

PARISH OF ST THOMAS AND KILVEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1183903

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-06-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL, IN THE PARISH.

Activities: St Thomas Church, Swansea is committed to serving the whole of the City of Swansea to help people reach full potential. We love our neighbour by serving them through our foodbank, night-shelter, baby basics charity, surplus food distribution, mentoring programme and youth and childrens activities. We do this following the command of Jesus to "love your neighbour"

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£224,229	£295,053	-	-
2023-12-31	£404,110	£243,645	-	-
2022-12-31	£213,521	£199,194	-	-
2021-12-31	£300,365	£270,596	-	-
2020-12-31	£720,973	£725,760	£35,664	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Steven Leo Bunting	Chair	2014-03-17
Alison Morris		2018-05-01
Geoffrey Wheel		2018-05-01
Lynda Miners		2018-05-01
Stephen Gardner		2018-05-01

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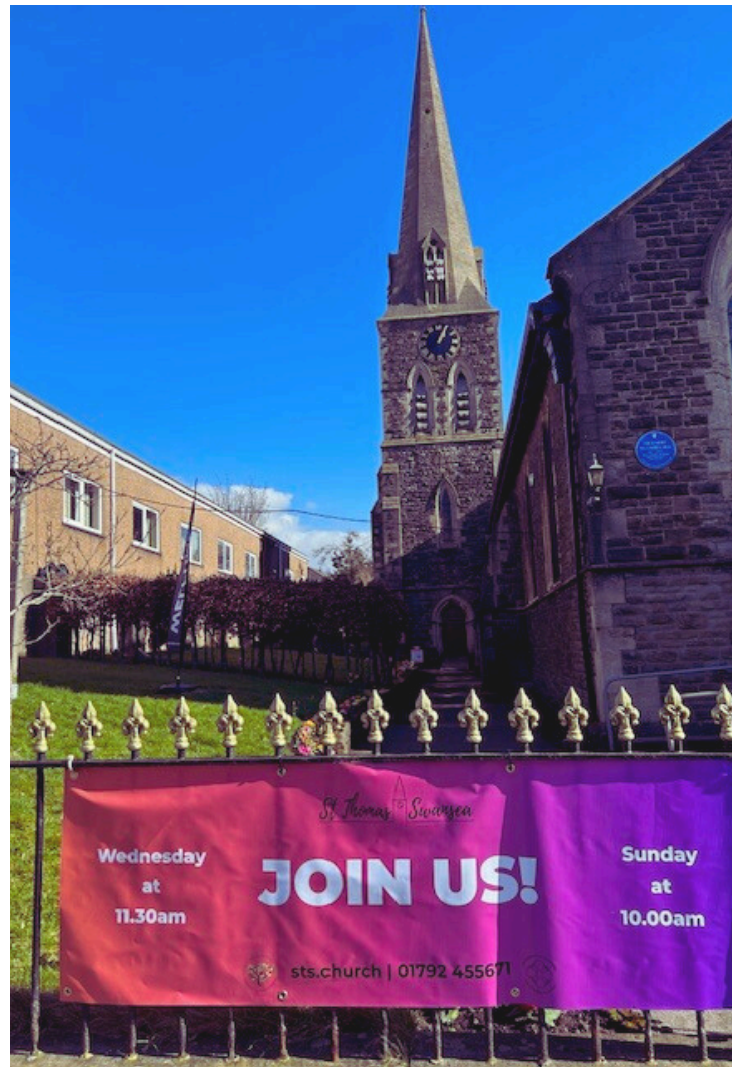


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DEAR FRIENDS



We are a church shaped by a clear vision: to love and serve our community while sharing the hope of Jesus with those around us.

From our weekly community meals that bring together people of all ages, to initiatives like the 'Love Christmas: Gift Grotto', our passion is to demonstrate the love of Jesus in practical and meaningful ways.

Our commitment remains strong—to boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus, not only in our words but through the way we live. I hope this report encourages you as it reflects both the work God is doing among us and the exciting journey ahead as the Diocesan Resource Church.

We warmly invite you to partner with us—through your prayers, your time, your talents, and your financial support. This is a chance to step more deeply into the story God is unfolding through St Thomas Church, and we would be honoured to have you be a part of it.

A special mention must also be made to those members of the church and community that give of their time and finances to assist in the work that we do here. We will always remain grateful to each of them.

This is our church, and we are loving and serving the city in Jesus' name.

With love and prayers

Rachel Bennett & The PCC

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Community Hub:

A hub that offers a safe space, with a guaranteed warm welcome, hot cuppa, sweet treats and a comfy sofa.

Community Grocery:

A bridge between a foodbank and a supermarket, offering a wide range of foods and household essentials at an affordable price.

Breakfast and Board Games:

Creating a warm, welcoming space for our community to enjoy a delicious breakfast, connect with the church community, and spend quality time playing games during the school holidays—all while easing financial pressure for those who may be struggling.

Baby Basics:

Supporting vulnerable mothers and new born babies with a 3-month starter pack and more.

Community Lunch:

Sharing a free two course hot lunch each week with our church family and community.

Stay and Play Cafe:

A welcoming, loving and cafe space for parents, carers and children 0-4 years, to enjoy play, meet others and have refreshments. The community health visitor also runs a drop in service during this time and it has been very beneficial for our community.

Gift Grotto:

A community hall transformed into a gift grotto for families needing extra support during the Christmas period. Gifts, treats and refreshments in a festive fun environment.

