

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF TAUNTON ST ANDREW

England & Wales · Charity number 1196804

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2021-11-26

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

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Activities: Christian worship and teaching is offered regularly, free of charge, open to all, in all age groups. Parish outreach in the form of regular and one-off activities and events in church and church hall.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£121,415	£137,168	-	-
2023-12-31	£167,479	£152,477	-	-
2022-12-31	£138,425	£129,154	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Charles Blackshaw		2026-05-03
Antony James Yeo		2019-04-07
Carol Ann Bull		2025-05-04
Darren Lee Chalmers		2019-04-07
David Anthony Geoffrey Budd		2016-04-24
Diane Elaine Ruff		2026-05-03
Henry William Haslam		2005-04-03
Jean Sharp		2026-05-03
Lesley Theresa Jones		2025-05-04
Peter Mervyn Jones		2026-05-03
Stephen Anthony Bull		2019-04-07
Stephen Grimshaw		2004-04-25
Susan Louise Goodman		2017-04-30

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Administrative information

St Andrew's Church is situated in Taunton. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Parish Office, Greenway Avenue, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6HU.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	The Revd Robin Lodge	Chair (ex-officio)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	David Budd (Vacancy)	Vice Chair (ex-officio, from APM 2024)
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Stephen Grimshaw Henry Haslam Darren Chalmers	(ex-officio) (ex-officio) (ex-officio)
<i>Elected members</i>	Ali Aish Steve Bull Carol Dimmer Ali Perry Bill Perry Di Ruff Antony Yeo (Vacancy)	(from APCM 2023 until July 2024) PCC Treasurer (from July 2024)
<i>Co-opted member</i>	Sue Goodman	PCC Secretary
<i>Permission to attend and speak</i>	Lesley Gold	Parish Administrator

[APM = Annual Parish Meeting APCM = Annual Parochial Church Meeting]

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a registered charity, numbered 1196804. It does not have any other related trusts or charities.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (2020). All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC meets approximately bi-monthly to conduct church business. Sub-committees of the PCC exist for the management of St Andrew's Church Hall, Fund Raising and to progress the New St Andrew's Project. Limited life working parties are set up occasionally to fulfil specific tasks and consist of PCC members and others by invitation.

The ministry of the parish is sustained by its Parish Priest, the Revd Robin Lodge and two Readers: Mrs Ruth Cook and Dr Jeremy Harvey. There is also a small team of four Lay Pastoral Assistants, one Lay Worship Assistant and several other teams of volunteers covering a wide range of church life, which report regularly to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 summarises the charitable objects of the PCC as "cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." St Andrew's PCC sees this as a calling to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been received by the Church of England by the nurture of faith among the community by word, pastoral care and practical service. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and the church hall.

From 1 September 2013, St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School converted to academy status and became a member of the Bath & Wells Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and was renamed St Andrew's Church of England School. Currently, there are no representatives of St Andrew's on the Local Governing Committee, the Foundation Governor posts being filled from elsewhere.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2024 (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Church attendance & Statistics for 2024

The number on the Electoral Roll at 31 December 2024 was 93 (102 at 31 December 2023).

The average Sunday attendance including children, counted in October was 59 (63 in 2023) but larger numbers attended for special services, such as at Christmas and Easter. In 2024 the number of baptisms was 2 (4 in 2023). There were no weddings in 2024 (1 in 2023). In total there were 9 funerals both in church and at local crematoria (6 in 2023).

Review of the Year

The year 2024 was one of consolidation and progress with the year's Mission Action Plan. The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are still with us, though now less pronounced. Attendance has picked up, with an estimated reduction of 10 since before Covid. Physical contact at the Peace at the Eucharist is beginning to return, though not with all. Anecdotally, more are prepared to share the Common Cup although this recovery has been slower. It has been good to welcome more new members who have travelled to work in the UK from outside Europe. We now have church family with origins in India, Pakistan, Iran and Nigeria. Sunday working patterns have reduced numbers attending our children's group, but this ministry is supported by a strong team.

Sadly, 2024 also saw the deaths of six members of the congregation, including Ali Perry and Alan Cook, both of whom had held key leadership positions within the church over the years. All of them are greatly missed.

The PCC met six times in 2024. Average attendance was 77% (85% in 2023). The Standing Committee (six meetings), the Hall Committee, and Fund Raising Group met between meetings. Minutes of their meetings were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. Other focussed groups, teams and officers regularly report to PCC meetings.

In line with diocesan policy, the PCC sets its priorities and expressed them in its Mission Action Plan (MAP). In September 2024 a parish conference was held to identify priorities for 2025 based on our values: Welcoming, Caring, Growing, Responding (to God and community) and Nurturing. The new plan resolved to maintain inspiring worship and nurturing faith, with a focus on drawing our children more deeply into the Eucharist; working to encourage church members of overseas heritage and supporting community facing activities, especially in church; to learn more about the needs of our community including developing links with the railway station; and to continue with the New St Andrew's Project. The MAP sets out specific, timed and measurable actions for the year under each heading, naming the designated lead in each case. These will be reviewed in the Autumn and a new MAP prepared for 2026.

We were pleased to see a return to formal provision for children during worship. We have continued to develop our Children's Area in the South Aisle, although, as our regular children grow older, we now concentrate on staffing some simple instruction in the faith using a range of child-centred activities. Church Mice and Messy Church, the latter in conjunction with Rowbarton Methodist Church, continue successfully.

As noted above, schools work continues to be an important part of our work with children and young people. As well as involvement in governorship at St Andrew's School, the Vicar shares weekly acts of collective worship in school with the Revd Deborah Kirk and the Revd Annie Deche of Rowbarton Methodist Church, one of our own Readers, Ruth Cook, and Patrick Weld, one of the Foundation Governors. The Vicar is also a member of the Ethos Committee at The Taunton Academy, a church secondary school and part of the Richard Huish Academy Trust, which lies in our parish. Ongoing support for Collective Worship, Religious Education and its Chaplaincy is available on request. "Easter Cracked," a dramatic presentation of the Easter story for children from schools in the area run by members of MINT (Mission in North Taunton), successfully ran in 2024, although changes in personnel and priorities mean that Nativity on the Green was not held last Christmas. MINT is a federation of ourselves, Rowbarton Methodist, Oakwood Community Church, Wellsprings Chapel and St Peter's, Lyngford, which has now left the group. Our work with Priorswood Primary School, which also lies within the parish, continues to invite the Vicar and the Revd Deborah Kirk, the local Methodist Superintendent Minister to lead occasional acts of Collective Worship.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 (CONTINUED)

St Andrew's has a Safeguarding Policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults in line with diocesan guidelines. It is reviewed and updated annually. A copy of the policy is displayed in church. Names of all volunteers and their roles, not just those with Disclosure & Barring Service clearance, is available to the PCC as the body legally responsible for running the church. Full Job Descriptions have been formulated for each post, and training is regularly undertaken at an appropriate level for all those working for the PCC in a volunteer capacity. The PCC also has a Lone Worker Policy for employees and volunteers who need to work alone in church or in the community on its behalf, an Employee's Complaints & Grievance Policy, and a Data Protection Policy. The PCC also has a range of other policies governing aspects of parish management.

Home Communion is now fully available to both the housebound and those indisposed or recovering from surgery for a longer period. Work with care homes consists of providing end-of-life spiritual support when requested, as well as a monthly hymn singing service at Aspen Court.

A full programme of public fund-raising events ran in 2024 providing both enjoyment for all and a much needed boost to church funds. Donations sponsoring the spire lighting continue. Finances pressures grew even tighter in 2024 so that all financial decisions need to be made with great care. Happily, an element of transitional relief plus the factoring in of the socio-economic background of parts of the parish meant that the new method of Parish Share calculation came up with a projected figure for 2025 that will be a whisker lower than 2024. Had this not occurred, the PCC would have been unable to fend off partial default for very long. The PCC has a Financial Reserves Policy which ensures that we always have enough cash to cover all essential commitments for a minimum of 3 months in case of emergency.

St Andrew's continues to be represented at meetings of the North Taunton Partnership and now the North Taunton Development Group, alongside practical assistance given to Taunton Food Bank, Arc (formerly Taunton Association for the Homeless) and Taunton Welcomes Refugees. Support in kind was also given to Pyrland Academy (previously North Taunton Academy) for a breakfast club for students.

Joint services with our neighbours at Rowbarton Methodist Church continue to be values part of our programme, as well as our work with them to offer Messy Church four or five times a year.

Many individual church members use household collecting boxes for the Children's Society, though this is changing with the decline in the use of cash. There remains no planned giving from PCC funds, apart from an annual contribution to the Chaplaincy at Pyrland School.

