

SHILLINGSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1207014

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2024-02-14

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and also maintenance responsibilities for the church, its contents and the churchyard.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£85,784	£78,740	-	-
2024-12-31	£171,428	£102,948	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew Martin Gubbins	Chair	2023-04-20
ANNE POWELL		2023-04-20
Barbara Jane Joseph		2026-04-21
JILL BURTON		2024-04-14
Jack Kevin Patrick Buss-Keating		2026-05-29
Judith Ann Blake		2024-04-14
Lesley Margaret Gasson		2023-04-20
Linda Alexandra Hall		2026-04-21
Margaret Ann Cobb		2026-04-21
Susan Jane Chandler		2023-04-20
Valerie Jean Webberley		2026-04-21

Accounts

Independent Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shillingstone Parochial Church Council.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shillingstone Parochial Church Council (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Signed:

Name: J Paul

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: Bishopsgate, Church Road, Shillingstone, Blandford Forum, DT11 0SL

Date: 13 April 2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025											
1	Accounting Basis										
	The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Basis.										
2	Receipts & Payments Analysis										
	Voluntary Income	General Funds	Restricted Roof Fund	Designated Roof Fund	Restricted Churchyard Fund	Restricted Shillingstone Church Centre	Restricted Magazine	Restricted Youth Club	Restricted St Aldhelm Schools Project	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
	Planned Giving	16063								16063	16115
	Cash Collections at Services	2897								2897	2567
	Other Giving & Donations	3044	4976							8021	76946
	Gift Aid Recovered	4412	7608							12020	11561
	Legacies	0								0	30803
	Grants	155	9000		302	0	600	892	7700	18649	8822
	Activities for Generating Funds										
	Fund Raising Events	1216	4249							5465	2964
	Income from Investments										
	Interest & Dividends	8351	0							8351	6850
	Church Activities										
	Statutory Fees retained by PCC	3368								3368	2403
	Shillingstone Church Centre Earnings	10000								10000	11006
	Parish Magazine	950								950	1195
	Other Incoming Resources										
	Other Income not listed	0								0	195
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	50457	25834	0	302	0	600	892	7700	85784	171428
	Costs of Generating Funds										
	Fundraising Activity Costs	67	100							167	1077
	Church Activities										
	Mission Giving & Donations	300								300	300
	Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	17173								17173	17716
	Salaries Wages & Honoraria	1831								1831	1570
	Clergy & staff expenses	482								482	448
	Church Expenses										
	Mission & Evangelism	299							6750	7049	7260
	Church Running Expenses	4493			244					4493	3578
	Churchyard Expenses	0								244	7841
	Church Utility Bills	1865								1865	2064
	Shillingstone Church Centre	6032				0				6032	7083
	Parish Magazine	950					954			1904	1864
	Youth Club	0						114		114	0
	Major Capital Expenditure										
	Major Repairs to building	2405								2405	1792
	Major Repairs to building(Roof)		30534	86						30620	46445
	Major Repairs to SCC or other PCC property	3961								3961	3648
	New Building Work	0								0	0
	Governance										
	All other outgoing resources/payments	98								98	262
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	39957	30634	86	244	0	954	114	6750	78740	102948

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	(Note 2)	General Fund	Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Churchyard Fund (Note 6)	Restricted	Shillingstone Church Centre (Note 7)	Restricted	Magazine (Note 8)	Restricted	Youth Club (Note 9)	Restricted	St Aldhelm Schools Project	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT																
<i>Receipts</i>																
Voluntary Income	(Note 11)	26572	21584	0	0	302	0	0	0	600	0	892	0	7700	57650	146815
Activities to Generate Funds		1216	4249	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5465	2964
Income from Investments		8351	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8351	6850
Church Activities		14318	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14318	14604
Other Incoming Resources		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195
TOTAL RECEIPTS		50457	25834	0	0	302	0	0	0	600	0	892	0	7700	85784	171428
<i>Payments</i>																
Costs of Generating Funds		67	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	1077
Church Activities		19786	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19786	20034
Church Expenses		13640	0	0	0	244	0	0	0	954	0	114	0	6750	21702	29690
Major Capital Expenditure		6366	30534	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36985	51885
Governance Costs		98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	262
TOTAL PAYMENTS		39957	30634	86	0	244	0	0	0	954	0	114	0	6750	78740	102948
Excess of Receipts over Payments		10499	-4801	-86	0	58	0	0	0	-354	0	778	0	950	7045	68480
Transfers between Funds	(Note 10)															
Bank current and deposit accounts 1 Jan		85329	67702	29590	0	0	0	0	0	2469	0	644	0	861	186595	118115
Bank current and deposit accounts 31 Dec		95829	62901	29505	58	58	0	0	0	2115	0	1422	0	1811	193640	186595
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES																
<i>Cash Funds</i>																
: Bank current accounts		11401	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2115	0	1422	0	1811	16748	82525
: CBF Deposit Fund		79885	62901	29505	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172091	102091
		91086	62901	29505	0	0	0	0	0	2115	0	1422	0	1811	188840	184616
Other Monetary Assets & Liabilities																
: Creditors (cheques not cashed at 31 Dec)	(Note 14)	-540	1174												-540	-141
: Debtors (income banked after 31 Dec)	(Note 14)	4766	1174												5341	2120
TOTAL		94713	64075	29505	0	0	0	0	0	2115	0	1422	0	1811	193640	186595
<i>Investment Assets</i>																
: CBF Investment Fund		82588	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82588	86027
TOTAL ASSETS		177301	64075	29505	0	0	0	0	0	2115	0	1422	0	1811	276228	272623

