

TRENDLEWOOD CHURCH

Trendlewood Church Annual Report for 2025

Including financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Charity Registration number 1170989

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1. Introduction to Trendlewood Church

We are a Christian community who meet weekly at Golden Valley School, Nailsea at 10.15am. We were planted by Holy Trinity, Nailsea in 1989 but are now an independent church in our own right.

As a charity registered with the Charity Commission, the trustees acknowledge the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our local and wider community.

2. Our Mission at Trendlewood Church

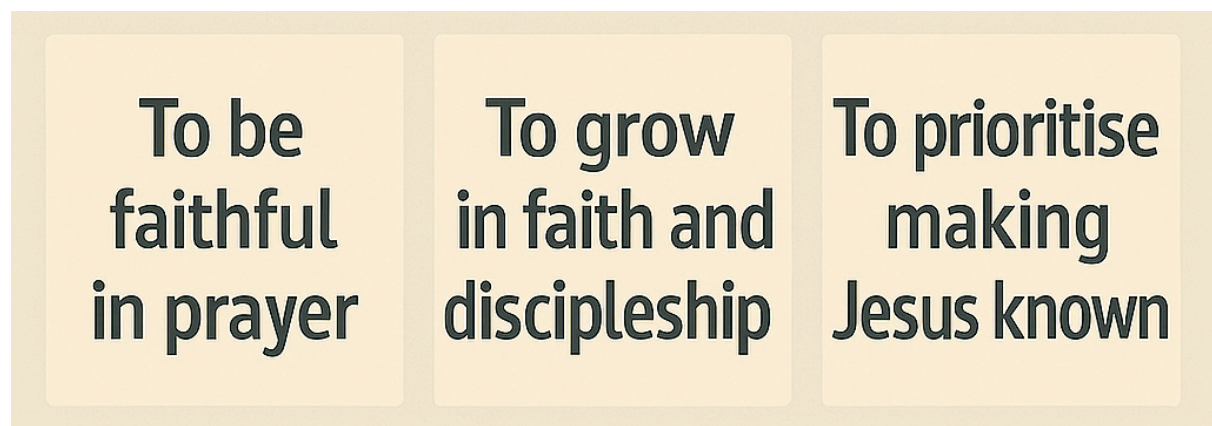
We are a Gospel focused church, in the heart of the community, growing as disciples and giving glory to God in all that we do.

Or in short



3. Our Vision and Ministry

This explains how we are trying to fulfil the mission of the church for the benefit of everyone in the church and in the community. Our objectives include:



4. What we do

Sunday services (Morey)

Our weekly Sunday services and worship put our faith into practice through prayer and bible readings, music and teaching. Our services continue to involve lay people (non clergy) every week. Trendlewood Church remains a place where people can explore and use their gifts.

Our sung worship is led by the music group. The use of backing tracks continues to enhance our sung worship, enabling us to have a fuller sound for a lot of our worship songs. Over the last few years we have built up our library of songs with backing tracks. Due to the way we purchase the backing tracks it means we are able to repeat these songs with no additional cost.'

A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in our Sunday worship; as I look back I am amazed at how much we have done and am so grateful for God's Blessing upon us - Morey



All are welcome to attend our regular services. In 2025, we prepared a new electoral roll in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. 40 people were on the electoral roll, of which 11 resided in the conventional district (*a Conventional District is a defined but adaptable structure for a particular geographical area which has a different identity from the main parish*).

We continue to develop our teaching ministry as can be noted above. In 2025, we have had preaching series on Concluding Galatians; Encounters with Jesus pre Easter; Post resurrection appearances; Psalms in the Summer; CAP Sunday; Studies on Ruth; Harvest, All Saints, Remembrance, Christ the King; Safeguarding Sunday; A series on Love, Hope and Peace; Christmas services and finished the year with a Coffee gathering at Tim and Hilary's.

We have two homegroups now, as two have joined together, which meet every two weeks to encourage growth in discipleship and this ministry is led by Gillian and Morey Andrews. The Bible

studies are based primarily on the week's sermons offering discussion, prayer and support - helping to look outwards into our community. If you are interested in joining a group then please do speak to us.

Children's and Young People work (Sharon, Ruth, Morey)

Trendlewood Church has run several family activity during school holidays which have been well attended. They are fun ways of exploring bible stories with crafts and activities. We use the Bubble Church puppets to tell the stories.

Bubble Church continues each month and we have a regular group of families that come. We are looking at ways to encourage those who have either only come once or attend infrequently to come again. The team work well together and are exploring ways to support and grow the children's ministry at Trendlewood.

Christmas provided opportunities in taking Bubble Church puppets to a nursery and a pre-school to tell the Christmas story. Our Christingle service was attended by both our regular congregation and bubble church families. On Christmas Eve, the Bubble church team went to Wraxall Church to lead their Crib service.

Morey occasionally led assemblies for children from Reception to Year 6 at Golden Valley School and will continue to do so in 2026.



