churchyard or wish to make a contribution towards its upkeep, either by cash, cheque or Banker's Order please contact the Parish Church Office (01803) 873006 for further details.

Wendy Hinchcliffe, Churchyard Treasurer

f) TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We have continued to ring for almost all the main services at Kingskerswell and Coffinswell. We missed 2 services at Coffinswell through a shortage of ringers. On 2 occasions we had enough to ring for 2 services at the same time – for Harvest Festival and for the Carol Services. We rang for 4 weddings and 3 funerals.

Practices were normally at Kingskerswell, but 1 was at Coffinswell. The highest attendances at practices were 18, 19 and 21 on 1 occasion each. Although attendances have generally been good, our progress with method ringing has been rather slow, as we often had insufficient method ringers present. Having said that, Mia and Alesha have made good progress, and they have both been awarded their Guild Certificates by ringing 120 changes of Doubles on the treble unaided. Alesha's ropesight is now very good, and both of them rang their 1st quarter peal at the start of 2026 at Kingskerswell, Alesha ringing the treble and Mia the tenor.

We ended the year by ringing in the New Year as usual. We met beforehand at Philip and Mo's house as Phil and Ruth were again unable to host us through illness. We had 19 people in the tower, including 14 ringers.

We acquired 3 new ringers during the year. Sue Hodgkinson started in March, having been to an open day at St Petrock's ringing centre in Exeter. Nigel and Elizabeth Jamieson started in September. All are making good progress and we wish the well at the start of their ringing career. We were pleased to welcome back Sue Hinds in October after a break of 2 years.

Activities and Events during the year

13th February. At very short notice, as part of the school's year 5 visit to the church, 38 children and 3 teachers came up to the ringing chamber in groups of 9 or 10. In the course of 1 ¼ hours, after ringing demonstrations, everybody had a go at some backstrokes.

29th March. Half day outing and dinner. We rang at Upton, Babbacombe and St Marychurch and our dinner was at the Hare and Hounds.

8th May. 80th anniversary of VE Day. As part of the National Commemoration, we rang out for peace at 6.30pm.

31st May. As part of the centenary celebrations of the Devon Association of Ringers, we were one of more than 100 towers that rang out at midday.

21st June. We hosted the AGM of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. We provided refreshments during the morning ringing, and a team from the Mid Devon Branch provided the buffet lunch in the Parish Centre. This was followed by a service in church taken by Michael Wilkie and the business meeting back in the Parish Centre.

1st July. A group from the Torquay Museum Society visited. We gave a ringing demonstration and most people rang some backstrokes.

15th August. 80th anniversary of VJ Day. We rang out for peace again at 6.30pm as part of the national commemoration.

23rd August. Family Fun Day on the Playing Field. We had the Guild mini-ring and an information stall. There was not a lot of interest, perhaps because of our location on the field, but the Parish Council would like us to return next year.

13th September. We opened the tower again as part of the Devon Historic Churches Day. We gave ringing demonstrations, took visitors to the top of the tower, and gave everyone the opportunity to ring some backstrokes. Lots of interest, but nobody wanted to come again.

29th September. At the school's suggestion we started an after-school club. We only had 4 girls (the boys had football!) and we found it was only for half a term (5 Weeks). In the main, they were enthusiastic and did very well. At the end of the final session, we invited all the parents/carers to come up so they could see what the children had achieved. A very useful exercise, though none of the children returned afterwards.

11th October. Annual Outing. We were able to have the use of the Kingscare minibus again, and we had a very successful day in the South Hams. We rang at Dodbrooke, Bigbury, Kingston, Loddiswell and Diptford.

6th November. We had another visit by year 5 children from the school. Same format as last time, and nearly all of the 48 children rang some backstrokes. Again, lots of interest, but nobody wanted to come back.

Thanks again for everyone's help and support during the year, and to all the ringers who helped us out.

Philip Stevens, Tower Captain

g) CHOIR REPORT

It is with great sadness that this report opens paying our sincere condolences to our organist and choir leader Heather, on the recent loss of her beloved husband Ian. Our thoughts and prayers are with Heather and her Family.

Throughout the past year we have much appreciated and enjoyed the programme of music Heather has produced to complement all of our services.

We also wish to thank Sandra for her excellent choice of hymns, which reflect the liturgical programme for the Church's year. The Choir truly appreciates the support we are given by Reverend Mike, Canon Ruth, John and Ian (Lay Readers), The Churchwardens and the congregation.

