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# Annual Report for St John the Baptist Kingston and Putney Vale 2025

## AGM meeting April 26th at 10.30 am 2026





# Annual General Meeting

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am

In the Chair: Team Vicar: Rev Amanda Beck

### **Vestry Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 2025

Ruth Ruocco Brown is currently church warden.

### **Election of two Churchwardens for the year**

Note: Any adult resident in the Parish or anyone who is on the Church's Electoral Roll is entitled to vote in the election of Churchwardens.

### **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 2025

Amendment for accuracy, agreement and signing of the minutes

Annual Report: to be received and to be approved

Matters arising from the Annual Report

Election of up to three members of the Laity to serve on the Parochial Council for the year PCC

Currently on PCC

Amanda Beck team vicar,

Andrew Cadman, deanery synod representative.

Has a place and will be up for election in 2027

- i **Malcolm Kaye**
- ii **Beverly Morley-Brown**
- iii **Jayne Thomas**

Has a place and will be up for election in 2028

- i. **Lilian Joseph**
- ii **Angela Wallace**
- iii **Vicky Cappana**

3 Vacancies for places until 2029

**Our thanks go to Christina Renner-Thomas, who has come to the end of her term.**

Appointment of Sidespeople Ravina Toma-Younis, Martin Hirst, Valona Renner Thomas, Bill Trimble, Cheong Wong, Andrew Bignold, Garry Conn, Angela Wallace Paul Greenwood, Angelo Cappana

Appointment of Independent Examiner Nigel Wain has said he is willing to be reappointed.

Appointment of altar servers to administer the chalice currently Beverly Morley-Brown, Malcolm Kaye, and Ruth Ruocco Brown.

Appointment of Trustees to the Village Hall currently Andrew Bignold, Ruth Ruocco Brown, Beverly Morley-Brown and Amanda Beck

Reflecting on the future of St John's

## St John the Baptist Church by Team Vicar Rev Mandy Beck

Something truly exciting happened in 2025: alongside our regular worship and community activities, we launched Wellspring.

For many years, we have longed to reach out to our neighbours and share the love and blessing that Jesus promises for all people. Yet this could often feel like just words.

While we have invited people to large events such as summer fayres and firework displays, we began to ask what it really means to offer love and blessing in a more personal and lasting way. As Isaiah says, “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” Wellspring has been our response to that calling.

Wellspring is a fresh expression of church, building new relationships and forming a growing community. It seeks to bring life in all its fullness, caring for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. Since its launch in October, more than 50 people have joined.

Activities include exercise classes and walks, alongside social gatherings and opportunities for reflection and prayer.

One participant shared that coming to Wellspring has started them on a journey towards having more good days than bad. Because it is local, they found the courage to leave their home and take part—something that had previously felt out of reach.

Wellspring has been made possible by a dedicated team, the commitment of its members, and the faithful prayers of many within the church. Keeping groups small has enabled meaningful relationships to grow, and it feels as though we are discovering new strength together.

Making our hall available has had financial implications, as outlined in the finance report, and we are now working to address the resulting deficit.

Wellspring represents St John the Baptist stepping out in faith and discovering where God is leading us. It is both exciting and, at times, a little daunting, but it is a joy to share this journey together.

In the coming year, we hope to double Wellspring membership, increase diversity, and see Wellspring make a difference in many more lives.

Thank you for your continued generosity—in your time, talents, and giving—which makes the work of St John the Baptist possible. A Special thank you to Ruth Ruocco Brown our church warden. In a world often marked by challenge and despair, we are helping to create hope, trusting that with God all things are possible.

## Kingston Team Ministry Report 2025 by Rev Joe Moffatt, Team Rector

The Kingston Team Ministry is a group of three parishes: St John the Evangelist, Kingston (in Spring Grove); St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale (in Robin Hood Lane) and All Saints Kingston (in the Ancient Market Place).

An important aspect of our team ministry is the mutual support that the clergy provide for each other. We meet up for an hour every week to discuss our work and pray for each other. We also provide holiday cover and pulpit swaps. We were delighted to see the clergy team expand with the licensing of Rev Sylvie Collins-Mayo as an Associate Priest in March and Rev Michael Stokes as Pioneer Curate in June. We look forward to Michael’s priesting on July 4th 2026.