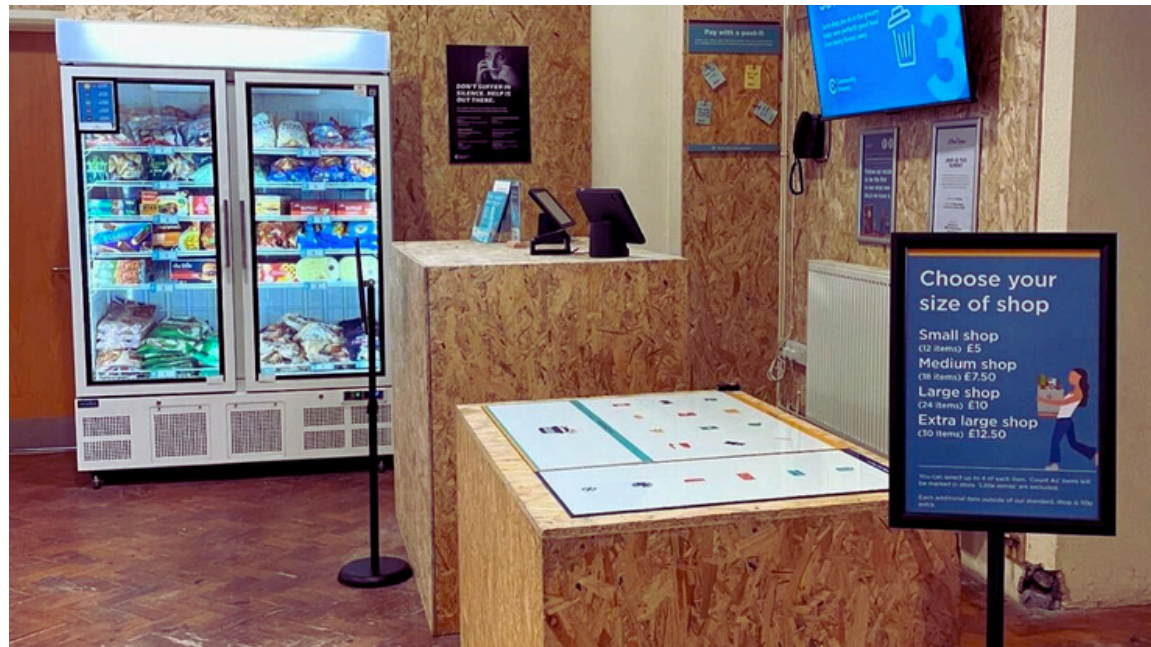
Boys Brigade and Girls Association:

A weekly hangout to play games, eat food and chat about life and faith with our amazing young people.

Services:

Gathering for 2 services each week for worship, prayer and inspiring talks.

COMMUNITY GROCERY



Our social outreach ministry had arms that reach beyond the east side of Swansea with its foodbank, baby basics and warm hub. Therefore we decided to embark on this new initiative – ‘The Community Grocery’.

The Community Grocery is a bridge between a foodbank and a supermarket, meaning members can come and shop for the whole family at the fraction of the cost of a supermarket. With over 20 community grocery’s already open across the UK, they have become a life-line to members who have really struggled with the rise in food and fuel costs.

All members of the community can sign up for £5 for an annual membership of the community grocery, giving them access to food shops multiple times per week. Members can purchase fresh fruit and veg, bakery items, freezer and chilled items, tinned foods and toiletries for as little as £5 per shop, helping them save on their shopping budget.

However, the Community Grocery is not only about food, members are given access to free courses such as learning how to cook, debt and money advice and exploring Christianity courses and much more.

The Community Grocery was launched on Monday 9th July and is open 5 days a week, Monday to Friday and has received a total of 2499 in 2024.

LOVE CHRISTMAS: GIFT GROTTTO



The goal was to create a gift grotto over a weekend in our community hall, offering gifts, Christmas treats, and a welcoming space for caregivers to connect with the church family. While choosing gifts and treats for their child or children, they could enjoy the hospitality and support of our community.

The hall was set up like a shop, divided into age categories, with volunteers assigned to each section to assist. This setup allowed caregivers to have the independence and freedom to select their own gifts for their children, giving them a sense of choice and control.

We didn't want any child to go without a gift this Christmas. This project helped relieve some of the pressure on the most vulnerable families we work with or who are referred to us, providing them with access to free toys and festive treats. In total, over 130 children received gifts worth £60 each, along with sweet treats to bring extra joy to their Christmas.

THE IMPACT 2024



2499

COMMUNITY GROCERY
SHOPS

1222

FREE
BREAKFASTS

2276

COMMUNITY
LUNCHES

148

BABY BASIC
REFERRALS

132

GIFT
GROTTO
PARCELS

2962

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

1300

HOURS OF
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
WORK

121

WORSHIP
SERVICES

51

FUNERALS

This impact is made possible by our amazing staff and volunteers, whose dedication to loving and serving the community often goes above and beyond, even behind the scenes.

WORDS OF HOPE

We've seen the impact through the numbers, and now, let's hear the stories:

I just wanted to express my gratitude, (and that of the mum who I was picking up for) for the baby bundle that I delivered today.

The communication with yourself has been excellent, and your colleague was expecting me when I arrived. She was super helpful in helping me to load my car. The sheer quality and generosity of the bundle was overwhelming for the mum who was ecstatic!

Community Midwife, Baby Basics

I have found the Thursday morning sessions really helpful for the local families in the community, as it is a warm, safe space for parents to bring their children to the playgroup, and to facilitate access to health visiting support and advice. It can be challenging as a health visitor to attend to these families in their homes due to time constraints and caseload priorities. The private room at the church has been utilised for confidential support and advice that otherwise may not have been possible, and I have received positive feedback from the families that I have worked with. I am able to further my public health role in the community which has short and long term health and wellbeing benefits, and with the playgroup running it has enabled families to be less isolated in their homes. These families can provide emotional and psychological support to each other which is immeasurable, increasing their overall health and wellbeing. Furthermore, the staff at the church always provide a warm welcome to families, and provide a free breakfast for the toddlers in these harsh economic times. Any opportunity to strengthen community cohesion and reduce barriers to health monitoring, support and advice is welcome. I have enjoyed the opportunity and hope it will continue, thank you for all the support from the church and yourself.

Health Visitor, Stay and Play Cafe

Serving at Love Christmas was such a blessing. To witness the transformative power of Jesus's love within the community and to play my part in that was incredibly moving. They are days that will stay with me forever.