We would like to take this opportunity to pay our respects to a former choir member Sylvia Mills and her husband George, who both sadly passed away last year.

As a choir we continue a close fellowship and are much looking forward to the forthcoming year under Heather's steadfast and dedicated direction.

Helen Howells, Choir Representative

h) DEANERY REPORT

In the last 12 Months there have been three deanery meetings which were held in June 2025, October 2025 and March 2026 in Churches across the deanery. The meetings are chaired by the Rural Dean Andrew Down and begin with a presentation.

The presentations included

Reflection and discussion on Bishop Mike's 5 key priorities – Missional Leadership, Missional DNA, Vocations, Children & Young People, and Mixed Ecology.

Chloe Axford Director of communications and Engagement – Pray Grow Serve 2035 a 10-year vision of transformation for the diocese of Exeter

Unfortunately, due to a diary clash there was no presentation in October

The presentations encouraged discussion along with suggested actions:

- Look at service patterns to free time and energy for missional activities
- Provide a good welcome, good coffee and a space to answer questions
- Support new initiatives
- Preach the Good News, Pray with Hope, prepare and train so people can be sent out
- Develop and secure the future with good resources
- Passion for Life, getting young parents - 25-40 year olds
- Delegate, give trust to others, if things go wrong, build up again
- Be focused, don't spread too thinly. Find the right thing for now
- Take bold little steps

Finance reports are presented, in October the report indicated that our Deanery in the Totnes Archdeaconry had paid 84% of the common fund to date which is a similar position to the previous year,

The next deanery meeting will be held in June.

Erica Dunn, Deanery Representative

i) MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

The AGM was held in January 2025 and 9 people attended. Sandra Dunford was re-elected as Branch Leader and Treasurer and Margaret Birch volunteered to be our Branch Secretary and Correspondent.

We met 11 times during the year and enjoyed various talks and visits. In April and November we celebrated our Spring and Autumn Birthdays with a party at the home of Liz Holme in Ogwell. We also visited Liz for afternoon tea in July and October and admired the flowers in her garden in both seasons in Summer and Autumn. At the meeting in March, Audrey's friend Olive spoke about her job in Torbay Hospital as an HCA, a Health Care Assistant, helping nurses on

the wards. She has worked there for 25 years and enjoys helping the patients with their needs during their stay in hospital.

In June Hilary Gorman gave us an excellent history talk about Ukraine, revealing many little known facts about this country which finds itself currently at war with Russia. James Meakin talked about his employment with the Rank Xerox Company in September. This was a new career after leaving the Royal Navy. He and Mollie spent 4 years living in Cornwall, but his new job took him all over the country servicing printing/copying machines for large and small businesses.

In May we had an afternoon of memories of the celebrations on VE Day 80 years after the 5 long years of World War II in Europe. In December because of illnesses and loss of members only 4 of us met to share fellowship and more memories of Christmases past, and mince pies.

The August meeting was cancelled as I was taken to hospital in the early hours of the Monday of the meeting with acute appendicitis.

During the year we sadly lost 2 loyal members, Ursula Kent who remembered all our birthdays, and sent cards and little presents to each member plus cards at Easter and Christmas, and later we lost Jean Strong, our former Treasurer, and who booked up some lovely venues for Christmas meals. We miss both these lovely ladies very much and they contributed their time and talents to our Mothers' Union Branch.

We meet on the second Monday of each month usually in the Coffee Room, Kingskerswell Parish Centre and have occasional speakers talking on various topics, a raffle and tea/coffee with biscuits after sharing fellowship and prayers. All profits are sent to the Mothers' Union in Exeter Diocese and spent on projects supported by the Mothers' Union. There are 4 million members worldwide in 84 countries, and if you want to learn more about this huge organisation come along to one of our meetings. Everyone is welcome, Including gentlemen.

In 2026 the Mothers' Union Organisation is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. Mary Sumner, the founder, held her first meeting with mothers and their children in her husband's vicarage in 1876 and from that meeting this worldwide organisation, concerned with the care of families and children across the world, was born. A celebration is taking place in St. Paul's Cathedral in London in June and later in Durban, South Africa with all members being invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader - tel. 01803 921723 or e-mail gandsdunford@outlook.com

Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader

j) FLOWER REPORT

Flowers were provided and arranged in the Parish Church throughout 2025, apart from during Lent, greenery was used during advent.

Additional arrangements were provided for the major religious festivals i.e. Christmas and Easter. Several members of the regular congregation made donations for flowers dedicated to the memories of loved ones.

