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Annual Report 2025



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ST ANDREW'S GORTON

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Agendas for the Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

To be held in the church following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, 17th May, 2026

Meeting of Parishioners Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting of 18th May, 2025. See Appendix.
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Any other business

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting of 18th May, 2025. See Appendix.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Number on the electoral roll
5. Questions about Annual Report (the report itself will be taken as read)

Please note - it would be helpful to have written questions in advance if you have questions of detail to ask.

6. Safeguarding
7. Financial report and accounts
8. Appointment of External Examiner of the accounts
9. Elections to the Parochial Church Council
 - a. Election of up to 2 members
10. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
11. Plans for 2026

12. Any other business - Items should be given to the Rector at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, please.



Introduction



Rector

As always, this Annual Report is a cause for deep gratitude. It is a snapshot of a huge amount of work, love and dedication across the course of the year - and I am grateful to everyone whose contribution appears within these pages. But I want to say something important before we get to the report itself: what is written here represents only a fraction of what actually happens.

Behind every section in this document lie countless hours of quiet, faithful ministry. Think of those who spend hours visiting lonely and frail members of our congregation - in their homes, in care homes, in hospital. Think of those who prepare and deliver services of worship at Arlington Manor, Abbeyfield and Gretton Court every month. Think of those who pray regularly for people by name - often in private, with no audience. Think of those who spend hours preparing sermons and services, leading the Tuesday Fellowship, administering the life of the church, and caring for its fabric. The Body of Christ is sustained by this kind of love, and I want to name it clearly: we are greatly blessed to have so many people who give their time, skill and love so generously. You are all highly valued.

I want to note with particular warmth two people who deserve special mention. Dugald Wilson - as well as being a faithful preacher, teacher and leader of the Tuesday Fellowship - has once again taken on the considerable task of compiling this Annual Report. It is an act of real service to us all, and I am very grateful. I also want to thank Geoff Burt, who has stepped up magnificently to deal with a great deal of the fabric and practical business of the church during the absence of a Church Warden. His reliability and can-do attitude has made an enormous difference to me personally.

But before we get full into the report, I also want to note with sadness the deaths of Jenny Knights, Nora Rutherford and Anne Lorimer in 2025. Each of them was a faithful and beloved member of this community, and they are greatly missed. We give thanks to God for their lives and for all they gave to this church.

I commend this report to you.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Churchwarden

This past year has been an unusual one in that our parish has operated without Church Wardens, and I want to begin by acknowledging with real gratitude those members of our congregation who have quietly and faithfully stepped in to fill the gaps - helping with the practicalities of Sunday worship, keeping the building running, and supporting the life of the parish in countless unseen ways. Your willingness to serve has been a genuine blessing. As we come to this APCM, I would warmly encourage anyone who has felt a nudge to take on a more formal role in the life of the church to consider standing as a Church Warden this year. The role is, at its heart, a pastoral and practical one: Wardens are officers of the bishop, with a responsibility for the care of the building and the good order of worship (responsibilities that don't fall on the Church Wardens alone!). But perhaps most importantly, Wardens are there to support and look after me as incumbent! You don't need to be an expert in church law or building maintenance; you need to be someone who loves this parish and is willing to walk alongside me in serving it. Please do speak to me if you'd like to find out more.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Objectives and Activities

Girton PCC promotes the mission of the Church of England in the village of Girton by providing public worship and other related activities. In 2025 we have continued to build on the foundations of recent years, and there is a growing and encouraging sense that our prayers for growth are beginning to bear fruit.

Our "Worshipping Community" numbered 125 people, with a usual Sunday attendance of around 65 adults and 4 children (roughly the same as last year). The culture of welcome and warmth that has become a hallmark of St Andrew's continues to flourish. We are also increasingly developing a culture of 'invitation' - encouraging one another not simply to be hospitable to those who find their way to us, but to actively and naturally invite others to discover the life of this church and the faith that sustains it.

The Tuesday Fellowship continues to go from strength to strength, helping people grow in faith and understanding. The range and depth of our preaching has also been a particular strength this year, and I was delighted by the warm reception for our short book of sermons drawn from our series on the Parables of Jesus.

Our relationships with Madingley Church have also been a source of real joy, and the growing friendship and fellowship with our friends at Madingley has been one of the many highlights of the year.

As has been the case for centuries, God is worshipped in Girton, and throughout 2025 this has continued faithfully, we give thanks for all that has been accomplished in God's strength.

We look ahead to 2026 with a mixture of anticipation, adjustment and hope!

Revd. Michael Bigg

Ministry

The Ministry Team

Rector

2025 has been a year of continued growth and deepening, and I find myself genuinely and warmly encouraged by what I see in this church.

The Ministry Team continues to go from strength to strength. We meet fortnightly - clergy, LLMs and our Children and Families Minister - to study together, to pray for one another and to share in discerning God's leading for this church. I cannot overstate what a gift it is to work alongside such gifted, generous and committed people. Every one of them brings something irreplaceable to our common life. I am also delighted to report that Bob Pollitt will be joining the team in 2026, and we look forward to welcoming the wisdom, experience and good humour that he will bring.

But I want to look further than the formal ministry team, because the truth is that the ministry of St Andrew's is carried by a very large number of people indeed. There are those who give hours of their week to pastoral visiting - sitting with the lonely and the frail, making time for those who feel forgotten. There are those who faithfully lead services of worship at our three local care homes every month - bringing the presence of Christ to people who can no longer come to us. There are those who pray - quietly, consistently, persistently - for people in need. There are those who prepare and preach sermons, lead Bible studies, organise and administer, clean and arrange flowers, care for the churchyard, and do a thousand other things that keep the life of this church going. The Body of Christ only functions when every member plays their part, and I want to say clearly: you are noticed, you are valued, and what you do matters enormously.

A particular encouragement this year has been the continued flourishing of the Tuesday Fellowship, ably led by Dugald. People are going deeper in their faith, and this is exactly what is needed if we are to grow in confidence and become a congregation that can naturally and joyfully invite others into the life of God we enjoy. The range and depth of preaching at St Andrew's continues to be remarkable, and it was a real delight to see the warm reception for our short book of sermons from the Parables of Jesus series - thanks to Dugald once again for putting it together.

The watchword I offered last year was "invitation", and I am encouraged to see this continuing to take root. People are inviting friends, neighbours and family members to join them at church - and this is exactly as it should be. Faith is caught as much as it is taught, and the best advert for St Andrew's is the warmth and authenticity of its people. Long may that continue.

Looking to 2026, there are significant changes on the horizon. Eona Bell is moving on to new opportunities in ministry. She has been a wonderful gift to this church - creative, thoughtful, deeply caring - and we wish her every blessing. Her departure will require us to think carefully and prayerfully about how we continue and develop our ministry with children and families, and I ask for your prayers as we discern the way forward. I shall also be taking a sabbatical in 2026, and I look forward to it as a time of renewal and refreshment. I have every

confidence that Kevin will lead with skill and grace during that period. Please pray for him - and for me!

We are hoping to appoint a Parish Administrator in 2026, which I believe will help free up ministry time and enable us to work more effectively across the board. I am also keen to encourage generosity in giving. The PCC is in a sound position, but moving forward with confidence requires the backing of regular, faithful income. If you are not yet giving regularly, please do consider how you might contribute. If you already give, thank you - and please review your giving from time to time as circumstances allow.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Associate Priests

This cannot be categorised as a report of work accomplished given the fact that my surgery for colon cancer, while it was completely successful, demanded a much longer recovery period than had been hoped. Having negotiated that hurdle, I was then faced with further surgery on a skin problem, and then countless challenges while waiting for a hip replacement operation. It could be said that it has been an interesting year (and more) and I am immensely grateful to Michael and all the ministry team for waiting so stoically for the days when I will be able to offer some help once again in the liturgical and pastoral side of church life.

