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The Parish of Worle: St Martin Annual Report 2025

Worle Chorale
PRESENTS
A choral concert to mark the Festival of Angels
**Music Among
900 Angels**
Accompanied by Richard Lennox
Sunday 28th September, 3p
Followed by refreshments
St Martin's Church, Worle, BS
Entrance - donations welcomed towards ch
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Everyone is Invited



Everyone is Welcome

Journeying together in the love of Jesus

Incumbents Report for 2025

My dear friends in Christ,

Our Epistle reading this morning was from St Peters first letter. This is a circular letter written to various churches and Christians to encourage them in their faith and belief in Jesus Christ. Peter urges them to keep strong. The consequences of becoming a Christian in Peter's lifetime were very serious. It often led to people being ostracised, mocked, shunned from families and even in many circumstances led to their death. Peter was a realist. His letter is not a philosophical debate on the nature of suffering but rather is a practical handbook of what is likely to happen to followers and what to do to protect yourself and give a guide as to how to cope.

The letter is all about hope. As Christians we are to remember that if we have to go through severe trials, then so did Jesus whose suffering ultimately opened the way to heaven for us all. Peter insists that we are protected by God's power through our faith until salvation is fully revealed. He draws an analogy with gold being made purer by burning away the impurities, so suffering can *refine* our faith.

We are lucky living in Worle in the 21st Century, because we will probably never have to face the ordeals that the first readers of this letter had to face.

This church building, that in 2025 we celebrated its foundation 900 years ago, has itself stood through many times of trial, of war of changing denomination: of old ways being discarded only to find after a few years that the new theologies were now being put to the sword and a too-ing and fro-ing from Catholic to Protestant to Catholic to a lasting Protestant settlement known as Anglicanism under Elizabeth I in 1559.

During this time people would constantly have had their worries and concerns about what would happen next, but hope kept them going and hope kept them faithful. It was through their faith and hope that kept this place going.

This is where we come in, this is our part in the journey of witness of faith at St Martin's Church. We are part of the tapestry that makes up the picture for this place of faith, but we are not the whole tapestry.

Today is when we have our Annual Meeting. It gives us a chance to look back and reflect on the last year and the work and witness of the Parish. 2025 has been a special year for us, a year of celebration when we have given thanks for 900 years of worship and witness in this place (give or take a few silent periods).

As we look back on the last year - and look through the Annual Report -we do so reflect on our objectives for 2025 that we aspired to be:

- 1 A Church Community offering the spirit of invitation and welcome to bring the love of Jesus into people's lives.
- 2 To highlight the role of the building as being at the centre of community for 900 years
- 3 To involve various community organisations, schools and businesses to be part of the celebrations

As part of offering this witness and doing this work there are many people who have contributed to making the last year the success it was in so many ways.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Church Wardens, the Treasurer and those who assist the Treasurer with the finances of the church – such as bookkeeping and sorting out Gift Aid - all the officers of the church and those who serve on the PCC and the various sub-committees and synods.

Thank you too to my Ministry Colleagues who provide such wonderful service and services to the church and support to me.

Thank you to everyone who opens the church and prepares for the services and events, those who undertake duties of Communion Assistant, those who read and those who serve as vergers particularly in the occasional offices. Also those who prepare and operate the slides and the sound system in the services and who prepare the weekly newsletters and information leaflets.

Thanks to our wonderful musicians in the choir and on the organ and keyboard and the bell ringers for their weekly commitment and skills they bring to worship; to those who provide refreshments after services, to those who set up and run our various social events particularly during our 900th year.

Thank you to those who come to the working parties to tidy up and do jobs on the church and in the grounds and help to keep the church and its surroundings look so special. To those who do the flowers and the laundry of the church and of course to the wonderful team who do the cleaning in the church.

A particular note of thanks too, to all those who give to the church financially. We could not operate in the way we do without your financial commitment. I would just like to encourage everyone to be part of a regular stewardship system either through the envelope scheme or direct debits and to sign up for Gift Aid where appropriate.