Another significant joint activity is the Lent Course that we do together in mixed groups, with each church hosting sessions at different times of the week. Our theme for 2025 was ‘Speaking of God’ and we reflected on a superb series of sermons by chaplains who



all worked in challenging settings. We will repeat the format in 2026, focussing on 'Thorny Passages of the Bible'.

A notable development in 2025 was the running of a Growing Leaders course. Nine participants from our churches were commissioned at the end of the year, having met together every month as a group and also with individual mentors. They are now all exploring future lay leadership roles within our churches. This is a great encouragement. In 2025 we also introduced a joint annual service for Ascension Day. St John the Baptist hosted an outdoor communion in their wonderful church garden, culminating in the release of helium balloons, carrying our prayers heavenward. In 2026 we will gather at All Saints on May 14th.

There is also a joint Parish Weekend Retreat which is planned for June 5-7, 2026, at Storrington Priory in the Sussex Downs. This is an opportunity to build friendships across our three churches as well as enjoy time in prayer and relaxation.

I'd like to celebrate the launch of an exciting new initiative at St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale, called Wellspring. Rev Mandy Beck, the Team Vicar, writes:

'Wellspring is a community which aims to bring life in all its fullness to its members and the community in which it is set, caring for the whole person- body, mind and spirit.

'Since its launch in October, more than 50 people have joined. To care for our bodies, we offer exercise classes, walks and nutrition talks. For mental wellbeing, we host social activities such as games nights, film nights and community lunches. For spiritual development, we gather for meditations in nature, poetry by the fireside and times of mindfulness and reflection.

'Finally, I'd like to celebrate the launch of Wellspring with everyone involved in this exciting initiative at St John the Baptist. I look forward to seeing it evolve and flourish.'

## Treasurers report 2025 Statement by Vicky Capanna (Treasurer) & Figures compiled by Mel Brandy (Bookkeeper)

As of 31/12/2025, there is £65,498 in our Co-op bank account. For the ninth consecutive year, we have been successful—and very fortunate—to receive a grant from Kingston Vale Trust. In 2025, the grant totalled £20,752 and enabled us to host several community events, helping to bring people together and strengthen our community.

Our total income for 2025 was £73,971, while expenditure amounted to £89,149.

Unrestricted funds stood at £47,604, with restricted funds at £26,368.

Tax relief received through Gift Aid under the Parish Giving Scheme totalled £3,264 for the year. Income from hall lettings increased by £607—many thanks to Sue for her continued hard work in this area. Even with the costs of running events, we have remained committed to supporting our regular charities.

DESIGNATED PAYMENTS 2025

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY 482.97

BISHOPS LENT APPEAL 533.00

MIND 180.50

TOTAL £1,196.47

Over the past year, we have shared many wonderful moments together, with a wide range of events including live entertainment, summer fairs, and community lunches.

These have been made possible through the support of grants from KVT, BEWELL, and others.

In October, we were also delighted to launch Wellspring, which is off to a very promising start and we hope will provide vital funds for St John the Baptist going forward.

Despite the incredible efforts of so many, our Co-op bank account funds have decreased from £81,933 to £65,498 a reduction of £16,435, and our end-of-year accounts show a deficit of £11,485.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has generously donated to St John the Baptist, helping us to keep our church running. A special thank you to Sue for her hard work managing hall bookings and events. Thank you also to everyone who gives their time to help maintain the church and grounds, saving valuable resources, and to those who carefully look after cash donations. Our sincere thanks to Shirley for taking on the role of Gift Aid Secretary and for her continued efforts in reclaiming Gift Aid. And thank you to everyone involved in planning and launching Wellspring. Finally, to everyone who contributes whether through donations, volunteering, or support in any form, big or small please know that your efforts are noticed, deeply appreciated, and essential to the future of St John the Baptist.

