

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

ST SIMON
& ST JUDE

WITH ALL SOULS

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VICAR'S REPORT

The last year at St Simon's has been a time of transition and change.

Over the summer we were delighted to welcome Daniel & Abigail Armond to St Simon's, with Daniel becoming our full time Children, Youth and Families Worker. Laura Arch also began working part-time as our Ministry Coordinator. As part of this role, she also has time set aside for pastoral work with women. We are deeply grateful to God for the many ways in which he's provided to allow us to get to this point: through equipping Daniel and Laura; the provision of funds; housing for the Armond's; a job for Abigail etc. Please continue to give thanks to God for his many goodnesses and pray for Laura and Daniel & Abigail as they seek to equip and empower God's people for works of service at St Simon's.

In October we also had the joyful pain of sending Rob, Lydia & Norah Johnson to start the Beacon Church in Hesketh Bank, along with 22 other adults and children from St Simon's. It was 'joyful' because our call as God's people is to take the gospel "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1v8) and to be involved with the starting and planting of new churches. It was also 'joyful' because this wasn't something we had necessarily planned for, but which God moved to bring about. That also meant it was 'painful' because no-one likes change. Nor does a church like to feel stretched when it comes to filling roles in teams. But most of all we don't like saying goodbye to people who we dearly love and who have been part of Christ's body at St Simon's for a long time. But as a previous minister of mine used to say, 'we embrace the pain of change gladly for the sake of the gospel'. We "deny ourselves and take up our cross" not just as individuals, but as a whole church. Please continue to pray for the Beacon Church to see many reached and saved for Christ.

With sending folk to start the Beacon Church it has been especially good for us focus on "every member ministry" during 2025. Some highlights of this have been:

- Our 2025 weekend away focussing on what it means to serve like Jesus, helped by Ste Robinson's teaching off the back of his book "Serve".
- Equip courses beginning for our Children & Youth ministry,



which have been opened to the wider church family too.

- Laura and Daniel starting their roles with a conscious emphasis on the need to coordinate, equip and empower other church members in their service of Christ.
- Several of those new to faith wanting and beginning to serve in formal ways.

Going forwards, we still need to continue to think through what it means to equip those who serve for their role. That needs to happen through setting clear expectations through volunteer agreements, ongoing encouragement, feedback, help and ensuring people feel like they are not signing up to serve in a role for life. But looking ahead to 2026, and having spent a year thinking about serving within St Simon's, we now want to think about how to make the most of our 'reach ministries. We especially want to do so given the seemingly increased openness to the gospel currently being seen in our culture.

Mark tells us early on his gospel: 'Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"' (Mark 1v14-15). Please would you pray that the result of 2026 is many more people hearing, believing and repenting because of the good news of a Saviour who has come for them.

With much love,

Rev Andy Liggins, March 2026

VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Our overall vision at St Simon's is to be a church family that "grows to know and love God so that we go to live and speak for Jesus." Each GRACE ministry area has its own objectives in line with this vision, which you'll find in the report.

As a church in 2026 we want to particularly focus on establishing and growing our Reach ministries. This will include the following objectives:

Appoint a Reach Coordinator to help oversee and coordinate our existing Reach ministries.

Teach a short Sunday morning series on what it means for ordinary men, women and children to reach out with the gospel. There can be lots of guilt associated with evangelism. We want to spend time listening to God's word so that congregation members are freed to joyfully live and speak for Jesus.

Encouraging the congregation to "pray for 5" non-Christian friends and family. We'll be looking at ways to resource congregation and Connect group members to do this regularly.

Give people confidence in inviting friends and family to our explore courses. Connect groups will be using the newly produced Christianity Explored course materials for a term. This will let Christians take part in the course first so that they know what it is they are inviting friends to.

Think through and develop our social media output. It seems a number of people are being drawn to Christ through what they watch and listen to on social media. We want to make sure St Simon's is able to make the most of that.

MANAGEMENT

St Simon's is a warm church family with people from all ages and a number of different backgrounds. We welcome visitors

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to Know & Love
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S O T H A T W E

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to Live & Speak
F O R J E S U S

of all faiths and none. Anyone who has been baptised and can affirm their baptismal vows ("I repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour, I turn to Christ as Saviour and submit to Christ as Lord") is welcome to receive communion.

As a church we belong to the Church of England and are part of the North Meols Deanery in the Diocese of Liverpool. We belong to Christ first and foremost so we welcome members from all other church backgrounds.

Church members appoint the 'St Simon and St Jude with All Souls Parochial Church Council' (PCC) at an annual meeting, following the Church Representation Rules 2020. PCC members share governing responsibility with the Diocese of Liverpool Board of Education for Bishop David Sheppard Church of England (Aided) Primary School.¹

The names and responsibilities of those who served on the PCC during 2025 can be found in Appendix 4

Rev Andy Liggins

¹ The information set out in this report, including the financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, Church Accounting Regulations and the Statement of Recommended Practice -Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005. Note is also made of 'The Charities Act 1993 and the PCC' (Church House, 2006).

'GRACE' ACTIVITIES

This is the report of the PCC to church members, reviewing all our activities in turn, so we can thank God for all that has been achieved so far and so we can pray and plan for areas where more work is needed.

- **GATHER**
- **REACH**
- **ALL NATIONS**
- **CARE**
- **ENCOURAGEMENT**

GATHER

GATHER COORDINATOR:
ANDY LIGGINS



ATTENDANCE

At the publication of the electoral roll in April 2025, there were 85 members. Since April 2024, that was a decrease of 53 members. There were two main reasons for this sharp fall in numbers. The first is that every six years the electoral roll is wiped clean and every member needs to reapply. This removes those who have moved away or stopped attending but didn't come off the roll. The second reason was the sending of folk to begin the Beacon Church, most of whom did not reapply to go on the roll. Of those on the 2025 roll, 29 live within the parish and 56 outside the parish.

Average weekly attendance on a Sunday in 2025, including both the 9.15am and 11am services was 89 adults and 32 children. This is a decrease of 3 adults and an increase of 1 child from 2024. Approximately 5 households watch our 11am livestream "live" each week.

During October 2025, which is when the Church of England collect weekly attendance figures, we had on average 93 adults and 32 children attending in-person, with another 5 people or households watching online. In 2024 the average figures for October were 93 adults and 31 children, with 5 households watching online.

Around 120 people are currently receiving emails from St Simon's.

SERVICES

We aim for our services to be the weekly high point in our church family life. Many people work hard so that Sunday by Sunday we're enabled to meet together so that we grow to know and love God through his word. We are very grateful to God for all who sing or play in the band, or read, pray, lead, run the sound and visuals, as well as set up and clear up.

Service leaders continue to meet once a term for equipping and feedback. Laura Hudson, Elaine Killick, Andy Norcross and myself meet every 5-6 weeks to plan the songs we sing and decide on which new songs to introduce.

Over the course of 2025 our preaching has covered: a topical series on prayer; Luke 19-24; 1 Corinthians 1-7 and 8-10; Psalms 1-8; Isaiah 13-27 and a Christmas series on the songs of Luke. The 11am sermon continues to be livestreamed each Sunday on our YouTube channel.

As part of our focus on every member ministry, some new people have begun to read, pray and lead in services, and we ran a session to equip those who pray publicly. But our assistant wardens, welcome team, sound & visuals team all need more people serving. Work still needs to be done on training up a small group of occasional preachers.



PRAYER MEETINGS

Meeting to pray together is the most effective activity we can do as a church and our monthly prayer meetings continue to take place on a Sunday evening. For most of 2025 we met on the first Sunday evening of each month.

In the autumn we began trialling a 4pm All Age Prayer Meeting. As an intergenerational church family of all ages, we want children to be praying for the life and ministry of St Simon's alongside the rest of the church family. We also recognise that a 7pm prayer meeting often limits the attendance of older folk who don't want to come out in evenings, and parents who might be busy with children at bedtime. Our aim for 2026 is to continue to adapt this meeting so that it enables all to pray together in age appropriate ways. The weekly prayer diary continues to be used and equips us to pray regularly for the different groups and activities.

QUINTA CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

In September, 92 of us went to Quinta for our annual Church family weekend away. We had Steve Robinson from Cornerstone Church Liverpool come to and speak to us on the subject of 'Serving'. We were all challenged to think about what motivates us to serve and we were given the opportunity to think through what it means to serve at St Simon's. Our children's groups thought about what it means to serve God, serve in church and serve each other.