Prayer (Morey)

Prayer is at the heart of all we do as a church - praying before all we do. Primarily we meet to pray before the weekly services, seeking God; during the services we offer prayers of intercession and offer prayer ministry for any who require this for any reason. We take time to encourage folks to pray at other times when the need arises. As mentioned we now focus our monthly prayer gathering on the post bubble church gathering, worshipping God, praying for the world and each other. This

ministry is being developed and we plan to develop prayer walking in the future months. The pastoral care team (see below) meets to pray monthly.

Pastoral Care (Sandie and Karan)

Pastoral care is an important part of our church's life. Help and prayers have upheld many people during this year. We have a small group of volunteers committed to reaching out to those struggling and praying regularly for those facing difficult times. They may have a trying situation or a hard journey such as grief, depression, loss, sickness, loneliness, or a major life transition. We receive between 10 and 20 requests for prayer each month. We pray for people within the church, those known to us, people of other faiths and people who have no faith. Praying for our neighbours is an important part of this. We offer visits and wherever possible practical care and support, such as meals. Wellness and wholeness are core to our group, and we remember verses from Psalm 46:1.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Social (Pauline, Sarah and Sue)

Aim of activities:

- To spend time together as a church family
- To deepen relationships, especially welcome newcomers.
- To be able to invite people to a safe welcoming environment

Most activities are free. Where costs apply (e.g. Christmas social), any profits help fund future free events or support mission partners through donations.

Highlights from the Year

- Shared lunch after church to start the year
- Shrove Tuesday pancakes at Sarah and Mike's
- Cream tea in June with Bubble Church families at Holy Trinity
- Christmas meal at the Trinity Centre, kindly hosted and served by Holy Trinity volunteers

As Bubble Church grows, we aim to offer more family-friendly opportunities

Deanery Synod Report (Ed)

Deanery Synod is our link with the Portishead Deanery and Ed Sheffield is representative for Trendlewood Church. Portishead Deanery Synod met four times, as usual, in 2026 and a full report on the year is available [here](#).

Working with other Churches locally (Morey)

Our minister is also the Rector for Wraxall and Failand and we have been looking at sharing ministry throughout the year - for example, Lent and Advent courses during 2025. We continue building on this positive relationship and have joined for a united service in November when Bishop Michael came to lead and preach; We maintain our own distinct nature but share with each other when it is right to do so.

On a wider level we are part of the Churches Together in Nailsea and District (CTINAD). The leaders meet monthly for prayer and support and as churches, worshipped together twice in the year (Ignite). We held joint services during 2025 around key times, eg Remembrance, Good Friday.

Evangelism and outreach (Morey)

Our desire remains to make Jesus known in our community. We are always open to opportunities as they arise, whether it is in the school, at other events, welcoming newcomers into the district. This year we had the privilege of being part of the Trendlewood festival and were a significant presence in being and offering the 4 points leaflet for folks to take away; We endeavour to offer a Christianity course each year - either The Start Course or Alpha; we are looking in greater depth at how to be “with” community and building relationships. The junior parkrun offers opportunities for conversation and connection.



Service in our Community (Fiona)

Most church members volunteered or supported in other ways at the 6th [Trendlewood Community Festival](#) held on Golden Valley School grounds on Saturday 23 August 2025. Around 2000 local people enjoyed this day-long celebration of music, food and community. A huge effort, well worth it.



[Golden Valley Junior Parkrun](#) continues to be a free, fun and friendly 2km run for those aged 4-14. Church members also get involved to support this initiative on our doorstep as volunteer Run Director and Marshalls. Church members attended to sing Carols at the last event before Christmas.



In 2025 , Teena continued to organise our monthly donations for our local food bank.

Mission Partners

It is our practice to give 10% of our income to mission support which includes the four following mission partners and support them regularly in prayer. Trendlewood Committee received updates from the partners and completed a full review in 2025.

Hope for Life Katanga, Uganda	Vision: To enable families in Uganda to realise their potential towards living a self-sufficient life. HLF offer livelihood training, education, healthcare services and community development
Mercy Ships, Worldwide	Vision: By improving healthcare delivery in every country it visits, Mercy Ships is working to eradicate the diseases of poverty and effectively do itself out of a job.
West End Impact, Morecambe	Reacting to crisis and rebuilding lives. Christian charity, West End Impact supports people in one of the most economically deprived areas of England
Jenny and Elifadhili Ayo	Jenny and Elifadhili are founders of Zuia Trafficking Tanzania. The charity's mission is: Together, we can prevent human trafficking from happening to the most vulnerable. We use an integrated approach that focuses on building social and economic capacity for those at risk of becoming trafficking victims

Along with other local churches, we prayed for and supported financially, the Connect Schools Work Project at Nailsea School. Trendlewood Church also supported the local [Christian's Against Poverty team \(Gordano Valley\)](#)

Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (Mark)

We maintain our Terrier (list of goods and ornaments owned by Trendlewood Church) and it is available to view on request. A new projector was added to the list this year.

Clergy (Morey)

Verbal report / sermon will be given at the Annual meeting - which then will be added as an addendum, to this report.