Volunteer, Gift Grotto

ACCOUNTS

Below is a snapshot of the finances of St Thomas Church Swansea for 2024.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	45,889.05	34,671.90	80,560.95	261,047.52
Charitable Activities	21,358.30	91,996.37	113,354.67	121,832.83
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading Activities	254.60	28,559.02	28,813.62	21,307.35
Other	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Incoming resources	67,501.95	156,727.29	224,229.24	404,187.70
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	48,377.40	145,701.59	194,078.99	135,481.17
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Governance Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support	66,530.81	22,932.15	89,462.96	99,407.66
Other	0.00	11,511.08	11,511.08	8,757.13
Total resources used	114,908.21	180,144.82	295,053.03	243,645.96
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-47,406.26	-23,417.53	-70,823.79	160,541.74
Fund Transfers In	30,661.69	38,986.59	69,648.28	44,858.25
Fund Transfers Out	0.00	69,648.28	69,648.28	44,858.25
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	-16,744.57	-54,079.22	-70,823.79	160,541.74
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-16,744.57	-54,079.22	-70,823.79	160,541.74
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	-16,744.57	-54,079.22	-70,823.79	160,541.74
Total Funds Brought Forward	10,156.56	378,977.75	389,134.31	228,592.57
Total Funds Carried Forward	-6,588.01	324,898.53	318,310.52	389,134.31

In 2024, we continued to rely heavily on grant funding to support the majority of our church operations, allowing congregational giving to be directed toward covering the church's core costs. Once again, we were successful in securing grants from both the City and County of Swansea, enabling us to sustain our food ministry, including our popular "Breakfast with Board Games" initiative, which served 1222 breakfasts.

We also received support from Cash for Kids, which allowed us to support families throughout the long summer period. The Austin Bailey Foundation remained one of our most generous supporters, contributing over £14,000 this year.

Despite these successes, our overall income declined in 2024 while expenditure rose, largely due to the use of one-off grants from previous years for major projects like the Community Grocery. A significant portion of our restricted funds—£163,140.47—has been allocated by the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon to support staff recruitment for ministry at St Thomas. However, we have not yet been able to fill these roles. We remain hopeful that the arrival of our new leadership in July 2025 will allow us to move forward with this recruitment.

Our unrestricted general fund continues to show a deficit, as regular giving and donations are currently insufficient to meet the core costs of our ministry. We encourage every member of the church community to prayerfully review their own sacrificial giving and consider whether it might be possible to increase their support to help sustain the essential work of the church.

As always, we are so grateful to all who support the church through generous giving and through the many grants that support our social outreach.

LOOKING FORWARD: 2025

We look ahead to 2025 with excitement and anticipation, trusting in all that God has planned as we continue to love and serve the community of St Thomas, the wider City of Swansea, and support the mission of the Diocese in our role as a resource church.

We are actively seeking to grow our team through the recruitment of several key roles, including a Student Outreach Pastor, a Children and Families Pastor and an Administrator & Media Lead.

Above all, we remain committed to seeking God's guidance and blessing as we step into the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us!

With special thanks to our supporters



Gratitude and Hope: A Message from the Archdeacon

I want to commend you all for the outstanding work you've done over the past year, particularly as you entered vacancy at the beginning of 2025.

As a unique resource church within our Diocese, St Thomas has demonstrated the remarkable impact a dedicated community can have in serving both the local and wider area. Your commitment—expressed through faithful worship and acts of service—has been truly inspiring.

I am especially grateful for your staff team and Wardens, and moved by the way you continue to support one another in building God's Kingdom in this place.

Looking ahead, I'm delighted to announce the appointment of Owen Gallaher and his wife, Laura. I am confident they will bring fresh energy and blessing to the life and mission of your church.

The coming weeks will be a time of preparation and anticipation as you get ready to welcome your new Vicar. I have no doubt you will rise to the occasion, as you have done so faithfully in the past.

On behalf of the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Gower, thank you—for all you have done, and for all you will continue to do in the days to come.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of The Parish of St Thomas and Kilvey ANNUAL REPORT 2024 I report to the trustees on my examination of the of the accounts of St Thomas and Kilvey charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Parish Council members of the Parish of St Thomas and Kilvey (henceforth referred to as the PCC) as trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charities accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act); and
- To state 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 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 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 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.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: **Daniel Priddy**

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DEAR FRIENDS



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We seek to be a church that reaches beyond the boundaries of our congregation, sharing and demonstrating the good news of Jesus – loving and serving our community and city in Jesus' name!

From our weekly community meals, bringing together people of all ages from across the community, to our 4000 bags of christmas goodies, we love to show the City how much Jesus loves it!

We want to continue to be the church that boldly proclaims the good news of Jesus through its words and actions and I hope that you feel encouraged by this publication that celebrates all that God is doing and all that is to come as we become the Diocesan Resource Church.

A special mention must be made to those members of the church and community that give of their time and finances to assist in the work that we do here. I will always remain grateful to each of them. It is also essential that as we seek to grow in 2024, we commit to going deeper into our relationship with Jesus through gathering, through prayer, through reading scripture and serving the church family.

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THE IMPACT 2023



4771

ADULTS AND CHILDREN
SUPPORTED BY
FOODBANK

1000

FREE
BREAKFASTS

1100

COMMUNITY
LUNCHES

204

BABY BASIC
REFERRALS

4000

CHRISTMAS
BLESSING BAGS

3500

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

1300

HOURS OF
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
WORK

121

WORSHIP
SERVICES

52

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Incoming Resources					
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Charitable Activities	14,725.19	109,030.04	0.00	123,755.23	85,913.44
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
Trading Activities	2,560.30	18,747.05	0.00	21,307.35	26,748.80
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,731.63
Total Incoming resources	68,079.51	336,030.59	0.00	404,110.10	213,521.47
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	30,806.20	97,027.82	0.00	127,834.02	82,770.13
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.64
Other Activities	0.00	8,757.13	0.00	8,757.13	7,518.08
Support	70,811.89	36,576.26	0.00	107,388.15	108,846.08
Total resources used	101,618.09	142,361.21	0.00	243,979.30	199,194.93
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-33,538.58	193,669.38	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Fund Transfers In	55.99	13,471.74	0.00	13,527.73	17,146.40
Fund Transfers Out	0.00	13,527.73	0.00	13,527.73	17,146.40
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	-33,482.59	193,613.39	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-33,482.59	193,613.39	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	-33,482.59	193,613.39	0.00	160,130.80	14,326.54
Total Funds Brought Forward	43,439.17	185,153.40	0.00	228,592.57	214,266.03
Total Funds Carried Forward	9,956.58	378,766.79	0.00	388,723.37	228,592.57

As always, we are so grateful to all who support the church through generous giving and through the many grants who support our social outreach.