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

3 Fixed Assets

The PCC has no single fixed asset valued at more than £1,000

4 The Roof Fund - Restricted

This Fund, opened in December 2022, holds funds to reroof the North Aisle, Chancel, Nave and Porch including grants, donations and associated gift-aid, and the proceeds of roof-specific fundraising.

5 The Roof Fund - Designated

This Fund holds money designated by the PCC for the Roof project. In November 2022 the PCC designated £40,000 including £9945.82 from the 'Sale of Land at SCC' held in trust at the Diocese. As the trust money was released by the Diocese specifically for the Roof project it was placed in the Restricted Roof Fund. The remainder of the money the PCC designated ie £30054.19 was placed in the designated fund. Certain sums for the roof have been paid from the designated fund leaving a balance of 29504.94

6 The Churchyard Fund - Restricted

This Fund receives a small annual grant from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, a grant from the Parish Council and occasional donations from the public restricted to use in the churchyard. Churchyard expenditure that exceeds the fund's income is paid by the PCC from its General Fund.

7 Shillingstone Church Centre Fund - Restricted

This Fund comprises money granted from the Reddaway Trust and other grants or donations given specifically for the SCC. There were no grants this year.

A Deposit of £200 is held from ARO Logistics, the tenant of Office 1, returnable at the end of the tenancy.

8 Parish Magazine Fund - Restricted

This fund comprises the Parish Council's annual grant to support the Parish Magazine plus a donation received some years ago to ensure the magazine's continuation. The excess of costs over income this year was £353.88 leaving a balance of £2114.83 in the fund.

9 Youth Club Fund - Restricted

This Fund holds money granted by the Parish Council and other organisations restricted to the Youth Club. The Youth Club is currently suspended and the future of this money should be discussed with the Parish Council in due course.

10 Transfers between Funds

Nil

11 Legacies

None

12 Staff Costs

a. During the year the PCC employed a cleaner for the church who were paid a total of £1031, a cleaner for the Church Centre who was paid a total of £1249.83 and organists who were paid a total of £800.

b. No PCC members were reimbursed travelling or other expenses. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

13 Debtors and Creditors

a. The creditors were: General Fund (-540.00) comprising fee owed to D Crane for SCC repairs

b. The debtors were: General Fund total (£4166.23) comprising HMRC Gift Aid General Fund (£3073.05) and Benefice Ministry expenses invoiced to other parishes (£1093.19) . Roof Fund HMRC Gift Aid (£1174.28).

c. Chancel roof work was mainly completed by 31 December 24 with the exception of ridge tiles that were being hand-made and wall ties. Final payment was made to the architect in April 2025 and the contractor in October 2025. VAT has been reclaimed on these payments . A grant of £9000.00 awarded by the Buildings for Mission Fund was received in Feb 25.

**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the
Church of the Holy Rood, Shillingstone , Dorset.
For the year ended 31st December 2025**

Correspondence	The Vicarage, Church St, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1DB
Rector	Reverend Andrew Gubbins
Bank	CAF Bank, West Malling, Kent
Independent Examiner	Mr J Paul, Bishopsgate, Church Rd, Shillingstone, DT11 0SL

The Benefice, Parish and Ministry Team

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The Parochial Church Council

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission. The PCC has the responsibility in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical and also has maintenance responsibilities for the church, its contents and the churchyard.

The following members were elected/re-elected :

Lay Chair	Sue Chandler		
Churchwardens	Lesley Gasson Sue Chandler		All elected/re-elected at 2025 APCM
Deanery Synod Members	Sue Chandler Anne Powell	PCC & Deanery Treasurer	
PCC Members	Judith Blake Jill Burton Jane Joseph Pat Marshall Christopher Whitfield	Co-opted 2025	

The PCC met 5 times during the year in person. The PCC also attended 2 Benefice meetings. The average level of PCC attendance was 85%.