There was one major event in the church's life when I was privileged to be asked to preach and mercifully was able to carry it out, and that was at the funeral of the remarkable Nora Rutherford. To experience the warmth and appreciation being expressed by everyone in a packed church for this gifted, energetic, loving and humble woman was unforgettable.

Writing this so-called report does give me the opportunity which I might not have otherwise, of thanking everyone for their prayers for me over the past few months, and also for Harry as he faced a potentially life-threatening situation in December. Mercifully we are both on the mend now and if anyone wants a testimony to the power of prayer, you know where to come!

Revd. Chris Barrow

As Associate Priest in Girton, my work takes me mostly out of church and out in the community. I have continued to take the monthly Holy Communion services in our three residential/care homes. It has been very enriching to deepen my relationship with both staff members and residents in all three places. All three congregations – Abbeyfield, Arlington Manor, and Gretton Court – are blessings to myself and those who help me. They greatly contribute to nurturing my faith.

As Local Coordinator of the Anna Chaplaincy network for the Diocese of Ely, I was honoured to facilitate the commissioning of two new Anna Friends, Suzie Filmer and Mary Chesterfield, and one new Anna Chaplain, Christina Deacon. I continue to pray that more people in our congregation will discover in themselves a heart for the older generation and will feel called by God to offer spiritual care to our elders.

If you would like to become an Anna Friend – someone who helps Christina in our community – or if you know someone who would like to be an Anna Friend, do contact Christina. She can give you information, and together we can offer you training and support.

Many blessings to all of you. It is a joy to worship with you and work among you with Michael and the team, witnessing everything God does for us all.

Revd. Marie Lucchetta-Redmond

Curate

I have now passed the mid-way point of my Curacy here at St Andrews. I was ordained as Priest in June 2025 and it was a tremendous privilege to be able to preside at my first Eucharist at St Andrew's as part of a joint service with Madingley. I've gained a great deal of experience with occasional offices, conducting 6 funerals, 6 burials of ashes, 4 baptisms and 4 weddings. I've managed this along with some very memorable services. I led Remembrance Day services in 2025 which were all very well attended, and I felt a real sense of community as entire generations came together to pay their respects and give glory to God. I particularly enjoyed all our Christmas services. Helping children at the Glebe school make Christmas cards and Christingle were particular highlights for me. I've continued to immerse myself in the life of the church, gaining experience in so many different areas from pastoral, to theological, to practical and administrative. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities I have received at St Andrew's, and the unwavering love and support I have felt from everyone in the congregation. I could not have wished for a better place to serve my curacy, and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all. My only regret is that it seems to be flying by so quickly.

Kevin Parks

Readers / LLMs

Note: LLM = Licensed Lay Minister; ALM = Authorised Lay Minister; SSOM = Self-Supporting Ordained Minister

We do feel included in the Ministry Team, sharing and helping in the work of the church. The Ministry Team works well together, with complementary skills. As Licensed Lay Ministers we have assisted and preached in services in Girton and Madingley, at weekday Morning Prayer services, and elsewhere in the village or beyond the parish.

Christina Deacon writes...

As well as being involved in the services in Girton; and sometimes Madingley, I occasionally take services elsewhere. I also take funerals; several having been outwith our parish recently.

I have the privilege of leading the pastoral team, which consists of Suzie (ALM), Mary, Marie (SSOM) and Kevin (curate). Together we aim to care for as many of the pastoral needs in the church as we can. When we meet together, our meetings always go very well, as there is inevitably lots of cake and coffee!!

I also enjoy the odd times when I am able to help out at Bobtails etc

Apart from church activities, I am a vocations adviser, which means seeing those who are at the early stages of exploring some sort of calling to ministry; be it lay or ordained.

Also I am part of the panel who select those who have put themselves forward as candidates for LLM training.

Dugald Wilson writes...

The Tuesday Fellowship continues, having followed a variety of courses over the year. Among them we have followed 3 courses from the Church of England: The Creeds, The Eucharist and The Lord's Prayer. They have provided a great springboard for all to share their faith as well as to learn from each other in a safe environment. The variety of Christian experience is very uplifting. We maintain a fairly stable core of members of 13 to 15, though newcomers will always be welcome.

I have assisted in many services, and preached half a dozen times during the year. And I continue to manage the service staffing rotas. (See the Secretarial report.)

Susan Rawlings writes...

I greatly welcome the continued invitation to offer a service of Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at St Andrew's on the third Sunday of the month, except when other services are being held. I am pleased that the invitation has been renewed for 2026.

I always find the church a welcoming place - like a safe harbour at the end of a busy day. The congregation at the service is very faithful and responsive, and has increased slightly in numbers. I continue to find its commitment and fellowship very encouraging. The service is greatly helped by the music of the organists, particularly the regular organist, Matthew Nall, and of Mrs Kathryn Nall who acts as cantor. I am grateful also for the support of the readers and sidespersons.

Christina Deacon, Dugald Wilson and Susan Rawlings

ALM - Authorised Lay Minister, Worship Leader and Preacher

I have continued as Worship Leader, assisting at Holy Communion and occasionally leading Sunday or Tuesday Morning Prayer. Preaching included contributing to the Parables theme. I was part of the working group, with Kevin and Marie, setting up a contemplative service, and again set up the Stations of the Cross display during Holy Week.

Caroline Blackmun

Children and Young Families

St Andrew's for Kids

Our Sunday morning group for children of primary-school age met slightly less frequently this year, as two of our regular families decided to worship elsewhere on a monthly basis. However, we have continued to run sessions in the North Room on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, using the Godly Play approach to explore stories from the Bible and make connections with the children's daily lives.

Many thanks to the adult team – Susanna, Wairimu, Marie and Jenny – who have supported Eona in leading the group. We greatly miss Jenny Knights who gave so much time and love to the church's ministry with children and families, over many years, and continued to do so until the week of her death.

Particular thanks to Jenny Prince who wrote another superb nativity play for an all-age cast to perform in Advent.

We are grateful to the Church Schools of Cambridge Trust who once again supported our children's ministry with their annual grant.

St Andrew's Youth

Our youth group has met approximately once a month during school term-time, with a steady membership of five young people aged 10-13. Kevin and Eona have facilitated the meetings which combine Bible study, games, discussion, pizza and chips.

In November we participated in a Youth Evening at Ely Cathedral, meeting young people and leaders from around the Diocese for games, food and a memorable service of Compline by candlelight.

Bobtails

St Andrew's has been responsible for running Bobtails, a community playgroup for children aged 0-5 with their parents, grandparents or childminders. We meet every Tuesday during school term-time in the Cotton Hall, offering toys and games, sensory play, snacks, Bible stories and singing. We have welcomed families from Girton, Cambridge and surrounding villages, with a typical weekly attendance of 12-15 adults and up to 25 children. It is a safe and welcoming place to nurture the spirituality of very young children and their carers, and to share the Gospel in an age-appropriate way.