I make it as bit of an unofficial rule that I do not mention people by name in this report. Whenever one does this, you run the risk of upsetting people by

leaving others out, but there are two people who we sadly lost this year who were the epitome of dutiful service. Firstly, I would like to remember Michael Butt. Michael was the personification of a hard worker 'behind the scenes'. I would also like to remember Ray Jones our former ringing master. You may not have known Ray – but you would have heard the fruits of his ministry on so many occasions ringing out across the parish calling people to church, announcing – we are here.

As we look back on 2025, let us also be mindful of the words of St Peter - that our faithful ministry doesn't just end now, rather we are to be part of a future, a community, working together to make St Martin's a place that will go on for another 900 years and beyond that.

In 2026 we shall make prayer and the study of the Bible at the centre of what we do. It is these activities that are the bedrock of who we are. Let us look back at the last year reflecting on all the good things that have passed, let us be active in the present with the hope in our hearts and lives with Christ as described by St Peter in his letter and let us look forward knowing that we are part of something – so much bigger than us – and something, someone that is eternal – Jesus Christ.

Amen

900th Celebration 2025



To celebrate 900 years of worship at St Martin's Church it was decided that we would arrange a special event for every month of the year, the objectives being:

- 1 Through the spirit of invitation and welcome to bring the love of Jesus into people's lives.
- 2 To highlight the role of the building as being at the centre of community for 900 years
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This was achieved through a variety of events that were developed throughout the year, bringing the church and the local community together.

The year started in January with an exhibition of Baptisms in the church. Baptism records and photographs were displayed alongside baptism robes that had been loaned for the event. In February we had a special service of light for Candlemas during which everyone was given a celebratory 900th year candle to light again at home.

In March we had our annual Shrove Tuesday Beetle Drive and Pancakes evening which was very popular again. At the end of the month musicians from the Bristol Ensemble performed a special concert for us, playing music from each century from 1125 to present time. This was very well received, drawing an audience from far and wide to listen to this acclaimed group.

April was filled with Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services. In May we celebrated the Gift of Marriage in the church with a flower festival. The church was decorated with flower arrangements depicting history over 900 years, and there were many photographs of weddings in the church throughout the years along with marriage registers. The festival concluded with a special service with many favourite wedding hymns.

In June we celebrated Pentecost and the Birthday of the Church with a Sunday afternoon Birthday Party, including Pimm's, strawberries and cream, scones, jam and cream, tea and a special birthday cake. Everyone left with a 900th year party bag with goodies! At the end of the month our organist, Richard Lennox, performed a midsummer concert, 'Echos through Time', featuring music on organ and piano through 900years. This was followed by the traditional tea and cake that the church is gaining quite a reputation for!

In August the church hosted an art exhibition by local artists. This was a popular event and there is interest in repeating it in the summer of 2026

To celebrate St Michael and All Angels Day in September the local community and schools worked together to make over 900 cardboard angels to adorn the church for a Festival of Angels. School children visited to 'spot' their angels within the displays, and Worle Chorale performed a special concert amongst the angels to conclude the festival.

For Harvest in October we had a Harvest Morning Praise service during which food was brought to church to be donated to Weston Food Bank. This was followed by Bring and Share Community Lunch in The Village School Hall.

In November we always celebrate St Martins Day with the church fayre, and this year was no exception, with stalls, tombola, guess the weight of the cake, just to name a few of the activities to be enjoyed, along with refreshments. This coincides with Remembrance weekend and Worle Windband performed a special festival of Remembrance concert on the Sunday afternoon

Our 4th Christmas Tree festival took place at the beginning of December with any proceeds being divided equally between Weston Hospicecare and the church. 30 decorated trees lit up the church for the weekend and the church was full of activity, light and music. The Festival opened with a wonderful peal of bells from the bell ringers on the Friday before the opening concert, where we enjoyed performances from Toot Suite Recorder Group and the church choir. On the Saturday entertainment was provided throughout the day with the Clangers bell plate ringers in the morning and Worle Village School in the afternoon following which we had our Christingle service. On Sunday morning we were joined by the Archdeacon of Bath at our 10am service with a wonderful Christmas Concert by Worle Chorale in the afternoon before concluding the weekend with an Advent service with carols. The trees remained in church until the end of the Christmas season.