Church Membership and Attendance

There are 47 people on the Church Electoral Roll, 4 of whom were not resident in the Parish. The Worshipping Community was 31.

The pattern of worship continued with a monthly Sung Eucharist led by Andrew Gubbins, Rector. Evensong on fifth Sunday was led by Sue Rawlinson. The First Sunday Breakfast service continued in SCC, led by Rev Andrew. Morning Worship on Zoom continued Tuesday to Friday. Prayer requests continue. There were an annual Carol and Crib Services. The 'Midnight' Eucharist on 24th December continues at 9-30pm. There were additional services of Evensong (Laudamus) All Souls, Remembrance weekend and Advent Carol Service.

Pew News is collated weekly by Diana Lewis. and issued by email.

The register showed 1 Baptism, no marriages, 7 Burials. There was 1 confirmation at another church.

Worship

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Education and Involvement of Children

Rev Andrew and Steve Sexton took weekly collective sessions in all schools. It was also possible to provide services in Church at the start and end of term with the help of Sue Rawlinson.

Shillingstone Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School.

The School vision is Growing Together and the key Christian values are: Friendship, Compassion, Respect and Trust. Mr Andy Wright assumed Shared Headship (4days) with Mrs Sarah Vail (Fridays) at the start of Spring Term 2025 and together with their team and Foundation Governors are committed to the ethos of the School. Sharon Proyer continues as Chair of Governors. A unique window was commissioned when the new school opened, enhancing the link between the school and church. All information on school life can be found www.shillingstone.dorset.sch.uk.

Working with young people and children

The Youth Club (SYC) under the joint leadership of Kim Suter and Kirsten Drake continued until the summer and is temporarily closed. Discussion is underway for a new Leader. Steve Sexton continues to run Trailblazers and Mighty Okes, and a new club, the Rood Brood, all offer Christian teaching in a fun and accessible way.

Mission and Education

Rev Andrew led 2 courses during the year.

Pastoral Care

"Just as I am" Services continued successfully throughout the year at the SCC .

Lent Lunches continued during 2025 as did the monthly Coffee mornings.

Jill Burton organised another successful speaker for Harvest Supper and continues to co-ordinate the Village Contact scheme. Home and hospital visits and home communion continued where possible.

The Flower Festival and Open Gardens followed by a Thanksgiving Service took place in June and was a huge success, thanks must go to The Garden Club and all involved for such an inspirational weekend.

The Annual Ride & Stride in September continues.

The annual carol singing at the Old Ox in aid of Crisis took place in December.

Rector's Report

In 2025 the Church of the Holyrood, Shillingstone has given a multi-faceted witness to Good News that thrives on the spiritual presence of God, most notably in all that points us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to see the repair of an increasing part of our Roof thanks to the determinism to succeed that is found in such a generous flow of grants and donations, as well as in the visionary administration of our treasurer and sexton and in the joyful worship that is offered whenever we are enabled to fill the building with sound of bells, worship and song.

Highlights of 2025 included

- A continuing tradition of lent lunches in aid of charity in various village settings.
- A hive of activity prompted by Jesus' resurrection among Witnesses (Adult Volunteers) and many visiting school-children all with their clipboards, consumed by the chaotic chain of events that first Easter, and coming up

with their own fresh understandings.

- The preparations, experiences and collaboration of a Church Flower Festival along with the Shillingstone Open Gardens in June. Some of us still have birdsong echoing in our heads from the Porch, along with something of a warning of what might happen with neglect of our space for lively worship when we saw the chancel "rewarded"
- A series of Evensongs: in the Festival, then Summer and Autumn, even an heartening visit from Laudemus one Tuesday in August, and other visitors and volunteers thereafter, culminating in Carols for Advent Sunday. An unlikely discovery has been made: eucharistic worship and evensong can hold the attention of people in their youth and maturity.
- We rejoice in the Baptism and Confirmation of an adult & teen from our Benefice this year.
- A new Head of School, with a promise to refresh the spaces for spirituality Shillingstone, as well as continuing collaboration bring the story of faith alive for young hearts and minds.
- Safeguarding Sunday was marked for the first time last Autumn in a special eucharist and commissioning of our current safeguarding officer.
- Remembrance Sunday holds the attention of many in the village as Sue Rawlinson and others continue to facilitate important rites at the War memorial.