We are grateful for the continuing support of the Girton Town Charity for this outreach project, which relies on the efforts of volunteers from St Andrew's to set up the hall, serve snacks and hot drinks, greet people at the door, lead singing and chat to the children and their adults – thank you Caroline, Christina, Joan, Kevin, Maria, Marie, Mary, Michael, Nigel, Philippa and Suzie!

Schools and community

On Shrove Tuesday we hosted a Pancake Party for local children and their parents, an opportunity to share food and learn about the season of Lent.

Kevin and Eona led assemblies at Girton Glebe Primary School for Lent and Easter, and the school held their Christmas carol services in church. Eona, Kevin and Marilyn ran a card-making workshop during the Girton Glebe Christmas Fair, an opportunity to offer an enjoyable activity at a busy time of year.

Eona helped with two workshops for schools – Easter Cracked and Christmas Unwrapped – hosted by Girton Baptist Church.

Groups from Cottontails Preschool and the Girton Village Day Nursery visited the church to learn about Harvest and Saint Andrew.

On Remembrance Sunday we provided activities for families in the Cotton Hall. These were attended by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies from Girton and Oakington.

Eona Bell

Ordinand's Report

When I first came to a service at St. Andrew's, I noticed a sense of community and inclusiveness. I am so grateful for your warm reception, as well as for the activities I have been invited into – the Tuesday evening group, reading at both Sunday morning services, being let loose on the kids at an All-Age Service and being welcomed into participating in the services at Arlington Manor.

This Church has been blessed with wonderful priests, and I am truly grateful to Michael, Marie and Kevin for their support, encouragement and wisdom. I would like to especially thank Marie, who has been my supervisor for this placement. Her enthusiasm, guidance, discernment and kindness certainly contributed to making my placement with you a wonderful experience.

But it is the congregation that makes or breaks a placement at a Church for an ordinand. And both the 8 am and 10 am Sunday congregations have been awesome. Thank you for all the different ways in which you have blessed me. I will miss you. I welcome your continued prayers as (God willing) I move to Switzerland to start my curacy in June. Please be assured of my continued prayers, deep gratitude and appreciation. God bless and keep you.

Corinne de Klerk

Services

Sunday Worship

The heart of our life together continues to be our Sunday worship, where we gather week by week to meet with God, to bring him praise, to hear his word, and to receive what we need for the week ahead. With a worshipping community of 125 and an average Sunday attendance of around 65 adults and 4 children, the church continues to feel alive and engaged.

A particular highlight of 2025 has been our "All Together" services with our friends at Madingley. These have been genuinely joyful occasions, with a growing sense of friendship and fellowship between our two congregations. Among the highlights: Kevin presided at Communion for the first time - a significant and moving occasion for all who were there. We were also joined by Bishop Martin Seeley, who brought our sermon series on the Parables of Jesus to a fittingly memorable conclusion; and by Bishop Dagmar, who came to take the service in Madingley at the start of Advent. To have two bishops preach with us over the course of the year is a real gift, and we are grateful to both of them.

I continue to encourage all members of our worshipping community to make Sunday attendance a real priority. Regular, weekly gathering is a core discipline of the Christian life - not an optional extra. We miss you when you're not there; and you miss out too.

The church continues to stream the 10am service online for those who are unable to attend in person, and I remain grateful to the team that makes this possible week by week.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Occasional Offices

In 2025 we officiated at 12 funerals (at church and crematorium), along with a number of interments of ashes in the churchyard. Our funeral ministry continues to be a significant and valued part of what we offer to the wider community, and the privilege of walking alongside bereaved families is not one we take lightly. It was particularly moving to commend Jenny Knights, Nora Rutherford and Anne Lorimer to God. Our "In Memory" service was once again well-attended and deeply appreciated – the list of names to be remembered continues to grow.

There were 4 marriages solemnised in the church during 2025 - always a joy and a delight. We also celebrated 2 baptisms and the great pleasure of 1 confirmation. These occasional offices are a reminder of the way in which this church continues to serve the whole community at the significant moments of life.

Our current position remains that baptisms should normally take place during Sunday services unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is the responsibility of the whole church - not just those with formal roles - and one of the most heartening things about St Andrew's is the way so many people quietly and faithfully look after one another. Much of this care is invisible to most of us: the regular phone calls, the cups of tea shared with someone struggling, the lifts to appointments, the cards sent, the prayers offered. All of it matters.

Where more structured pastoral care is needed, our Pastoral Care Team - led by Christina, with Suzie, Kevin and Marie - takes responsibility for ensuring that people are visited and supported. I am enormously grateful to them for the careful, consistent and compassionate work that they do, often in situations that are complex and demanding. We also have a growing team of Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends, with a special ministry to older people, ably led by Marie.

If you know of anyone - inside or outside the church - who would benefit from a pastoral visit or a point of contact with the church, please do not hesitate to let Christina know. No one should feel overlooked or forgotten.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Care in the village

The pastoral team consists of Marie, Christina (both Anna Chaplains) Suzie and Mary (both Anna Friends who help Anna Chaplains) and Kevin until the end of his curacy. But although Anna chaplaincy was set up to help older people, the pastoral care in our church is not confined solely to that demographic. It is for everyone. Suzie, for instance, is a regular helper at Bobtails and can make connections there.

Each month services are held in the three retirement homes in the village. Marie takes these. In Arlington and Abbeyfield, where she is ably assisted by Suzie. Over the last few months, Corinne, our ordinand, has been a great help at Arlington. In Gretton Court, Christina is

alongside Marie. There is also a monthly bible study there, and weekly study groups in Advent and Lent.

All of us make visits, including Michael; and although finding the time can sometimes be challenging, we greatly value this time spent with you.

We enjoy working together as a little team, even if we are not able to meet up too often.

If you have any queries or pastoral concerns, please feel free to contact Christina in the first instance.

Christina Deacon

Music

We continue to be enormously grateful for the musicians who enrich our worship. Our organists - Richard, Jeremy, Maureen and Matthew - provide the musical bedrock of our Sunday life, and we are equally thankful for the instrumental contributions of Marie, Helen and Bob, among others. The standard of music at St Andrew's is something we should never take for granted, and it is a gift that many churches would envy.

A particular highlight of the year was the Carol Service, which included a new commission by Richard Causton setting the opening words of St John's Gospel. It was a beautiful and affecting piece, and we are deeply grateful to Richard for this gift of his work. Huge thanks also to Jeremy for leading the choir and for those who came to sing!

We have also enjoyed a growing number of musical social events through the year, including performances by Girton Musical Theatre, the Cambridge Chamber Collective and the Gesualdo Six. These events have drawn congregation and community together in a wonderfully natural way, and long may they continue.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Outreach

Our desire for growth is, at its heart, a desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the people around us. In 2025 the most significant form of outreach has been perhaps the simplest: members of the congregation inviting friends, neighbours and family members to come to church with them. This is exactly the culture of invitation we have been seeking to build, and it is bearing fruit. The best advertisement for St Andrew's has always been the warmth and authenticity of its people - and I am encouraged to see people acting on that.

Eona and her team have continued to do excellent work through Bobtails, which remains our most significant regular point of contact with young families in the village. We continue to be grateful for the financial support of the Girton Town Charity in making this possible.