We spent lots of time together getting to know each other, worshipping together, eating together, praying together, laughing and in some cases even swimming! Our next weekend away is planned for June 2026. It would be wonderful to have you join us, please be praying if this is something you can commit to. We realise it might be difficult for people to commit to a weekend away due to finances, we are able to offer financial support, please speak to Laura Arch or Andy Liggins in confidence.

Laura Arch



REACH

ACTING REACH COORDINATOR: CUAN ARCH

COURSES AND GUEST SERVICES

In 2025 we ran Hope Explored followed by Christianity Explored weekly in January – March, with 2-3 people attending this. In the summer term we just ran Christianity Explored in June-July, with another 3-4 attendees. To keep things fresh, we ran a new course, called '3-2-1' in the autumn. It's a four-week course looking at John's gospel. We again had 3-4 guests, who gave really positive feedback, and this is a course we'll run again in autumn 2026. Praise God that off the back of these courses 4 people professed faith in Christ.

Our main evangelistic guest services over the year were held during the Christmas period. Our Christingle service was full to capacity but numbers at the Carols by Candlelight were again down on previous years. In 2026 we are going to move the date of Carol service so that it's closer to Christmas to see if this increases the numbers of those attending.

In the autumn term we also held a one-off guest service with the title: "are we better off without religion?" During 2026 we will aim to hold 2-3 guest services that similarly seek to answer and engage with the questions our unbelieving friends and family are asking.

Rev Andy Liggins

HAPPY MONDAYS

Happy Mondays happens every week during term time and is attended by around 18-22 families each week, aged from 0 to 80+. It is really encouraging that many families who currently attend come very regularly. The children are able to play with toys in the hall and Jude Room or can do a craft or playdough. We have a baby area as well. There is always such a good atmosphere and everyone feels very welcomed and cared for.

It is a joy to be able to build relationships with the families who come, and the majority of them do not attend church otherwise. We invite everyone to other church events and the Nativity Trail and Hush Before the Rush have been popular.

After snack time, the last part of the session is a Bible story and songs, which the children love. Our hope and prayer is that the Lord will meet these families as they hear about Him each week.

We also give each child a Christian book at Christmas and at the end of the summer term, as well as giving Bibles to the children who are leaving to go to school in September.

I'm very grateful for the great team who come and help every week. It would also be wonderful to have some more people on the team to be there to chat to the parents/grandparents and build relationships too.

Laura Hudson
Happy Mondays Group Leader

COMMUNITY LUNCH

We thank the Lord that the Lunch Club again has proved to be very successful during the last 12 months in that we have between 40 to 50 guests in attendance. The Christmas Lunch attendance improved slightly as the reputation is extremely well known within the community. Soon after Sue Holleran's departure from her role as one of the chefs we were glad to be offered the support of Laura Arch. The quality of cooking,



preparation and service is still of the highest standard.

Our team of workers still appear to be fully enthusiastic and prayerful in what they are offering to our guests.

Andy Liggins continues to offer a 2/3 minute thought for the day which provides the guests with the Gospel.

For the future, we hope to increase the attendance at the Lunch club to 60 plus and again provide a quality meal, good company and more importantly the love of Jesus to all who attend.

Bev Lean

Community Lunch Leader

MEN'S GROUP

We continued with the same aims in providing a Christian environment of friendship and enjoyment in order to be a light to the men that come as Christians and non-Christians. Our emphasis is on 'Group' to support Men rather than just the one social night a month. We have enjoyed a sporting activity each month. We had a great Easter 'Full English' breakfast (thanks to the ladies) with a really good down to earth gospel talk from Frosty. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to have a speaker for the October Curry n Darts session. Our numbers averaged 25 for the first half of the year but declined to 15 as the year progressed from a pot of about 50 men. Noting the decline, we decided to keep all activities in the Church Hall from October to minimise costs and to try to remove any barrier from people attending.

We have decided to continue with that strategy for 2026 although we are joining in with other Southport Churches with 3 events (for men and ladies) April, May and June focused on the Open Golf at Royal Birkdale in July. We are going to try to encourage some 16-18 years olds to join us and try to be more aware of the older men in any activity planning. We are also going to move to a new WhatsApp group for Christian men and encourage them to invite their family, friends and colleagues rather than have everyone join the WhatsApp group.

Our ask for prayer is that Christian men in the Church will look

to support each other by attending Men's Group and inviting their family, friends and colleagues. We also ask for wisdom as we consider a Christian nurturing pathway for Men.

Please speak to Josh Ascroft, Colin Murray, Dan Singleton, Simon Dowd or Ian Singleton to know more.

Ian Singleton

LADIES NIGHTS

A new team was formed to plan Ladies Nights in September, and we relaunched with our first event in October. Our aim is to bring the ladies of St Simon's together for a monthly event based around fun, friendship and faith; to build relationships, encourage each other and to have a place we can also invite non-church friends to.

In November, we hosted the 4th annual Hush Before The Rush, our Advent outreach event. The church was transformed as we welcomed around 95 ladies for an evening of relaxed chatting, quizzes, drinks and nibbles, musical entertainment and a talk. It was so encouraging that half of the people who came had been invited by a friend or family member from church. We want to continue to do this event each year.

Since then, we have had a Christmas meal and games night, which were both lots of fun.

We have planned a programme for 2026 with a wide variety of monthly events, in hope that as many ladies in the church as possible will come along and get involved!

Please speak to Laura Hudson, Esther Byrom, Sarah Hann, Erin Ascroft, Hayley Sinclair, Hannah Bailey, Vickie Hughes, Bea Fairham, Laura Arch for more information.

Laura Hudson

ALL NATIONS

**ALL NATIONS COORDINATOR:
JULIE ROWLANDSON**

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee exists to help St Simon's Church family to support gospel ministry in the UK and around the world. A list of our current mission partners and the financial donations we supported them with in 2025 can be found in appendix 2.

This year we welcomed Esther Byrom and Helena Knapton to the Mission Committee. We made progress on helping the church family to pray more consistently for our mission partners through:

- 1) a rota of which mission partner is prayed for at each monthly prayer meeting.
- 2) Laura Arch kindly sending information on one mission partner per week to people who lead the prayers in services.

In February Lorna Norcross and Julie Rowlandson were able to visit our mission partner New Hope Church, International Aid Trust, Lungi, Sierra Leone along with other supporters.



They were greatly encouraged by fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ, who have so little but live trusting in God, and to be able to share the gospel at the New Hope Schools and outreach meetings. They were able to share this encouragement with the church family.

We were pleased to welcome Mike McCabe, new director of Zambesi Mission to St Simons in July. Mike was able to preach at both services and to chat to members of the church family, sharing what God is doing through His people in Malawi and Northern Mozambique.

At our Gift Day in October, our church family gave generously to Beacon Church, planted in Hesketh Bank by Rob and Lydia Johnson along with others from our fellowship. We are thankful to God for their faithfulness to God's call and continue to pray for the Beacon Church.

Julie Rowlandson

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St Simon's is one of 15 churches in the North Meols Deanery; part of Liverpool Diocese in the Church of England, stretching from Ainsdale to Banks. Appendix 7 lists our lay Deanery Synod representatives, and Andy Liggins continues to serve on Diocesan Synod as well as the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee (planning group).

There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2025. These were largely dominated by discussions surrounding the Diocese plans called "Fit for Mission", focussed around creating Single Larger Parishes. In September every church PCC in the deanery voted on whether to join "Fit for Mission" and all rejected the proposals. As a result, all churches in 2026 will be encouraged to propose solutions to the problem of decreasing congregation sizes and not enough stipendiary clergy to spread across all the churches. *Please pray for gospel-shaped responses.*

Sadly the wider Church of England continues to pursue teaching and practice that abandons God's good design for marriage and sexuality as outlined in the Bible. Along with many other evangelical churches across the wider church, St Simon's continues to pursue a number of measures. We pay



our parish share via the Ephesian Fund to ensure that this money only goes towards supporting biblically faithful churches in the Diocese. The PCC also remain under the Alternative Spiritual Oversight of the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Rob Munro. Whilst still legally and institutionally part of the Liverpool Diocese, genuine spiritual oversight is now provided by Bishop Rob.

The Church of England Evangelical Council, who have enabled the above provisions, continue to work as part of a broader coalition, called The Alliance. This is made up of a range networks and churches, both evangelical and Anglo-Catholic, who wish to remain faithful to the teaching of the Scripture. The Alliance represents 42% of the Church of England's average Sunday attendance and 53% of all under eighteen-year-olds within the Church of England. It was thanks largely to this coalition that General Synod has been forced to recognise that introducing same-sex blessings as standalone services should be considered a change in the doctrine of marriage. The Alliance is working hard to ensure that as many as possible of those elected to General Synod in 2026 agree with a biblical position on marriage and sexuality.