Members of Holy Rood play their part in the wider Benefice in governance, safeguarding, regular worship and the offering of the remarkable SCC for church, community and diocese. Sadly 2025 has shown that it is not possible to at present to offer the secure leadership that a village youth club needs, and so meetings of the Youth Group have had to cease. Steve Sexton, helpers and volunteers have encouraged wide attendance at the monthly Breakfast Service, but it is proving harder to sustain Mighty Ones each week. Neither have we been able to continue the tradition of a Summertime Lunchclub for younger families each August. This was generously enabled by LPA Jill Burton but the dip in take-up gives us pause to reimagine future opportunities.

With the welcome support of LLM Sue Rawlinson, we have marked the loss of many dear to us this past year and we continue to be very grateful to the many volunteers who take such great care of both Church and Churchyard. Both place and people here enable ministries for regular monthly worship and rounded care from the cradle to the grave.

Safeguarding

Benefice Safeguarding Officer's report at Annex 1

Environmental work :

A drinks and nibbles party was held in January to thank churchyard volunteers.
The headstone Wobble test was carried out in May.
Eilish Drummond carried on her survey of graves throughout the summer months.
A new mowing volunteer joined the team.

Kestrels nested in the church tower and raised a brood of three chicks.
Sun-loving plants to benefit insects were put in again near the tap, and donated primroses elsewhere.
The SCC meadow was cut in late summer - to have one annual cut from now on, on cost grounds.

Where possible the Church Centre continued to provide a venue for many church activities. A Post Office service continues on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. The library is open on these days as well as the monthly Coffee morning .

Fabric:

Final payment was made for the 2024 chancel reroofing. Under the guidance of the architect, a drains survey was conducted to investigate possible causes of the cracking in the chancel arch and two expert opinions were obtained from heritage glaziers on the possibly-linked cracking in the chancel east window. Minor repairs and servicing were carried out including a boiler repair and servicing; maintenance of fire extinguishers, lightning conductor and organ blower; organ and piano tuning. A new Union flag has been replaced .

Finance

Details of the financial position are contained in the 2025 Annual Accounts.

Grant Making Policy

The PCC has a policy of making grants to other charities each year when this can be afforded from regular giving or raised by special collections, which were £100 to Embrace Middle East (Crib Service) and £200 to Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society (Harvest Supper).

Investment Policy

The Crompton Legacy is currently held in the Church of England Central Board of Finance (CBF) Deposit Account. All non-cash funds are held with the Church of England Central Board of Finance Investment Fund. The PCC does not have a Trustee Indemnity Policy.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has a policy of retaining as reserves £85,000 being the equivalent of 12 months' operating costs together with additional amounts for each of its two buildings for any urgent maintenance. These reserves are held with the CBF Investment Fund.

Risk Management

On behalf of the PCC, the Finance Committee monitored the strategic, business, operational and reputational risks which the PCC faces and confirmed that systems had been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps are taken to lessen these risks.

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable

steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees can confirm that the accounts comply with applicable accounting standards, the Charities Statement Recommended Practice (SORP), second edition October 2019.

Approved by the PCC on 18/3/21 and signed by Andrew Gubbins, Rector.

Andrew Gubbins
29th March 2026


Appendix 1 Safeguarding Report.

Safeguarding Report to Benefice PCC – 6th January 2026

1. 1.APCS Data Breach – as you will be aware, there was an APCS data breach in the summer which affected many clergy and volunteers nationally. Following this, the decision was taken by the diocese to expedite the transfer from APCS to 31:8 but in this benefice we are still waiting for the new database to be provided to us. In the interim we continue to use APCS. We had anticipated that we would have been able to start populating the new database by now, but hopefully we will be able to soon.

2. 2.31:8. When we move to the new database, there will be some changes to procedures and to those who are cleared. The major change is the decision that all PCC members should be cleared as charity trustees. Sue and I will action this over the coming months. At this point, only Registered Charity Trustees have been cleared – which in this benefice means just Shillingstone. As part of this all PCC members will need to be cleared through 31:8 and appropriate basic and foundation training will become mandatory and will need to be refreshed every three years at the highest level. At the meeting, we will be seeking a Benefice PCC resolution that this policy will be put into place immediately. Once that is in place, we will be in touch with you to sort out the details. Please note that when we add you to the database, you are effectively giving us permission to hold your data. The database is secure and no data will be held off the database.

3. 3.Policies and risk assessments. There are no changes to the risk assessments and safeguarding policies currently in place.