The year was about celebration rather than raising amounts of money, but we did commission some special kneelers to commemorate the year and donations for these have been received in memory of loved ones.

Our thanks go to Fraser Proctor for designing the logo for the year which has been used on all our advertising, and all those who have helped in so many ways to make the year so special

Rev Jon Ormrod and Jill Preddy

Safeguarding report

The Safeguarding Team comprises Jill Preddy, Yvonne Criddle, Lesley Faulkner and Rosie Davies. It has met 4 times during 2025 and reported regularly to the PCC.

The Safeguarding policy is displayed in the church porch together with a poster showing contact details for St Martin's church and for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Safeguarding training was delivered in church in October for PCC members and any other church members. All PCC members have undertaken basic training and the majority have undertaken foundation training. At the November PCC meeting a short scenario was discussed to further embed our learning and this will be included in other PCC meetings.

Safeguarding was highlighted on National Safeguarding Sunday on 16/11/2025

Please contact the team if you have any safeguarding concerns or you would like to chat, and do remember that no concern is too small for us to listen to.

Tel: 07443 303712

Email: safeguardingstmartinsworle@gmail.com

The Safeguarding Team

Ministry Team and Home Groups Report

The Ministry team has met together regularly for mutual support and encouragement; to plan and review the worship and courses we offer for the St Martin's community.

We have held Tuesday courses on the following themes

Healing touch of God

Gifts of the Spirit

Synoptic Gospels

Christianity Explored

Apostles and Disciples

Historic background of the Scriptures

Liturgical Seasons

Fruits of the Spirit

Advent course What are you waiting for?

Welcoming and adapting to the needs of our wider community and our regular worshippers (many of whom are elderly)

We have also prioritised responding sensitively to pastoral situations both individually within our congregation and also in the community, (for instance opening the church and being available particularly at times of bereavement).

We are also always sensitive to our pattern of service, particularly with respect to people's changing needs. (The availability of parking, and the effect of long winter evenings are becoming ever more relevant to our faithful congregation).

Rev Gilly Bunce

Foundation Governor Links to Local Schools

St Martin's and Worle Village Schools are part of the Kaleidoscope Multi Academy Trust (MAT). As a Church school MAT, Rev Jon sits on the Church schools committee, providing spiritual guidance and other support across all the MAT schools. Both St Martin's and Worle Village schools share an Executive Head Teacher (Mrs Sue Elliott) and as a result the staff and pupils are being brought closer together and are encouraged to make full use of St Martin's Church building for acts of worship and to participate in Church events, for example the Christmas Tree Festival and services celebrating Easter and harvest.

The joint "Local Governing Board" across both St Martin's and Worle Village primary schools continues to work well with us meeting each term at alternate venues. Mark Preddy (a member of PCC) is one of the Co-Chair of Governors, and plays an active role, together with Rev Jon and Mrs Elliott in the management of both schools. Whilst St Martin's is the official "Church School" we maintain a close link with both in terms of spiritual and community matters. During 2025 we have held successful "Messy Church" events at St Martin's School, on a termly basis, these have been enthusiastically received by both pupils and staff. A separate report for Messy Church is within this annual report.

Like many schools there are significant challenges with finance and recruiting support staff at both our link schools. Despite these, the Kaleidoscope Multi Academy Trust (KMAT) school leadership team and governors are fully committed to making our schools great places of learning and a fun place to be for our pupils. I was delighted to visit school for several performances across a number of year groups and we can be very proud of the very high standard achieved by the pupils, teachers and their supporters.