Thank you all.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A FULL COPY OF THE ACCOUNTS, PLEASE PICK ONE UP FROM THE OFFICE.**

## Gift Aid by Shirley Price

We currently have 15 church members signed up to support the church financially through the Parish Giving Scheme. This organisation processes on our behalf the regular giving of those members by claiming back 'their gift aid' on our behalf. This saves the church a lot of additional work and the payments to the church are received on a monthly basis. For further information: contact 0333 002 1271 or <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/kingston-vale-st-john-sjtb-london>

I should like to take this opportunity to thank both Gary Conn and Cheong Wong for their work over past years in claiming gift aid through the envelope giving programme and general donations. In September I was made aware of the financial situation of the church and investigated how we could make an additional claim to HMRC for small donations. By improving our record keeping we are now able to claim for cash donations under £30, these include donations using;

- The SumUp Machine at the back of the Church and made by card.
- Cash placed on the offering plate
- As well as through the Blue Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church which can be used for regular cash/cheque giving if preferred.

For donations above £30 the church can only claim back gift aid (which amounts to £1 for every £4 given) if a Gift Aid Declaration Form has been completed. Copies are available from the church office. As we look at the current financial situation of St John's please consider ways in which you might be able to increase your support for the ongoing ministry of the church.

## Church Warden by Ruth Ruocco Brown

2025 had an auspicious start with a visit from Bishop Christopher on 13th January. We spent a very enjoyable evening with him including prayers, a meal kindly cooked by Steve and conversations with many from our worshipping community. It was good to meet and share with him before he retires in August.

We also had a visit from Bishop Martin, Bishop of Kingston, who attended a Sunday morning service. This is one occasion where the church wardens carry their ceremonial wands. Traditionally the wardens can use their wands to tap the shoulder of any member of the congregation who falls asleep during the sermon. Fortunately, this did not seem to be necessary!

In the Autumn of 2025, the PCC again successfully applied for a grant of £15, 000 from the Kingston Vale Trust. We thank the trust for their grant which helps to fund the newsletter, outreach events and much more.

Many of our church activities are detailed under other reports. However, I would especially like to highlight the launch of Wellspring in October. This exciting new initiative has so much to offer. I have enjoyed poetry by the fireside in the vicarage, quizzes and board games, stunning walks in Richmond Park and trying to improve my fitness with circuit training, just to mention a few of the activities that are taking place. Over the past year more people have been joining our worshipping community. This is exciting to see and I hope that newcomers, whether visitors, or those hoping to put down roots, will feel welcomed.

As a churchwarden, something that I have come to appreciate more and more is the amount of work done by our small, but dedicated worshipping community. Many of these jobs are quite mundane and are carried out quietly, behind the scenes. But, without this support the church would not continue. Thank you all!

For much of the past year I have been the only church warden and would very much appreciate a fellow warden to join me. The key role of church wardens of course is to support Mandy, our vicar. She works tirelessly, both in the church and in her various roles in the wider community. Her witness is inspirational – Thank you Mandy!

## Parish Safeguarding Officer's Report by Ruth Ruocco Brown

The PSO's role is to ensure that we, as a church, are looking after children and vulnerable adults, to the best of our ability, complying with the requirements of the Diocese. About a year ago St Johns, along with other churches, completed a full safeguarding audit. More recently, the Diocese introduced a system called Parish Safeguarding Dashboards. New policies and procedures are making churches safer, but they have also brought a significant increase in the amount of administration for safeguarding officers. The concept of Safeguarding Dashboards is to address this challenge by making safeguarding administration simpler for everyone.

Many of those who have roles within the church must complete safeguarding training. This is free and some is available face to face, as well as via Zoom. The shorter courses are accessed online through the Diocesan website. However, we have supported those who had difficulty managing online training.

Another important part of the PSO's role is to ensure that DBS checks are done when needed. The church offers a range of activities for all ages and DBS checks are necessary for those involved with children's activities and in some other positions.

These are usually straightforward and the form is completed online. However, in 2025 a data breach occurred involving Access Personal Checking Services (APCS) Ltd – the provider the Diocese used for DBS checks. For this reason, the Diocese stopped carrying out DBS checks using APCS. This has meant that we, as a church, have not been able to process non-urgent checks. Now the Diocese has found a new company to run DBS checks, called thirtyone:eight. We have registered with thirtyone:eight and will begin to resume routine checks.