The church's Health and Safety Officer post is now been filled and work is being done to update our record keeping. A Health and Safety policy statement approved by the PCC is on display in church and Health and Safety is a standing PCC agenda item along with the reporting of any entries in the Accident Book as to whether any action is required, and the policy document regularly reviewed and updated.

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was made by the PCC's now former architect, Mrs Jo Hibbert, in December 2020. Priority has had to be given to the reordering of the heating, but with some work planned before the next QI in 2025. The new infra-red electric system installed during the 2023, consisting of four chandelier-style heating and lighting units and wall-mounted heaters in the side aisles required attention earlier in the year when it was found that the appliances had been hung too high. However, the new system has been a disappointment, and steps are being researched towards improvement. It was found that nothing could be done to improve the effectiveness of the ceiling-mounted heating panels fitted in the Narthex. The PCC continues to be pleased to have contributed to the Church of England's aim for Net Zero emissions by 2030, but wonders whether it has been disadvantaged by adopting a system still in its infancy.

Following the granting of the necessary Faculty, the pews were removed from the South Aisle and Font Aisle, resulting in a church building that can be used more flexibly for congregation and community alike. This proved a boon at the annual Christmas Market in December, where freer circulation of the public became possible. We continue to look for ways of making the very best of this space.

The Hall Committee has continued to oversee the use of the building and implement planned improvements. At her appointment, the Hall Manager, Cherry Hingston was charged with making marketing of the Hall a particular priority, She has already done some excellent work improving and streamlining the booking procedure and other management systems. The Hall's financial footing is now such that a regular direct debit payment is now made into the PCC account, fulfilling our aim that the Hall should be a source of funding for the church's wider mission.

The past years saw the replacement of our former monthly magazine, "Inspire," with a quarterly, simpler publication named, "Re-Inspire," edited by Ruth Cook. Our weekly electronic and postal mailing continues to aid communication, alongside our website, Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as the traditional weekly newsletter. Most of our larger services are also livestreamed through our Facebook page.

St Andrew's continues to work on its response to changing world and, with it, a changing church. As with climate change, many of the problems noted coming down the line are now far closer to coming home to roost. Some have already done so. Nevertheless, we maintain our faith in a faithful God, who constantly equips his people to serve the communities to which we are sent. Inevitably that involves change, which for many does not always come easily. It might be that a smaller, leaner, and so more effective Church, is what will evolve in the coming years. The implications that will mean for St Andrew's are still uncertain, particularly with likely reductions in clergy staffing in the future, but we will continue in our endeavour to respond faithfully.

Financial review

Total receipts on funds were £121,418 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£136,167 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Andrew's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The parish share paid this calendar year was £58,197.

The net result was a **deficit of £15,751** including Restricted Funds.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our fund balances in the CBF Church of England deposit funds.

Approved by the PCC on ... 25 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by

[Rev'd Robin Lodge, Vicar]



**The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,
Staplegrave, Taunton, TA2 6EJ**

From the Treasurer, David Bridges GRSM ARCM ARCO
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Sue Goodman *PCC Secretary*
St Andrew's Church
Greenway Avenue
Taunton
TA2 6HU

Reciprocal Independent Examination for St Andrew's and St John the Evangelist, Taunton

26 February 2025

Dear Sue

I have carried out an Independent Examination on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, prepared by your Treasurer Mr Antony Yeo and am delighted to confirm that, in my opinion, they accurately reflect the transactions that took place during 2024.

With all good wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bridges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST ANDREWS, TAUNTON

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31st Dec 2024

Charity Number (if applicable):

1196804

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

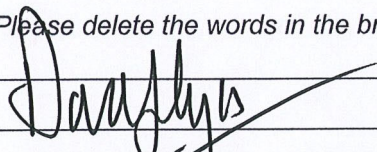
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

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

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

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

Signed:



Date:

26/2/25

Name:

DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

NONE

Address:

AVONDALE RECTORY CLOSE
STAPLE GROVE, TAUNTON
TA2 6EW

St Andrew's Church Taunton's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Notes	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	46,700	-	-	46,700	44,389
Collections, donations & other giving	11,498	-	-	11,498	25,188
Income tax recovered	11,235	-	-	11,235	10,269
Legacies	1,345	-	-	1,345	51,000
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	30,620	-	-	30,620	18,261
Income from other Properties	7,583	-	-	7,583	8,235
Annual Fete/events	5,223	-	-	5,223	4,459
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	1,294	3,481	-	4,775	3,482
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,099	-	-	1,099	1,409
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,338	-	-	1,338	787
Total Receipts	117,935	3,481	-	121,416	167,479
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-	(2,500)
Mission & Evangelism	(1,251)	-	-	(1,251)	(275)
Parish Share	(58,197)	-	-	(58,197)	(50,606)
Clergy expenses	(4,320)	-	-	(4,320)	(3,970)
Church running expenses	(27,493)	-	-	(27,493)	(16,895)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds	(324)	-	-	(324)	(163)
Support costs	(2,513)	-	-	(2,513)	(90)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(23,255)	-	-	(23,255)	(20,106)
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other	(4,609)	-	-	(4,609)	(6,507)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(15,206)	-	-	(15,206)	(49,394)
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	(1,971)
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	(137,168)	-	-	(137,168)	(152,477)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	(19,233)	3,481	-	(15,752)	15,002
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	31,119	(31,119)	-	(0)	-
	11,886	(27,638)	-	(15,752)	15,002
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)</i>	33,976	-	50,595	84,571	3
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)</i>	45,862	(27,638)	50,595	68,819	15,005

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**FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TAUNTON ST ANDREW 2024**

2024 **2023**

Total Income/Expenditure	-15751.10	15000.08
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Receipts

1	Tax efficient planned giving	42,203.54	38,504.52
2	Other planned giving	4,496.00	5,884.32
3	Other collections at services	442.89	2,478.48
4	Other Giving & Donations - Recurring		
5	Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurri	8,527.23	21,594.40
6	Special Appeals	2527.62	114.95
7	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	11,235.39	10,268.51
8	Legacies received	1,345.20	51,000.00
9	Recurring Grants		
10	Non-Recurring Grants		1,000.00
11	Fund Raising Events	5,222.99	4,459.12
12	Dividends & Interest	4774.83	3482.07
13	Income from Properties	7,582.70	8,235.00
14	Total Parochial Fees Income	1,099.00	1,409.00
15	Bookstall, Magazine etc		
16	Hall Lettings	30,620.00	18,261.35
17	Income from other Church Activities	73.48	51.80
18	Insurance Claims		
19	Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes		
20	Sale of Fixed Assets		
21	Service Fee Reimbursement by DBF		
22	Other Income	1,265.00	735.00
	Total Receipts	121,415.87	167,478.52

Other income consists mainly of refunds on amounts overpaid or paid for others

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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26/2/25

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Payments	2024	2023
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30	Fund Raising Costs	-311.95	-162.95
31	Donations to Charities & Mission Giving		-2,500.00
32	Parish Share	-58,197.00	-50,606.04
33	Salaries & Wages	-17,778.20	-15,998.45
34	Clergy Expenses	-4,319.66	-3,970.42
35	Other Expenses	-2512.6	-90.47
36	Clergy Housing costs		
37	Local Mission and Evangelism Projects	-1155.49	-275.34
38	Children/Youth Work costs	-95.10	
39	Insurance costs	-3,966.54	-3,881.03
40	Cleaning costs	-1010.80	-739.93
41	Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	-10,383.84	-1,783.26
42	Administration costs	-5,477.28	-4,107.27
43	Other Church Expenses Services	-1726.01	-2560.29
44	Churchyard Maintenance		
45	Flowers	-6.19	
46	Music costs	-1237.81	-1003.05
47	Heating & Lighting costs	-12,944.33	-10,630.35
48	Water Rates	-184.00	-177.95
49	Costs of Trading	-11.77	
50	Governance Costs		
51	Parochial Fees Remittance to DBF		
52	Parochial Fees to visiting Minister		
53	Parochial Fees to other 3rd party		
54	Parochial Fees Remitted to other PCC		
55	Service Fee to visiting Minister		
56	Payment of costs to other Parishes		
57	Deanery Costs		
58	Sundry Expenses	-642.00	-2,626.46
59	Major Repairs to Church Building	-15,206.40	-47,490.27
60	Major Repairs to other properties		-1,970.70
61	Alterations/Extensions to Church Building		-1,904.21
	Total Payments	-137166.97	-152478.44

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

David [Signature]
26/2/25

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Balance Sheet Items

70	Loans received	-
71	Repayment of Loans	-

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72	Alterations/Extensions to other Assets				-
73	Charities where PCC acts just an agent				
78	New Fixed Assets (not Investments)				-
79	Purchase of Investments				-
80	Sale of Investments				-
	Total balance sheet income/expenditure				
	TOTAL Income/Expenditure				-15751.10 15000.08