The Church Social Committee continue to support the flower fund by donating 25% of the profit for their events which has proven to be invaluable and without which I would be unable to provide flora decorations throughout the year in our beautiful 13th century (almost!) church.

60 small posies of daffodils were distributed within the church on Mothering Sunday.

Thank you Social Committee!

Jenny Benney, Church Florist

k) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Social Committee for 2025.

Rev. Michael Wilkie continued to chair the meeting, the Treasurer is Helen Rowsell to whom monies collected are paid and Peter Thomson includes Social Committee finances in his Annual Report. There is no need for a secretary as Helen Rowsell deals with correspondence. Patricia Rodriguez continues to take and distribute notes of the meetings, usually by email, and copies of the agenda at each meeting.

We continued to meet in the Parish Rooms, although during the year the meeting time was changed to 1700. We meet monthly and this time has remained. This year no meetings were held in January and August. Churchwardens Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal continue to attend meetings and from October Helen Rowsell also attended.

During the year three committee members resigned at various times of the year. These were Liz Atkinson, Jackie Mellor and Kaye Hurford. Kaye's resignation meant that her involvement and planning of both the future of the Plant and Garden sale and the Christmas Fayre would cease. Both had already been planned for 2025.

We continued to donate 25% of the profits, from the events organised by the Social Committee to the Flower Fund. In 2025 this amounted to £692.47

During the year the Social Committee approved the following donations from their funds:

£600 towards church floor tiling

£589.20 for the hob in the Parish Centre

£20 for raffle licence to Teignbridge Council

Committee members have been involved in organising and also providing catering/refreshments for the following events:

- Easter services
- Plant Sale 25th April 2025
- VE celebration 5th May 2025
as a collaboration between St Marys and the Parish Council
- Spring time Light Lunch 23rd March 2025
- Plant and Garden Sale 26th April 2025
- Summer Light Lunch 1st June 2025
- Late Summer Lunch 17th August 2025
- Harvest Lunch 12th October 2025
- Craft Fair 1st November 2025
- Christmas Lunch 14th December 2025
- Inside Carol Concert 21st December 2025

Each member of the committee is valued for their individuality and contribution to the success of the events in which we have either helped or organised. We would welcome new members to the Social Committee, currently we meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1700 (5pm) in the coffee room. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the past year, including church members, volunteers and the wider community. We look forward to a successful 2026.

Patricia Rodriguez, Committee Member

Treasurer's Reports on separate attachments

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Kingskerswell

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Charities Act 2006 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Charities Act 2006, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's recommendation

I recommend that none of the charities bank accounts be held in individual names and that they all be registered in the name of the charity.

Signed



(DJ Moate)

Date

26 March 2026

Address

26 Boundary Close
Kingskerswell
TQ12 5BP

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Members of the Parochial Church Council

The members are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the council and of the surplus or deficit of the council for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the council and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	1	139,963	0	139,963	143,012
Investments	2	0	20,689	20,689	21,550
		<u>139,963</u>	<u>20,689</u>	<u>160,651</u>	<u>164,562</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	4	1,262	0	1,262	1,759
Stock		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	3	47,494	9,739	57,232	39,843
		<u>48,755</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>58,494</u>	<u>41,602</u>
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	5	-23,310	0	-23,310	-14,601
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>25,446</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>35,184</u>	<u>27,002</u>
Net assets		<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>
Funds	6	<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf:

Rev. M Wilkie



- Vicar

S Dunford



- Churchwarden

S P Thompson



- Treasurer

Date 5th April 2026

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Planned Giving					
- Covenanted and non covenanted		26,145	0	26,145	32,502
- Tax recoverable		6,772	0	6,772	6,970
General collection		2,645	0	2,645	3,676
Special collection		0	0	0	0
		<u>35,561</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,561</u>	<u>43,148</u>
Voluntary income					
Other voluntary income					
Donations - Special gift		5,033	0	5,033	7,894
- Other		4,643	0	4,643	6,418
Legacies		1,000	0	1,000	0
Other voluntary income		0	0	0	0
		<u>10,675</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,675</u>	<u>14,312</u>
Gross income from events and activities					
Income from Churchyard	8	19,042	2,711	21,753	24,307
Income from Social Committee	12	4,373	0	4,373	3,506
Income from Parish Centre	9	31,553	0	31,553	27,444
Sale of goods	10	375	0	375	0
Income from Church Magazine	11	1,256	0	1,256	1,661
House Communion		220	0	220	0
Bell-Ringers Fund Income		1,374	0	1,374	1,506
Hire of Parish Church		12	0	12	641
Flower Altar Fund income		2,176	0	2,176	1,735
		<u>60,379</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>63,091</u>	<u>60,799</u>
Other income					
		0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Income from investment	13	646	0	646	638
Total incoming resources c/fwd		<u>107,262</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>109,973</u>	<u>118,897</u>