Margaret Davies/Sue Chandler

6th December 2025

In association with the Diocese of Salisbury we follow the national and legal framework for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and Church of England policy and practice. We act promptly on any complaints made and work in close partnership with Police and Social Care where children or vulnerable adults have been harmed or at risk of harm or mistreatment. We care for those who have been abused in the past and provide a range of support and signposting for survivors and victims of Church related abuse. We support national policy from the Church of England following the practice guidance Responding Well to victims and survivors of abuse

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Wardens	Lesley Gasson Sue Chandler		
Deanery Synod Members	Sue Chandler Anne Powell	PCC & Deanery Treasurer	
Members	Judith Blake Jill Burton Pam Glanville Pat Marshall Ray Suter Christopher Whitfeld		

The PCC met 7 times during the year in person including 1 extraordinary meeting, (5th Jan) The PCC also attended 2 Benefice meetings. The average level of PCC attendance was 85%. Finance Meetings: One on 29 January 2024 with Anna Hardy, the Diocesan Giving Advisor about Sponsor a Tile for the Chancel Roof.

Church Membership and Attendance

At the previous revision there were 44 people on the Church Electoral Roll, 4 of whom were not resident in the parish. The Worshipping Community was 44.

The pattern of worship continued with a monthly Sung Eucharist led by Andrew Gubbins, Rector. The Evensong on the fifth Sunday was led by Sue Rawlinson. The First-Sunday Breakfast service held in SCC with Rev Andrew began in February. Morning worship on Zoom continued Tuesday to Friday. Prayer requests were re-introduced. Sunday Eucharist was held in each of the larger churches in turn. The Harvest Festival service was held in Church. The Midnight Eucharist (at the earlier time of 9.30pm), Carol Service

and Crib Service were all held in Church. The Pew News continued to be sent by email, collated by Diana Lewis.

The register showed 3 Baptisms, 1 Wedding, 3 Funerals, and 1 at Crematoria conducted by ministers from the parish during the year. 1 Interment of ashes in the churchyard.

Worship

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Education and Involvement of Children

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Shillingstone Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School (Part of the Sherborne Area Schools Trust)

The School vision is Growing Together and the key Christian values are: Friendship, Compassion, Respect and Trust. The Headteacher, Jane Whitehouse-Sharpe, left at the end of the Autumn Term. Jane and her team who have so ably led school life are committed to the Christian ethos of the School and are fully supported by the Foundation Governors.

A celebration in honour of Jane's time as Head of School was held on 18th December. Sharon Proyer continued as Chair of Governors. Mr Andy Wright was appointed Head of School from January 2025 jointly with Mrs Sarah Vail. For all information on school life please refer to www.shillingstone.dorset.sch.uk

Working with young people and children

The Youth Club (SYC) is full with 20+ children attending, plus a waiting list. Youth activities have continued under the joint leadership of Kim Suter and Kirsten Drake, with additional volunteers. The 2 clubs run by Steve Sexton are Mighty Okes averaging 2/3 senior school children and Trailblazers often having more than 14 attending. They offer Christian teaching in a fun and accessible format. Jill Burton (LPA) arranged toddler and parent events including a Noah's Ark adventure in the summer. These have been very well attended.

Mission and Education for Adults

Rev Andrew led a Lent Course based on "A Truth Universally Acknowledged, 40 Days with Jane Austen" by Rachel Mann.

Environmental Work

The churchyard & green plan

In March the annual review of the south-east section (old graves) required under the Green Plan found mowing was not optimal for ecology or amenity. Amendments were agreed by the PCC in June but not implemented. Nectar flowers for bees were planted at the edge of the same section, but were inadvertently destroyed twice. The SCC meadow was planted with cowslips, and mowed in spring and late summer. A wooden stockade was erected around the chancel roof works scaffolding in the autumn.

Pastoral Care

Lent Lunches continued during 2024. Coffee mornings and the monthly Village Market continued too. Jill Burton continued to co-ordinate the Village Contact scheme, together with Kay Ridout. Home and hospital visits and home communion continued when possible. Bishop Karen presented Anne and Mike Powell a National Church Lifetime Achievement Award on 15th December. The annual Carol singing at the Old Ox in aid of Crisis took place in December.

Shillingstone Church Centre

Where possible the Church Centre continued to provide a venue for many church activities with income coming from these lettings. The Library was well supported by the village, opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A plaque has been installed to name the Library in memory of the long service by Maureen Strong. A Post Office service continued twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Rector's Report

A learning curve for all of us and especially Andrew, has continued to shape our experience of what this year has been about. We have seen the remarkable resilience, generosity and achievements of individuals and the community as a whole. The regular pattern of daily prayer has kept our gaze upon the "Giver of. All good things".