In 2024 we seek to increase the giving from our congregation to equip us for the next part of our journey as we seek to consolidate and plant and revitalise more churches.

LOOKING FORWARD: 2024

We are excited and expectant for all that God has in store for us as we continue to love and serve the community of St Thomas and the City of Swansea and support the mission of the Diocese in our role as its resource church.

We are seeking to recruit additional members of staff, including an associate vicar, children's pastor and a young adult & student pastor. We are working to develop our food ministry through a partnership with the Message Trust.

Above all, we continue to pray for God's direction and blessing in all that He has in store for us in 2024.

Thank you for journeying with us!

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Yet, the vision remained the same. We seek to be a church that reaches beyond the boundaries of our congregation, sharing and demonstrating the good news of Jesus – loving and serving our community and city in Jesus' name! With the appointment of a new church warden, the recruitment of our social outreach co-ordinator, the ongoing support from our passionate volunteers, along with the increased work of Love Your Neighbour, we have seen a profound impact on the work of the church.

We want to continue to be the church that boldly proclaims the good news of Jesus through its words and actions and I hope that you feel encouraged by this publication that celebrates all that God is doing and all that is to come as we become the Diocesan Resource Church.

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3500

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

1750

FREE
BREAKFASTS

2000

COMMUNITY
LUNCHES

162

BABY BASIC
REFERRALS

2500

CHRISTMAS
BLESSING BOXES

50,000

FOODBANK
MEALS

1300

HOURS OF
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
WORK

117

WORSHIP
SERVICES

60

FUNERALS

STORIES & TESTIMONIES



'A LIFELINE'

Anthony

Attending the community hub has been a lifeline for me. I have had so much support from people that I have met here. I am now involved in volunteering every week and I love meeting new people from the community.



'A SAFE PLACE'

Amber, Grace and Lily

We love boys brigade because it's a safe space to ask questions about life and God. We love our friends here and its where we can be ourselves.



'A CHURCH FAMILY'

Michael

I first visited the church to find a wedding venue. Instead i found a church family ready to welcome me, a place where i can change peoples lives and have my own changed. A place where i can find my faith and be baptised.



'CHANGED MY LIFE'

Linsay and Jan

Being a part of the volunteer team at Tiny Toms has changed our lives. Its given us so much, especially a church community who accept us as we are and who we can share life with.

ACCOUNTS

Below is a snapshot of the finances of St Thomas Church Swansea for 2023;

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	£43,143.88	£40,983.63	£84,127.51	£83,675.40
Charitable Activities	£22,405.68	£63,507.76	£85,913.44	£172,390.68
Investments	£0.09	£0.00	£0.09	£0.10
Trading Activities	£105.00	£26,643.80	£26,748.80	£37,772.41
Other	£0.00	£16,731.63	£16,731.63	£6,526.52
Total incoming resources	£65,654.65	£147,866.82	£213,521.47	£300,365.11
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	£23,504.76	£57,320.66	£80,825.42	£199,915.08
Raising Funds	£0.00	£60.64	£60.64	£0.00
Other Activities	£378.25	£8,737.05	£9,115.30	£4,530.98
Support	£32,209.26	£76,984.31	£109,193.57	£66,150.47
Total resources used	£56,092.27	£143,102.66	£199,194.93	£270,596.53
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	£9,562.38	£4,764.16	£14,326.54	£29,768.58
Fund Transfers In	£0.00	£17,146.40	£17,146.40	£32,254.09
Fund Transfers Out	£115.53	£17,030.87	£17,146.40	£32,254.09
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	£9,446.85	£4,879.69	£14,326.54	£29,768.58
Investment Gains (or Losses)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	£9,446.85	£4,879.69	£14,326.54	£29,768.58
Asset Revaluation	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net Movement of Funds	£9,446.85	£4,879.69	£14,326.54	£29,768.58
Total Funds Brought Forward	£33,009.45	£181,256.58	£214,266.03	£184,497.45
Total Funds Carried Forward	£42,456.30	£186,136.27	£228,592.57	£214,266.03

As always, we are so grateful to all who support the church through generous giving and through the many grants who support our social outreach.

In 2023 we seek to increase the giving from our congregation to equip us for the next part of our journey as we seek to consolidate and plant and revitalise more churches.

LOOKING FORWARD: 2023

We are excited and expectant for all that God has in store for us as we continue to love and serve the community of St Thomas and the City of Swansea and support the mission of the Diocese in our role as its resource church.

We are seeking to recruit additional members of staff, including an associate vicar, children's pastor and a young adult & student pastor. We are working to develop our food ministry through a partnership with the Message Trust. We are also planning to deliver more than 4000 Christmas blessing bags around our community and city.

Above all, we continue to pray for God's direction and blessing in all that He has in store for us in 2023.

Thank you for journeying with us!