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities (continued) Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Total incoming resources b/fwd		107,262	2,711	109,973	118,897
Total resources used(Page 6)		102,859	1,981	104,840	146,210
		4,403	730	5,133.17	-27,313
Net incoming resources					
Gains and losses on investments:					
- realised		0	0	0	7
-unrealised		0	-862	-862	482
Movement in funds		4,403	-132	4,271.62	-26,824
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2025		161,005	30,559	191,564	218,388
Transfer		0	0	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		165,408	30,428	195,836	191,564

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Resources Used Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants					
Charitable Donations		2,944	0	2,944	894
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Clergy:					
Parochial share		36,000	0	36,000	36,000
Vicar's office expenses		1,479	0	1,479	2,653
Church Clerk	15	16,504	0	16,504	11,148
Fees	8	6,389	0	6,389	7,101
Churchyard expenses	8	0	1,981	1,981	3,116
Light, heat and water		2,404	0	2,404	5,439
Repairs - general		4,768	0	4,768	31,782
Insurance		4,014	0	4,014	3,913
Altar goods		580	0	580	273
Depreciation		3,048	0	3,048	3,048
Organist and choir		1,256	0	1,256	1,698
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		1,770	0	1,770	1891
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,060	0	1,060	1066
Other Parochial expenses	7	0	0	0	0
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	15,793	0	15,793	27,093
Church Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	828
		<u>95,064</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>97,045</u>	<u>137,049</u>
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	<u>3,338</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,338</u>	<u>5,814</u>
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		1,463	0	1,463	2,403
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		<u>1,513</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,513</u>	<u>2,453</u>
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		<u>102,859</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>104,840</u>	<u>146,210</u>

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(c) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Notes on the Accounts Year ended 31 December 2025

1. Fixed Assets	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Additions in Year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	0	6,096	46,521	52,617
Charge for year	0	3,048	0	3,048
At 31 December 2025	0	9,144	46,521	55,665
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2025	63,313	76,650	0	139,963
At 31 December 2024	63,313	79,697	0	143,012

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Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	20,689	21,550
	<u>20,689</u>	<u>21,550</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	29	29
Cash at National Westminster Bank	13,126	7,116
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund *	0	0
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	936	895
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance *	4,414	4,031
CCLA Account *	4,648	4,392
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	1,062	657
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	566	559
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Social account	5,853	4,834
Bell-Ringers	2,633	2,319
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012) *	677	677
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	9,237	8,791
Parish Centre Fund	<u>14,053</u>	<u>5,543</u>
	<u>57,232</u>	<u>39,843</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Notes on the Accounts Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
4. Debtors		
Gift Aid Claim	1,262	1,759
	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,759</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Church electricity bill outstanding	0	700
Parish Centre Solar Panel Loan	12,310	13,810
Parochial share (final payment for 2025 paid in 2026)	11,000	0
Churchyard Maintenance	0	91
	<u>23,310</u>	<u>14,601</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31st December 2025 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	21,550	0	-862	0	20,689
Churchyard maintenance fund	8,333	2,711	0	-1,981	9,063
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	677	0	0	0	677
	<u>30,559</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>-862</u>	<u>-1,981</u>	<u>30,428</u>

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6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other	0	0
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	0	0
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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Year ended 31 December 2025

8. Churchyard Account	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees, Weddings and funerals	17,652	19,205
Deduct fees	-6,389	-7,101
Surplus	11,264	12,104
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	1,390	2,404
CCLA Interest	256	169
Donations	2,455	2,530
	4,101	5,102
Deduct expenses:		
General	-1,981	-3,116
Surplus	2,120	1,986
Total Surplus	13,384	14,090

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Notes on the Accounts Year ended 31 December 2025

9. Parish Centre Account	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received	25,802	24,408
Donations	0	2,851
CCLA Investment interest	446	184
	<u>26,248</u>	<u>27,444</u>
Deduct expenses		
Maintenance	2,862	9,794
Cleaning costs	4,017	4,819
Electricity, gas, telephone	1,502	1,638
Repairs	165	172
Other	1,133	1,083
Insurance	1,500	0
Water	1,462	1,262
Administration	3153	3325
Donation to Church	0	5000
Total expenditure	<u>15,793</u>	<u>27,093</u>
Surplus/ (loss)	<u>10,455</u>	<u>351</u>