Once again the congregation at Shillingstone has played its part in the wider Okeford Benefice in governance roles, regular Sunday worship each month and the provision of the remarkable SCC facilities for church, community and diocese. In particular, important maintenance and the staffing and safeguarding of both village youth group and church youth work presented a faithful witness.

We set out on a new venture combining both worship and outreach in January in a Breakfast Service that relied on generous offers of time and resources as well as the regular support of a complete age range. The initiatives of Steve and his regular support from the teens and twenties leant the venture stability. What we have learnt is that it takes a full year of nurture for such seeds to spread their impact.

Operating as church while the building is clearly under repair has become a speciality of Holy Rood and I believe that this lends credibility to the 'human' face and rhythms of actually being the church. We have elicited much warmth and generosity, even connection around the village.

Fostering a tradition of music in worship has leant a particular character to the Shill stint each month and we are very grateful to Peter and the choir members for their commitment. We also began to see further support from the village this past Advent and Christmas, once again we managed to combine the ages in pulling off a dramatic version of the Xmas Eve Crib service.

Much of my time has been devoted to Shillingstone School pupils this past year, so it is with sadness and wonder that I pay tribute to the lengthy and encouragingly spiritual service of its now former headteacher Jane. We are reminded to invest in our spirituality, generosity and human warmth in affirming the vital roles of volunteers whether key, ancient or brand new.

Safeguarding

(See Safeguarding Officer's report at Annexe 1)

Fabric

A leaking radiator in the vestry was replaced. The Church Roof Project continued. The chancel roof repairs were mainly completed by Christmas. Funding for these repairs was successfully achieved through grants, donations and fundraising. This is set out in the Treasurer's Report. The church roof has created huge concerns and funding will be required for a total replacement over an estimated three-year period. The next stage will be the re-roofing of the nave beginning in spring 2026.

Finance

Details of the financial position at 31st December 2024 are set out in the accompanying report. The surplus in the General Fund (£29,516) is due to the legacy of £30,803 from the late Barbara Kernahan. There would otherwise have been a small deficit due to the £1,792 essential cost of replacing the badly-leaking radiator in the vestry. The surplus (£46,186) in the Roof Fund is due to successful fundraising. Although the chancel roof was mainly completed by Christmas, much of the cost and fees remained to be invoiced in 2025 using the carried-forward surplus.

Grant Making Policy

The PCC has a policy of making grants to other charities each year when this can be afforded from regular giving or raised by special collections. In 2024 a grant of £300 was made to the UNICEF Sudan Appeal

Investment Policy

The Crompton Legacy is currently held in the Church of England Central Board of Finance (CBF) Deposit Account. All non-cash funds are held with the Church of England Central Board of Finance Investment Fund.

The PCC does not have a Trustee Indemnity Policy.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has a policy of retaining as reserves the equivalent of 12 months' operating costs together with an additional £20,000 for each of its two buildings for any urgent maintenance. These reserves are held with the CBF Investment Fund.

Risk Management

On behalf of the PCC, the Finance Committee monitored the major strategic, business, operational and reputational risks which the PCC faces and confirmed that systems had been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps are taken to lessen these risks.

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to :

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees can confirm that the accounts comply with applicable accounting standards, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), second edition October 2019

Approved by the PCC on 26/3/25 and signed by Andrew Gubbins, Rector

Andrew Gubbins, Rector
and presented to the APCM on the 6th May 2025.

Annex 1

Safeguarding report

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER. Margaret Davies will take over from me as the named Parish Safeguarding Officer with effect from the 2025 APCM (for simplicity she will actually take over on 1st May 2025). I will remain in post to assist her, but she will be the primary source for any safeguarding matters from there on. I am very grateful to her for being prepared to take this on.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. A reminder. That the link for training for all PCC members for Safeguarding training from the national church is (<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/learning-and-development>). On appointment PCC members need to complete Basic and Foundation. The Foundation needs to be renewed every three years.

At the last PCC meeting we asked all members to ensure they had this up to date and to advise the PCC Secretary when it was complete.

CHURCHWARDENS. A new question has been added to the Dashboard to confirm that they have done the appropriate training.

PCC SECRETARIES Please could you email me a list of those who have completed the training in the last six months.

SAFEGUARDING DASHBOARD. The Safeguarding Dashboard remains up to date. There are quite a few things which need to be confirmed in January. Attached is the Annual Safeguarding Plan * which will need to be approved at the APCM; we will also need to approve the current list of Church Activities and Non-Church which will be brought to the meeting. If you would like access to the dashboard, please let me know.