With special thanks to our supporters

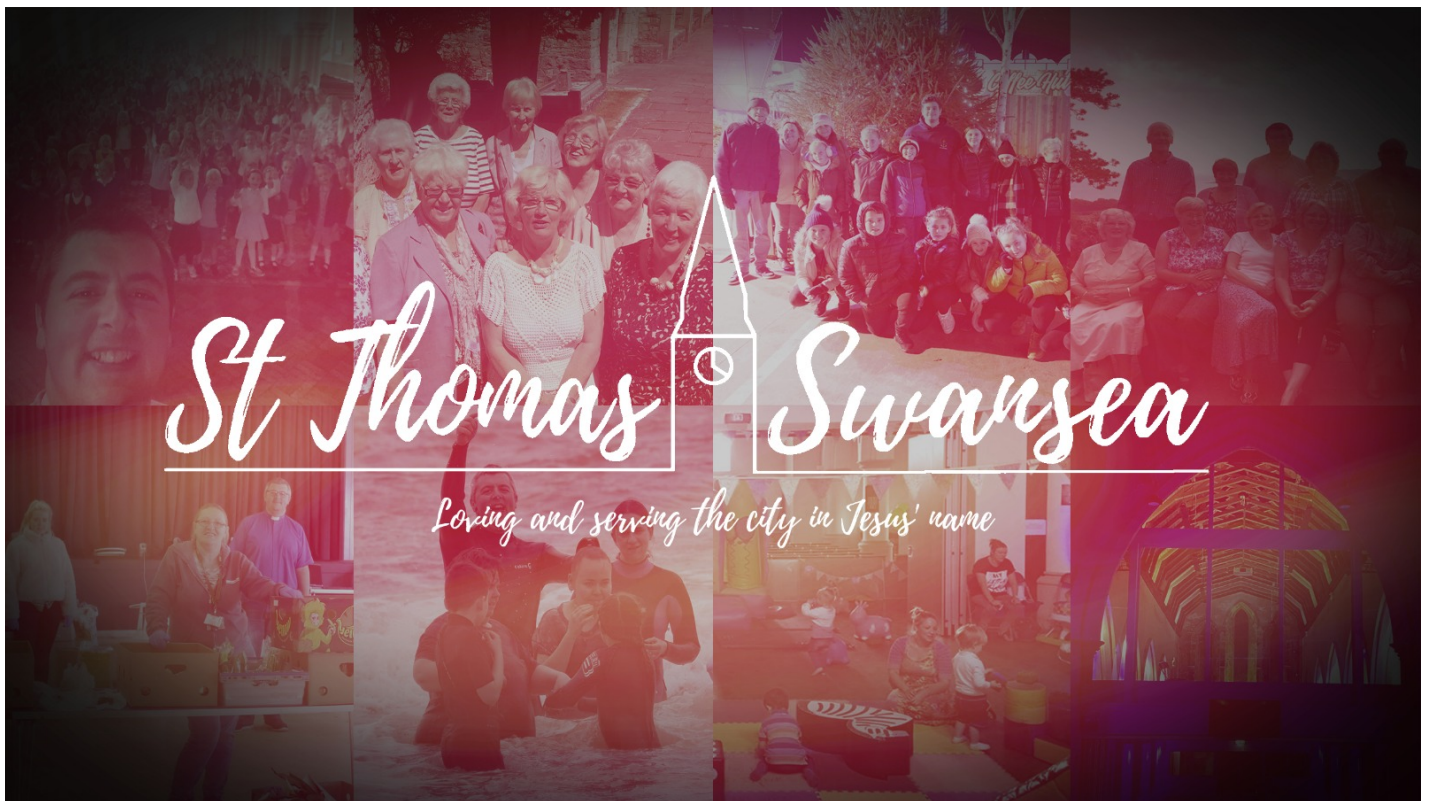


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St Thomas Swansea



Annual Report 2021/22



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Weekly Services

Sunday: St Thomas 10.30am (breakfast at 10.00am)

Wednesday: St Thomas 11.30am (followed by community lunch)

Statistics

Electoral Roll : 56

Avg Attendance Sunday: 55
Family Service :80

Avg Attendance Wednesday: 12

Dear Friends,

The last 12 months have again been incredibly challenging for us all as individuals and as a church. We have journeyed again through the tightening of restrictions, the easing of restrictions, to no more restrictions. This has without a doubt taken its toll on each one of us.

Despite this journey, we have enjoyed settling into the work and ministry within the completely redeveloped and repurposed St Thomas Church, which is without doubt having a significant impact on the community. With a growing congregation and a social outreach programme that saw over 50,000 meals delivered in 2021.

Now more than ever, we want to be a church that looks up in worship to God, looks in for discipleship and pastoral care and looks out as we witness and serve our community.

However, a special mention must be made to those members of the church and community that give of their time and finances to assist in the work that we do here. I will always remain grateful to each of them. It is also essential that as we seek to grow in 2022 we commit to going deeper into our relationship with Jesus through gathering, through prayer, through reading scripture and serving the church family.

2022 will see significant challenges as we look to put ourselves on a balanced financial footing and remove a dependency on short term grants. We also rejoice in the appointment of our new Bishop John Lomas and look forward to the renewed vision and missional opportunities that will present us.

I want to place on record my thanks to the leadership team of the church and a particular thanks to Barbara Somerford who has served the church as treasurer for many many years! Also a huge thanks to Robert Smith as he stands down as Vicars warden after serving nearly 7 years. This is our church, and we are loving and serving the city in Jesus' name.

With love and prayers

Steve

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	41,423.68	47,251.72	0.00	88,675.40
Charitable Activities	12,785.31	159,605.37	0.00	172,390.68
Investments	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.10
Trading Activities	0.00	37,772.41	0.00	37,772.41
Other	6,526.52	0.00	0.00	6,526.52
Total Incoming resources	60,735.61	239,629.50	0.00	300,365.11
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	13,622.28	186,292.80	0.00	199,915.08
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities	0.00	4,530.98	0.00	4,530.98
Support	34,334.12	31,816.35	0.00	66,150.47
Total resources used	47,956.40	222,640.13	0.00	270,596.53
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	12,779.21	16,989.37	0.00	29,768.58
Fund Transfers In	0.00	32,254.09	0.00	32,254.09
Fund Transfers Out	2,429.09	29,825.00	0.00	32,254.09
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	10,350.12	19,418.46	0.00	29,768.58
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	10,350.12	19,418.46	0.00	29,768.58
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	10,350.12	19,418.46	0.00	29,768.58
Total Funds Brought Forward	22,659.33	161,838.12	0.00	184,497.45
Total Funds Carried Forward	33,009.45	181,256.58	0.00	214,266.03
Represented By				

Church Services

Encouragement and equipping matters to us and we've been committed to encountering God's love as well as inspiring one another to make a difference in His world. However, during these COVID-19 times, we've been learning how to live a gathered and scattered life like never before with services taking place online for 16 months and with in-person services beginning again in May 2021.



Our services include a time of sung worship, prayer, reflection, and communion to strengthen our lives and seek to know the presence of Jesus for ourselves and our communities.

As we met online for our services, we also participated in a 'week of prayer' and completed the 'unanswered prayer course' together.



We returned to the newly refurbished St Thomas Church in May 2021 followed by a delicious church lunch to mark the opening of the building.

We were also delighted to host our first Alpha in early 2022, which was a simple but life-changing course for those in attendance.

We are consistently encouraged as we love God, grow as a family & increase in hope! There are always new people to be served, reached, and blessed and as we continue to seek God in this coming year, it is



our expectation to welcome more individuals and families through our doors.

Boys Brigade

The Boys Brigade and Girls Association is a significant and important part of the church family, with over 70 children attending across two evenings each week. It's been a fantastic year welcoming back the children into the church building for face-to-face evenings, under the new restrictions in May 2021.