Please continue to pray for repentance and revival within the Church of England.

Rev Andy Liggins



CARE

CARE COORDINATOR: BEV LEAN



HOME VISITS

No actual visiting team has been established but visits to some homes have been completed by church members.

Enquiries have taken place regarding who is completing visits and who they are visiting ensuring that not everybody visits the same person.

PROVISION OF MEALS

The provision of meals has rarely been called upon this last 12 months. It is very helpful to know that there are those willing to provide meals for those who are in need and we are very grateful for this.

COFFEE & CHAT

The Coffee & Chat group meets monthly, apart from August, on the second Wednesday of the month in the Jude Room from 10.30am until 11.45am for the over 60's age group. After a steady number of years when the attendance has been around the low twenties this past year has seen a drop in numbers to the low teens due mainly to long term illness. Those who attend enjoy the conversations which take place.

After a number of years under the leadership of Bryan Singleton and David Towler, who stepped down at the end of the year. We are pleased to announce that Robert and Linda Stephenson have succeeded them.

David Towler & Brian Singleton

MOVING FORWARDS

We're very grateful for Bev's role as Care Coordinator, for his prayers and love for those in St Simons. During 2025 Bev felt he needed to step back from the role. In 2026 Helena Knapton will become Care Coordinator and we look forward to her using her gifts to continue and develop our Care Ministries.

The Community Lunch, still headed up by Bev, is now part of our Reach ministries.



FOOD PANTRY

The Compassion Acts Food Pantry has continued to provide food and other groceries to those on low incomes during 2025 at Bishop David Sheppard Primary School with the full support of the school. The Food Pantry is a move forward from Food Banks whereby people referred by Compassion Acts can choose a number of donated items to a value of around £20 for a payment of £5 or £7.50 depending on family size.

The area occupied by the Food Pantry has been reduced though as the school's new SEND base has taken up space where clients could wait, have a drink and a chat with some of the volunteers. The Food Pantry is now open on Thursdays during term time between 1 p.m. and 2.30p.m. Previously it had been open between 3 and 4.30 p.m., which may have been better for parents at the school. There has been a drop in numbers, which are now averaging around 3 per week. It isn't clear whether the reduction in space and the change in time have affected attendance but discussions are taking place with Compassion Acts and the School on behalf of the church on how best to move forward.

There have also been some good news stories of individuals gaining permanent employment and no longer needing the Food Pantry, which is clearly a positive reason for the drop in numbers. St Simon and St Jude with All Souls provides the vast majority of volunteers for the Food Pantry.

Each session needs two volunteers to ensure that it runs smoothly and I am grateful for the commitment of Hilary Sixsmith, Jenny Pye, Keith Knapton and Elaine Killick and also Paul Duff, a volunteer from St Teresa's, Birkdale. This enables a roughly three week rotation for staffing the pantry.

I am also grateful for those who, in addition, have been able to provide hospitality: Anne Halford, Rebecca Fearn and Wendy Spencer.

Two things I would ask for are, firstly, your prayers for the Food Pantry going forward. *Pray that it will continue to provide a service to those in High Park who are in need.* Secondly, more volunteers are always welcome. Speak to me, Hilary or Jenny if you are interested.

Mike Molyneux



ENCOURAGE

ENCOURAGE COORDINATOR: CUAN ARCH

The purpose of the 'encourage' ministry is to support the healthy spiritual well being of the church family. We long to see people grow in their relationship with God and in doing so grow to love him more, care for others better, gather to proclaim his name together and reach out to others around us.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 & 17

CONNECT GROUPS

We have six Connect groups running during the week, some during the day and some in the evening. One of our groups has child care provision so mums can meet together during the day. Our Connect groups provide a great opportunity to connect with each other during the week and to hear God speak to us through his word in a relaxed setting where we can ask questions. They are also a place where we can care for one another, listen and offer support. If you aren't in a Connect group please consider joining one. If you want to find out more please speak to Cuan Arch.

We have a new men's Connect Group starting in 2026, please be praying the group starts well and is a great encouragement to those men who are able to attend.

CENTRAL TEACHING EVENINGS

These are an opportunity for us to meet once a term and look at a specific topic in greater depth. In February we looked at Assisted Dying with Rev Matt and Dr Liz Davis, in June we had a Bible Overview with Ro Mody and in October we had an overview of Isaiah led by Andy Liggins. There were around 25 of us there. It was really helpful to unpack the story of Isaiah and understand where it comes in the bible narrative.

Next year we plan to have three Central Teaching Evenings. *Please be praying that more people attend these and grow in their understanding of God's word and in love of Him.*



BOOKSTALL

Over the last year Will Raby has run our bookstall and we are very grateful for all the work he did in resourcing our ministry and in encouraging us to read Christian literature. Will has now left us to join Beacon church so Laura Arch has agreed to take on the role.

One of our aims for next year is to encourage more people to read by choosing a book for people to read together. We did this with the Advent book with 18 people committing to read the book together. If you would like a particular book ordering or would like to recommend a book for us all to read please let Laura know.

1-2-1

We have made a concerted effort over the last year to invest in 1-2-1 ministry. This is committing to reading the bible with another believer, or someone who is searching on a regular basis. It is a wonderful privilege to open the bible with someone else, to introduce them to Jesus and share together how God speaks into our lives through his word.

We would love to see more people opening God's word together. If you would like to read the bible with someone please speak to Cuan and he can make it happen!

LADIES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies Christian Fellowship (LCF) is a ladies group that meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm - 9pm except for Christmas and Easter breaks and the whole of August.

We have a great varied programme each week. For example; board game evening, bring & buy, quizzes, harvest auction, fish & chip supper, cheese & wine evening and a visit to the little theatre to see My Fair Lady. We have invited speakers, Alan Foxhall has spoken twice about plants and done demonstrations. We also have at least four devotional evenings. We recognise yearly events such as Remembrance day and Bonfire night.

Everyone who comes gives their own contribution to the evening. They are lovely ladies and when together are quite noisy. We have to remind them after nine pm that they have homes to go to!

Unfortunately, three ladies are no longer able to come as they are in Peaceheaven but we stay in touch. Please come and join us, you would be very welcome.

Alison Chester, Chairlady of LCF

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORKER DANIEL ARMOND



In November, a group of us involved in children, youth and families ministry reflected on why this ministry area is so important. We saw that:

- Many have personal testimonies of God using children's ministry in our lives.
- Statistics show that 76% of the UK church became Christians under 18.
- The Bible (e.g. Psalm 78:4) tells us to invest in the discipleship of the next generation.

This ministry is vital to the health of the church, and it is a joy to see what God is doing in this ministry area at St Simon's.

As you read this account, please could I invite you to prayerfully consider how you could be involved in this ministry area, either through volunteering or praying for it?

Since starting as the Children's, Youth and Families Worker in August, here are some highlights of what I have been focusing on:

- Getting to know our families and volunteers.
- Trialling all-age prayer meetings.
- Thinking about team training and starting the Equip Course.
- Exploring summer camp opportunities for 11-18s.
- Working with others on developing and installing a safer recruitment procedure.
- I've also been receiving mentoring from an organisation called Growing Young Disciples, which I am very grateful for.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Clare Singleton was overseeing Junior Church up until October 2025, and I am so grateful to the Lord for the ways in which she lovingly and sacrificially led this team.

If you were to visit our Sunday provision for under 16s in 2025, here's what you would see:

- a creche with children happily playing with toys and listening to a story from the Bible told in a clear and engaging way.
- a group for 3-5s, bringing a Bible story to life and thinking about what they can take away from it.
- two primary school groups digging into Bible books like Acts, Daniel or 1 Samuel asking lots of questions about the passage and thinking about the difference it makes.
- a secondary school group, sat with Bibles open, exploring the likes of 1 Kings and Luke – digging deeper into the passage and applying it to their lives.

How awesome is that!

As we look to 2026, please pray for wisdom as we continue to develop this ministry area, focusing on areas like how we can use the spaces we have well, how our groups can work together and how we can partner with parents more.



CROSSROADS KIDS

Lorna Norcross continues to head up Crossroads Kids; I am so grateful for the desire the Lord has placed on her heart to reach families with the gospel.

The average week at Crossroads starts with games and colouring, followed by singing and time spent looking at the Bible, before finishing with a big game or craft. There is also a parents' café that takes place at the same time.

This year there has been teaching from Bible books such as Acts and Jonah, as well as a series looking at the Lord's Prayer. One particular highlight of this group has been seeing the creativity of the team in the way they teach the Bible to the children – one week we even got inside a whale!