As Eona prepares to move on to new ministry, we face both the challenge of her departure and the opportunity to discern afresh how God is calling us to reach the children and families of Girton. We are praying for wisdom in this, and we ask for your prayers too.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Safeguarding

This year there was a data breach at APCS (the organisation which processes personal data for Disclosure and Barring Service Checks). DBS checks are needed for certain positions in the church, and the loss of personal information was a potential concern. Although Ely was one of the Dioceses affected, after investigation we were assured by the Ely safeguarding team that no-one from St Andrew's had been affected. There is now a new organisation which we need to submit applications to.

As a church and PCC we are continuing to monitor our activities, policies and procedures in order to follow all relevant guidance on safeguarding. We once again marked Safeguarding Sunday with special prayers. There have been no issues of major concern this year, but we continue to keep a pastoral eye on vulnerable members of the congregation.

If anyone has any concerns about someone's wellbeing they can speak confidentially to Michael or Helen, or look on the church website for links to agencies which can give advice.

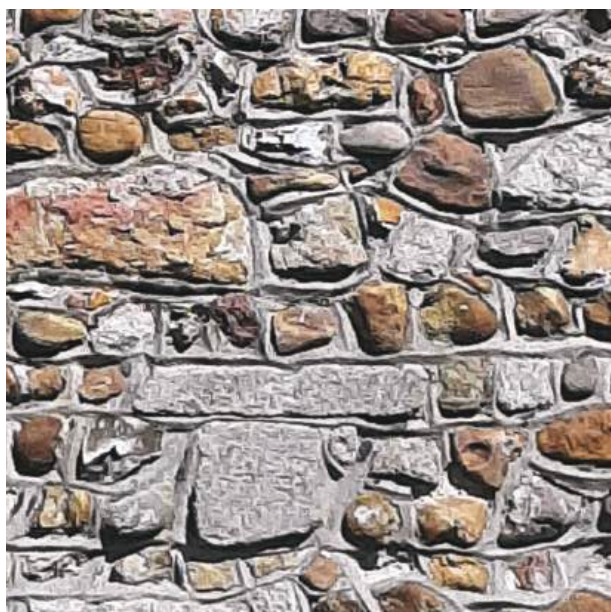
Helen Wilson

Unlocking and Locking

As you know our church is open from about 9 to about 4 or 5 each day. You may also have noticed that not all churches round here are and it is a truly good thing that we are open for quiet contemplation and prayer. (Also open for buying marmalade and chutney!)

Thanks are due to the people who do this - ministry team, Margaret Wheatley, Sandra, George, Sheila, Geoff and Wendy - because at times they have to reorganise their days around this duty. To make matters easier, Geoff Burt has set up a WhatsApp group - very useful.

Sheila Hiley



Building and Fabric

Fabric

While clearing leaves and debris from the church roof it was noticed that the lightning strike of 2024 had caused more damage than was first thought at the time, even though a drone had been used to carry out a survey.

The lead gutter valley flashings had been struck, along with 4 sections of 4 inch cast iron tower down pipes (see right) and all repairs were carried out.

Various re-pointing took place to the North Clerestory parapet, East Nave gable and South Clerestory parapet. These repairs all related to the Quinquennial inspection which took place in June 2024.

The Terrier was reviewed to ensure it was up-to-date, and to explain, this is a comprehensive record of all land and contents belonging to the church and is used for maintenance and security. It acts as a legal record of assets, ensuring all items and land are accounted for. Contents will include plate, furniture, fixtures and fittings.

Electrical work was carried out in the North Room due to tripping sockets.

There are ongoing discussions with Universal Stone to rectify a number of outstanding defects in the joinery of the West End.

At last, curtains were finally installed in the north room making for a more pleasant environment on dark winter evenings.

There are a number of projects in the pipeline for 2026, the main ones being North Room lighting to be updated along with redecorating, upgrading the Vestry and cleaning of the church windows.

Geoff Burt



Churchyard

This has been a peaceful year with no dramatic storms to bring down branches or too much heat to spoil the grass. The regular pollarding was done along to the East side and other trees were checked as usual.

The only slight damage is done by the many nocturnal animals that enjoy our lush plant growth and flowers during the hours of darkness! I imagine massive rabbit parties with, perhaps, gatecrashing muntjacs and the occasional badger. The squirrels scurry about at all times digging holes for nuts everywhere.

People are patient, though, and persevere with putting beautiful flowers on the graves, and soon learn which ones are immediately eaten and which ones are not so popular.

The new side gate next to the wide back gate is very well used by dog walkers and others. It is locked during January and February to keep the grass growing well, and most people are happy with this arrangement.

Many thanks to the willing workers who do so much at the monthly churchyard work party. Do come along and join us on the last Saturday morning of any month to help to keep the area looking good.

Wendy Hunter



Health and Safety

While the medieval edifice inevitably has inherent risks associated with it, the PCC is confident that reasonable precautions are taken to respond to identifiable risks.

Incidents:

During 2025 no significant accidents were reported at the church.

There were no lightning strikes during the last twelve months.

Equipment:

Checks on equipment either have been carried out or are in hand:

- Fire extinguishers were serviced on 17 December 2025.
- Electrical Installation testing is up to date with its next service due in June 2029.
- Organ tuning is up to date.
- Boiler service is in hand.
- Electrical appliance testing is in hand; it was last carried out on 10 July 2024. To ensure all equipment is accounted for, a list of equipment in the North Room and Kitchen has been compiled. A defunct Henry Hoover, which had failed the last PAT test in 2019, has been disposed of.

Church furnishings and fittings:

Members of the cleaning team keep the church tidy and free of obstructions.

- Carpet in the chancel needs anchoring down as people sometimes trip over it.
- It might be wise to have the 8 heating lights regularly tested to ensure they remain securely in place and are not likely to fall and cause lethal damage to congregants.

Tower:

The door with a key to the tower is routinely locked when not in use.

NB. The other door to the tower has no key but since it is accessible only via the balcony, it is unlikely to be a health and safety issue. It has been agreed that the door should be bolted from the staircase side when not in use.

Churchyard:

- **Paving stones:** the paths are in good condition with no loose or jutting paving.
- **Tombstones/Monuments:** An audit will be carried out by the Health and Safety Officer once the site map has been located. Currently, at least one (Leonard Stott's tombstone) is wobbly to the touch and needs resetting. A full list of wobbly stones will be passed on to Hibbitt's Stone Masons to deal with.
- It would be useful to set up a three-yearly inspection by Hibbitt's.
- **Lawnmower:** henceforth the petrol lawnmower should be tested regularly.
- **Trees:** the trees are regularly assessed with work undertaken as necessary.

Events:

Some events (notably the annual Art Show) have a written risk assessment that is reviewed each year. For the Christingle Service, we take appropriate measures to mitigate reasonably anticipated risks.

Dr Susanna Avery-Quash

Net zero

We continue to take seriously our responsibility towards God's creation and our duty to reduce the environmental impact of our buildings. Our approach is one of gradual, practical progress: slowly weaning ourselves off gas and moving towards electric heating solutions.

This year we are hoping to install electric heating in the vestry, which will be a meaningful step forward. We are also in the early stages of planning to bring the North Room heating across to electric in due course. We remain committed to this direction of travel and will continue to look for sensible and affordable ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

Revd. Michael Bigg

Flower Arrangers

There has been a changing of the guard with the church flower arrangers team recently. Ev Fryer, Gillian Barker and myself have been called upon to take on this really lovely job of arranging beautiful flowers on a weekly basis. Quite a tall order for the three of us, but we seem to manage well. Trying to vary arrangements is somewhat of a challenge at times, but with each other to inspire and call upon, we do quite well I think and hope.