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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 26/2/25

FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

2024 2023

RECEIPTS			
A	Donations in for Garden of Remembrance AP	3517.00	
B	Coffee time donations	418.00	432.00
C	Donations in for Messy Church	43.00	41.90
F	Yellow one off envelopes	75.00	225.00
G	Hall receipts	31948.00	19,067.57
			277.30
			15,716.95
PAYMENTS			
J	Gas -Church	693.41	970.79
K	Heating Out		55,207.72
L	Electricity- Church	4549.92	1,511.05
N	Organist	1505.00	1,382.00
O	Parish Administrator	7619.40	7,016.80
P	Phone (admin)		526.08
U	Website cost		253.52
V	Vicars expenses	4319.66	3,970.42
W	Messy church expenses	112.14	
X	Hall payments total	24790.00	20,577.70

Dan Jones
26/2/25

FUNDRAISING DETAILS

RECEIPTS

2024

RECEIPTS

2023

Table top sales
 March Lunch
 Summer Fete
 Christmas Market
 Easyfundraising
 Winter Warmer
 Harvest Lunch
 Summer Lunch
 Spire lighting
 Other

355.48
391.74
1467.61
1741.76
321.80
221.72
316.90
361.88
550.00
80.00
5808.89

Table top sales
 March Lunch
 Summer Fete
 Christmas Market
 Easyfundraising
 Winter Warmer
 Harvest Lunch
 Summer Lunch
 Spire lighting

255
362
934.67
1700.03
151.79
347.5
519.5
373.18
550
5193.67

(recorded as donations)

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Parish Finance Return

The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted using their webportal at: <http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>



Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2024

Parish code: (6 digits)		11358	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:		Deanery:	0
Parish name:		Andrew's Church Taunton			Diocese:	Bath & Wells
UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)		RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
INCOMING RESOURCES						
1	Voluntary income/ receipts	£ 42,204	£	312	£	£
2	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 4,496	£		£	£
3	Other planned giving	£ 443	£		£	£
4	Collections at services	£ 11,055	£		£	£
5	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 11,235	£		£	£
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 1,345	£		£	£
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£	£		£	£
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 70,778	£		£	£
TOTAL Voluntary income:		£ 70,778	£		£ 1,251	£
Activities for generating funds						
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 5,223	£		£	£
10	Income from investments	£	£		£	£
11	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 12,358	£		£	£
Church activities						
12	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 1,099	£		£	£
13	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ 30,693	£		£	£
14	Other incoming resources	£	£		£	£
15	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£ 1,265	£		£	£
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		£ 121,416	£		£ 136,212	£
A	Unrestricted	£ 121,416	£		£	£
B	Restricted	£	£		£	£
C	TOTAL	£ 121,416	£		£ 137,166	£
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES						
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	32			UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
15	Number of other planned givers	11			£ 18,225	£ 50,595
16	Number of new legacies received	1			£	£
<i>This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook</i>						
Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)						
30	Receipts and payments [X]				Accruals	

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**The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,
Staplegrave, Taunton, TA2 6EJ**

From the Treasurer, David Bridges GRSM ARCM ARCO
Avondale, Rectory Close, Staplegrave, TA2 6EW
07543 570742 davidjbridges2018@gmail.com

Sue Goodman *PCC Secretary*
St Andrew's Church
Greenway Avenue
Taunton
TA2 6HU

Reciprocal Independent Examination for St Andrew's and St John the Evangelist, Taunton

26 February 2025

Dear Sue

I have carried out an Independent Examination on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, prepared by your Treasurer Mr Antony Yeo and am delighted to confirm that, in my opinion, they accurately reflect the transactions that took place during 2024.

With all good wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bridges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST ANDREWS, TAUNTON

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31st Dec 2024

Charity Number (if applicable):

1196804

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

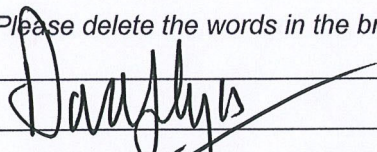
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

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

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

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

Signed:



Date:

26/2/25

Name:

DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

NONE

Address:

AVONDALE RECTORY CLOSE
STAPLE GROVE, TAUNTON
TA2 6EW

St Andrew's Church Taunton's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Notes	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	46,700	-	-	46,700	44,389
Collections, donations & other giving	11,498	-	-	11,498	25,188
Income tax recovered	11,235	-	-	11,235	10,269
Legacies	1,345	-	-	1,345	51,000
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	30,620	-	-	30,620	18,261
Income from other Properties	7,583	-	-	7,583	8,235
Annual Fete/events	5,223	-	-	5,223	4,459
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	1,294	3,481	-	4,775	3,482
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,099	-	-	1,099	1,409
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,338	-	-	1,338	787
Total Receipts	117,935	3,481	-	121,416	167,479
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-	(2,500)
Mission & Evangelism	(1,251)	-	-	(1,251)	(275)
Parish Share	(58,197)	-	-	(58,197)	(50,606)
Clergy expenses	(4,320)	-	-	(4,320)	(3,970)
Church running expenses	(27,493)	-	-	(27,493)	(16,895)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds	(324)	-	-	(324)	(163)
Support costs	(2,513)	-	-	(2,513)	(90)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(23,255)	-	-	(23,255)	(20,106)
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other	(4,609)	-	-	(4,609)	(6,507)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(15,206)	-	-	(15,206)	(49,394)
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	(1,971)
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	(137,168)	-	-	(137,168)	(152,477)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	(19,233)	3,481	-	(15,752)	15,002
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	31,119	(31,119)	-	(0)	-
	11,886	(27,638)	-	(15,752)	15,002
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)</i>	33,976	-	50,595	84,571	3
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)</i>	45,862	(27,638)	50,595	68,819	15,005

**FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TAUNTON ST ANDREW 2024**

2024 **2023**

Total Income/Expenditure	-15751.10	15000.08
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Receipts

1	Tax efficient planned giving	42,203.54	38,504.52
2	Other planned giving	4,496.00	5,884.32
3	Other collections at services	442.89	2,478.48
4	Other Giving & Donations - Recurring		
5	Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurri	8,527.23	21,594.40
6	Special Appeals	2527.62	114.95
7	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	11,235.39	10,268.51
8	Legacies received	1,345.20	51,000.00
9	Recurring Grants		
10	Non-Recurring Grants		1,000.00
11	Fund Raising Events	5,222.99	4,459.12
12	Dividends & Interest	4774.83	3482.07
13	Income from Properties	7,582.70	8,235.00
14	Total Parochial Fees Income	1,099.00	1,409.00
15	Bookstall, Magazine etc		
16	Hall Lettings	30,620.00	18,261.35
17	Income from other Church Activities	73.48	51.80
18	Insurance Claims		
19	Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes		
20	Sale of Fixed Assets		
21	Service Fee Reimbursement by DBF		
22	Other Income	1,265.00	735.00
	Total Receipts	121,415.87	167,478.52

Other income consists mainly of refunds on amounts overpaid or paid for others

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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Payments	2024	2023
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30	Fund Raising Costs	-311.95	-162.95
31	Donations to Charities & Mission Giving		-2,500.00
32	Parish Share	-58,197.00	-50,606.04
33	Salaries & Wages	-17,778.20	-15,998.45
34	Clergy Expenses	-4,319.66	-3,970.42
35	Other Expenses	-2512.6	-90.47
36	Clergy Housing costs		
37	Local Mission and Evangelism Projects	-1155.49	-275.34
38	Children/Youth Work costs	-95.10	
39	Insurance costs	-3,966.54	-3,881.03
40	Cleaning costs	-1010.80	-739.93
41	Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	-10,383.84	-1,783.26
42	Administration costs	-5,477.28	-4,107.27
43	Other Church Expenses Services	-1726.01	-2560.29
44	Churchyard Maintenance		
45	Flowers	-6.19	
46	Music costs	-1237.81	-1003.05
47	Heating & Lighting costs	-12,944.33	-10,630.35
48	Water Rates	-184.00	-177.95
49	Costs of Trading	-11.77	
50	Governance Costs		
51	Parochial Fees Remittance to DBF		
52	Parochial Fees to visiting Minister		
53	Parochial Fees to other 3rd party		
54	Parochial Fees Remitted to other PCC		
55	Service Fee to visiting Minister		
56	Payment of costs to other Parishes		
57	Deanery Costs		
58	Sundry Expenses	-642.00	-2,626.46
59	Major Repairs to Church Building	-15,206.40	-47,490.27
60	Major Repairs to other properties		-1,970.70
61	Alterations/Extensions to Church Building		-1,904.21
	Total Payments	-137166.97	-152478.44