As we look to 2026, please do be praying for more young people to attend, and for more grown-ups to come to the parents' café too. However, if the Lord does not grant this, pray for wisdom in knowing how to make the most of the opportunities that come with having a smaller group.

CROSSROADS YOUTH

Cuan Arch was overseeing Crossroads Youth up until October 2025, and I am so grateful for the passion the Lord has given him for youth ministry. In Cuan's words, 'it's the best job in the world.'

We're getting roughly 5-8 young people each week. We spend time playing games together and exploring the Bible. We've recently tried out a different way of doing our Bible teaching and have started having a short talk followed by discussion groups. What I've loved about this model is hearing the questions the young people have.

We want this group to be a place where young people feel safe to share their doubts and questions as they explore Scripture for themselves. The prayer is that this process of asking questions and doubts will show them how solid the good news of Jesus is.

As we head into 2026, pray for open hearts, more young people to come along and for another male volunteer leader.

BISHOP DAVID SHEPPARD COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND SCHOOL SERVICES

Andy Liggins continues to oversee our partnership with BDS. I'm grateful for the love the Lord has given him for this school, and the longing he has to reach this school community with the gospel.

Andy and I run Collective Worship (school assembly) at BDS roughly twice a month and then have the whole school visit for a school service once a half term. These assemblies and services are a great opportunity to share with the school community all about the Lord Jesus and the difference that knowing Jesus makes – even at a young age. They're also a great opportunity to invite families along to the ministries we run at St Simon's.

EVENTS

As well as our week-by-week provision for children and young people, there are a few special events that took place throughout 2025:

In September, we had our weekend away at Quinta and a team of us were running groups for under 18s.

The under 5s spent time looking at Noah and the over 5s joined with the rest of the church family in thinking about serving. This was a great opportunity for me to start to get to know our young people but also for friendships between our young people to grow.



The Light Party is our Halloween alternative. It looked slightly different this year, with families needing to book in advance and encouraged to stay for the whole time. There were crafts and games for children, refreshments for parents and a short all age service and hotdogs for everyone. We had a great time, all centred on the truth that Jesus is the greatest superhero.

The Nativity Trail is a drop-in event for primary school aged families, journeying through the Christmas story. What I loved most about this event was seeing the many gifts within our St Simon's church family all working together to proclaim the gospel to those in our local area. Numbers were lower than expected, so do pray for wisdom on advertising and inviting others to events at St Simons

Daniel Armond

GIRLS' BRIGADE

In 2025, we have continued to support the aim of the GB, to help girls to become followers of Christ, through badgework and devotional activities. The beginning of 2025 began with our annual trip to the pantomime which is always popular, and a varied summer social program.

Staffing has remained good throughout the year, with Mel, Diane, Katie and Becky attending each week. Numbers of girls has steadily grown, to the point that at the end of the year we had around 20 girls on our register, with new girls starting at a steady pace.

We would be grateful for the church family to continue to pray for the leaders and the girls, that we continue to help the girls to learn more about Jesus and that we deliver an interesting and varied program for them.

Every Blessing,

The GB leaders





LEADERSHIP

PCC (PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL)

The Finance and Standing Committee and the PCC members make up the PCC team with a total of 14 members serving during 2025.

The following were the main items discussed over the last year:

- **Commencement of Childrens and Youth worker**
- **Employment of Ministry Coordinator.**
- **Church weekend away**
- **Fit for Mission**
- **Parish Share**

We also heard reports from the Gather, Reach, All Nations and Encourage coordinators, as well as the Operations team and Safeguarding.

The PCC meets bi-monthly, and met 6 times during 2025, with some minor pieces of PCC business agreed via email as per the Church Representatives Rules 2020.

Alex Kenrick

OPERATIONS

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

We have tweaked our Operational teams as we have learned more and employed a Ministry Coordinator. We now have the following teams with their aims for 2026.

Our prayer is that people will be prompted to make use of their God given talents & time and join one (or more) of the operation teams which will in turn support our Church's ministries.

TEAM: BUILDING WARDEN

Co-ordinator: Vacancy

Aims: ensure building accessible/secure, warm, compliant and used appropriately

2025 progress: new team established

2026 targets: improve security and minimise use of keys, establish means to maintain terrier and logbook, review fire precautions, replace carpet in Link walkthrough, improve the Seddon & Blakeway rooms and back-yard as a usable area

TEAM: EXTERNAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Co-ordinator: Josh Ascroft

Aims: to ensure buildings remain in a good state of repair

2025 progress: front church wall plastering, new fencing in car park, gardens maintained, roof and gutter leaks repaired

2026 targets: improve drainage



TEAM: INTERNAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Co-ordinator: Colin Murray

Aims: keep the fixtures & fittings of Church building in a good state of repair

2025 progress: new digital heating controls in church, make Seddon room kid friendly, storage of tables improved, revamp of kitchen, lots of minor repairs

2026 targets: continue to maintain church building through requests from group leaders and Building Warden team

TEAM: CLEAN AND TIDY

Co-ordinator: Linda Stephenson

Aims: ensure building is ready for use, clean and adequately stocked as required by all users

2025 progress: new team established, rota system in place

2026 targets: allocation of storage responsibility, increase cleaning team, review and improve cleaning equipment, review procurement and storage of cleaning materials/ equipment, improve groups maintaining bins

TEAM: CATERING

Co-ordinator: Clare Singleton

Aims: ensure appropriate catering is provided for church activities

2025 progress: kitchen taps replaced, tap water heater improved, cupboards repaired, cutlery replenished, food hygiene standards maintained

2026 targets: maintain kitchen standards and improve kitchen appliances

TEAM: TECHNOLOGY

Co-ordinator: Andy Norcross

Aims: ensure technology is available to enhance our services and activities

2025 progress: Improved use of Church website & database including adding electoral roll module, QR code for congregation to sign up in notices, several lectern mic repairs,

2026 targets: establish digital electoral roll, LED lights, improve streaming audio, starting to utilise the Google workspace more efficiently, support ministry coordinator in updating website and using Instagram and social media, consider moving computer to back of church, upgrade camera, investigate live stream sound quality

If you are interested in joining a team please speak to Andy Liggins or Ian Singleton

SAFEGUARDING

The PCC of St Simon's church are committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. As a church we operate under the guidelines laid down by "Promoting a Safer Church", The House of Bishops Policy, 2017.

Lorna Norcross was appointed Parish Safeguarding Officer in 2024. Her role is to ensure that St Simon's has a healthy safeguarding culture. She has an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults, and helps to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy. Any safeguarding concerns are to be reported to her as the key link between the Diocese Safeguarding Team and the parish.

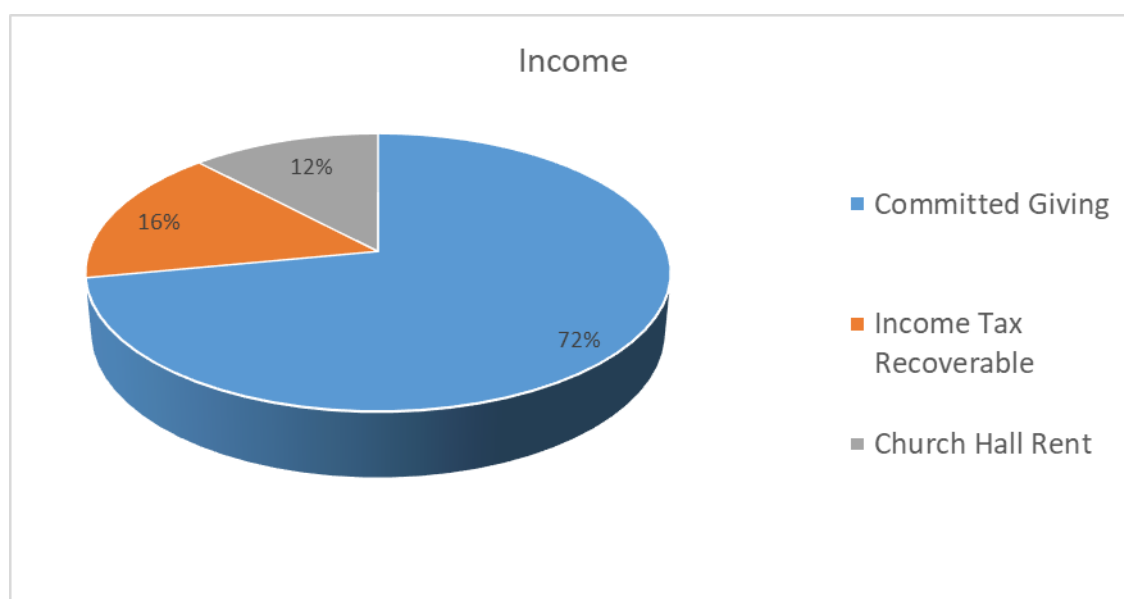
If do you have any concerns or questions, please email: safeguarding@stsimonsouthport.org.uk or speak to Lorna directly.