Information on safeguarding can be found on our church website and on the Diocese of Southwark website: <https://www.southwark.anglican.org>

Various posters with useful information are displayed in our church buildings. If you are interested in training or have any queries or concerns, please feel free to speak to me, Vicky or Mandy.

## Electoral Roll of St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale by Shirley Price

We started the year with 67 persons on the roll, during the year 3 members moved out of the area, and sadly 3 members

Ben Ibeson, Roland Peach, and Anthony Wilkins passed away.

We were delighted to welcome the following:

Angelo Capanna, Misheli Jayawardena, Angela Wallace, Sara Udugampolage, and Cristian Udugampolage into the church. At the end of 2025 we had 66 people on the roll.

## Premises by Sue Richardson

General maintenance has been carried out during 2025 and has included:

Clearance of gutters, Leak in church roof located and fixed, Hedges have been lowered  
Burst pipe behind cabin fixed and lagged, new gate into garden replaced the old one  
was beyond repair, Fire extinguishers refixed to wall, Curtain track temporary fix  
Benches in garden oiled, Hole in stained glass window repaired, Damp areas in church  
treated, Broken slats in ramp repaired, new microwave purchased and fitted  
Unfortunately due to finances more major maintenance items are on hold, and these  
include:

Missing hedge to be replaced with new hedge or fence, Tarmac paths to be repaired and  
realigned, Decoration of halls, Carpets to be deep cleaned, new tables to be purchased  
Uneven floor in hall to be rectified, Sound system in church requires replacing, New  
curtain track

If anyone would like to sponsor any of the above projects, please speak to Mandy.

## Wellspring by Pete Pattertson

**Wellspring is a community which aims to bring life in all its fullness to its members and the community in which it is set, caring for the whole person body, mind and spirit.** Wellspring was successfully launched in October 2025. The launch was to promote the fundamental driving ethos that Wellspring cares for the whole person, the mind, physical wellbeing and spirituality. The launch party was great fun, with live music, food, even the chance to practice some circus skills, and our volunteers were on hand to explain to the public what Wellspring is about and the various activities on offer.



What was particularly heartening was the interest from neighbours who otherwise have not had contact with the Church.

In the six months that have followed the launch, the Wellspring community has grown well. Despite the inevitable initial hesitance for some to become involved in a completely new venture, Wellspring is already becoming established, and we now have a base of 54 members. The list of regular activities is impressive, and it includes community lunches, games nights, film nights, table tennis, community walks, a book exchange, afternoon teas, poetry evenings by the fire, a fitness class, yoga, a breathing and stretching class, mindfulness and meditation events. There is also access to massage, facials and nutritional advice, and personal fitness check-ins.

Membership fees for Wellspring are very modest, at £10 a month (or concessionary rate), £1 for children and currently all the activities are run by volunteers. In the coming year, Wellspring wants to build on its membership significantly so that more activities can be offered. By providing a greater range of activities Wellspring will ensure the needs of more community members can be met. As the parish does not have an already established community other than the Church, it is a challenge to involve the wider neighbourhood. It is therefore important that current members share their experiences with others in the community and encourage their involvement with Wellspring. In the initial planning for Wellspring, the building of a teaching pool was considered. However, in further consultation with the proposed partner, this proved unviable. In the next year other initiatives will be explored by the Wellspring committee, with the purpose of promoting life in all its fullness, caring for the whole person, mind, body and spirit.

## Monday Afternoon Club by Ruth Ruocco Brown

We meet in the church hall at 1.30pm for tea/coffee and cake, followed by an activity from 2- 3pm. The club is now part of Wellspring so sessions are free to members and those who are attending for the first time. Sessions cost £5 for non-members.

Once a month and every week during Lent we have had a community lunch before the club session which has been enjoyed by many members.

We regularly have quizzes and games. Sometimes we get creative and try our hands at crafts. Over the last year we have made Christmas tree decorations using clay and Easter decorations using wood. We also have occasional talks and musical entertainment. In June we were visited by Rachel from the Community Special Care Dentistry Team who gave us advice on looking after our teeth. In the coming months I am planning some trips out, watch this space!