If anyone in our congregation, or from outside our church family, would like to find out more about this beautiful, but quite committed job, please contact Marilyn Burt.

Marilyn Burt

Church Cleaning

This report is full of the thanks to be expressed in what has been another year where we can be proud of the way our church always looks spick and span and well-cared for.

We have to give thanks to Anne Lorimer, who died last year. She was a stalwart of the cleaning team along with Alastair, who has now retired. They were part of the cleaning team for many years and we are very grateful for everything that they did.

Thanks are due to Geoff and Marilyn Burt who have also retired. Again, we appreciate everything they did.

We are fortunate to have four people who have joined the team, namely Susanna and Ann and David and Dorothy. It is great to have them on board.

Thanks are also due to those who volunteered for some extra cleaning in the Autumn. It made a real difference.

(One or two others, who have been on the cleaning rota for a very long time, would also like to retire. Please see Sheila if you can help with a turn which comes around about every 9 weeks, so not onerous but so valuable).

Last but not least, thank you to the whole cleaning team. You are total gems!

Sheila Hiley

Administration

Electoral roll

At the APCM in May 2025 there were 100 names on the Electoral Roll. There were, sadly, four deaths during the remainder of the year: Jenny Knights, Nora Rutherford, Anne Lorimer and Bob Lloyd. Two other members of the congregation have moved out of the parish: Gabrielle Porter and Joyce Walters. But we warmly welcome Christine Woods, who joined us in November.

The number of people on the Roll at 31 December 2025 was therefore 95.

My thanks go to Alice Few, who preceded me as Electoral Roll Officer, for her patient explanation of the role !

Terry Hoad

PCC Membership and Activity

The PCC met six times in 2025: in January, April, May, June, September and November.

The Parochial Church Council operates under the Church Representation Rules (2025). For 2024-25 it was made up of ex officio and elected members as detailed below:

The members of the PCC during 2025 were:

- The Revd Michael Bigg (Chair, Rector – ex officio)
- The Revd Kevin Parks (Curate – ex officio)
- Martyn Johnson (Treasurer)
- Sheila Hiley (Deanery Synod Representative)
- Terry Hoad (Deanery Synod Representative, Electoral Roll Officer)
- Christina Deacon (LLM)
- Dugald Wilson (LLM)
- Helen Wilson (Safeguarding Officer)
- Geoff Burt (Fabric Officer)
- Alastair Lorimer (Vice Chair)
- Martin Nuttall
- Mary Chesterfield
- Caroline Blackmun

The PCC wishes to record its thanks to all who have served during the year, and also thanks John Hall for acting as PCC Secretary.

Ministry Team

The Ministry Team comprises the Rector, Licensed Lay Ministers, licensed clergy (Marie and Kevin) and the Children and Families Minister). The group meets every fortnight to discuss the general life and business of the church (including pastoral needs) but has no formal decision making or spending powers.

Revd. Michael Bigg / John Hall

Secretarial / Pews News

The administration work of the church and parish is still distributed amongst several people.

There is no church secretary who should have been a focus of all this work. Susie Cumming continues to help us in the preparation of the weekly Pews News and other occasional copying and printing and we are very grateful to her for it.

Dugald Wilson continues to manage many of the church service rotas. It does take a serious amount of time and so it is always appreciated that any changes are told to him in good time so that the service documentation can be updated in time for the Sunday services. If anyone does feel as though they are doing too much, and would like to reduce their workload, please tell him. Volunteers for any task are always welcome. People retire, and people die, but unfortunately fewer people come forward to fill their places. As a result, the lists do shrink and it puts more of a burden on the decreasing number of people.

Dugald has also prepared the APCM reports and collated the series of sermons on the Parables for publication.

Nigel Deacon has managed the church website, keeping it up to date. He has also managed the occasional electronic newsletters informing us of important upcoming events. There is also a small team of dedicated and talented camera folk keeping our Sunday morning service streaming going against the whims of technology that appears occasionally to conspire against them.

Dugald Wilson / Susie Cumming

Finance

Most church activity involves money at some point, and in 2025 there were over 1,100 individual transactions with a turnover of over £100,000. Approximately three quarters of our general income comes from voluntary donations, and we remain grateful to all who support the church.

The general fund had receipts of £84,004 and payments of £68,654: a gross surplus of £15,350. Out of this we have transferred £3,000 to the fabric sinking fund in accordance with established practice, and £11,000 to the support of the Children and Families Minister. This leaves an encouraging net surplus of £1,350. These figures are broadly similar to last year.

We had to spend a lot of money on the churchyard in 2025, primarily on tree surgery and repairs to the gate. The net deficit was over £3,800, which contrasts markedly with last year's surplus.

One large transaction requires explanation. The accounts show a transfer of £22,637 from the restricted churchyard fund to the general fund. This was in fact the correction of an error made in 2022 when the capital values of various trust funds were brought into the accounts as fixed assets. The "Girton Skinner Trust" was treated as being restricted to maintenance of the churchyard, but closer examination of the paperwork has revealed that it may be used for "General ecclesiastical purposes", and it therefore belongs in the general fund. It is important to realise that this sum represents the capital value of an asset held as an investment and that this is not a movement of "spending money". From the start of 2025 the income from this investment has also been assigned to the general fund.

Despite substantial spending on quinquennial repairs, the fabric sinking fund shows a deficit of just £6 before the addition of the annual top-up transfer. Grant income, a generous donation and a successful insurance claim for latent damage from the 2024 lightning strike were almost sufficient to cover the expenditure. The fund is now very healthy and in the absence of further major expenditure the PCC may decide to reduce the amount transferred into it in 2026.

Our work to support children and young people has cost £16,550, with £11,000 of that coming from general PCC funds. Much of the remainder has come from grants from the Girton Town Charity and the Church Schools of Cambridge, and we are grateful to these for their support.

The only Action Abroad activity in 2025 was the art exhibition, which enabled £2,000 to be sent to the Domboshawa Trust.

It would be fair to regard the outturn for 2025 as roughly break even. What is not immediately obvious from the accounts is that we have recently lost several generous donors through death or leaving the area, and this may prove challenging for 2026.

Martyn Johnson



The Wider Church

Deanery Synod

There were three meetings of the Deanery Synod in 2025:

March at Landbeach, July at Histon and November at Northstowe

The meetings cover Deanery finance, a report from the Rural Dean, James Blandford Baker, often informing us of the goings on at General Synod, and an item of general interest, sometimes with a guest speaker or a period of prayer for what is concerning individual parishes. It is intended to make a longer time for prayer in these meetings in the future.

Finance

There is always a discussion about what is happening with the Parish Share. The Ministry Share requested from North Stowe Deanery this year has increased, and we expected to be asked to pay more but other parishes in the Deanery have been able to offer a proportionally larger increase for 2026 with the result that we have not had to increase ours.

Another question has been asked. Should support be more targeted at Deaneries with a higher 'Deprivation Index'?

NB the Diocese is predicting a deficit due to the increase in National Insurance because the Diocesan budget was set before the national one.

Rural Deans' Reports

At each of the meetings in 2025, the vacancies at Ely and Canterbury were mentioned and these are now happily resolved.

Subjects discussed at the General Synod included safeguarding and clergy stipends and pensions, which he said were very low, leading to hardship among some retired clergy.

He thought the Triennium funding review would result in less money for Ely.

There is a lot of new legislation on such things as clergy conduct and mission and pastoral matters and various things going through revision.