Mark Preddy



Church involvement with St Martin's, Worle Village and Mendip Green Primary Schools

As Vicar of St Martin's Church, I serve as Governor for both St Martin's Church of England Primary School, and Worle Village Primary School, Mark has written about the work of Governor and governance in the local schools. In addition to this role, I am also involved with serving the school communities in the parish by taking school assemblies on a regular basis and also assisting the schools with visits to the church on a regular basis. This can be for worship particularly at Christmas, Easter and Harvest, but it can also be to cover certain items of the curriculum, such as talking to the children about the sacraments of Communion and Baptism, or a Question and Answer Session on "What does a vicar do?". These are always really rewarding sessions, with the children being very engaged and asking very good questions.

Every year St Martin's School come on the 11th November and hear about the story of St Martin, cutting his cloak in half to share with a beggar.

The close links between the church and the schools continued to be developed and enhanced by the hard work of volunteers from the church and also with the encouragement and support of the schools as well. This has been a very important part of the mission and outreach for St Martin's Church and building positive links with the children and families in the community.



Rev Jon Ormrod

Messy Church at St Martins School

Throughout 2025 we have continued to do Messy Church at St Martin's School as an after school activity usually approximately once every half term.

The sessions usually start with an activity that all the children can join in with and work together on. This year we have done junk modelling on a couple of occasions and have made boats – when our theme was the stilling of the storm - and angels - when we were thinking of angels for the Angel Festival at Church.





There then follows about 45mins of craft activities which usually includes a “food activity” such as decorating biscuits.

Themes this year have included:

Moses

The Good Samaritan

Fruits of the Spirit

Angels

Jesus stilling the storm

Jesse Tree with symbols from the Old and New Testament.

The Jesse Tree activity involved building a mobile and then hanging symbols from the Bible on it, such as the serpent, a scroll to represent the Law of Moses, the stars in the sky for Abraham’s descendants, crown for King David, and the Holy Family going to Bethlehem.



Following the craft activities, we have a time of teaching and reflecting on the theme for the day, following which the children (and Vicar Jon!) have tea which frequently consists of hot dogs followed by ice cream (and sprinkles!).

We are also blessed with a core of 12 to 16 children who attend these sessions. Some of whom come from the schools After School Club.

We are also blessed with a team of volunteers who prepare the activities and help the children with them during the sessions. If you would like to be involved with Messy Church in the future, then do have a word with Jon.

Rev Jon Ormrod

Men's Fellowship

The men of the Parish meet as a group at 7.30pm usually on the third Thursday of the month at the Lamb Inn in Worle High Street. Activities have included bowling, skittles, quiz and barbecues and a race night. It was good to welcome the Ladies' Fellowship for a skittle match which included sausage and chips. We hope this will be an annual event.

It is always good to welcome our neighbours as well as new friends.

Paul Elliott

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship was set up by Rachel Fletcher and Georgia Banks this year, as a need was identified to provide more support and contact between ladies other than the normal church timetabled events. It was agreed to start with a monthly breakfast meet up on the 2nd Saturday of every month and began on the 9th of August in the church. This went well and since then we have had a trip out to Carriages in Hewish, plus meets in church involving story and poetry reading. The women's fellowship supported St Martin's Church fayre by running 2 stalls and had a Christmas meet with partners and friends. As well as a skittles night out challenging the men's fellowship. The feedback has been good with women saying that they are getting to know others that they didn't before. On average attendance at events has been around 20 ladies. In 2026 we are continuing with the monthly breakfast slot, alternating between in church and outings. We would also like to do some evening events and strengthen the fellowship.

Rachel Fletcher

Fabric Committee Report

The Fabric Committee is a subgroup of the PCC. It is made up of a chairman, secretary and six members from the church congregation. They bring with them many different skills, not only for the maintenance work, but their concern for the building.

During the year they have been responsible for all the tasks with the running of the church which include the servicing of the gas boiler, electrical requirements and servicing of the organ etc.