There are currently about fifteen regular members, however we always look forward to welcoming new faces. If you would like to join us or make enquiries on behalf of someone else, please do get in touch with me. I am also very interested in hearing from anyone who is happy to give a talk or lead an activity for the club.

I would like to thank Remo who has been helping me to run the sessions and also the club members for their ongoing support, humour and simply for being such a super group!

## Orchard Church – Children’s Work Annual Report by Vicky Capanna

Orchard Church is a children’s church at St John the Baptist, now running for just over four years. Over the past year, we have adapted the way Orchard Church operates in response to volunteer availability and the changing needs of the children who attend. We meet every Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 am, either in the Andrew Wing of the church or, when possible, outdoors in the garden and grounds.

Each week includes crafts and activities, with a strong focus on being as environmentally friendly as possible. Orchard Church is open to children aged 5 and above. We have a small core group who attend regularly, alongside others who join us when they can.

Our refreshed play area features a monthly Bible-themed focus, such as Noah’s Ark, Esther, Jonah and the Whale, and Daniel in the Lions’ Den.

Sessions vary week to week: sometimes we join the main church service with a dedicated children’s activity, and other times we run separate sessions based on Bible stories, themed activities, or videos linked to the current theme.

We have been looking for a new name for Orchard church to reflect its new direction. We also have a Youth Council for older children and, in 2025, attended YMIC youth events.

Toddle Along (Under 5s Group) Toddle Along, our group for children under 5, ran successfully until the summer holidays with strong attendance. However, following the summer break, attendance declined significantly. As a result, the difficult decision was made to pause the group for the foreseeable future. We will review this in the future to assess whether there is renewed need. Local enquiries suggest that there is currently low uptake for under-5 provision in the area.

## Music at St John the Baptist by Kate Goode

Music plays a big part in our worship at St John’s with two services a month being led in a more open style where the service starts with songs being sung back-to-back in a more contemporary way, often accompanied with guitars. As the melodies are based on the pentatonic scale, and with repeating choruses, they are straightforward for the whole congregation to learn and join in quickly.

More traditional hymns are also sung so that the whole community is represented. On other Sundays, the service follows a more traditional format with well-known hymns and a few lesser-known ones, again to appeal to all tastes and with music supporting the liturgy. Small group singing is also organised for post Communion to support prayer. All our welcome to join in the Music Group and it is led by Joseph with his beautiful tenor voice and members range from teenagers to more mature adults.

We are supported by a core group of magnificent organ players as well who are able to accompany both on the organ or on the piano and we are fortunate to enjoy their playing at the end of the service too. As well as the regular services, the Music Group support other services such as Christenings and Weddings as well as specific Christmas Services such as the Nine Lessons, at Easter and even Halloween. The aim is to be inclusive for all to enjoy.

## Gardens and Grounds of St John the Baptist by Beverley Morley Brown

During 2025 we the garden team, have done our best to keep the beautiful grounds of St John's under control.

There are lots of people to thank but most of all Bill Trimble for caring for the lawns. Bill has cut, cleared and seeded, where needed, all the lawns surrounding the Church and the Jubilee/Orchard garden. The latter is really hard work. He has also, with some help from Joseph, kept the surrounding holly hedges pruned and trimmed. If lawns and hedges are under control, the gardens look and feel fit for use and it is lovely to see children running and playing in the Orchard and folk sitting on the benches in the sun. Tony Wilkins, who died last year, who created the Orchard Garden from a wilderness, would be so happy to see it this spring.

The rest of us gardeners have been working for an hour or so once a month, after the Sunday service, in an attempt to prune and weed the gardens and keep them under control. We can, no longer afford to pay a gardener, so we need all the help possible to keep our lovely inherited gardens and grounds open, free and beautiful for the whole community to use and enjoy.

Thank you to all who have given time and effort and we look forward to more sessions and eventually to the repainting of the car park lines now the weather has improved.

## Outreach Report by Sue Richardson

2025 commenced with a Tom Jones Tribute, which had been postponed from 2024. Our Tom Jones Tribute was recovering from a hip operation.

Quiz Night, always popular and well supported.

Maundy Thursday meal, a three-course meal held in the church, a regular event.