** Plan attached.*

SAFER RECRUITMENT - PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES. A reminder that any recruitment to a volunteer paid position must be done in a way which is compliant with Safer Recruitment. Please speak to Andrew, Margaret or myself **before** you start to recruit for a new role. This can be done in a sensitive way providing we know in advance and can arrange it. Likewise if you are planning a big event which is seen as being sponsored by the Church.

Either Margaret or myself will be happy to help anyone who needs it when applying for a DBS check.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS NOTIFICATION FORM. A reminder that the Safeguarding Concerns Notification Form should be used if you have any concerns. Copies were distributed in January and additional copies can be obtained from myself or Andrew, or the PCC Secretary should have these as well.

In association with the diocese of Salisbury we follow the national legal and procedural framework for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and Church of England policy and practice. We act promptly on any complaints made and work closely in partnership with Police and Social Carers where children or vulnerable adults have been harmed or are at risk of harm or mistreatment. We care for those who have been abused in the past and provide a range of supporting signposting for survivors and victims of church-related abuse. We support national policy from the Church of England including the practice guidance: **"Responding well to victims and survivors of abuse"**

Sue Chandler/Margaret Davies - December 2024

Independent Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shillingstone Parochial Church Council.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shillingstone Parochial Church Council (the PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Name: J Paul

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: Bishopsgate, Church Road, Shillingstone, Blandford Forum, DT11 0SL

Date: 26/03/25 

PCC SHILLINGSTONE											
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024											
				Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	
		General Fund	Roof Fund (Note 4)	Roof Fund (Note 5)	Churchyard Fund (Note 6)	Shillingstone Church Centre (Note 7)	Magazine (Note 8)	Youth Club (Note 9)	St Aldhelm Schools Project	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	TOTAL FUNDS 2023
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT											
Receipts											
Voluntary Income	(Note 11)	54001	91512	0	552	0	500	250	0	146815	149471
Activities to Generate Funds		1249	1715	0	0	0	0	0	0	2964	4133
Income from Investments		6850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6850	5949
Church Activities		14604	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14604	9682
Other Incoming Resources		195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		76899	93227	0	552	0	500	250	0	171428	169235
Payments											
Costs of Generating Funds		18	1059	0	0	0	0	0	0	1077	592
Church Activities		20034	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20034	19937
Church Expenses		21630	0	0	552	0	669	0	6839	29690	21990
Major Capital Expenditure		5440	45982	464	0	0	0	0	0	51885	109987
Governance Costs		262	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262	132
TOTAL PAYMENTS		47383	47041	464	552	0	669	0	6839	102948	152638
Excess of Receipts over Payments		29516	46186	-464	0	0	-169	250	-6839	68480	16597
Transfers between Funds	(Note 10)										
Bank current and deposit accounts 1 Jan		55813	21516	30054	0	0	2638	394	7700	118115	72769
Bank current and deposit accounts 31 Dec		85329	67702	29590	0	0	2469	644	861	186595	118115
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES											
Cash Funds											
: Bank current accounts		10850	67702	0	0	0	2469	644	861	82525	93247
: CBF Deposit Fund		72501	0	29590	0	0	0	0	0	102091	52091
		83350	67702	29590	0	0	2469	644	861	184616	145338
Other Monetary Assets & Liabilities											
: Creditors (cheques not cashed at 31 Dec)	(Note 14)	-141								-141	-43351
: Debtors (income banked after 31 Dec)	(Note 14)	2120								2120	16129
		1979	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1979	-27222
TOTAL		85329	67702	29590	0	0	2469	644	861	186595	118115
Investment Assets											
: CBF Investment Fund		86027	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86027	84102
TOTAL ASSETS		171357	67702	29590	0	0	2469	644	861	272623	202218