10. Goods for resale

Porch sales	375	0
Tradecraft Sales	0	0
Surplus	<u>375</u>	<u>0</u>

11. Parish News

Sales / Advertising	1,256	1,661
	<u>1,256</u>	<u>1,661</u>
Deduct expenses		
Printing and Stationery	0	-828
Surplus	<u>1,256</u>	<u>833</u>

12. Social Committee Account

Income	4,373	3,506
	<u>4,373</u>	<u>3,506</u>
Less Costs/Donation	3,338	5,814
Surplus	<u>1,034</u>	<u>-2,309</u>

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2025	2024
£	£

13. Income from investment

Bank interest	646	638
Dividends	0	0
	<u>646</u>	<u>638</u>

14. Other voluntary income

0	0
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

15. Staff costs and Council expenses

Other than reimbursement of costs,

Church Clerks	16,504	11,148
	<u>16,504</u>	<u>11,148</u>

16. Donations from Trustees (PCC members) during the Year

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The £10,148 is included in on Page 4 - Incoming Resources - Planned Giving - Covenanted and non covenanted £26,145

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Year ended 31 December 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Kingskerswell

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Charities Act 2006 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Charities Act 2006, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's recommendation

I recommend that none of the charities bank accounts be held in individual names and that they all be registered in the name of the charity.

Signed  (DJ Moate)

Date 26 March 2026

Address 26 Boundary Close
Kingskerswell
TQ12 5BP

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Members of the Parochial Church Council

The members are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the council and of the surplus or deficit of the council for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the council and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	1	139,963	0	139,963	143,012
Investments	2	0	20,689	20,689	21,550
		<u>139,963</u>	<u>20,689</u>	<u>160,651</u>	<u>164,562</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	4	1,262	0	1,262	1,759
Stock		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	3	47,494	9,739	57,232	39,843
		<u>48,755</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>58,494</u>	<u>41,602</u>
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	5	-23,310	0	-23,310	-14,601
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>25,446</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>35,184</u>	<u>27,002</u>
Net assets		<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>
Funds	6	<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf:

Rev. M Wilkie



- Vicar

S Dunford



- Churchwarden

S P Thompson



- Treasurer

Date 5th April 2026

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Planned Giving					
- Covenanted and non covenanted		26,145	0	26,145	32,502
- Tax recoverable		6,772	0	6,772	6,970
General collection		2,645	0	2,645	3,676
Special collection		0	0	0	0
		35,561	0	35,561	43,148
Voluntary income					
Other voluntary income					
Donations - Special gift		5,033	0	5,033	7,894
- Other		4,643	0	4,643	6,418
Legacies		1,000	0	1,000	0
Other voluntary income		0	0	0	0
		10,675	0	10,675	14,312
Gross income from events and activities					
Income from Churchyard	8	19,042	2,711	21,753	24,307
Income from Social Committee	12	4,373	0	4,373	3,506
Income from Parish Centre	9	31,553	0	31,553	27,444
Sale of goods	10	375	0	375	0
Income from Church Magazine	11	1,256	0	1,256	1,661
House Communion		220	0	220	0
Bell-Ringers Fund Income		1,374	0	1,374	1,506
Hire of Parish Church		12	0	12	641
Flower Altar Fund income		2,176	0	2,176	1,735
		60,379	2,711	63,091	60,799
Other income					
		0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0
Income from investment	13	646	0	646	638
Total incoming resources c/fwd		107,262	2,711	109,973	118,897

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities (continued) Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Total incoming resources b/fwd		107,262	2,711	109,973	118,897
Total resources used(Page 6)		102,859	1,981	104,840	146,210
		4,403	730	5,133.17	-27,313
Net incoming resources					
Gains and losses on investments:					
- realised		0	0	0	7
-unrealised		0	-862	-862	482
Movement in funds		4,403	-132	4,271.62	-26,824
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2025		161,005	30,559	191,564	218,388
Transfer		0	0	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		165,408	30,428	195,836	191,564