Sunrise Service, this small group enjoyed this rather special event in Richmond Park.

Easter Day, a special day in the church calendar, made even more special by the arrival of a donkey in the procession.

Summer Fayre, our annual event in our beautiful garden, new for 2025 was the Youth Drumming band from Chiswick School. A great event for all the community.

Rod Stewart Tribute, enjoyed by all who attended, and went on later than expected.

Harvest Lunch followed the Harvest Festival where donations were collected for the local food bank.

Halloween Event light in the dar was fun for all the children and adults who attended.

Laser Lights, a new event this year, as we hadn't been able to hold our regular Fireworks display, not as well attended as hoped but everyone who did attend thought the lights were fantastic.

Christmas Afternoon Tea, becoming a regular event, we welcomed members of the community to join together for afternoon tea served at their table, entertainment from a Tribute Frank Sinatra.

Children's Christmas Tea Party Although planned as a Traditional Children's party with Tea and Games, had to be cancelled due to lack of uptake.

Christmas Services, included our live Nativity service with a real donkey, and the Crib in the garden. A very special 9 lessons service, with a wonderful choir that was enjoyed by everyone. Midnight Mass was well attended as well as the Christmas Day service.

## Bible Group by Shirley Price

Every Wednesday evening throughout the year a small group of 4-5 people have joined together to continue reading through The Bible, using a variety of different versions we started the year in the book of Exodus and finished with 2 Chronicles.

Following the lives of Moses and the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, The Ten Commandments, the building of the Tabernacle and the lives of Ruth, Samuel Saul, David & Solomon to name but a few. We are not especially studying each chapter , however there is an opportunity to share a thought or raise a question.

Charity number 1171550

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, KINGSTON AND PUTNEY VALE**

**Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

**For the year ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025**



## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale**

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the accompanying pages, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner**

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5b)) of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met

(2) to which attention should be drawn, in my opinion, to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner

**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>					
Investments	4	41,143			39,366
Office Equipment - cost		678			
Office Equipment - acc depreciation		<u>(168)</u>			
			41,653		
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>					
Debtors	5	-		376	
Cash at bank		<u>65,499</u>		<u>81,934</u>	
		65,499		82,310	
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>					
Amounts falling due within 1 year	6	<u>2,926</u>		<u>2,272</u>	
<b><u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			62,573		80,038
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<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>			£104,226		£119,404
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Represented by:					
<b><u>FUNDS</u></b>					
Unrestricted			99,538		114,373
Restricted			4,688		5,031
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			£104,226		£119,404
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf by:

The Revd A Beck (Chairman)

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTALS	2024 Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>					
Regular giving	7	17,714	0	17,714	22,830
Grants & donations	8	9,680	25,851	35,531	41,489
Activities for generating funds	9	16,990	517	17,507	16,122
Receipts from church activities	10	1,558	0	1,558	2,293
Investment income	11	1,662	0	1,662	1,599
		47,604	26,368	73,972	84,333
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>					
<b><u>Church activities:</u></b>					
Diocesan parish share		25,353		25,353	24,378
Other payments	12	38,863	26,711	65,574	60,820
		64,216	26,711	90,927	85,198
<b><u>Surplus / (deficit)</u></b>		(16,612)	(343)	(16,955)	(865)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	2	1,777		1,777	928
		(14,835)	(343)	(15,178)	63
Add funds at 31st December 2024		114,373	5,031	119,404	119,341
<b><u>FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025</u></b>	3	£99,538	£4,688	£104,226	£119,404

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

**St John the Baptist Church, Kingston and Putney Vale**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**1(a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') together with applicable accounting standards of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investments, which are shown at market value.

**1(b) Non-monetary assets**

- a) Church furnishings and fittings are held by the church wardens on special trust.
- b) Church hall furniture, fittings and equipment. Office equipment depreciated over 4 years
- c) The Andrew's wing.

**2 Unrealised gains (losses) on investments**

The amount of £1,777 shown on the SOFA represents the capital appreciation in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 between the investment cost and the unrealised market value.

**3 Designation of funds**

- (a) Restricted funds arise from donations, grants and legacies received for specified purposes.
- (b) Unrestricted funds are held available for the ordinary purposes of the PCC.