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

David J. [Signature]
26/2/25

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Balance Sheet Items	
70	Loans received
71	Repayment of Loans

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72	Alterations/Extensions to other Assets				-
73	Charities where PCC acts just an agent				
78	New Fixed Assets (not Investments)				-
79	Purchase of Investments				-
80	Sale of Investments				-
	Total balance sheet income/expenditure				
	TOTAL Income/Expenditure			-15751.10	15000.08

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

2024 2023

RECEIPTS			
A	Donations in for Garden of Remembrance AP	3517.00	
B	Coffee time donations	418.00	432.00
C	Donations in for Messy Church	43.00	41.90
F	Yellow one off envelopes	75.00	225.00
G	Hall receipts	31948.00	19,067.57
			277.30
			15,716.95
PAYMENTS			
J	Gas -Church	693.41	970.79
K	Heating Out		55,207.72
L	Electricity- Church	4549.92	1,511.05
N	Organist	1505.00	1,382.00
O	Parish Administrator	7619.40	7,016.80
P	Phone (admin)		526.08
U	Website cost		253.52
V	Vicars expenses	4319.66	3,970.42
W	Messy church expenses	112.14	
X	Hall payments total	24790.00	20,577.70

Dan Jones
26/2/25

FUNDRAISING DETAILS

RECEIPTS

2024

RECEIPTS

2023

Table top sales	355.48	Table top sales	255
March Lunch	391.74	March Lunch	362
Summer Fete	1467.61	Summer Fete	934.67
Christmas Market	1741.76	Christmas Market	1700.03
Easyfundraising	321.80	Easyfundraising	151.79
Winter Warmer	221.72	Winter Warmer	347.5
Harvest Lunch	316.90	Harvest Lunch	519.5
Summer Lunch	361.88	Summer Lunch	373.18
Spire lighting	550.00	Spire lighting	550
Other	80.00		
<u>(recorded as donations)</u>			
	5808.89		5193.67

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Parish Finance Return

The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted using their webportal at: <http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>



Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2024

Parish code: (6 digits)		11358	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:		Deanery:	0
Parish name:		Andrew's Church Taunton			Diocese:	Bath & Wells
UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)		RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
INCOMING RESOURCES						
1	Voluntary income/ receipts	£ 42,204	£	312	£	£
2	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 4,496	£		£	£
3	Other planned giving	£ 443	£		£	£
4	Collections at services	£ 11,055	£		£	£
5	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 11,235	£		£	£
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 1,345	£		£	£
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£	£		£	£
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 70,778	£		£	£
TOTAL Voluntary income:		£ 70,778	£		£ 1,251	£
Activities for generating funds						
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 5,223	£		£	£
10	Income from investments	£	£		£	£
11	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 12,358	£		£	£
Church activities						
12	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 1,099	£		£	£
13	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ 30,693	£		£	£
14	Other incoming resources	£ 1,265	£		£	£
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		£ 121,416	£		£ 136,212	£
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B	Restricted	£	£		£	£
C	TOTAL	£ 121,416	£		£ 137,166	£
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES						
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	32				
15	Number of other planned givers	11				
16	Number of new legacies received	1				
<i>This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook</i>						
Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)						
30	Receipts and payments [X]					
Accruals						
D	Unrestricted				£ 137,166	
E	Restricted				£	
F	TOTAL				£ 137,166	
Cash and Investment Balances						
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31 Dec 2024				£ 18,225	£ 50,595
32	Investments as at 31 Dec 2024				£	£

*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF TAUNTON ST ANDREW

England & Wales - Charity number 1196804

Accounts



Reg. charity no: 1196804

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST ANDREW, TAUNTON**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Administrative information

St Andrew's Church is situated in Taunton. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Parish Office, Greenway Avenue, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6HU.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	The Revd Robin Lodge	Chair (ex-officio)
<i>Curate</i>	The Revd Richard Kelley (ex-officio, February-August 2023)	
<i>Churchwardens</i>	David Budd	Vice Chair (ex-officio, from APM 2023)
	Tony Blackshaw	Vice Chair (ex-officio, until APM 2023)
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Stephen Grimshaw	(ex-officio)
	Henry Haslam	(ex-officio)
	Darren Chalmers	(ex-officio)
<i>Elected members</i>	Ali Aish	(until APCM 2024)
	Steve Bull	(until APCM 2026)
	Carol Dimmer	(until APCM 2025)
	Sue Goodman	PCC Secretary (until APCM 2024)
	Mervyn Jones	(until APCM 2023)
	Ali Perry	(until APCM 2025)
	Bill Perry	(until APCM 2026)
	Di Ruff	(until APCM 2024)
<i>Co-opted member</i>	Antony Yeo	PCC Treasurer
<i>Permission to attend and speak</i>	Lesley Gold	Parish Administrator

[APM = Annual Parish Meeting APCM = Annual Parochial Church Meeting]

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a registered charity, numbered 1196804. It does not have any other related trusts or charities.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (2020). All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC meets approximately bi-monthly to conduct church business. Sub-committees of the PCC exist for the management of St Andrew's Church Hall, Fund Raising and to progress the New St Andrew's Project. Limited life working parties are set up occasionally to fulfil specific tasks and consist of PCC members and others by invitation.

The ministry of the parish is sustained by its Parish Priest, the Revd Robin Lodge and two Readers: Mrs Ruth Cook and Dr Jeremy Harvey. The Revd Richard Kelley joined us as Curate from the Wellington & District Team Ministry in February 2023 to complete his curacy, which ended on 31 August 2023. There is also a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants and several other teams of volunteers covering a wide range of church life, which report regularly to the PCC.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023 (CONTINUED)

Objectives and activities

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 summarises the charitable objects of the PCC as “cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.” St Andrew’s PCC sees this as a calling to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been received by the Church of England by the nurture of faith among the community by word, pastoral care and practical service. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and the church hall.

From 1 September 2013, St Andrew’s Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School converted to academy status and became a member of the Bath & Wells Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and was renamed St Andrew’s Church of England School. The Revd Robin Lodge and Mrs Dawn Booth, both former foundation governors, continue as members of the Local Governing Committee as MAT appointees but once again known as foundation governors. Mrs Booth is currently Chair of the Local Governing Committee. Robin Lodge stepped down from his post in July, at the end of his current term of office. No replacement was found from among the St Andrew’s congregation.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance & Statistics for 2023

The number on the Electoral Roll at 31 December 2023 was 102 (100 at 31 December 2022).

The average Sunday attendance including children, counted in October was 63 (78 in 2022) but larger numbers attended for special services, such as at Christmas and Easter. In 2022 the number of baptisms was 4 (10 in 2022). There was one wedding in 2023 (1 in 2022). In total there were 6 funerals both in church and at local crematoria (9 in 2022).

Review of the Year

The year 2023 saw the first whole year of freedom from the rigours of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is now possible to assess the long-term damage caused by that grim episode. Many members of the congregation are yet to be convinced about physical contact during the Peace at the Eucharist as well as the safety of the Common Cup in spite of repeated reassurances. There has also been a change to the make-up of the congregation, with some members, having taken the opportunity to reassess their lives, coming less frequently if at all. On the plus side there has been a complete renewal of our children’s group and the joy of receiving a significant number in our midst of Indian, African, and in one case Iranian heritage. The economic downturn was also felt during the year, with some reduction in planned giving, and an increase in our costs.

The PCC met six times in 2023. Average attendance was 85% (77% in 2022). The Standing Committee (five meetings), the Hall Committee, and Fund Raising Group met between meetings. There were no meetings of the New St Andrew’s Group in 2023, work having halted as the renewal of the heating system needed to be the main focus of the PCC. Minutes of their meetings were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. Other focussed groups, teams and officers regularly report to PCC meetings.

In line with diocesan policy, the PCC sets its priorities and expressed them in its Mission Action Plan (MAP). In November 2023 a parish conference was held to build on our set of values used to govern the choices made about our priorities. These were simplified by being summed up in 5 words: Welcoming, Caring, Growing, Responding (to God and community) and Nurturing. This year’s plan resolves to ensure that no one arrives at St Andrew’s without a welcome, to improve aftercare in our funeral ministry, to nurture and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, to continue with the next phase of the New St Andrew’s Project and to underpin all our work together by ensuring that we align our financial resources to match our priorities. The MAP sets out specific, timed and measurable actions for the year under each heading, naming the designated lead in each case. These will be reviewed in the Autumn and a new MAP prepared for 2025.