ACCOUNTS SUMMARY & FAQs

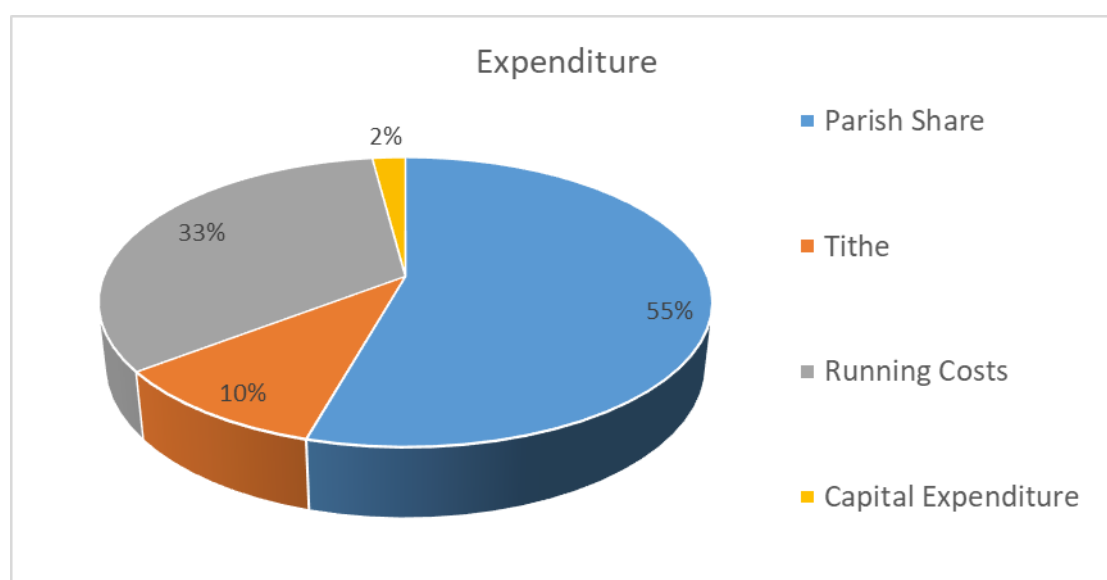
1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN SOURCES OF OUR INCOME?

General Church Fund: £ 71471.14 – this is from committed giving and collections
 £ 15867.32 – this is from income tax recoverable
 £ 11968.00 – this is from Church Hall Rent



2. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CAUSES OF OUR EXPENDITURE?

Parish Share £50919.00
 Tithe £ 9559.80
 Running Costs £31215.21 (not including C&FW)
 Capital Expenditure £ 1932.15



3. WAS OUR INCOME GREATER THAN OUR EXPENDITURE?

Yes, our general income was greater than our general expenditure by £8048.73.

In addition, we received an additional gift of £2725.00 from St Philemon's (the gift aid on the gift previously given) for the Children's and Families Worker.

We paid £7145.00 out of the Maintenance Legacy for repair works to the building

4. WHAT IS THE PARISH SHARE?

The Parish Share is the amount paid to the Diocese towards Clergy stipends, pensions, housing costs and the life of the wider Diocese. Our amount for 2026 will be approx. £51938.00, this is an increase on 2025. We expect a similar figure for 2027. We contribute our Parish Share via the Ephesian Fund to ensure this only goes to supporting gospel ministry in the Diocese.

5. HOW MUCH DOES THE CHURCH HAVE IN THE BANK?

General Church Fund:	£ 63690.73	
Restricted Funds	£ 29785.35	(Maintenance Legacy)
	£ -1685.00	2025 Gift Day – Paid in full to Beacon Church, awaiting gift aid claim
	£ 1276.20	Discretionary Fund
	£ 532.34	2026 Quinta paid in advance
	£ 1635.62	Replacement Provision
	£111464.85	Children & Youth Worker
	£ 24196.15	CCLA Investment Fund – this was a bequest from an All Souls Parishioner.
		We receive annual dividends, we don't have access to the capital

6. HOW MUCH WAS GIVEN AWAY BY THE CHURCH?

The Church gives a 10% tithe and supports various other appeals.

Zambesi Mission	-	£ 1529.60	}
Cross Links	-	£ 2390.00	}
Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust	-	£ 764.80	} PCC Tithe
Compassion Acts	-	£ 764.80	}
Open Doors	-	£ 1147.00	}
New Hope Church	-	£ 1434.00	}
Wellfield	-	£ 1529.60	}
		<u>£ 9559.80</u>	
Various Appeals	-	£ 550.00	
		<u>£10109.80</u>	

7. HOW MANY REGULAR GIVERS ARE THERE?

During 2025 there has been a decrease in our regular givers. In 2024 we had 43 Gift Aided and 12 none. At the end of 2025 we had 39 Gift Aided and 10 none.

As you read this information, please do use it as a prompt to prayer and ask the Lord how you can respond. We look forward to receiving God's blessing for the future as we have in the past.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX 1 - HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

I am exceptionally proud of our church/school partnership. It evolves and adapts every year as we look for the best ways to support and strengthen our Christian ethos. As a school, we are extremely fortunate to have local church leadership who fully invest in building and strengthening this partnership. This includes regular visits by our Vicar to lead worship and support the teaching of our RE curriculum and visits to St Simon's each half term to gather together as a school to worship. Each half term, one class leads this worship and we welcome parents to join this as well. This year, we had a visit from Bishop Ruth Worsley who joined us in worship and spent time with the children, staff and governors.

As a school, we participate in collective worship daily. This is both whole school and in class. We use a range of resources to support this including:

- Picture News
- Jumping Fish Publications
- Global Neighbours

Southport Areas Workers Trust (SASW) visit half termly to lead worship as well as perform a Nativity at Christmas. They have also run worship clubs at school related to our Christian Values and have led school in a Prayer Spaces Day which was co-led by our Ethos group.

In the Autumn term, our EYFS and KS1 children take part in nativities and our KS2 children present a Christmas performance based around the nativity story.

Our Ethos group meet regularly to discuss a number of issues related to the school and this is supported by Mrs Farley.

Each year, we celebrate Founders Day where we learn more about the life of Bishop David Sheppard and his accomplishments. We gather together to worship, have a picnic lunch and play cricket. Our governors also attend this event.

We follow the Questful RE curriculum and we monitor the teaching of RE. School attends termly RE subject leader meetings as well as headteacher meetings with the diocese. We continue to look for ways to develop worship across the school and the Ethos group support this.

Members of the church community run the luncheon club very effectively with school supporting by securing funding from a variety of sources. Our classes will visit Luncheon Club, singing songs, performing poems and enjoying their lunch with members of the church community.

We continue to support a variety of charities by organising special events such as Children in Need and other community

days in line with other Southport schools. Every Christmas several members of staff work with a local charity to pack toy and food parcels for families in need. We have established links with Compassion Acts. We are proud of the Food Pantry and the wonderful service that this provides to our community.

We run a wide range of clubs every term. School fund all clubs that are run by outside providers to ensure that all clubs are accessible to all children. Year 6 continue to visit Dearne Valley every October. Our website is populated with much information about the school and I would recommend that you visit the website to get a flavour of all the wonderful work that is happening and learn more about how we are engaging with parents. We use ParentApp to make notifications to parents easier.

We have undertaken many building projects over the last year. A new social communication base for EYFS/KS1 opened in October 2024 and the KS2 base opened in September 2025. We have carried out refurbishment work on both playgrounds and refurbished the staff room.

We participate in a wide range of projects within school. We are pleased to be part of a project called "Team around the School" and many other initiatives that provide support for our school community.

We are very proud of our links to St. Simon's and St. Jude's and the working partnership we have created.

Kate Pilkington

March 2025



There are currently 153 pupils on roll in years Rec to Year 6 and 195 across the whole school.

