



Reg. charity no: 1196804

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.

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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

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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,
Staplegrove, 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

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

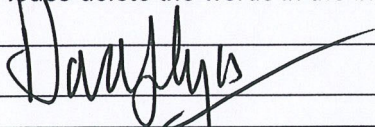
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- 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

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Receipts

Donations and Legacies:

	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
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
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Receipts from Charitable activities:

Parochial fees	1,099	-	-	1,099	1,409
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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
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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)
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Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	(19,233)	3,481	-	(15,752)	15,002
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Transfers between funds	31,119	(31,119)	-	(0)	-
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	11,886	(27,638)	-	(15,752)	15,002
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Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)	33,976	-	50,595	84,571	3
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Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	45,862	(27,638)	50,595	68,819	15,005
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*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement Balance Sheet St Andrew's Taunton year ending 31 December 2024

<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")	2.99	115,286.24	-113,244.83	2,044.40
B CBF Fabric Fund D ("Cash")	43,718.77	2,150.71	-31,000.00	14,869.48
C CBF General Fund U ("Cash")	32,398.62	11,719.66	-10,000.00	34,118.28
D CBF Bell Fund R ("Cash")	944.93	152.53	-226.20	871.26
E Church Hall Account	1,574.00	31,948.00	-24,790.00	8,732.00
F New St Andrew's Building Fund	5,930.87	4,707.99	-2,455.20	8,183.66
TOTALS	84,570.18	165,965.13	-181,716.23	68,819.08

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.

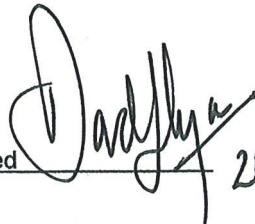
Assets

We have two investment accounts	CBF Fabric Fund ("Inv")	£11,122.02
These pay dividends	CBF General Fund ("Inv")	£16,717.71

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 2024

2024

2023

Total Income/Expenditure

-15751.10

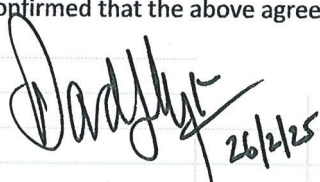
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Recolpts

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 Recolpts	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	-

FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

2024 2023

RECEIPTS

A	Donations in for Garden of Remembrance AP
B	Coffee time donations
C	Donations in for Messy Church
F	Yellow one off envelopes
G	Hall receipts

3517.00	
418.00	432.00
43.00	41.90
75.00	225.00
31948.00	19,067.57
	277.30
	15,716.95

PAYMENTS

J	Gas -Church
K	Heating Out
L	Electricity- Church
N	Organist
O	Parish Administrator
P	Phone (admin)
U	Website cost
V	Vicars expenses
W	Messy church expenses
X	Hall payments total

693.41	970.79
	55,207.72
4549.92	1,511.05
1505.00	1,382.00
7619.40	7,016.80
	526.08
	253.52
4319.66	3,970.42
112.14	
24790.00	20,577.70

Dan Jones
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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

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

(recorded as donations)

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

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary income/ receipts			
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 42,204	£ -
2	Other planned giving	£ 4,496	£ -
3	Collections at services	£ 443	£ -
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 11,055	£ -
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 11,235	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 1,345	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ -	£ -
TOTAL Voluntary income:		£ 70,778	£ -
Activities for generating funds			
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 5,223	£ -
10	Income from investments	£ -	£ -
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 12,358	£ -
Church activities			
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 1,099	£ -
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ 30,693	£ -
13	Other incoming resources	£ -	£ -
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£ 1,265	£ -
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		£ 121,416	£ -
A	Unrestricted	£ 121,416	£ -
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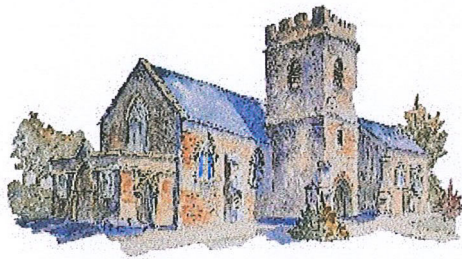
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**The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,
Staplegrove, Taunton, TA2 6EJ**