We were pleased to see a return to formal provision for children during worship. Simple creche-type facilities continued to be made available for very young children, from October in a new designated Children's Area in the South Aisle, staffed by two leaders each Sunday, who began to provide appropriate activities and teaching. Church Mice and Messy Church, the latter in conjunction with Rowbarton Methodist Church, continue successfully.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023 (CONTINUED)

As noted above, schools work continues to be an important part of our work with children and young people. As well as involvement in governorship at St Andrew's School, the Vicar shares weekly acts of collective worship in school with the Revd Deborah Kirk and the Revd Annie Deche of Rowbarton Methodist Church, one of our own Readers, Ruth Cook, our Curate and the Revd Debbi Turley, Vicar of St Peter's, Lyngford. The Vicar is also a member of the Ethos Committee at The Taunton Academy, a church secondary school and part of the Richard Huish Academy Trust, which lies in our parish. Ongoing support for Collective Worship, Religious Education and Chaplaincy is available on request. "Easter Cracked," a dramatic presentation of the Easter story for children from schools in the area run by members of MINT (Mission in North Taunton), successfully ran in 2023, along with Nativity on the Green in December. MINT is a federation of ourselves, Rowbarton Methodist, Oakwood Community Church, Wellsprings Chapel and St Peter's, Lyngford. Our work with Priorswood Primary School, which also lies within the parish, returned to inviting local clergy in to lead occasional acts of Collective Worship in person.

St Andrew's has a Safeguarding Policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults in line with diocesan guidelines. It is reviewed and updated annually. A copy of the policy is displayed in church. Names of all volunteers and their roles, not just those with Disclosure & Barring Service clearance, is available to the PCC as the body legally responsible for running the church. Full Job Descriptions have been formulated for each post, and training is regularly undertaken at an appropriate level for all those working for the PCC in a volunteer capacity. The PCC also has a Lone Worker Policy for employees and volunteers who need to work alone in church or in the community on its behalf, an Employee's Complaints & Grievance Policy, and a Data Protection Policy. The PCC also has a range of other policies governing aspects of parish management. As 2023 drew to a close, our long serving Parish Safeguarding Officer began to hand over responsibility to her successor, Mr Stephen Grimshaw.

Home Communion is now fully available to both the housebound and those indisposed or recovering from surgery for a longer period. Work with care homes consists of providing end-of-life spiritual support when requested, as well as a monthly hymn singing service at Aspen Court.

A full programme of public fund-raising events ran in 2023 providing both enjoyment for all and a much needed boost to church funds. Donations sponsoring the spire lighting continue. Finances grew tighter in 2023 so that all financial decisions need to be made with great care. This situation is set to worsen in 2024, not least with a 15% increase in the Parish Share, our contribution to the Diocesan Board of Finance, which goes towards maintaining the clergy and central services that support us all. The PCC has a Financial Reserves Policy which ensures that we always have enough cash to cover all essential commitments for a minimum of 3 months in case of emergency.

St Andrew's continues to be represented at meetings of the North Taunton Partnership and now the North Taunton Development Group, alongside practical assistance given to Taunton Food Bank, Arc (formerly Taunton Association for the Homeless) and Taunton Welcomes Refugees. Support in kind was also given to Pyrland Academy (previously North Taunton Academy) for a breakfast club for students.

The grouping of the four churches of the Local Ministry Group has effectively ended, but informal support and sharing continues with many churches in the deanery, focus on which our Bishops feel is the best way to work together in mission for the good of our communities. Joint services with our neighbours at Rowbarton Methodist Church continue to be valued part of our programme, and with whom we also now work to deliver Messy Church four or five times a year.

Many individual church members use household collecting boxes for the Children's Society. There remains no planned giving from PCC funds, apart from an annual contribution to the Chaplaincy at Pyrland School.

The church's Health and Safety Officer post is currently in vacancy. However, a Health and Safety policy statement approved by the PCC is on display in church. Health and Safety is a standing PCC agenda item along with the reporting of any entries in the Accident Book as to whether any action is required, and the policy document regularly reviewed and updated.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023 (CONTINUED)

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was made by the PCC's now former architect, Mrs Jo Hibbert, in December 2020, and although a number of modest actions were needed, priority has had to be given to the reordering of the heating. After lengthy research and the appropriate faculty application, a new infra-red electric system was installed during the year, consisting of three chandelier-style heating and lighting units and wall-mounted heaters in the side aisles. A series of ceiling-mounted heating panels was fitted in the Narthex. Due to difficulties with their effectiveness in relation to height fitted the system has been a disappointment. Nevertheless, the PCC believe that, with some modifications, it remains the best option for a church wishing to contribute to the Church of England's aim for Net Zero emissions by 2030.

Following some delay caused by a necessary focus on this issue, the PCC progressed its plans for a refurbished Narthex. A faculty application was submitted to remove the pews from the South Aisle area (granted in early 2024) so that the church building can be used more flexibly for congregation and community alike.

The Hall Committee has continued to oversee the use of the building and implement planned improvements. In July, our Hall Manager, Lesley Jones (alongside husband, Merv) and Hall Cleaner, Annie Garland, retired and Cherry Hingston and Grace Thistlethwaite appointed in their respective places. Both have made an excellent start. Ms Hingston was encouraged to make the marketing of the Hall a particular priority, building on the improvements made by her predecessors, and this is already having a positive effect.

No replacement for our monthly magazine, "Inspire," was made during 2023, but we hope that will change in 2024. A weekly electronic and postal mailing, a recently refurbished parish website, a Facebook page and an Instagram page are the other main means of communication, while there was a return to the provision of a weekly newsletter in paper form on a Sunday during the year.

St Andrew's continues to work on its response to changing world and, with it, a changing church. As with climate change, many of the problems noted coming down the line are now far closer to coming home to roost. Some have already done so. Nevertheless, we maintain our faith in a faithful God, who constantly equips his people to serve the communities to which we are sent. Inevitably that involves change, which for many does not always come easily. It might be that a smaller, leaner, and so more effective Church, is what will evolve in the coming years. The implications that will mean for St Andrew's are still uncertain, but we will continue in our endeavour to respond faithfully.

Financial review

Total receipts on funds were £167,478.52 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£152,478.44 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Andrew's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The parish share paid this calendar year was £50,606.04.

The net result was a surplus of £15,000.08 including Restricted Funds.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our fund balances in the CBF Church of England deposit funds.

Approved by the PCC on 12 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Rev'd Robin P. Lodge, PCC Chair

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

TAUNTON ST ANDREW Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

2023

Charity Number (if applicable):

1196804

Set out on pages

Respective
responsibilities of trustees and
examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's
statement

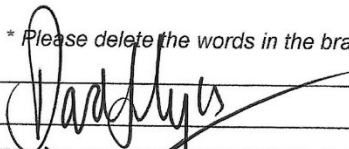
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

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

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

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

Signed:



Date:

06-03-24

Name:

DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

Address:

'AVONDALE', RECTORY CLOSE
STAPLEGROVE
TAUNTON TA2 6EW

Parish Finance Return

The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted using their webportal at: <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>



Return of Parish Finance
January to December 2023

Parish code: (6 digits)	11358	If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Diocese:	BATH AND WELLS
Parish name:	AUNTON ST ANDREW		Deanery:	0

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary income/ receipts							
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 38,205	£ 300	17	Costs of generating income	£ 163	£ -
2	Other planned giving	£ 5,758	£ 126	18	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£ 500	£ 2,000
3	Collections at services	£ 2,478	£ -	19	Mission giving and donations	£ 50,606	£ -
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 20,801	£ 909	20	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 15,998	£ -
5	Gift Aid recovered	£ 10,185	£ 84	21	Salaries, wages and honaria	£ 4,061	£ -
6	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 51,000	£ -	22	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 275	£ -
7	Legacies received (recurring and one-off)	£ 1,000	£ -	23	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	£ 14,075	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 1,000	£ -	24	Church running expenses	£ 10,808	£ -
	TOTAL Voluntary income:	£ 129,427	£ 1,419	25	Church utility bills	£ -	£ -
Activities for generating funds							
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 4,459	£ -	26	Cost of trading	£ -	£ -
10	Income from investments	£ 11,578	£ 139	27	Major capital expenditure	£ 46,077	£ 1,413
	Dividends, interest, income from property etc:			28	Major repairs to the church building	£ 1,971	£ -
11	Church activities	£ -	£ -	29	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ 1,904	£ -
	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 1,409	£ -	30	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ 146,275	£ 3,413
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ 18,913	£ -		SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	£ 2,626	£ -
Other incoming resources							
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£ 755	£ -	99	Other outgoing resources/ payments	£ -	£ -
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	£ 165,921	£ 1,558		TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	£ 149,064	£ 3,413
A	Unrestricted	£ 165,921	£ -		D Unrestricted	£ 149,064	£ -
B	Restricted	£ 1,558	£ -		E Restricted	£ 3,413	£ -
C	TOTAL	£ 167,479	£ -		F TOTAL	£ 152,477	£ -
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES							
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers		26	31	Cash and Investment Balances	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
15	Number of other planned givers		14	32	Cash and deposit balance as at 31 Dec 2023	£ -	£ -
16	Number of new legacies received		2	33	Investments as at 31 Dec 2023	£ -	£ -
<i>This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook</i>							
30 Receipts and payments [X] accounts							