Below is a summary of the school attainment data for 2024-2025

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Outcomes

	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
No of pupils	15		17		25	
Percentage	35.7	67	41.2	80	42.9	68.3

Attainment in Phonics by the end of Year 1

	2025	
	School	National
All pupils- 15	55.6	79.9
Girls- 7	71	
Boys- 8	62.5	
Disadvantaged-	42.9	66.8

Attainment in Phonics by the end of Year 2

	Cohort	No achieving expected standard	% School 2025	% National 2025
All pupils	19 (6)	4	67	89

KS2 Attainment

	Below Expected		Expected		Above Expected	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Reading	38		61	75	13	33
Mathematics	51		48	74	6	26
Writing	45		55	72	0	13
SPaG	48		52	73	13	30
RWM Combined			42	62	0	8

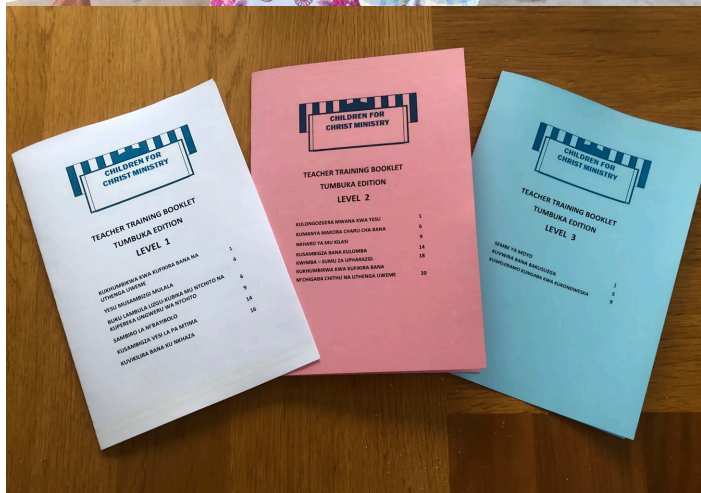
KS2 Progress

Reading	Writing	Maths
N/A	N/A	N/A

APPENDIX 2 - MISSION PARTNERS INFORMATION

List of Mission Partners and amount from tithe 2025:

- » **INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST**
Evangelism and outreach (New Hope Church, Sierra Leone) £1434
- » **HELEN SHERIDAN (CROSSLINKS)**
Southern Ireland, Women and Children's ministry £2390
- » **WELLFIELD CHURCH, LEYLAND**
Supporting ministry £1529.60
- » **ZAMBESI MISSION**
supporting sponsored students £1529.60
- » **OPEN DOORS**
Support of persecuted Christians £1147.00
- » **SOUTHPORT AREA SCHOOLS WORKER TRUST**
Evangelism, Children, schools £764.80
- » **COMPASSION ACTS**
Support for vulnerable people in Southport £764.80



Children for Christ Ministries (Malawi & Mozambique)

Images from their blog: cfcmuk.org/news

- Fieldworkers Elevate and Joseph
- Esther receiving her Volunteer Sunday School Trainer Certificate with her son
- Newly translated training materials

APPENDIX 3 - APCM MINUTES 2025

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS MINUTES 16TH MARCH 2025

1. Prayer – meeting began at 1pm in prayer

2. Apologies – Rebecca Fearn, Lorna Norcross, David Towler, Brenda Towler, Alison Chester, Penny Edge, Keith Edge, Julia Rowlandson, Emma Clementson, Cathy Wilson.

3. Wardens Report – Keith Knapton. Rob Johnson and Keith Knapton are meeting regularly with Andy Liggins. Discussing and praying for the church family, the gifts God has given. They are not distracted by the matters of the church fabric due to the Operations Team which is led by Ian Singleton. God's church is His people and the Spirit living within us.

Andy thanks Keith and Rob in sharing the task of caring for souls. Reminder of the leadership functions, GRACE and Operations (programmes); PCC (big picture); Warden and Vicar (people), all overlap.

4. Rob Johnson – Rob is going to step down as warden so that he can focus on Hesketh Bank. Keith Knapton will stand again as warden – all happy to elect Keith again for the following year.

Cuan Arch will begin acting as the second in the autumn once Daniel arrives to become Children and Youth worker. Cuan will be appointed formally this time next year.

Give thanks for Keith, Rob and Cuan – prayer.

APCM

5. Minutes from 2024 – all agreed

6. Matters arising – none

7. Reports:

TREASURER

- 2024 Year end accounts and budget for 2025. Thank God for His blessings.
- Parish Share – proposed Parish Share to cover direct ministry costs, therefore £10,000 outstanding. The parish share is being paid to the Ephesians Fund, who will pay the costs to the Diocese and use the remainder for other appeals.

- APCM last year, increased giving for Children and Youth worker, 3 groups are regularly hiring the hall.
- Building is 20 years old; there are signs of wear.
- Part time Ministry Coordinator.
- PCC approved accounts which were independently verified by Irene Greenwood.
- 2025 budget - £19,244 surplus, (some of which will be used to employ a part time Ministry Coordinator).
- Thank you, Robert Stephenson, for all your help, and Mo Burnley and Ian Singleton.
- Andy thanks Jo Baldwin for all she does.
- Prayer to give thanks.

PCC REPORT DEANERY SYNOD

8. Electoral roll – maintain church electoral roll for parish. People wish to be recognised as part of the church. Kept confidentially, list needs to be made available to PCC and secretary and diocesan secretary.

Feb -29 in parish, 56 outside parish. Notable drop from 132 people on the roll from last year.

Any questions speak to Andy. Thank you, Suzanne, for your work.

9. PCC elections – Elaine Killick, Mike Molyneux and Esther Byrom elected. Esther is not on the electoral roll, all happy to waive this for this time. Due to the church population on the electoral roll being below 100, there were 3 vacancies, not 4.

10. Representation of Readers – Keith Knapton.

11. Electoral Roll officer – Suzanne Thompson will hold this position. Irene Greenwood will continue to be the accounts independent examiner.

12. Minister's report

Church body, where everybody plays a part, how does this look?

1. Teaching series on serving - what does this look like to serve and glorify God in our daily lives.

2. Ready to serve course – what this looks like and how we can serve.

3. Pathways into serving – expectation of church life, how to equip

people to serve in every role in church life and to support people as they step into roles. How to match people as they step into roles.

4. G.R.A.C.E coordinator refresh, meeting together regularly.

5. Operations refresh – Ian has picked up a lot of operations jobs, building etc. from the Wardens. Practical input is a great way to begin to serve. Next week there will be a list of the teams on the Operations board that people can sign into.

6. Daniel Armond starting in August (pray find a house to rent). Bible teacher to equip leaders as they serve families and children.

7. Ministry coordinator appointment – to allow ministry to happen, to facilitate you as you serve. Many things that can be pushed forward, everything can feel ad-hoc/last minute. PCC are meeting in a couple of weeks to review a job description.

8. Outside training opportunities – lots that is happening regionally.

13. Questions on the Church Ministry Reports

Q. When people are saved, what type of discipleship courses are available? Like to see a handbook of what the church teaches young people.

- Read bible with someone one to one.
- Discipleship Explored.
- Involved in Connect group.
- Getting to know people.
- Case by case basis.
- Perhaps this is something that needs to be explored more.

How to select the Ministry Coordinator?

- It will be an advertised, paid role.
- Ideally someone within the church family, PCC have signed off that this will be advertised to church family.

Q. Electoral report in the annual report, should the numbers be last years?

- Our numbers to make up PCC should be over 100. Annual report numbers for what it is now then decides what number will make up the PCC.

Q. Cuan is good at caring for people

- which is why he has been asked to take up the warden role.

Q. With numbers being so low, how do we plan to reach our community?

- Reasons there is a dip in number, 27 people no longer come to St Simons.

- People are being sent to attend Beacon church.

- It is all our duty within our daily lives to reach out to people.

- Make more of the opportunities that we already have.

Q. Church cleaning, is there an idea of employing a cleaner?

- Wait for a decision.

- Subcontractor for toys and kitchen.

Q. What about people who do not attend church?

- Once a month could we do guest service to those who attend community lunch.

- What are the next steps for Happy Mondays?

- Need to move on some PCC suggestions.

- Riots, how to reach these people who are rioting? Those who we have no contact with us.

- Cuan stated, he has seen people's lives change by Jesus, we are expectant that the Lord will do so much more. GRACE teams are keen to talk through some of the issues, to look at ways to reach people. Pray that the Lord continues, reports of the Nativity and Easter trail are great ways to meet the community.

- No Easter trails this year as no team to take it forward.

Q. Are the number of people regularly attending church increasing?

- Yes.

Q. How will Daniel be supported?

- Talk this through with him.

- Will have some training outside and outside mentor.

- Congregation to help support him.

- To have the right expectations of him.

Q. There was a service last year at BDS as a way to reach families, will we aim to do this again?

- In talks and this does depend on the school.