In July, a group from our eldest sections, walked 14 miles as part of the relay towards the Cop26 summit in Glasgow.



On Sunday 11th November, 13 children from the from our Boys Brigade and Girls Association represented the BB at the National Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in London. It was a great opportunity for these young people to represent the city and march in front of the Armed Forces, Veterans, and members of the

Royal Family.

Later in November around 50 of our members, from 5 to 14 years old, braved the cold to take part in the Swansea Christmas parade. They looked amazing, as they spread the good news of Jesus, claiming 'light shines in the darkness'.

As we approached Christmas another group of Boys Brigade children helped to pack a significant amount of the



1,000 blessing bags that [St Thomas Swansea](#) were giving out to bless the local community.

Earlier this year, each BB section took part in a bake off to raise money for Red Nose Day, selling their delicious bakes at our family service and raised a fantastic £80. We have had a fantastic first year back together, with fun, informative and excellent activities. We couldn't be prouder of these young people and couldn't be more thankful for the leaders who contribute each week to this ministry!

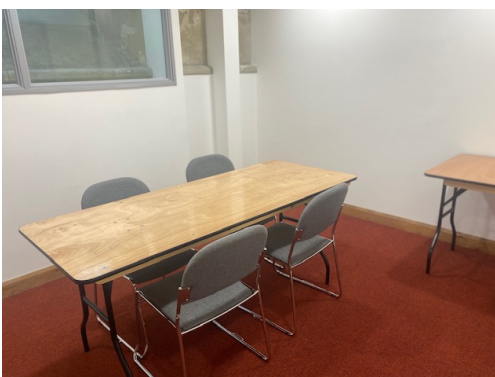
Weddings

Weddings with us in St Thomas Swansea are great! Hosting a couple's most special day is an absolute treat, and the Vicar, has clocked up more than 65 weddings with lots already booked in for 2022/23!



We love to partner with couples to ensure their day includes everything they want. More than this, to prepare the couple for a life of long-lasting marriage together.

People increasingly love to use St Thomas as their wedding location and our facilities as the party and celebration venue for afters with a bar. The new refurbished building has been designed to provide wedding receptions, conferences and other paid for services with all profits going to social outreach programmes like our food poverty and baby bank.



Meetings

Within the newly refurbished building, we have several meeting rooms that are

hired each week, including the foot clinic, the benefits office, the housing office and foodbank and agency meetings, which in turn continue the work of loving and serving the community.

Funerals

The loss of a loved one can be a very difficult time and over the past year we have cared for and supported 83 families.

Tiny Toms

In September 2021 we relaunched our toddlers group, moving it from St Stephens to St Thomas and rebranding it 'Tiny Toms'. Although we have had to work within the ever-changing restrictions, each week we are fully booked and have a waiting list.

The purpose of Tiny Toms is to facilitate a welcoming, loving, and safe place for parents and carers to attend with their young children between the ages of 0-4 years old. Tiny Tom's also strives to create an environment for children to learn how to play together whilst have enriching learning experiences through play, story time, crafts, and playtime. We also create a space for parents and carers to meet others; to realise they aren't on their own and to encourage them further in their parenting and caring journey.



Foodbank

In March 2021 we made our new home in the St Thomas Church building. We have a fantastic team that assist with food collections, sorting of stock and bag packing. We are the only foodbank in Swansea



open 5 days per week and we see over 100 individuals through our doors each week.

Surplus Food and Fare Share

Each evening we have a group of volunteers who collect surplus food from supermarkets throughout the city. This food is then brought back to the church, is sorted and distributed the following day for the public and food bank users. This is a fantastic way to help reduce food poverty and food waste in our community. We are very excited to further this, later this year with the community fridge project.

We also do a weekly collection from Fare Share. Fare Share is an organisation that takes quality, in date surplus food and redistributes it around Wales to charities, schools and communities. Each week we assess what we can best use our food collection for. For example, several items can be used by our foodbank, others can be given out as surplus food, or other items can be used for our community lunch. Recently we have increased our membership tier to allow us to serve even more people in need in the local area.

Baby Basics

We also made the Baby Basics charity a new home in St Thomas Church. This year we have supported new mothers and families including teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking and those who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. We have provided much needed essentials and equipment including prams, Moses' baskets, and highchairs.

The Spire Café



When the restrictions eased in May 2021, we opened our community café, also known as the Spire Café for sit in and take away options. Over the summer period we served mid-week roast dinners and fish Friday specials, delivering between 30-50 meals each week to our local community.

We have since enhanced our menu over time, offering the popular 'Spire' breakfast, tasty burgers, and delicious milkshakes and much more. We have also hosted and catered for the Electoral College of the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, the Lord Lieutenant's AGM, the Christian Vision for Men's breakfast, the COP26 Prayer Breakfast and several wedding receptions.



Each week we have also hosted and catered for a free community meal which sees between 20-40 people attend each week. This free weekly community meal encourages members of the community, particularly those who are older and more isolated to come together for a two-course meal and social activities with others.



Cooking Together

Also, within the Spire Café we have a training kitchen facility; a core aspect of its usage is to train adults and children to utilise ingredients whilst cooking nutritious and affordable meals.

With an increase in numbers of those accessing foodbank parcels, some of the recipients face the problem of not knowing what to do with the 3-day essentials they receive in their emergency food parcels.

COOKING TOGETHER
free classes for adults

St Thomas Church, Swansea
1.30pm to 3pm
Sign up via the link provided!

We are passionate about ensuring the recipients can make the most of their limited resources. In the autumn term we ran a series of classes called 'cooking together' to increase confidence in the kitchen, whilst educating those on how to make the most of their food parcels and keep families going during their time of need.

All those in attendance left with more confidence in the kitchen and encouraged to try new things, whilst also enjoying a tasty meal each week for themselves and their families.

Summer of Fun

Throughout July and August, we hosted 5 weeks of 'summer fun' for local families and children, with a wide range of sessions. From breakfast and board games, bake-offs, messy play, science experiments and family film afternoons – lots of fun was had. This was also a fantastic opportunity to provide a fun and free environment for families, and the refurbished church was fantastic for meeting all the needs and helping facilitate all the different types of sessions.