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RFR notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

Date: 17 APRIL 2024
 Name: ANTHONY STEPHEN
 Position: PREBENDARY
 Telephone or email: TH96804@gmail.com

Looking back across 2016, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below:

TAUNTON ST ANDREW's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes			2023	2022
	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	43,963	-	426	44,389	44,347
Collections, donations & other giving	24,279	-	909	25,188	44,021
Income tax recovered	10,185	-	84	10,269	11,068
Legacies	51,000	-	-	51,000	12,923
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	18,261	-	-	18,261	12,953
Income from other Properties	8,235	-	-	8,235	5,474
Annual Fete/events	4,459	-	-	4,459	4,979
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	1,847	1,496	139	3,482	1,129
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,409	-	-	1,409	-
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	787	-	-	787	496
Total Receipts	164,425	1,496	1,558	167,479	137,390
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(500)	-	(2,000)	(2,500)	(180)
Mission & Evangelism	(275)	-	-	(275)	(700)
Parish Share	(50,606)	-	-	(50,606)	(49,614)
Clergy expenses	(3,970)	-	-	(3,970)	(5,554)
Church running expenses	(16,895)	-	-	(16,895)	(14,820)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	(24)
Cost of raising funds	(163)	-	-	(163)	(98)
Support costs	(90)	-	-	(90)	(175)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(20,106)	-	-	(20,106)	(20,022)
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	(15)
Other	(6,507)	-	-	(6,507)	(24,231)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(47,981)	-	(1,413)	(49,394)	(13,598)
Repairs to other property	(1,971)	-	-	(1,971)	(124)
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	(149,064)	-	(3,413)	(152,477)	(129,155)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	15,361	1,496	(1,855)	15,002	8,235
Transfers between funds	(19,086)	19,067	19	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)	(3,725)	20,563	(1,836)	15,002	8,235
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	(3,725)	20,563	(1,836)	15,002	18,738

*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

2023 2022

RECEIPTS

Donations in for Garden of Remembrance		
Coffee time donations	432.00	391.80
Donations in for Messy Church	41.90	
Money received for Transfer to charities Ukraine		1,000.00
Money received or spent on Draw tickets yellow one off envelopes	225.00	240.00
Hall receipts	19,067.57	13,016.19
Wall Safe	277.30	345.56
Heating In	15,716.95	

PAYMENTS

Young Church		
School		
Gas -Church	970.79	1,490.06
Heating Out	55,207.72	
Electricity- Church Hall heating and lighting	1,511.05	1,109.69
Musical Director	1,382.00	3,574.85
Parish Administrator	7,016.80	6,438.88
Phone (admin)	526.08	185.12
postage costs		
Printing costs		700.22
Ukraine fund raising		1,000.00
Website cost	253.52	204.00
Vicars expenses	3,970.42	4,490.15
Heating donations		21,507.11
Messy church expenses		
Hall payments total	20,577.70	14,486.00

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement Balance Sheet St Andrew's Taunton year ending 31 December 2023

	Account Name	Opening			Statement
		Balance	Money in	Money Out	Balance
A	Natwest Current Account U ("Cash")	£3,309.04	£209,121.46	£212,427.51	£2.99
B	CBF Fabric Fund D ("Cash")	£23,155.89	£74,562.88	£54,000.00	£43,718.77
C	CBF General Fund U ("Cash")	£31,392.51	£1,006.11	£0.00	£32,398.62
D	CBF Bell Fund R ("Cash")	£896.96	£47.97	£0.00	£944.93
I	HALL CURRENT ACCOUNT ("Cash")	£3,000.38	£19,151.32	£20,577.70	£1,574.00
J	NEW ST ANDREWS CURRENT AC	£7,815.32	£1,528.60	£3,413.05	£5,930.87
	TOTALS	£69,570.10	£305,418.34	£290,418.26	£84,570.18

Notes

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

Assets

We have two investment accounts	CBF Fabric Fund ("Inv")	723 shares
These pay dividends	CBF General Fund ("Inv")	481 shares

Liabilities

Liabilities : Parish Share

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined _____

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**FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TAUNTON ST ANDREW 2023**

2023 2022

<u>Total Income/Expenditure</u>	15000.08	3019.22
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Receipts

1	Tax efficient planned giving	38,504.52	38,098.42
2	Other planned giving	5,884.32	
3	Other collections at services	2,478.48	2,745.78
4	Other Giving & Donations - Recurring		
5	Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	21,594.40	17,769.19
6	Special Appeals	114.95	21755.78
7	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	10,268.51	11,068.19
8	Legacies received	51,000.00	12,922.65
9	Recurring Grants		
10	Non-Recurring Grants	1,000.00	1,750.00
11	Fund Raising Events	4,459.12	4,978.61
12	Dividends & Interest	3482.07	1129.37
13	Income from Properties	8,235.00	5,474.00
14	Total Parochial Fees Income	1,409.00	1,034.00
15	Bookstall, Magazine etc		444.63
16	Hall Lettings	18,261.35	12,508.00
17	Income from other Church Activities	51.80	
18	Insurance Claims		
19	Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes		
20	Sale of Fixed Assets		
21	Service Fee Reimbursement by DBF		
22	Other Income	735.00	495.80
	Total Receipts	167478.52	132174.42

Other income consists mainly of refunds on amounts overpaid or paid for others

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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Payments		2023	2022
30	Fund Raising Costs	-162.95	-98.47
31	Donations to Charities & Mission Giving	-2,500.00	-180.00
32	Parish Share	-50,606.04	-49,614.00
33	Salaries & Wages	-15,998.45	-16,939.36
34	Clergy Expenses	-3,970.42	-5,553.89
35	Other Expenses	-90.47	-175.4
36	Clergy Housing costs		
37	Local Mission and Evangelism Projects	-275.34	-700.00
38	Children/Youth Work costs		
39	Insurance costs	-3,881.03	-3,390.62
40	Cleaning costs	-739.93	-710.46
41	Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	-1,783.26	-6,206.39
42	Administration costs	-4,107.27	-3,082.95
43	Other Church Expenses Services	-2560.29	-1220.92
44	Churchyard Maintenance		-24.16
45	Flowers		-62.70
46	Music costs	-1003.05	-1571.07
47	Heating & Lighting costs	-10,630.35	-4,945.06
48	Water Rates	-177.95	-103.00
49	Costs of Trading		
50	Governance Costs		-14.85
51	Parochial Fees Remittance to DBF		
52	Parochial Fees to visiting Minister		
53	Parochial Fees to other 3rd party		
54	Parochial Fees Remitted to other PCC		
55	Service Fee to visiting Minister		
56	Payment of costs to other Parishes		
57	Deanery Costs		
58	Sundry Expenses	-2,626.46	-20,839.90
59	Major Repairs to Church Building	-47,490.27	-13,598.02
60	Major Repairs to other properties	-1,970.70	-123.98
61	Alterations/Extensions to Church Building	-1,904.21	
	Total Payments	-152478.44	-129155.20

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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Balance Sheet			
70	Loans received		-
71	Repayment of Loans		-
72	Alterations/Extensions to other Assets		-
73	Charities where PCC acts just an agent		-80.00
78	New Fixed Assets (not Investments)		-
79	Purchase of Investments		-
80	Sale of Investments		-
Total balance sheet income/expenditure			
TOTAL Income/Expenditure		15000.08	3019.22

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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FUNDRAISING DETAILS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2023	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2022
Table top sales	255	Table top sales	190.00
March Lunch	362	Toilet Twinning	100.00
Summer Fete	934.67	Summer Fete	1495.46
Christmas Market	1700.03	Christmas Market	1849.39
Easyfundraising	151.79	Easyfundraising	219.36
Card Sales	0	Card Sales	229
Winter Warmer	347.5	Turkey & Tinsel	447.40
Harvest Lunch	519.5	Harvest Lunch	423.00
Summer Lunch	373.18	Summer Lunch	342.00
Spire lighting	550	Spire lighting	576.00
	5193.67		5871.61



**The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,
Staplegrove, Taunton, TA2 6EJ**

From the Treasurer, David Bridges GRSM ARCM ARCO

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Reciprocal Independent Examination for St Andrew's and St John the Evangelist, Taunton

6 March 2024

Dear Sue

I have carried out my examination of the St Andrew's Church PCC Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, prepared by your Treasurer Mr Antony Yeo and am delighted to confirm that, in my opinion, they accurately reflect the financial situation at St Andrew's Church.