Matters of Interest

Kintsugi Hope

We had an interesting talk about Kintsugi Hope, which is a UK charity that partners with local churches to support people with their mental and emotional wellbeing through a programme of Wellbeing Groups.

(Kintsugi pots, a Japanese art form, are those which are broken and then repaired with gold and silver so that they end up being better than before. This seems an appropriate image for the work of KH as they hope their work leads to mended lives, better than ever.)

Northstowe Development Updates

There was a lively report by Beth, the priest in charge of Northstowe, who spoke about the intended size for the settlement of 10,000 houses planned which will make it bigger than Ely, Huntingdon and St Ives. It will be the biggest new town since Milton Keynes.

It follows it should be given the status of a new parish which would include a small slice of Over and Oakington. There is a lot of work going on and in 2026 they will be bidding for a site for a Community Hub, with a lease on the land, hopefully by the lake, of 9999 years. This will include community areas as well as a worship space where weddings, baptisms etc can be performed, though parishioners will still have the option of using the nearby village churches if they wish.

This building will have to be paid for; £6,000,000 is needed but £750,000 has been given by the URC. Prayers are fervently requested.

The Hindus and possibly, but not certainly, the Muslims are also interested in a site at Northstowe

What is the Deanery Synod for?

Lay Chair, Maria Gloag, led a prayerful discussion upon "What is the point of Deanery Synod?"

A spirited discussion ensued with insightful ideas of how we can improve the use of our time together, make it a function which is purposeful and encourage people to make room in their diaries to attend.

There were some comments that Deanery Synod does not have any power to make changes, which can be demoralizing for members, however this was also seen as an opportunity to shape the group to fit the needs of members. One message which came across clearly was that that fellowship aspect of Deanery Synod is valued by members, along with the opportunity to get to know and pray for other local churches, so it was suggested by the Rural Dean that we devote the first 30 - 45 minutes of meetings to prayer and fellowship. We are asked to bring three prayer points from our parishes meetings to enable us to pray for one another.

For more information or if you have any questions please ask Terry or Sheila.

Sheila Hiley / Terry Hoad

Action Abroad

Payments were made in July of £2000 to Domboshawa Trust.

The Art Exhibition raised £1724 (very similar to 2024), so very many thanks to all who were involved. Further funds were from donations and Gift Aid recovery.

Thank you to all who have contributed to fundraising efforts this year.

Clare Conboy

Appendix

Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Church Meeting, 18th May 2025

(held following the 10 a.m. service)

MINUTES

Present (at both meetings): Michael Bigg, Rector, in the chair (= M.B.), and 29 parishioners.

Apologies for absence (for both meetings) were received from: Robin and Sheila Hiley, Dugald and Helen Wilson, Roger and Alice Few, Jenny Prince and family, Joan and Nigel Playfair, and Penny De Lacey.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by M.B.

Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence. See above.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 12th May 2024 were approved.

3. The need for a Churchwarden. M.B. said that no nomination had been received. He explained briefly the responsibilities of Churchwardens, and said that the exceptional amount of work done by Bruce and Wendy Hunter in recent years would not be required from a new Churchwarden. Much help would be available, especially from former Churchwardens; a Churchwarden would not be required to attend church every Sunday. One or two hours work each week should be sufficient. If a volunteer came forward after the meeting he would call an Extraordinary General Meeting to hold an election.

4. Thanks to retiring Churchwarden. The meeting expressed huge thanks to Bruce Hunter for his work as Churchwarden. M.B. said that Bruce had been a pillar of strength to him, and prayed for a blessing on him.

5. Any other business. There was none.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence. See above.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 12th May 2024 were approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. There were none.

4. The electoral roll. Alice Few has compiled the completely new electoral roll required by the church's rules. There are 100 members, many of them people not on the old roll. Deep thanks were expressed to Alice Few for her work over many years as Electoral Roll Officer.

M.B. announced that the PCC has appointed Terry Hoad as the new Electoral Roll Officer.

5. The annual report. Thanks were expressed to Dugald Wilson for his work in compiling this. M.B. expressed his thanks to all who had contributed to the report, and to all who took part in the many and varied aspects of the work of the church.

No questions were asked about any section of the report.

6. Safeguarding. Thanks were expressed to Helen Wilson for her work as Safeguarding officer.

7. Finance. Martyn Johnson said that he had nothing to add to what is in the annual report. M.B. expressed the church's huge thanks to him, and to all who make donations to the church. It is encouraging that, unlike many churches, our accounts show a surplus.

8. The external examiner of the accounts. On the proposal of Martyn Johnson, seconded by Caroline Blackmun, Jackie Fisher was re-appointed.

9. Elections to the Parochial Church Council. The following were re-elected:

Geoffrey Burt, proposed by Alastair Lorimer and seconded by Anne Lorimer;

Martyn Johnson, proposed by Alastair Lorimer and seconded by Anne Lorimer;

Helen Wilson, proposed by Sheila Hiley and seconded by Joan Playfair.

10. Plans for 2025. M.B. expressed his thanks for all the assistance that he gets, mentioning especially the work of Marie Lucchetta-Redmond as Associate Priest and Kevin Parks as Curate. He made a plea for donations to, and prayers for the church. He mentioned a plan for an outreach seekers' course, hoping to reach people who are not church members but want to explore Christian faith, and a plan for a series of sermons on parables, to be preached in the summer months.

11. Any other business, and conclusion. No other business was mentioned. M.B. expressed his thanks to all church members for their contributions to the church, and the meeting expressed its thanks to him.

In response to a call by M.B. for a prayer from someone present at the meeting, Rody Politt prayed a concluding prayer.

Annual accounts

For the benefit of those not familiar with the accounting structures of the church, some explanatory notes follow:

Money is sometimes held by the PCC on behalf of some other organisation, most notably the component of statutory fees that belongs to the Diocese. These transactions do not appear as income and expenditure in these accounts. Any such funds held at the end of the financial year are recorded as a liability in the balance sheet, indicating that the money held in the bank account does not belong to the PCC.

PCC funds fall into three broad categories: unrestricted, restricted and designated. Unrestricted funds can be used for any purpose the PCC sees fit. Restricted funds represent money that was given for a specific purpose, and we are legally obliged to spend it on that. Designated funds represent money that the PCC has decided to allocate to a purpose, either by formal resolution or general agreement. The introduction of a designated fund helps to ensure that the money is ring-fenced, whilst retaining the flexibility to reallocate the funds explicitly in the future.

The funds covered in this report are:

- **General:** The general fund holds all money used for general purposes which is neither restricted nor designated. Most everyday transactions use this fund.
- **Churchyard:** These are funds intended for the maintenance of the churchyard. It has both restricted and designated components.
- **Action Abroad:** Money associated with Action Abroad projects. Most of this fund is restricted since it comes from targeted fundraising. The designated component had no transactions in 2025.
- **Fabric:** This is a designated fund which represents the money that the PCC has set aside as a sinking fund for future fabric maintenance. We aim to transfer funds into it at the end of each year, and spend from it as the need arises (most likely after the quinquennial inspection).
- **Legacy:** This is a designated fund to hold money received as legacies. Since this is not a regular source of income, the PCC prefers not to rely on it for routine operating costs. This fund helps to keep it separate for use as the PCC decides. Legacies which have spending conditions are accounted as restricted.
- **Grants:** This is a restricted fund used to hold funds from miscellaneous short term grants that have been received for a specific purpose. Such grants are typically 1-off payments which are spent shortly after being received (or in some cases before), and therefore do not justify creation of a named fund of their own.
- **Reordering:** Money assigned to the recent reordering project. The small balance remaining at the end of 2024 has now been cleared and this fund is now effectively closed.
- **Children:** This fund is for activities relating to children and family outreach, such as Bobtails and Choir Church. Funds received specifically for these activities are restricted, and supplementary funding from other sources is designated.