<b>4 Investments</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
1027.56 Central Board of Finance shares: cost	5,826	5,826
1059.94 M&G income units: cost	15,500	15,500
Unrealised gains on investments	<u>19,817</u>	<u>18,040</u>
	<u>£41,143</u>	<u>£39,366</u>
<b>5 Debtors</b>		
Hall hire (payment in advance)	0	0
Other debtors	<u>0</u>	<u>376</u>
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£ 376</u>
<b>6 Amounts falling due within 1 year</b>		
Accruals	0	0
Creditors for goods and services	2,559	1,754
Other creditors	<u>367</u>	<u>518</u>
	<u>£2,926</u>	<u>£ 2,272</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
<b>7 Giving</b>				
Envelopes	844		1,381	
Standing orders	96		96	
Parish Giving Scheme	13,509		16,580	
Donations under gift aid	0		0	
Tax relief (gift aid)	3,265		4,773	
	<u>£17,714</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£22,830</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b>8 Grants &amp; donations</b>				
Unrestricted donations	9,680		19,739	
Restricted grants		25,851		21,750
	<u>£9,680</u>	<u>£25,851</u>	<u>£19,739</u>	<u>£21,750</u>
<b>9 Activities for generating funds</b>				
Andrew's lets	264		102	
Hall lets	10,779		10,171	
Car parking	802		855	
Other			816	
KVT		517	622	
Community and fund raising events	5,145		3,556	
	<u>£16,990</u>	<u>£517</u>	<u>£16,122</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b>10 Receipts from church activities</b>				
Fees	1,558		2,293	
	<u>£1,558</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£2,293</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b>11 Investment income</b>				
CBF deposit fund interest	660		645	
CBF investment fund(M&G)	1,002		954	
	<u>£1,662</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£1,599</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<u>£47,604</u>	<u>£26,368</u>	<u>£62,583</u>	<u>£21,750</u>



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£
<b>12 Payments</b>				
<i>Projects</i>				
Hall major repairs	2,268		2,532	
Church major repairs	4,641	3,497	6,329	
	<u>£6,909</u>	<u>£3,497</u>	<u>£8,861</u>	<u>£0</u>
<i>Ministry</i>				
Administration support	7,660	517	7,862	
Choir & organ	3,260		3,702	
Fees	730		1,944	
	<u>£11,650</u>	<u>£517</u>	<u>£13,508</u>	<u>£0</u>
<i>Parish outreach</i>				
Office costs	2,929	501	2,050	
Office equipment depreciation	168			
Fundraising event costs	0	7,636	5,519	
Expenses	45	123	893	
Magazine publicity	0	1,642	1,752	
Church activity	169	198	2,424	
Miscellaneous	40		0	
Children's work	0	5,970	5,767	
	<u>£3,351</u>	<u>£16,070</u>	<u>£18,405</u>	<u>£0</u>
<i>Church running costs</i>				
Cleaning	3,089	425	2,909	
Insurance	3,301		3,123	
Utilities	3,986		2,023	
	<u>£10,376</u>	<u>£425</u>	<u>£8,055</u>	
<i>Independent examiner's fee</i>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
<i>Restricted fund expenses KVT (part of other categories in prior years)</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(15,122)</u>	<u>15,122</u>
<i>Well spring expenses</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,202</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>2,219</u>
<i>Hall running costs</i>				
Rubbish/Cleaning	0		359	
Hall security	0		109	
Insurance	1,146		1,023	
Utilities	2,431		5,115	
Legal/bookkeeping Fees	3,000		3,095	
	<u>£6,577</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£9,701</u>	<u>£0</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>£38,863</u></b>	<b><u>£26,711</u></b>	<b><u>£43,479</u></b>	<b><u>£17,341</u></b>

## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St John the Baptist Church Kingston and Putney Vale**

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the accompanying pages, in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

### **Respective responsibilities of PCC and the independent examiner**

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5b)) of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishop's Council.

An examination includes a review of the financial records and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met

(2) to which attention should be drawn, in my opinion, to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Nigel Waine

Independent Examiner