- School enjoyed and appreciated it.

- Pray for this.

- With Daniel starting may be able to push forward with this.

14. AOB – none.

15. Closing prayer.

Alex Kenrick, PCC Secretary

APPENDIX 4 - PCC MEMBERS (AFTER THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING)

EX OFFICIO

Andy Liggins	Incumbent (Chair)
Keith Knapton	Warden/Readers' representative (Vice-Chair)
Vacancy	Warden

DEANERY SYNOD

Mike Molyneux
 Elaine Killick
 Tom Rowe
 Penny Edge

TO SERVE UNTIL 2026

Alex Kenrick
 Ian Singleton
 Joanna Baldwin

TO SERVE UNTIL 2027

Julie Rowlandson
 Penny Edge
 Lorna Norcross
 Tom Rowe

TO SERVE UNTIL 2028

Elaine Killick
 Esther Byrom
 Mike Molyneux

ELECTED

Alex Kenrick
 PCC Secretary

 Joanna Baldwin
 PCC Treasurer

ST SIMON and ST JUDE with ALL SOULS, SOUTHPORT.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 7 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act")

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees/PCC and the examiner

The Trustees and members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees and members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- * follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 charity 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:

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;
 - * 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.


Signed

Irene M Greenwood
29 Marine Gate Mansions, Promenade
Southport PR9 0AU


Date

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Southport, St Simon and St Jude with All Souls (Charity Reg. 1204145)

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	88,373.32	3.00	13,770.00	-	102,146.32	115,100.16
Income from charitable activities	1,494.15	8,874.13	1,810.27	-	12,178.55	17,064.35
Other trading activities	11,968.00	995.70	-	-	12,963.70	14,616.87
Investments	1,372.65	-	4,659.78	-	6,032.43	6,240.94
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	103,208.12	9,872.83	20,240.05	-	133,321.00	153,022.32
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	102,803.59	41,088.58	-	143,892.17	140,461.77
Other expenditure	-	191.30	-	-	191.30	-
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	-	102,994.89	41,088.58	-	144,083.47	140,461.77
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	103,208.12	(93,122.06)	(20,848.53)	-	(10,762.47)	12,560.55
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,706.20	95,726.95	125,996.24	-	226,429.39	147,603.14
Gross transfers between funds - out	(98,356.32)	(1,314.27)	(126,758.80)	-	(226,429.39)	(147,603.14)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	9,558.00	1,290.62	(21,611.09)	-	(10,762.47)	12,560.55
Net movement in funds	8,550.40	1,290.62	(21,611.09)	-	(11,770.07)	13,124.52
Reconciliation of funds						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	55,672.67	106,219.66	191,020.19	-	352,912.52	339,788.00
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	64,223.07	107,510.28	169,409.10	-	341,142.45	352,912.52

Southport, St Simon and St Jude with All Souls (Charity Reg. 1204145)

Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	55,093.11	-	-	-	55,093.11	53,577.47
0102 - Gift Aid - Bank (Standing Orders)	6,070.00	-	-	-	6,070.00	5,390.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	300.00	-	-	-	300.00	350.00
0201 - Other planned giving - Parish Giving Scheme	3,555.07	-	-	-	3,555.07	4,046.67
0202 - Other planned giving - Bank (Standing Orders)	3,545.00	-	-	-	3,545.00	2,980.00
0210 - Other planned giving - Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS eligible)	1,556.66	-	-	-	1,556.66	2,281.85
0305 - Loose plate collections (not GASDS eligible)	-	-	-	-	-	-
0310 - Retiring collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0320 - One-off Gift Aid donations (declaration on envelope)	-	-	-	-	-	-
0401 - Gift days	-	-	8,720.00	-	8,720.00	11,500.00
0405 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (GASDS eligible)	1,106.86	-	2,725.00	-	3,831.86	269.59
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0415 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (not GASDS eligible)	201.00	3.00	-	-	204.00	315.99
0420 - One-off Gift Aid donations	28.44	-	-	-	28.44	271.54
0450 - Special or specific appeals etc.	12.00	-	-	-	12.00	200.00
0601 - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	15,228.36	-	2,325.00	-	17,553.36	30,094.68
0610 - GASDS Tax relief	638.96	-	-	-	638.96	676.86
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
0801 - Recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
0901 - Fundraising (general)	1,037.86	-	-	-	1,037.86	3,145.51
Donations and legacies Totals	88,373.32	3.00	13,770.00	-	102,146.32	115,100.16
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Parish fee for wedding or funeral	1,342.50	-	-	-	1,342.50	526.00
1110 - Churchyard maintenance fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - Church or Hall lettings - objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-
1280 - Church event income	151.65	6,867.91	-	-	7,019.56	7,418.00
1290 - Branch organisations - receipts	-	2,006.22	1,810.27	-	3,816.49	9,120.35
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,494.15	8,874.13	1,810.27	-	12,178.55	17,064.35
Other trading activities						
0910 - Fundraising (Attic, Car Boot, Table top, Jumble sales)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	-	995.70	-	-	995.70	388.87
1240 - Church or Hall lettings - fund raising	11,968.00	-	-	-	11,968.00	14,228.00
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Magazine income - sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
1270 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities Totals	11,968.00	995.70	-	-	12,963.70	14,616.87

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Investments						
1001 - Dividends from shares	700.33	-	-	-	700.33	683.95
1020 - Bank and building society interest	672.32	-	2,895.15	-	3,567.47	3,323.60
1025 - CBF Deposit account interest	-	-	1,764.63	-	1,764.63	2,233.39
1030 - Rent from leased lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments Totals	1,372.65	-	4,659.78	-	6,032.43	6,240.94
Other income						
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
1330 - Refunds from previous year expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts Grand Totals	103,208.12	9,872.83	20,240.05	-	133,321.00	153,022.32
Payments						
Raising funds						
1701 - Fees paid to fundraisers	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	-
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	6,500.60	7,060.00	-	13,560.60	17,285.64
1830 - Giving to relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1850 - Home mission	-	3,609.20	10,255.00	-	13,864.20	10,635.24
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-	-
1890 - Alms	-	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Deanery/Parish Share	-	50,919.00	-	-	50,919.00	68,127.53
2001 - Assistant staff costs (Lay/Youth Workers)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2010 - Salary of organist/musicians	-	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salary of administrator	-	-	-	-	-	-
2055 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
2060 - Cleaner wage (church building)	-	1,280.00	-	-	1,280.00	1,141.00
2101 - Clergy working expenses	-	123.68	-	-	123.68	628.87
2120 - Council tax (clergy housing)	-	2,970.59	-	-	2,970.59	2,824.55
2130 - Housing expenses (clergy)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2140 - Water rates (clergy housing)	-	1,395.75	-	-	1,395.75	1,126.91
2150 - Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2160 - Sermon preparation materials and resources	-	135.57	-	-	135.57	221.46
2170 - Clergy training courses and education material	-	244.40	1,100.00	-	1,344.40	162.00
2180 - Reader expenses and subscriptions	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	100.00
2190 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	-
2201 - Parish mission and evangelism costs	-	7,924.00	-	-	7,924.00	9,555.46
2210 - Discipleship course costs (e.g. Alpha, etc.)	-	348.70	-	-	348.70	107.47
2220 - Sunday School & Junior Church costs	-	117.78	-	-	117.78	126.40
2230 - Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	-	26.40	-	-	26.40	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
2250 - General Mission/Support activities	-	364.50	-	-	364.50	194.09
2301 - Insurance premiums (church building)	-	1,667.81	-	-	1,667.81	1,557.04
2310 - Telephone (church building/parish office)	-	820.80	-	-	820.80	820.80
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	-	241.50	-	-	241.50	210.06
2330 - Church building maintenance (routine)	-	2,171.10	-	-	2,171.10	1,010.26
2331 - Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	-	805.22	-	-	805.22	661.76
2335 - Church equipment costs	-	2,212.88	-	-	2,212.88	1,499.40
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	1,171.09	-	-	1,171.09	969.12
2345 - Church consumable items	-	2,424.69	-	-	2,424.69	1,612.13
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard & grounds	-	-	-	-	-	-
2360 - Administration costs for parish	-	1,593.84	-	-	1,593.84	819.72
2361 - Governance costs & examination/audit fee	-	120.00	-	-	120.00	120.00
2362 - Banking charges	-	82.68	-	-	82.68	145.30
2401 - Church building - electric	-	1,481.26	-	-	1,481.26	3,516.00
2410 - Church building - gas	-	2,950.58	-	-	2,950.58	847.96
2420 - Church building - water	-	744.24	-	-	744.24	619.06
2430 - Church building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2501 - Magazine expenses including printing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2510 - Bookstall costs including new stock	-	742.41	-	-	742.41	472.43
2515 - Other trading expenditure	-	612.07	189.00	-	801.07	980.50
2520 - Hall/Other building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2530 - Hall/Other building - electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-
2540 - Hall/Other building - gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
2550 - Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	-	-	-	-	-	(625.85)
2560 - Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2565 - Hall/Other building - equipment	-	-	157.94	-	157.94	-
2570 - Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	-	-	-	-	-	-
2580 - Hall/Other building - water rates	-	-	-	-	-	-
2585 - Hall/Other building - consumables	-	-	-	-	-	-
2590 - Hall/Other building - cleaning costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2595 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Hall/Community centre	-	-	-	-	-	-
2599 - Branch Organisation - payments	-	933.89	1,389.18	-	2,323.07	6,453.61
2701 - Church building major repairs - structure	-	-	2,885.00	-	2,885.00	5,250.00
2710 - Church building major repairs - installation	-	-	4,260.00	-	4,260.00	-
2720 - Church building interior and exterior decoration	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall/Other building interior and exterior decoration	-	-	-	-	-	756.00
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
2910 - New building - house for clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building Hall/Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
9940 - Contribution to parish	-	-	-	-	-	-
9950 - Inter-parish transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHP1 - Net salary payment	-	4,274.76	10,862.61	-	15,137.37	529.85
SHP2 - Pension Payment	-	145.59	638.53	-	784.12	-
SHP3 - National Insurance Payment	-	-	602.46	-	602.46	-
SHP4 - Paye Payment	-	1,105.00	667.20	-	1,772.20	-
SHP7 - Employer Pension Contribution	-	442.01	1,021.66	-	1,463.67	-
SHP8 - Employer NIC Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	-	102,803.59	41,088.58	-	143,892.17	140,461.77