5. Financial Review

Total receipts for unrestricted funds were £50,503, including gift aid reclaimed. Total expenses came to £58,536.

We made an operating loss of £8,033 in 2025. Our reserves of £60,207 are adequate to meet our budgeted shortfall for 2026.

The largest expense is the Diocesan Parish Share of £44,029. The Parish Share is used in part by the Diocese to meet salary and related costs of clergy. We continue to review our ability to maintain our Parish Share payments throughout the year.

We allocate at least 10% of giving to mission support. In 2025 we gave £4,800 to our Mission Partners and £1,306 to several local outreach projects. Total mission support in 2025 was £6,106 therefore exceeding our 10% commitment.

6. Reserves Policy

It is our policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least 6 weeks of operating expenses. This equates to £6,755 based on 2025 expenditure. At the end of the year, our total assets stood at £60,207.

7. Safeguarding

Trendlewood Church Council (TWCC) has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). TWCC has ensured that all safeguarding policies have been followed. No safeguarding concerns have been raised during this year.

Regular children's groups have not run during this year. We have run several families activity days where all children are supervised by parent/carer they came with. We continue to run bubble Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We understand that "Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility" We ran a Safeguarding Sunday service to help all members of the Church understand how they can identify and report concerns.

As a parish we use the safeguarding dashboard, which prompts us with reviews of policies. There are 3 levels of this and as a church ours is now at level 3. This means we have kept up to date with all the policies and checks. Safeguarding training has been completed by members who needed to do so. We now have access to the safeguarding hub which has made the task of keeping up to date with checks and training much easier.

8. Volunteers

We are thankful to all our volunteers for their week by week support to cover the many, many roles at Trendlewood Church. They all make our Church what it is; a welcoming community in the service of God. Anyone who wants to learn more about a role in Trendlewood is encouraged to ask the Duty Warden or service leader on a Sunday.

We are the shape of church we are because the gifts, skills and talents we all possess.

Thank you to all those who have served on our Church Council this year

There is always room for people to serve, so if you are interested then please do get in touch, especially for the roles of Church Secretary and Church council members.

9. Administration and Governance

Trendlewood Church is a Conventional District, situated in Nailsea. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 41 Vowles Close, Nailsea, BS48 1PP.

Trendlewood Church Council members who have served from March 25 until this report's approval are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: Rev'd Morey Andrews (Chair)
- Curate: Rev'd Russell Herbert (from 4 Jan 2026)
- Reader: Caroline Mason (chooses not to attend)
- Reader: Sylvia Phillips (chooses not to attend)

Elected members:

- Mark Austin (Churchwarden, until 2026)
- Edward Sheffield, representative on Deanery Synod (until 2028)
- Simon Cross (until 2028)
- Sharon Brown (until 2027)

Induction and ongoing training is offered to all members of the Trendlewood Church Council. Often this training is provided by the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

During the year, the TwCC and church volunteers

- Reviewed Mission Partners
- Led a Safeguarding Service to highlight role of all church members in safeguarding
- Ongoing review of policies and procedures. Health and Safety review is due in Spring 2026.

10. Statement of Financial Activities and Independent Examiner's Report

On the next page.

Trendlewood Church's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Incoming resources	£	£
Planned giving	39,857	38,062
Income tax recovered	8,862	10,994
Legacy Gifts	-	-
Donations from Fundraising	17	36
Grants	125	-
Interest income	1,155	1,674
Other income	487	353
Reserves transferred in as opening balance	-	-
Total incoming resources	50,503	51,119
Resources expended		
Charitable activities:		
Parish Share	44,029	42,182
Clergy expenses and Training	748	674
Outreach	1,306	1,466
Youth, Children's and Families Work	176	1,100
Rent, Property & Sunday Services	6,576	6,709
Administration costs	639	680
Mission Support	4,800	4,800
Giving from Fundraisers	263	378
Other	-	(0)
Total resources expended	58,536	57,989
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources	(8,033)	(6,870)
 <i>Net movement in funds</i>	 (8,033)	 (6,870)
<i>Funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2025</i>	68,240	75,110
<i>Funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2025</i>	60,207	68,240

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2025

		Notes
Cash Funds		£
	Bank current accounts	60,207
Liabilities		
Creditors		-
Net Assets		60,207 ²

Bank Accounts	2025	2024
Giving	310	185
Expenditure	3,347	3,150
Reserves	56,550	64,905
	60,207	68,240

Notes

for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. The financial statement of the TWCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

2. All of Trendlewood Church's funds are Unrestricted or General Funds and can be used to fulfill our aims and objectives. However, TWCC has agreed to put aside up to £1,000 per year as a hardship fund to be spent at the discretion of the Minister in accordance with our Finance Policy. This represents a Designated Fund as per charity reporting requirements.

Net assets as at 31st December 2025	£60,207
Less Ministers Hardship Fund	-£1,000
Balance available	£59,207

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

TRENDEWOOD

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31ST DECEMBER 2025

Charity Number (if applicable):

1170989

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of trustees and
examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

J Holmes

Date:

28/1/26

Name:

Jenny Holmes

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