From the Treasurer, David Bridges GRSM ARCM ARCO
Avondale, Rectory Close, Staplegrove, 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

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

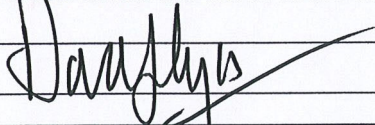
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- 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

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Receipts

Donations and Legacies:

	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
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
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Receipts from Charitable activities:

Parochial fees	1,099	-	-	1,099	1,409
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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
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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)
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Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	(19,233)	3,481	-	(15,752)	15,002
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Transfers between funds	31,119	(31,119)	-	(0)	-
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	11,886	(27,638)	-	(15,752)	15,002
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Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)	33,976	-	50,595	84,571	3
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Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	45,862	(27,638)	50,595	68,819	15,005
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement Balance Sheet St Andrew's Taunton year ending 31 December 2024

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Money in</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Statement Balance</u>
A Natwest Current Account U ("Cash")	2.99	115,286.24	-113,244.83	2,044.40
B CBF Fabric Fund D ("Cash")	43,718.77	2,150.71	-31,000.00	14,869.48
C CBF General Fund U ("Cash")	32,398.62	11,719.66	-10,000.00	34,118.28
D CBF Bell Fund R ("Cash")	944.93	152.53	-226.20	871.26
E Church Hall Account	1,574.00	31,948.00	-24,790.00	8,732.00
F New St Andrew's Building Fund	5,930.87	4,707.99	-2,455.20	8,183.66
TOTALS	84,570.18	165,965.13	-181,716.23	68,819.08

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.

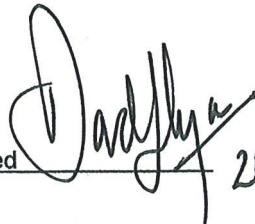
Assets

We have two investment accounts	CBF Fabric Fund ("Inv")	£11,122.02
These pay dividends	CBF General Fund ("Inv")	£16,717.71

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 2024

2024

2023

Total Income/Expenditure

-15751.10

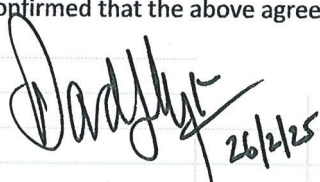
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Receipts

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

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Payments

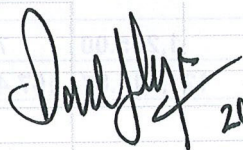
2024

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

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**Balance
Sheet Items**

70	Loans received	-
71	Repayment of Loans	-

FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

2024 2023

RECEIPTS

A	Donations in for Garden of Remembrance AP
B	Coffee time donations
C	Donations in for Messy Church
F	Yellow one off envelopes
G	Hall receipts

3517.00	
418.00	432.00
43.00	41.90
75.00	225.00
31948.00	19,067.57
	277.30
	15,716.95

PAYMENTS

J	Gas -Church
K	Heating Out
L	Electricity- Church
N	Organist
O	Parish Administrator
P	Phone (admin)
U	Website cost
V	Vicars expenses
W	Messy church expenses
X	Hall payments total

693.41	970.79
	55,207.72
4549.92	1,511.05
1505.00	1,382.00
7619.40	7,016.80
	526.08
	253.52
4319.66	3,970.42
112.14	
24790.00	20,577.70

Dan Jones
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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

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255
362
934.67
1700.03
151.79
347.5
519.5
373.18
550

(recorded as donations)

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

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary income/ receipts			
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 42,204	£ -
2	Other planned giving	£ 4,496	£ -
3	Collections at services	£ 443	£ -
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)			
4		£ 11,055	£ -
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 11,235	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 1,345	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ -	£ -
TOTAL Voluntary income:		£ 70,778	£ -
Activities for generating funds			
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 5,223	£ -
10	Income from investments	£ -	£ -
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.		£ 12,358	£ -
Church activities			
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 1,099	£ -
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ 30,693	£ -
Other incoming resources			
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