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Other expenditure						
2185 - Assistant Staff costs (Ministry)	-	191.30	-	-	191.30	-
Other expenditure Totals	-	191.30	-	-	191.30	-
Payments Grand Totals	- 102,994.89	41,088.58			- 144,083.47	140,461.77

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

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Investments						
6441: Shares & CBF investments - 274S	4,484.06	-	-	-	4,484.06	4,670.79
6442: Shares & CBF investments - 275S	17,914.03	-	-	-	17,914.03	18,660.02
6443: Shares & CBF investments - 276S	1,798.06	-	-	-	1,798.06	1,872.94
Total	24,196.15	-	-	-	24,196.15	25,203.75
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6431: Church Hall	-	103,438.00	-	-	103,438.00	103,438.00
Total	-	103,438.00	-	-	103,438.00	103,438.00
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: HSBC current account 235	35,395.39	1,093.70	(8,862.13)	-	27,626.96	40,508.41
6521: Money Master	3,028.20	-	38,311.77	-	41,339.97	40,667.65
6531: Kingdom Bank Notice account	987.16	-	102,895.15	-	103,882.31	100,987.16
6571: CCLA(CBF) deposit account 857D	-	-	6,408.23	-	6,408.23	6,130.77
6572: CCLA(CBF) deposit account 030D	-	-	29,785.35	-	29,785.35	32,638.77
6590: Cash in hand	616.17	(421.84)	(155.92)	-	38.41	40.85
6591: Coffee & Chat	-	10.50	-	-	10.50	86.60
6592: LCF	-	3,389.92	-	-	3,389.92	2,289.30
6596: Girls Brigade	-	-	217.48	-	217.48	265.66
6597: Crossroads	-	-	809.17	-	809.17	1,012.10
Total	40,026.92	4,072.28	169,409.10	-	213,508.30	224,627.27
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	-	-	-	356.50
Total	-	-	-	-	-	356.50
Net total assets	64,223.07	107,510.28	169,409.10	-	341,142.45	352,912.52
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	64,223.07	-	-	-	64,223.07	55,672.67
Designated - Book	-	(82.62)	-	-	(82.62)	(335.91)
Designated - Coffee	-	10.50	-	-	10.50	86.60
Designated - Fixed Assets	-	103,438.00	-	-	103,438.00	103,438.00
Designated - Flowers	-	75.00	-	-	75.00	75.00
Designated - LCF	-	3,389.92	-	-	3,389.92	2,289.30
Designated - Parents	-	679.48	-	-	679.48	666.67
Restricted - AS Church	-	-	-	-	-	602.06
Restricted - Com Lunch	-	-	1,517.52	-	1,517.52	845.32
Restricted - Cross	-	-	809.17	-	809.17	1,012.10
Restricted - Discretion	-	-	1,276.20	-	1,276.20	1,465.20
Restricted - Donation	-	-	-	-	-	278.65
Restricted - Families	-	-	105,056.62	-	105,056.62	-
Restricted - GB	-	-	217.48	-	217.48	265.66

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Restricted - Genres	-	-	25,831.77	-	25,831.77	140,345.49
Restricted - Gift	-	-	(1,685.00)	-	(1,685.00)	4,440.00
Restricted - Legacy	-	-	29,785.35	-	29,785.35	32,638.77
Restricted - Music	-	-	191.76	-	191.76	191.76
Restricted - Newchurch	-	-	-	-	-	2,804.41
Restricted - Trainee	-	-	6,408.23	-	6,408.23	6,130.77
Total	64,223.07	107,510.28	169,409.10	-	341,142.45	352,912.52

SUMMARY BUDGET

2024 Budget vs Actual	Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5
	2024	2025	2025	2025	2026
	Actual	Actual	% of budget	Budget	Budget
Income					
Regular Giving	£ 66,344.14	£ 68,563.18	98%	£ 69,900.00	£ 68,220.00
Loose and One off	£ 3,298.97	£ 2,907.96	86%	£ 3,370.00	£ 2,845.00
Tax recoverable	£ 16,156.54	£ 15,867.32	90%	£ 17,700.00	£ 15,569.00
Other income	£ 22,475.93	£ 16,868.36	85%	£ 19,961.00	£ 17,010.00
Quinta	£ 7,238.00	£ 6,867.91	93%	£ 7,400.00	£ 6,500.00
Total Income	£ 115,513.58	£111,074.73	94%	£118,331.00	£110,144.00
Expenditure					
	2024	2025	2025	2025	2026
Fund	Actual	Actual	% of budget	Budget	Budget
Gather	£ 2,021.97	£ 2,641.21	116%	£ 2,270.00	£ 2,350.00
Reach	£ 1,953.72	£ 1,201.29	50%	£ 2,390.00	£ 2,350.00
All Nations	£ 9,813.88	£ 10,109.80	100%	£ 10,060.00	£ 9,992.00
Care	£ -	£ 37.15	37%	£ 100.00	£ 50.00
Encourage	£ 117.47	£ 415.01	104%	£ 400.00	£ 450.00
Administration	£ 243.20	£ 533.07	152%	£ 350.00	£ 540.00
Building Maintenance	£ 680.26	£ 1,811.10	91%	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,500.00
Building Utilities Costs	£ 10,491.52	£ 11,210.23	95%	£ 11,765.00	£ 12,100.00
Catering	£ -	£ -	0%	£ -	£ -
Diocese	£ 58,064.81	£ 50,919.00	100%	£ 50,919.00	£ 51,938.00
Equipment - Repairs & Cap	£ 1,474.39	£ 2,292.15	104%	£ 2,200.00	£ 2,050.00
Facilities M/ment	£ 2,683.02	£ 3,376.29	116%	£ 2,900.00	£ 3,630.00
Finance	£ 265.30	£ 202.68	75%	£ 270.00	£ 170.00
Financial Planning	£ 635.62	£ 1,000.00	100%	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
flowers_des	£ -	£ -	0%	£ -	£ -
Marketing & Comms	£ 741.45	£ 1,696.29	179%	£ 950.00	£ 1,760.00
Staff	£ 790.87	£ 6,526.74	757%	£ 862.00	£ 13,550.00
Technology	£ 1,843.93	£ 1,774.98	91%	£ 1,940.00	£ 1,890.00
Youth Work	£ 126.40	£ 171.58	21%	£ 800.00	£ 500.00
Quinta	£ 7,857.40	£ 7,107.43	90%	£ 7,900.00	£ 7,100.00
Total Expenditure	£ 99,805.21	£103,026.00		£ 99,076.00	£113,920.00
Income less Expenditure	£ 15,708.37	£ 8,048.73		£ 19,255.00	-£ 3,776.00