For clarity, all amounts are rounded to the nearest pound. This rounding sometimes leads to small discrepancies in the column totals.

The reports that follow are:

- The receipts and payments account for each fund in turn, designated and restricted funds being shown separately. The top level breakdown of the income and expenditure is broadly intended to follow the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), though there is no legal requirement for receipts and payments accounts to do so.
- The balance sheet, showing the assets and liabilities at the end of the year, with a breakdown by fund.
- A fund movement report, giving a 1-page summary of the overall change in each fund over the year.
- A statement of assets and liabilities giving a breakdown of where the funds are actually held.

An unfortunate limitation of the accounting software is that the reports do not give details of transfers between funds. Only the net amounts to or from each fund are shown. The actual transfers made in 2025 were:

From	To	Amount	Purpose
Churchyard	General	£22,637	Correction of error in assignment of capital asset
General	Fabric	£3,000	Annual top-up of fabric sinking fund
General	Children	£11,000	Funding of children and youth work

Martyn Johnson

Copy of the Independent examiner's report to the PCC

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Andrews Glebe, Girton

This report on the financial statements of the Girton PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 and 2., is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the Girton PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

During the year a corrective transfer was made for £22,637 from Restricted funds to General Purpose Funds in relation to G017 Girton Skinner Trust due to the revised understanding that the funds in the Trust could be used for general purposes and that the original categorisation of the Trust in the accounts was incorrect.

In connection with my examination, no matter has 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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
 - have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jacquie Fisher

Ms Jacquie Fisher FCCA
Oleander, 155 Wellbrook Way, Girton
24th February 2026

Girton PCC - 1189339
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Note	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Collections - loose small cash		£2,354	£2,055
Collections - envelopes, cheques etc		£810	£894
Standing order donations		£9,701	£11,706
Donations received via CAF		£3,440	£3,660
Parish Giving Scheme income		£28,708	£27,613
Donations via card payment services		£3,093	£2,066
1-off small cash donations		£2,358	£2,649
1-off donations		£1,963	£3,602
Income from online merchants		£61	—
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£4,061	£5,090
Gift Aid recovered by others		£6,503	£6,825
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>£63,051</i>	<i>£66,161</i>
Income from charitable activities			
Occasional offices - statutory PCC fees		£6,135	£2,330
Occasional offices - supplementary items		£883	£910
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<i>£7,018</i>	<i>£3,240</i>
Other trading activities			
North Room/church hire - fund raising		£6,825	£6,049
Sales		£90	£17
Fundraising events		£25	£5
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<i>£6,940</i>	<i>£6,071</i>
Investments			
Bank and deposit account interest		£4,087	£3,641
Income from investments		£1,832	£1,175
Rent from lands or buildings		£628	£1
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<i>£6,547</i>	<i>£4,817</i>
Other income			
LPOW grants (VAT recovery)		—	£810
Parish office costs recovered		£299	£141
Insurance claims		£100	£6,907
Sundry income		£50	£78
	<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>£449</i>	<i>£7,936</i>
Total income and endowments		£84,004	£88,225
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Costs of fund raising resources		—	£70
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>£70</i>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving to other charities		£750	£242
Ministry parish share		£48,832	£46,717
Parish administrator		—	£250
Parish Office costs		£1,037	£1,231
IT-related costs		£631	£386
Working expenses of incumbent		£367	£473
Organist and choir leader payments		£3,918	£2,956

Note	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
		£288	£252
		£666	£543
		£1,513	£2,317
		£237	£185
		£311	£124
		£2,853	£2,831
		£1,384	£2,151
		£1,492	£1,277
		£237	£191
		£1,596	£847
		£112	£173
		£60	£60
		£420	—
		—	£7,407
		£1,871	£792
		—	£50
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>£68,574</i>	<i>£71,456</i>
Other expenditure			
Sundry expenditure		£80	£110
	<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>£80</i>	<i>£110</i>
Total expenditure		£68,654	£71,636
		£15,350	£16,589
		£8,637	(£15,000)
		(£2,635)	£969
		£72,211	£69,653
Total carried forward balance		£93,563	£72,211

Churchyard - Churchyard fund (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments

Income from charitable activities		
Occasional offices - statutory PCC fees	—	£3,652
Occasional offices - supplementary items	£375	£450
<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	<i>£375</i>	<i>£4,102</i>
Total income and endowments	£375	£4,102

Expenditure

Other expenditure		
Grave digging payments	£300	£480
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>	<i>£300</i>	<i>£480</i>
Total expenditure	£300	£480
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	£75	£3,622
Brought forward balance	£12,668	£9,046
Total carried forward balance	£12,743	£12,668

Note	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
Churchyard - Churchyard fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Standing order donations		£200	£200
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>£200</u>	<u>£200</u>
Investments			
Income from investments		£1,598	£2,347
	<i>Total Investments</i>	<u>£1,598</u>	<u>£2,347</u>
Total income and endowments		£1,798	£2,547
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Upkeep of churchyard		£5,684	£3,212
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>£5,684</u>	<u>£3,212</u>
Total expenditure		£5,684	£3,212
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£3,886)	(£665)
Transfers to/(from)		(£22,637)	—
Gains & losses		(£1,019)	£1,077
Brought forward balance		£72,030	£71,618
Total carried forward balance		£44,489	£72,030
AA - Action Abroad (Designated) Fund			
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving to other charities		—	£180
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>£180</u>
Total expenditure		—	£180
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		—	(£180)
Brought forward balance		—	£180
Total carried forward balance		—	—
AA - Action Abroad (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations received via CAF		£180	£260
1-off small cash donations		£6	—
1-off donations		£100	£1,080
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£97	£182
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<u>£383</u>	<u>£1,523</u>
Other trading activities			
Art exhibition entrance fees		£466	£487
Art exhibition receipts from sales		£5,165	£5,025
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	<u>£5,630</u>	<u>£5,512</u>
Total income and endowments		£6,013	£7,034
Expenditure			

Note	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving to other charities		£2,000	£5,320
Refund of minor activity expenses		£47	£47
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>£2,047</i>	<i>£5,367</i>
Other expenditure			
Art exhibition payments to artists		£3,859	£3,720
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>£3,859</i>	<i>£3,720</i>
Total expenditure		£5,906	£9,087
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		£107	(£2,052)
Brought forward balance		£58	£2,110
Total carried forward balance		£165	£58

Fabric - Fabric sinking fund (Designated) Fund

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies		
1-off donations	£1,000	—
Gift Aid tax recovered direct	£250	—
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	<i>£1,250</i>	<i>—</i>

Other income

LPOW grants (VAT recovery)	£1,017	—
Grants received	£2,000	—
Insurance claims	£1,764	—
<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>£4,781</i>	<i>—</i>

Total income and endowments

£6,031 **—**

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities		
Church major works (repair)	£6,038	£1,850
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>£6,038</i>	<i>£1,850</i>

Total expenditure

£6,038 **£1,850**

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£6)	(£1,850)
Transfers to/(from)	£3,000	£3,000
Brought forward balance	£12,614	£11,465