Breakfast and Board Games

Over the past year it has become more apparent through the work of our food bank that families, especially children are particularly vulnerable and have trouble accessing adequate food. There are worrying trends indicating that provision over the summer holidays may cause additional pressure on families.



Throughout August and the October and February half terms we provided daily hot breakfasts for families along with an opportunity for some fun with the added element of board games.

Christmas

As we approached the Christmas period, we planned many different outreach sessions and church services. However, due to the tightening of restrictions and the increase in Covid-19 cases, we had to re-evaluate these and cancel several of our plans.

However, we delivered a 'Santa Breakfast' which was a free event for the families in our community. We realised that not every family will be able to attend alternative paid events such as these elsewhere with their children. Therefore, we wanted to host a free family alternative to bring Christmas joy without the financial pressure on families this year.

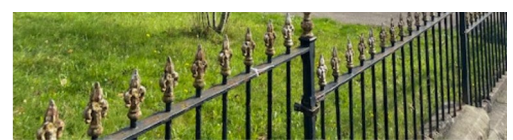


We also partnered with HTB's Love Your Neighbour campaign to enable us to bless and meet the needs within the community. We committed to distributing 1000 blessing bags over the Christmas period through match funding. The blessing bags consisted of festive treats and a voucher for a warm meal in our church café. We sadly had to cancel the Christmas nativity, however we filmed it instead for it to be made available online.

Thankfully, we were able to have our Carols in Remembrance Service, our Christmas Eve 'Christingle' service and Christmas Day service. We also had the joy of cooking a two course Christmas Day meal for over 80 people.

2022/2023

We are loving and serving the community of St Thomas and the city



of Swansea more than ever before, through foodbank, baby basics and other community initiatives.

We are also excited to develop discipleship opportunities within our church family, explore additional children's work possibilities on a Sunday morning and host another Alpha course later this year.

We also look to build our identity as a resource church to support the mission of God across the whole Diocese of Swansea and Brecon wherever we can.

We continue to pray for God's direction and blessing in all that he has in store for us in 2022/23.

Thank you for journeying with us!

"Father, we hold before you our family in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and we open our hearts and minds to your Spirit: Bless us as we gather in your name; Guide us as we grow into the likeness of your Son; Lead us by your Spirit to go out and make disciples of others. God of our journeying, be our way and our truth and our life; our beginning and our end. We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen."

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of The Parish of St Thomas and Kilvey

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the of the accounts of St Thomas and Kilvey charity for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Parish Council members of the Parish of St Thomas and Kilvey (henceforth referred to as the PCC) as trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charities accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act); and
- To state 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 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 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 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act' or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the

Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Date: 26/10/22

Name: Mr Daniel Priddy BSc, MA, MCGI

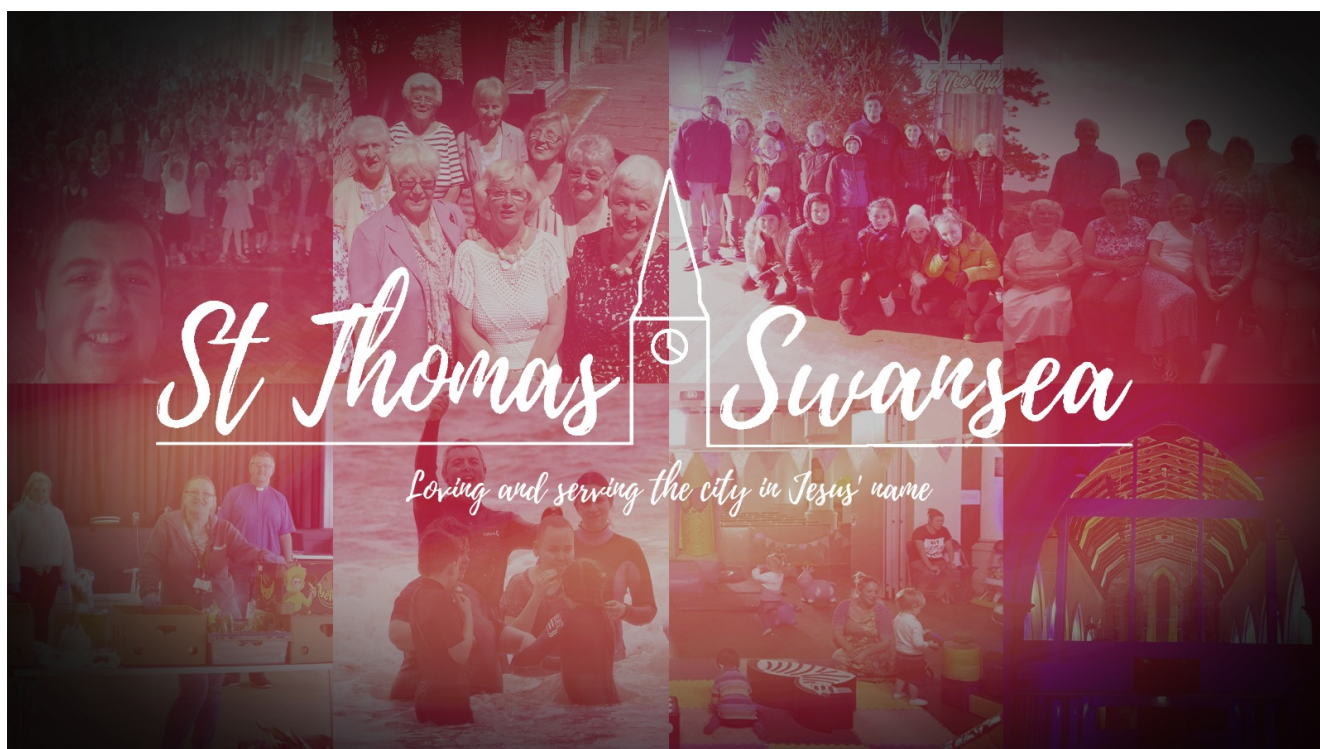
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Weekly Services

Sunday: St Thomas 10.30am (free breakfast at 10.00)

Tuesday: St Thomas 11.30am (followed by free lunch)

Introduction from the Vicarage

Greetings,

In March 2020 the world changed for ever with the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus which quickly spread across the world. Governments took unprecedented action to protect the lives of people in every country. On 23rd March the Prime Minister addressed the UK to announce the first national lockdown where businesses and organisations including the Church must close immediately and everybody had to stay at home. The government in Wales banned the gathering of people for communal worship and this continued for the remainder of 2020. As a church we used this unprecedented crisis as an opportunity to truly reflect our vision which is to love and serve the city in Jesus name. The remainder of this report will highlight the way our church came together with the community and City to try and relieve the consequences of this devastating pandemic.