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024											
1 Accounting Basis	The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Basis.										
2 Receipts & Payments Analysis	General Funds	Restricted Roof Fund	Designated Roof Fund	Restricted Churchyard Fund	Restricted Shillingstone Church Centre	Restricted Magazine	Restricted Youth Club	Restricted St Aldhelm Schools Project	TOTAL FUNDS 2024		TOTAL FUNDS 2023
Voluntary Income											
Planned Giving	16115								16115		16290
Cash Collections at Services	2567								2567		2441
Other Giving & Donations	384	76562							76946		45239
Gift Aid Recovered	4111	7450							11561		9785
Legacies	30803								30803		1000
Grants	20	7500		552	0	500	250	0	8822		74717
Activities for Generating Funds											
Fund Raising Events	1249	1715							2964		4133
Income from Investments											
Interest & Dividends	6850								6850		5949
Church Activities											
Statutory Fees retained by PCC	2403								2403		1615
Shillingstone Church Centre Earnings	11006								11006		6915
Parish Magazine	1195								1195		1152
Other Incoming Resources											
Other Income not listed	195								195		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	76899	93227	0	552	0	500	250	0	171428		169235
Costs of Generating Funds											
Fundraising Activity Costs	18	1059							1077		592
Church Activities											
Mission Giving & Donations	300								300		94
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution	17716								17716		17120
Salaries Wages & Honoraria	1570								1570		1576
Clergy & staff expenses	448								448		1148
Church Expenses											
Mission & Evangelism	421							6839	7260		268
Church Running Expenses	3578								3578		4577
Churchyard Expenses	7289			552					7841		5037
Church Utility Bills	2064								2064		2149
Shillingstone Church Centre	7083								7083		7443
Parish Magazine	1195					669			1864		1878
Youth Club	0						0		0		637
Major Capital Expenditure											
Major Repairs to building	1792								1792		5034
Major Repairs to building(Roof)		45982	464						46445		104953
Major Repairs to SCC or other PCC property	3648								3648		0
New Building Work	0								0		0
Governance											
All other outgoing resources/payments	262								262		132
TOTAL PAYMENTS	47383	47041	464	552	0	669	0	6839	102948		152638

		PCC SHILLINGSTONE
		NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)
		3 Fixed Assets
		The PCC has no single fixed asset valued at more than £1,000
		4 The Roof Fund - Restricted
		This Fund, opened in December 2022, holds funds to reroof the North Aisle , Chancel, Nave and Porch including grants, donations and associated gift-aid, and the proceeds of roof-specific fundraising.
		5 The Roof Fund - Designated
		This Fund holds money designated by the PCC for the Roof project. In November 2022 the PCC resolved to designate £40,000 including £ 9945.82 from the 'Sale of Land at SCC' held in trust at the Diocese. As the trust money was released by the Diocese specifically for the Roof project it was placed in the Restricted Roof Fund. The remainder of the money the PCC designated ie £30054.19 was placed in the designated fund. Additional insurance required for the chancel roof work (£463.75) was paid from the designated fund.
		6 The Churchyard Fund - Restricted
		This Fund receives a small annual grant from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, a grant from the Parish Council and occasional donations from the public restricted to use in the churchyard. Churchyard expenditure that exceeds the fund's income is paid by the PCC from its General Fund.
		7 Shillingstone Church Centre Fund - Restricted
		This Fund comprises money granted from the Reddaway Trust and other grants or donations given specifically for the SCC. There were no grants this year.
		A Deposit of £200 is held from ARO Logistics, the tenant of Office 1, returnable at the end of the tenancy.
		8 Parish Magazine Fund - Restricted
		This fund comprises the Parish Council's annual grant to support the Parish Magazine plus a donation received some years ago to ensure the magazine's continuation. The donation is used to cover any excess of costs or income. It was necessary to draw £169.40 from the fund this year leaving a balance of £2468.71
		9 Youth Club Fund - Restricted
		This Fund holds money granted by the Parish Council and other organisations restricted to the Youth Club.
		10 Transfers between Funds
		Nil
		11 Legacies
		A legacy of £30,803.11 was received from the Late Barbara Kernahan for such religious purposes as the Priest in Charge and Churchwardens think fit, it being her wish, without in any fettering such discretion, that it shall be spent on the repair and maintenance of the Church of the Holy Rood.
		12 Staff Costs
	a.	During the year the PCC employed a cleaner for the church who were paid a total of £940, a cleaner for the Church Centre who was paid a total of £1178.34 and an organist who was paid £630.
	b.	No PCC members were reimbursed travelling or other expenses. There were no other disclosable transactions in respect of PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.
		13 Debtors and Creditors
	a.	The creditors were: General Fund (-141.00) comprising fees owed to the Diocese but not yet paid
	b.	The debtors were: General Fund total (£2120.02) comprising HMRC Gift Aid General Fund (£1229.83) HMRC Gift Aid Roof Fund (£290.73), Benefice Ministry expenses invoiced to other parishes (599.46)
	c.	Chancel roof work was mainly completed by 31 December 24 with the exception of ridge tiles that were being hand-made and wall ties. Final payment will due to the contractor approx end January 25 with 2.5% retained until July 2025. Payment will also be due to the architect at end January for the entire chancel roof project. As these amounts are not yet due and exact figures are not known they have not been included in creditors. The roof fund will be more than sufficient to meet these costs. VAT will be reclaimed on these payments before the current Listed Places of Worship Scheme expires on 31 March 25. A grant of £9000.00 awarded by the Buildings for Mission Fund has not been received at 31 December but is expected in Jan 25.