With all good wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bridges', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF TAUNTON ST ANDREW

England & Wales - Charity number 1196804

Accounts



Reg. charity no: 1196804

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Administrative information

St Andrew's Church is situated in Taunton. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Parish Office, Greenway Avenue, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6HU.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members who have served from 1 January 2022 until date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	The Revd Robin Lodge	Chair (ex-officio)
<i>Curate</i>	The Revd Katy Gough The Revd Richard Kelley	(ex-officio, until February 2022) (ex-officio, from February 2023)
<i>Churchwardens</i>	David Budd Tony Blackshaw	Vice Chair (ex-officio, until APM 2022) (ex-officio)
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Stephen Grimshaw Henry Haslam Darren Chalmers	(ex-officio) (ex-officio) (ex-officio)
<i>Elected members</i>	Ali Aish Carol Dimmer Phil Emond Sue Goodman Mervyn Jones Alison Perry Di Rudd Antony Yeo	(from APCM 2022) (from APCM 2022) (to February 2022) PCC Secretary (from APCM 2022) (from APCM 2022) PCC Treasurer
<i>Co-opted members</i>	Steve Bull Bill Perry	(from APCM 2022) (from APCM 2022)
<i>Permission to attend and speak</i>	Lesley Gold	Parish Administrator

[APM = Annual Parish Meeting APCM = Annual Parochial Church Meeting]

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a registered charity, numbered 1196804. It does not have any other related trusts or charities.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (2020). All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC meets approximately bi-monthly to conduct church business. Sub-committees of the PCC exist for the management of St Andrew's Church Hall, and to progress the New St Andrew's Project. Limited life working parties are set up occasionally to fulfil specific tasks and consist of PCC members and others by invitation.

The ministry of the parish is sustained by its Parish Priest, the Revd Robin Lodge and two Readers: Mrs Ruth Cook and Dr Jeremy Harvey. The Curate, the Revd Katy Gough, left to take up a new post in February 2022, and the Revd Richard Kelley joined us from the Wellington & District Team Ministry in February 2023 to complete his curacy. There is also a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants and several other teams of volunteers covering a wide range of church life, which report regularly to the PCC.

Objectives and activities

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 summarises the charitable objects of the PCC as “cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.” St Andrew’s PCC sees this as a calling to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been received by the Church of England by the nurture of faith among the community by word, pastoral care and practical service. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and the church hall.

From 1 September 2013, St Andrew’s Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School converted to academy status and became a member of the Bath & Wells Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and was renamed St Andrew’s Church of England School. The Revd Robin Lodge and Mrs Dawn Booth, both former foundation governors, continue as members of the Local Governing Committee as MAT appointees but once again known as foundation governors. Mrs Booth is currently Chair of the Local Governing Committee. Robin Lodge is to step down from this post in July 2023, at the end of his current term of office. At this time it is likely that his replacement will not be found from among the St Andrew’s congregation.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON

ANNUAL REPORT 2022 (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Church attendance & Statistics for 2022

The number on the Electoral Roll at 31 December 2022 was 100 (105 at 31 December 2021).

The average Sunday attendance including children, counted in October was 78 (54 in 2021) but larger numbers attended for special services, such as at Christmas and Easter. In 2022 the number of baptisms was 10 (2 in 2021). There was one wedding in 2022 (0 in 2021). In total there were 9 funerals both in church and at local crematoria (12 in 2021).

Review of the Year

The earlier part of 2022 began with the gradual emergence from the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic. In-person worship is now possible as previously, although it proved necessary to assure church members that, at the Eucharist, physical contact at the Peace and the receiving of the Common Cup were to be regarded as voluntary. It could be said that this has been the lasting visible damage from that period in our history, although it has become clear that the pandemic accelerated other changes that were already coming down the line.

The PCC met eight times in 2022. Average attendance was 77% (81% in 2021). The Standing Committee (six meetings, of which 2 via Zoom), the Hall Committee, and the New St Andrew's Group met between meetings. Minutes of their meetings were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. Other focussed groups and teams regularly report to PCC meetings.

In line with diocesan policy, the PCC sets its priorities and expressed them in its Mission Action Plan. In September 2022 a parish conference was held to "press the reset button" on parish life and it established a set of values which would govern the choices made about priorities on emerging from pandemic conditions. These were to be: outward facing, reaching out to others in a way that is inclusive, accessible and welcoming to all; caring towards each other and our community; growing in confidence in our faith in a generous and loving God; responsive to change in society so that we are flexible in our worship and in how we serve others; and proactive in nurturing discipleship across the age groups. These were reviewed in October 2022 resulting in agreement to prioritise the reordering of the church heating system, which had collapsed earlier in the year; to seek a settled and workable provision of music in our worship following the retirement of our Director of Music at the end of September; to develop the use of the newly refurbished Narthex to meet the needs of the community and congregation; and to enhance opportunities for growth in our discipleship through prayer and study.

Although there is no formal provision for children during worship, simple creche-type facilities are provided for the small children that attend. This will be reviewed during 2023. Church Mice and Messy Church, the latter in conjunction with Rowbarton Methodist Church, successfully relaunched during 2022.

As noted above, schools work continues to be an important part of our work with children and young people. As well as involvement in governorship at St Andrew's School, the Vicar shares weekly acts of collective worship in school with the Revd Deborah Kirk of Rowbarton Methodist Church, our own Reader, Ruth Cook, and our Curates. The Vicar is also a member of the Ethos Committee at The Taunton Academy, a church secondary school and part of the Richard Huish Academy Trust, which lies in our parish. Ongoing support for Collective Worship, Religious Education and Chaplaincy is available on request. "Easter Cracked," a dramatic presentation of the Easter story for children from schools in the area run by members of MINT (Mission in North Taunton), successfully ran in 2022 and 2023, along with Nativity on the Green in December 2022. MINT is a federation of ourselves, Rowbarton Methodist, Oakwood Community Church and Wellsprings Chapel. Our work with Priorswood Primary School, which also lies within the parish, has consisted only of sending in occasional pre-recorded acts of Collective Worship.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON
ANNUAL REPORT 2022 (CONTINUED)

St Andrew's has a Safeguarding Policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults in line with diocesan guidelines. It is reviewed and updated annually. A copy of the policy is displayed in church. Names of all volunteers and their roles, not just those with Disclosure & Barring Service clearance, is available to the PCC as the body legally responsible for running the church. Full Job Descriptions have been formulated for each post, and training is regularly undertaken at an appropriate level for all those working for the PCC in a volunteer capacity. The PCC also has a Lone Worker Policy for employees and volunteers who need to work alone in church or in the community on its behalf, an Employee's Complaints & Grievance Policy, and a Data Protection Policy. The PCC also has a range of other policies governing aspects of parish management.

Home Communion is now fully available to individuals again following the pandemic, but work with care homes now mostly consists of providing end-of-life spiritual support when requested.

A full programme of public fund-raising events ran in 2022 providing both enjoyment for all and a much needed boost to church funds. Donations sponsoring the spire lighting continue. Parish finances have been enhanced by a number of generous bequests over the last three years, although the PCC works hard to make sure that these unrepeatable windfalls are used wisely for the good of the work of the parish so loved by their late donors. All financial decisions are made with great care. The PCC also has a Financial Reserves Policy which ensures that we always have enough cash to cover all commitments for a minimum of 3 months in case of emergency.

St Andrew's continues to be represented at meetings of the North Taunton Partnership, and practical assistance given to Taunton Food Bank, Arc (formerly Taunton Association for the Homeless) and Taunton Welcomes Refugees.

The grouping of the four churches of the Local Ministry Group has still not restarted since the beginning of the pandemic, although these groupings no longer form part of the diocesan structure. Nevertheless, connections between the churches remain valued, and joint services with our neighbours at Rowbarton Methodist Church restarted in 2022, but without the involvement of St Peter's Lyngford.

Many individual church members use household collecting boxes for the Children's Society. There remains no planned giving from PCC funds.

The church's Health and Safety Officer is Mrs Lizzie Budd. She reports to the Churchwardens as she is not a PCC member, but regularly provides a report to PCC. A Health and Safety policy statement approved by the PCC is on display in church. Health and Safety is a standing PCC agenda item along with the reporting of any entries in the Accident Book as to whether any action is required.

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was made by the PCC's (now former) architect, Mrs Jo Hibbert, in December 2020, and although a number of modest actions were needed, priority has had to be given to the reordering of the heating, the absence of which has meant public worship being held in the Church Hall during winter months. In 2015 the decision was made to take the Use of Buildings Report as a general direction of travel for the modernisation and reordering of the church. A group was appointed by the PCC to take this forward, chaired by Alan Cook, who was also appointed Project Manager for this work, handing over to Mr David Budd during 2022. So far we have achieved additional toilet facilities, and supported the PCC with improving the main entrance and refurbished Narthex. A faculty application has been submitted to remove the pews from the South Aisle area so that the church building can be used more flexibly for congregation and community alike. During late 2022, Jo Hibbert resigned her role as PCC Architect, and Mr Michael Vaughan, of B2 Architects of Wedmore, was appointed in her place.