The church continued to gather for worship online through newly learnt technology such as zoom and when it was possible small gatherings happened outside the church building. In total 66 online services were recorded before the church was allowed to gather again in person.

2020 also saw the continued redevelopment of St Thomas Church in preparation for its reopening, when restrictions are eased in 2021. I give thanks to God that none of our church family were seriously ill with Covid-19 and that they all remain healthy and able to attend worship when allowed. I always remain grateful to the many people who give up so much of their time to serve our wider church family, community and city, most of which goes unseen by other people.

With Love and Prayers Steve

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon

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Parish of St Thomas and Kilvey

Category	Sub Category	General Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
INCOME					
<i>Voluntary Income</i>	Planned Giving	£32,105.15		£32,105.15	£15,373.00
	Loose Collections	£677.85		£677.85	£2,370.00
	Donations	£9,198.55		£9,198.55	£3,487.00
	For Special Mission		£4,490.00	£4,490.00	£4,026.00
	Legancies	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	GA Tax Refunds	£5,828.90		£5,828.90	£7,663.00
	GASDS				£561.00
	Grants		£652,094.49	£652,094.49	£231,422.00
Generated Income	Money Raising	£5,674.82		£5,674.82	£10,996.00
	Fees	£2,739.00		£2,739.00	£3,502.00
	Other Income	£8,165.18		£8,165.18	£1,028.00
TOTAL INCOME		£64,389.45	£656,584.49	£720,973.94	£267,428.00
Expenditure					
Support for Ministry	Parish Share	£32,009.51		£32,009.51	£17,917.00
	Clerics Expenses	£4,775.08		£4,775.08	£1,591.00
	Money Raising	£0.00		£0.00	£17.00
Parish Activities	Maintenance of Services	£3,385.32	£0.00	£3,385.32	£2,774.00
	General Parish Expenses	£2,371.96		£2,371.96	£3,664.00
Church Property	Maintenance of Churches	£15,878.79	£636,260.34	£652,139.13	£220,405.00
	Maintenance of Other Property	£893.57		£893.57	£5,838.00
	Exceptional Expenditure (Salaries)	£0.00	£23,453.88	£23,453.88	£8,881.00
Grants and other	Mission in the Parish		£6,552.18	£6,552.18	£4,705.00
	Mission across the World	£0.00	£180.00	£180.00	£1,474.00
Total Expenditure		£59,314.23	£666,446.40	£725,760.63	£267,266.00
Summary					
	Balance brought forward 2019/20	£15,757.51			
	Plus Income for 2020	£720,973.94			
	Expenditure for 2020	£725,760.63			
	Balance Carry Forward	£10,970.82			
	Current Account Closing Balance	11,330.83			
	Mission Fund		13,006.98		
	Friends of St Thomas		11,328.50		
	House Fund				Acc Closed



Covid-19
Response



After the announcement of the 1st national lockdown in March 2020 the church quickly acted to support the local community and wider city. Our foodbank in St Stephens was closed and a new one opened in St Thomas Church Hall, open 5 days a week. A hub was created from where volunteers could collect and distribute food and donations, prescriptions could be collected and delivered, and wellbeing checks could be done on vulnerable people in our community. During the pandemic we were collecting and delivering over a tonne of food every week. The foodbank distributed standard food bank parcels and a mixture of fresh and donated food. We are grateful to all the supermarkets, organisations, pubs and restaurants, shops and the general public who donated so generously during this period to support us. We are also incredibly grateful to Admiral Insurance who donated a significant amount of money to support the work of the church during its covid response. We are indebted to the kindness of the local community who organised bingo, street parties and gatherings to raise money for the program. We also owe so much to the small band of volunteers who worked their socks off the whole time!



During the first lockdown we sprung into action to support the families across the city who were eligible for free school meals. Volunteers from the church travelled all over the city to deliver to the doorstep over 10,000 bags of food to make sure not child went without. We delivered sandwiches, easter eggs and other treats to support the staff building the Swansea Bay Field Hospital and at Christmas blessed over 200 individuals and many families with blessing bags containing chocolate treats and gifts. We also supported several struggling individual families with furniture and other goods. Our volunteers collected food from supermarkets across the city every night to distribute to those who need it most, including through our porch in St Stephens. On Christmas Day we were unable to host our normal Christmas Dinner for those who are alone and instead we delivered 50 hot cooked dinners to doorsteps across the city to bless peoples Christmas day.

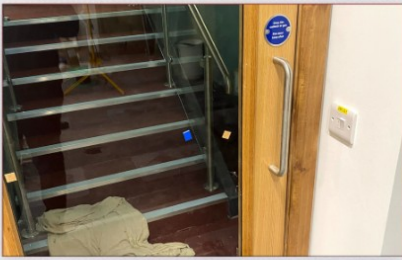
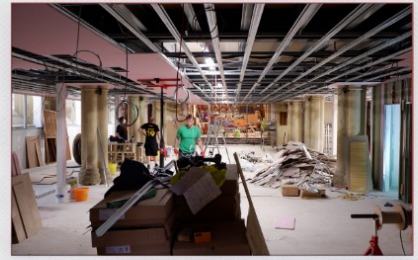


During 2020 our Baby Basics programme continued to support families across the Swansea Bay University Health Board. We are incredibly grateful to all our volunteers who help keep this important ministry going. This work directly transforms the lives of some of the most vulnerable in our society including vulnerable mothers, those fleeing domestic abuse, teenage mums and tiny

Our BB and GA groups had to move online during 2020 because of the pandemic. Members got involved in lots of activities including a weekend camp from home, celebrations for VE Day, Harvest and Remembrance. We look forward to resuming all our childrens activities when we are allowed, including our school assemblies, toddler groups, youth and children's groups and school activities.



Our New Home



*Coming
2021*