Total carried forward balance

£15,608 **£12,614**

Note	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
Legacy - Legacy fund (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Legacies		—	£270
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		—	£270
Total income and endowments		—	£270
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Church major works (new)		—	£6,301
Purchase of equipment		—	£4,586
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		—	£10,887
Total expenditure		—	£10,887
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		—	(£10,617)
Brought forward balance		£29,396	£40,013
Total carried forward balance		£29,396	£29,396
Legacy - Legacy fund (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		£10,000	£10,000
Total carried forward balance		£10,000	£10,000
Grants - Grant funds (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other income			
Grants received		—	£2,000
<i>Total Other income</i>		—	£2,000
Total income and endowments		—	£2,000
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		—	£2,000
Brought forward balance		—	(£2,000)
Total carried forward balance		—	—

Note	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
Reordering - Reordering fund (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
Reordering - Reordering fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other income			
LPOW grants (VAT recovery)		—	£2,035
<i>Total Other income</i>		—	£2,035
Total income and endowments		—	£2,035
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Church major works (repair)		£67	—
Church major works (new)		—	£1,968
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		£67	£1,968
Total expenditure		£67	£1,968
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(£67)	£67
Brought forward balance		£67	—
Total carried forward balance		—	£67
Children - Children and families support (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations via card payment services		£798	£746
1-off small cash donations		£186	£219
Gift Aid tax recovered direct		£278	£278
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		£1,262	£1,242
Other trading activities			
North Room/church hire - fund raising		£25	—
<i>Total Other trading activities</i>		£25	—
Other income			
Grants received		—	£2,612
Sundry income		£110	£70
<i>Total Other income</i>		£110	£2,682
Total income and endowments		£1,397	£3,924
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Refund of minor activity expenses		£345	£256
Miscellaneous staffing expenses		—	£40
Children and families minister		£11,183	£14,703
Hire of external venues		£848	£989
Governance costs; examination/audit fee		£50	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		£12,426	£15,988
Total expenditure		£12,426	£15,988

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2025 31 December 2025	01 January 2024 31 December 2024
	Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure	(£11,029)	(£12,064)
	Transfers to/(from)	£11,000	£12,000
	Brought forward balance	£307	£371
	Total carried forward balance	£278	£307

Children - Children and families support (Restricted) Fund

Income and endowments

Other income

Grants received

	£4,273	£3,532
<i>Total Other income</i>	<i>£4,273</i>	<i>£3,532</i>

Total income and endowments

£4,273 £3,532

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

Refund of minor activity expenses

Children and families minister

Hire of external venues

	£419	£68
	£3,603	£2,777
	£102	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>£4,124</i>	<i>£2,845</i>

Total expenditure

£4,124 £2,845

Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure

Brought forward balance

Total carried forward balance

£149 £687
£768 £81
£917 £768

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Balance sheet (Church of England)

As at: 31 December 2025

	As at 31/12/2025 £	As at 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets		
Investments	£107,750	£111,404
	<u>£107,750</u>	<u>£111,404</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	£101,205	£98,715
	<u>£101,205</u>	<u>£98,715</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£1,796	—
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>£99,409</u>	<u>£98,715</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£207,159</u>	<u>£210,120</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>£207,159</u>	<u>£210,120</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	£93,563	£72,211
Designated		
Designated - Churchyard fund	£12,743	£12,668
Designated - Action Abroad	—	—
Designated - Fabric sinking fund	£15,608	£12,614
Designated - Legacy fund	£29,396	£29,396
Designated - Reordering fund	—	—
Designated - Children and families support	£278	£307
Restricted		
Restricted - Churchyard fund	£44,489	£72,030
Restricted - Action Abroad	£165	£58
Restricted - Legacy fund	£10,000	£10,000
Restricted - Grant funds	—	—
Restricted - Reordering fund	—	£67
Restricted - Children and families support	£917	£768
Restricted - Agency collection	—	—
Funds of the church	<u>£207,159</u>	<u>£210,120</u>

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Fund movement by type
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
General							
Unrestricted	£72,211	£84,004	£68,654	£8,637	(£2,635)	—	£93,563
Sub-totals	£72,211	£84,004	£68,654	£8,637	(£2,635)	—	£93,563
Churchyard							
Designated	£12,668	£375	£300	—	—	—	£12,743
Restricted	£72,030	£1,798	£5,684	(£22,637)	(£1,019)	—	£44,489
Sub-totals	£84,698	£2,173	£5,984	(£22,637)	(£1,019)	—	£57,232
AA							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	£58	£6,013	£5,906	—	—	—	£165
Sub-totals	£58	£6,013	£5,906	—	—	—	£165
Fabric							
Designated	£12,614	£6,031	£6,038	£3,000	—	—	£15,608
Sub-totals	£12,614	£6,031	£6,038	£3,000	—	—	£15,608
Legacy							
Designated	£29,396	—	—	—	—	—	£29,396
Restricted	£10,000	—	—	—	—	—	£10,000
Sub-totals	£39,396	—	—	—	—	—	£39,396
Grants							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reordering							
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted	£67	—	£67	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	£67	—	£67	—	—	—	—
Children							
Designated	£307	£1,397	£12,426	£11,000	—	—	£278
Restricted	£768	£4,273	£4,124	—	—	—	£917
Sub-totals	£1,075	£5,670	£16,550	£11,000	—	—	£1,195
Totals	£210,120	£103,892	£103,198	—	(£3,654)	—	£207,159

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2025

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
6431 : CBF CofE Investment Fund Income Shares	£30,412	—	—	—	£30,412	£31,678
6432 : G002 Girton Rector & Churchwardens	£11,144	—	—	—	£11,144	£11,608
6433 : G008 Girton Farey Trust	—	—	£20,000	—	£20,000	£20,000
6434 : G017 Girton Skinner Trust	£21,732	—	—	—	£21,732	£22,637
6435 : G009 Girton Gutsell Grave Trust	—	—	£24,463	—	£24,463	£25,481
Total	£63,287	—	£44,463	—	£107,750	£111,404
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
6501 : Bank current account	£3,339	£5,214	£2,904	—	£11,457	£8,033
6510 : CCLA (CBF) general deposit	£26,930	£52,812	£10,000	—	£89,742	£90,674
6590 : Cash and cheques in hand	£7	—	—	—	£7	£8
Total	£30,276	£58,026	£12,904	—	£101,205	£98,715
Liabilities - Agency accounts						
6699 : Agency collections	—	—	£1,796	—	£1,796	—
Total	—	—	£1,796	—	£1,796	—
Net total assets	£93,563	£58,026	£55,571	—	£207,159	£210,120
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	£93,563	—	—	—	£93,563	£72,211
Designated - Churchyard	—	£12,743	—	—	£12,743	£12,668
Designated - Fabric	—	£15,608	—	—	£15,608	£12,614
Designated - Legacy	—	£29,396	—	—	£29,396	£29,396
Designated - Children	—	£278	—	—	£278	£307
Restricted - Churchyard	—	—	£44,489	—	£44,489	£72,030
Restricted - AA	—	—	£165	—	£165	£58
Restricted - Legacy	—	—	£10,000	—	£10,000	£10,000
Restricted - Reordering	—	—	—	—	—	£67
Restricted - Children	—	—	£917	—	£917	£768
Total	£93,563	£58,026	£55,571	—	£207,159	£210,120



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