The Hall Committee, led by our Hall Manager, Lesley Jones, has continued to oversee the use of the building and implement planned improvements, one of the most recent being the installation of Wi-Fi so as to attract business and public service organisations.

The monthly magazine that had been produced ended at the close of 2022 when its editor retired with no replacement. A weekly electronic and postal mailing, a refurbished parish website, a Facebook page and an Instagram page are the other main means of communication.

Following the pandemic, we will need to continue working on how to respond to a changing church brought about by that tragic period and other societal factors. This will inevitably involve change, which for many

does not always come easily. It is not yet clear what the shape of the wider Church will be, nor the implications that will mean for St Andrew's, but we hope that we will respond faithfully to the needs of the community we serve.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON
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Financial review

Total receipts on funds were £138,423 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£129,155 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Andrew's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The parish share paid this calendar year was £49,614.

The net result was a surplus of £9,268, including Restricted Funds.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our fund balances in the CBF Church of England deposit funds.

Approved by the PCC on ... **29 March 2023** and signed on their behalf by

Reverend Robin Lodge, Chairman

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2022

The financial Statements this year have been produced using the
Receipts and Payments Method.

The Receipts and Payments method states what is actually received into the accounts during the calendar year or paid out of the accounts during the calendar year, without stating what was outstanding from the previous year, or still owing or uncleared after 31 December in the current year.

Notes :

1. Included in these accounts :

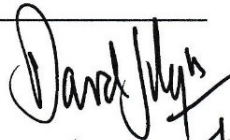
Gift aid from HMRC claimed for 2021 but received this year.

2. Not included in these accounts :

Gift aid from this year not yet received from HMRC

Any cheques or receipts not cleared by 31 Dec 2022

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined


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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement Balance Sheet St Andrew's Taunton year ending 31 December 2022

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Opening</u>			<u>Statement</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Money in</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Balance</u>
A Natwest Current Account U ("Cash")	£10,503.14	£103,187.23	-£109,736.56	£3,953.81
B CBF Fabric Fund D ("Cash")	£1,481.56	£21,674.33		£23,155.89
C CBF General Fund U ("Cash")	£31,392.51			£31,392.51
D CBF Bell Fund R ("Cash")	£866.67	£30.29		£896.96
E CBF Investment Account U ("Cash")				
G CBF Choir Fund R ("Cash")	£39.75	£0.34	-£40.09	-
K HALL CURRENT ACCOUNT ("Cash")	£4,470.19	£13,016.19	-£14,486.00	£3,000.38
L NEW ST ANDREWS CURRENT AC	£9,505.31	£6,679.18	-£8,369.17	£7,815.32
TOTALS	£58,259.13	£144,587.56	-£132,631.82	£70,214.87

Notes

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


Assets

We have two investment accounts	CBF Fabric Fund ("Inv")	723 shares
These pay dividends	CBF General Fund ("Inv")	481 shares

Liabilities

Liabilities : Parish Share

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined


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**FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TAUNTON ST ANDREW 2022**

2022 2021

<u>Total Income/Expenditure</u>	9267.8	-42097.42
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Receipts

1	Tax efficient planned giving	38,098.00	38,257.06
2	Other planned giving	6,249.00	11,377.00
3	Other collections at services	2,745.78	2,744.40
4	Other Giving & Donations - Recurring		
5	Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	17,769.19	12,813.21
6	Special Appeals	21755.78	
7	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	11,068.19	9,569.21
8	Legacies received	12,922.65	10,000.00
9	Recurring Grants		
10	Non-Recurring Grants	1,750.00	1,837.51
11	Fund Raising Events	4,978.61	3,870.15
12	Dividends & Interest	1129.37	784.76
13	Income from Properties	5,474.00	5,164.00
14	Total Parochial Fees Income	1,034.00	848.00
15	Bookstall, Magazine etc	444.63	447.27
16	Hall Lettings	12,508.00	7,034.00
17	Income from other Church Activities		247.42
18	Insurance Claims		7333.86
19	Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes		
20	Sale of Fixed Assets		
21	Service Fee Reimbursement by DBF		
22	Other Income	495.80	
	Total Receipts	138423.00	112327.85

Other income consists mainly of refunds on amounts overpaid or paid for others

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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David Myers
15/3/25

Payments		2022	2021
30	Fund Raising Costs	-98.47	-140.50
31	Donations to Charities & Mission Giving	-180.00	-500.00
32	Parish Share	-49,614.00	-54,114.00
33	Salaries & Wages	-16,939.36	-17,064.24
34	Clergy Expenses	-5,553.89	-3,224.45
35	Other Expenses	-175.4	-150.82
36	Clergy Housing costs		
37	Local Mission and Evangelism Projects	-700.00	-322.00
38	Children/Youth Work costs		
39	Insurance costs	-3,390.62	-3,735.05
40	Cleaning costs	-710.46	-271.60
41	Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	-6,206.39	-9,320.43
42	Administration costs	-3,082.95	-4,158.91
43	Other Church Expenses Services	-1220.92	-467.63
44	Churchyard Maintenance	-24.16	
45	Flowers	-62.70	-50.00
46	Music costs	-1571.07	-607.25
47	Heating & Lighting costs	-4,945.06	-1,331.57
48	Water Rates	-103.00	-100.00
49	Costs of Trading		
50	Governance Costs	-14.85	0.00
51	Parochial Fees Remittance to DBF		
52	Parochial Fees to visiting Minister		
53	Parochial Fees to other 3rd party		
54	Parochial Fees Remitted to other PCC		
55	Service Fee to visiting Minister		
56	Payment of costs to other Parishes		
57	Deanery Costs		
58	Sundry Expenses	-20,839.90	
59	Major Repairs to Church Building	-13,598.02	-58,866.82
60	Major Repairs to other properties	-123.98	
61	Alterations/Extensions to Church Building		
	Total Payments	-129155.20	-154425.27

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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15/3/23

Balance Sheet		
Items		
70	Loans received	-
71	Repayment of Loans	-
72	Alterations/Extensions to other Assets	-
73	Charities where PCC acts just an agent	-80.00
78	New Fixed Assets (not Investments)	-
79	Purchase of Investments	-
80	Sale of Investments	-
Total balance sheet income/expenditure		
TOTAL Income/Expenditure		9267.80 -42097.42

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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Dave J. Lynn
12/3/23

HALL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	2021	2021
		Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
16	Hall lettings INCL deposits	12508		£7,034.00	
33	Hall salaries (includes petty cashto cleaner and manager)		6682		£5,670.00
40	Hall cleaning costs		503		£271.60
12	Hall interest in	8		£1.97	
41	Hall maintenance		3841		
47	Hall heating and lighting		1519		£776.00
39	Hall insurance		1293		£552.00
48	Hall water		103		£1,243.00
58	Hall sundry expenses (misc minus water)				£100.00
42	Hall admin Phone etc.		545	£206.00	£300.00
10	Heating Grant	500		£1,297.00	
	Transfer of Hall fund to Hall current account			£205.75	
	Totals	13016	14486	8744.72	8912.6

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FUNDRAISING DETAILS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2022	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2021
Table top sales	190.00	Table top sale	332.20
Toilet Twinning	100.00		
Bibic bags		Bibic bags	90.00
Draw tickets		Draw tickets	401.00
Summer Fete	1495.46	Summer Fete	
Christmas Market	1849.39	Christmas Market	1037.96
Easyfundraising	219.36	Easyfundraising	83.68
			637.00
Card Sales	229	Smarties challenge	
Turkey & Tinsel	447.40	Winterwarmer lunch	483.00
Harvest Lunch	423.00	Harvest Lunch	535.00
Summer Lunch	342.00	Summer lunch	367.00
Spire lighting	576.00		1065.00
<u>(recorded as donations)</u>			
	5871.61		5031.84

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Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

ST ANDREW TAUNTON

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

31st DECEMBER 2022

Charity Number (if applicable):

**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

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

Signed:



Date:

15 MARCH 2023

Name:

DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

Address:

'AVONDALE', RECTORY CLOSE

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Sue Goodman *PCC Secretary*
St Andrew's Church Office
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Examination of PCC Accounts

15 March 2023

Dear Sue

I have carried out my examination of the St Andrew's Church PCC Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, prepared by your Treasurer, Antony Yeo and am happy to confirm that, during the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

With all good wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.