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Resources Used Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants					
Charitable Donations		2,944	0	2,944	894
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Clergy:					
Parochial share		36,000	0	36,000	36,000
Vicar's office expenses		1,479	0	1,479	2,653
Church Clerk	15	16,504	0	16,504	11,148
Fees	8	6,389	0	6,389	7,101
Churchyard expenses	8	0	1,981	1,981	3,116
Light, heat and water		2,404	0	2,404	5,439
Repairs - general		4,768	0	4,768	31,782
Insurance		4,014	0	4,014	3,913
Altar goods		580	0	580	273
Depreciation		3,048	0	3,048	3,048
Organist and choir		1,256	0	1,256	1,698
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		1,770	0	1,770	1891
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,060	0	1,060	1066
Other Parochial expenses	7	0	0	0	0
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	15,793	0	15,793	27,093
Church Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	828
		<u>95,064</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>97,045</u>	<u>137,049</u>
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	<u>3,338</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,338</u>	<u>5,814</u>
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		1,463	0	1,463	2,403
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		<u>1,513</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,513</u>	<u>2,453</u>
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		<u>102,859</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>104,840</u>	<u>146,210</u>

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(c) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

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Year ended 31 December 2025

1. Fixed Assets	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Additions in Year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	0	6,096	46,521	52,617
Charge for year	0	3,048	0	3,048
At 31 December 2025	0	9,144	46,521	55,665
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2025	63,313	76,650	0	139,963
At 31 December 2024	63,313	79,697	0	143,012

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	2025	2024
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	20,689	21,550
	<u>20,689</u>	<u>21,550</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	29	29
Cash at National Westminster Bank	13,126	7,116
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund *	0	0
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	936	895
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance *	4,414	4,031
CCLA Account *	4,648	4,392
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	1,062	657
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	566	559
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Social account	5,853	4,834
Bell-Ringers	2,633	2,319
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012) *	677	677
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	9,237	8,791
Parish Centre Fund	<u>14,053</u>	<u>5,543</u>
	<u>57,232</u>	<u>39,843</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Notes on the Accounts Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
4. Debtors		
Gift Aid Claim	1,262	1,759
	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,759</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Church electricity bill outstanding	0	700
Parish Centre Solar Panel Loan	12,310	13,810
Parochial share (final payment for 2025 paid in 2026)	11,000	0
Churchyard Maintenance	0	91
	<u>23,310</u>	<u>14,601</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31st December 2025 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	21,550	0	-862	0	20,689
Churchyard maintenance fund	8,333	2,711	0	-1,981	9,063
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	677	0	0	0	677
	<u>30,559</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>-862</u>	<u>-1,981</u>	<u>30,428</u>

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6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other	0	0
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	0	0
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8. Churchyard Account	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees, Weddings and funerals	17,652	19,205
Deduct fees	-6,389	-7,101
Surplus	11,264	12,104
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	1,390	2,404
CCLA Interest	256	169
Donations	2,455	2,530
	4,101	5,102
Deduct expenses:		
General	-1,981	-3,116
Surplus	2,120	1,986
Total Surplus	13,384	14,090

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Year ended 31 December 2025

9. Parish Centre Account	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received	25,802	24,408
Donations	0	2,851
CCLA Investment interest	446	184
	<u>26,248</u>	<u>27,444</u>
Deduct expenses		
Maintenance	2,862	9,794
Cleaning costs	4,017	4,819
Electricity, gas, telephone	1,502	1,638
Repairs	165	172
Other	1,133	1,083
Insurance	1,500	0
Water	1,462	1,262
Administration	3153	3325
Donation to Church	0	5000
Total expenditure	<u>15,793</u>	<u>27,093</u>
Surplus/ (loss)	<u>10,455</u>	<u>351</u>

10. Goods for resale

Porch sales	375	0
Tradecraft Sales	0	0
Surplus	<u>375</u>	<u>0</u>

11. Parish News

Sales / Advertising	1,256	1,661
	<u>1,256</u>	<u>1,661</u>
Deduct expenses		
Printing and Stationery	0	-828
Surplus	<u>1,256</u>	<u>833</u>

12. Social Committee Account

Income	4,373	3,506
	<u>4,373</u>	<u>3,506</u>
Less Costs/Donation	3,338	5,814
Surplus	<u>1,034</u>	<u>-2,309</u>

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	2025	2024
	£	£

13. Income from investment

Bank interest	646	638
Dividends	0	0
	<u>646</u>	<u>638</u>

14. Other voluntary income

	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

15. Staff costs and Council expenses

Other than reimbursement of costs,

Church Clerks	16,504	11,148
	<u>16,504</u>	<u>11,148</u>

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