During the year, after receiving the Quinquennial Report, it is good the committee members were able to work through the areas that were identified as self-help jobs which also included some work in the graveyard which involved maintenance of the shed including replacing one side and painting.

We were able to commission our contractors, Ellis and Co, to go through and achieve all of the work that needed our attention, so we face the New Year with optimism.

Paul Elliott

Community Saturday Film Nights

These take place in St Martin's Church and are open to everyone. Showings are free – with donations gratefully received towards snacks and the upkeep of the church facilities. Doors open at 5.15pm for a 5.45pm showing.

We are fortunate to have a small band of friends who help to serve the refreshment and show the film.

Paul Elliott

St Martin's Church Finance Team

There are a number of people involved, each playing a vital role in ensuring our finances run smoothly.

Treasurer	Mark Preddy
Fees	Mark Preddy
Booking Keeping	Kewstoke Financial Services (John Leddy)
Payroll	JD Accounting (Janet Drissell)
Support and advice to Treasurer	John Bangham
Gift Aid	Diane Swatton
Cash counting & Banking	Jill and Mark Preddy, Val and Neil Adams, Rosie Davies, John Bangham.

Planned giving forms an important part of our total income, there are two principal schemes.

- Weekly Blue envelopes.
- Monthly Standing Order paid through your bank.

At the end of 2025 we had a total of 51 members (or couples) who had committed to planned giving, which is slightly down from 2024. Planned giving, combined with Gift Aid recovery, is a very important part of our ministry and helps us maintain control of our budget which is tight in these challenging times.

The Gift Aid Scheme is administered by Diane, and for members who pay tax, enables us to reclaim 25% more from the UK.GOV, this is a valuable source of income for the Church.

We continue to accept payments by card using our SUMUP machine which you will normally find on the Donation table at the back of the Church.

We have now completed our first year of the new methodology for calculating Parish Share to better distribute costs to Parish / Benefices based on the costs of ministry and Diocesan support. This has led to a significant increase for St Martin's; however, I am pleased to report that we paid our 2025 share in full. We will continue to rise in the following three years to meet full cost of ministry. Our PCC has again committed to paying our 2026 Parish Share in full.

The church office continues to be maintained by a combination of the ministry team and volunteers, with Mark Preddy taking responsibility for managing Fees, our Church website and keeping the IT equipment updated. This has enabled us to manage the Parish Share costs, with our only personnel costs being for our organist.

I would like to thank the team of supporters as mentioned above.

Mark Preddy - Treasurer

Community Cake and Coffee Mornings

Every Thursday morning at 10.45am, after the morning Communion Service, we have our community coffee morning in church which is open to all people to meet and share some refreshments. This proves a good opportunity to know about events taking place in church and for them to be able to ask questions if they wish. It is good that many who attend the service beforehand remain for coffee and can greet people who have just arrived for refreshments.

Paul Elliott

Christmas Tree Festival 5th – 7th December 2025

Our 4th Christmas Tree festival was held on the first weekend in December. This was supported again by local organisations and businesses, the local primary schools and groups and individuals from the church itself, and a total of 30 trees provided decoration, colour and lights throughout the weekend and continued through the rest of the Christmas season. There was no cost to enter a tree and no entrance fee for any of the weekend events, but donations were welcomed to be split equally between Weston Hospicecare and St Martin's Church.

The weekend started with an opening evening of carols and readings, including performances by Toot Suite recorder group and a short presentation by representatives from Weston Hospicecare about their valuable work. On the Saturday morning the Clangers performed, and we welcomed Worle Village School Choir performance in the afternoon. Sunday concluded with a concert by Worle Chorale in the afternoon.

Besides these events, there was a Christingle Service on the Saturday afternoon; 8am and 10am Communion Services on the Sunday with the Archdeacon of Bath presiding at the 10am Service and an Evening Advent Service on the Sunday at 5pm.

This year our knitted tree was a giant Santa hat (!) and the leaves will once again be turned into blankets for Somewhere to Go after the tree has been dismantled.

Throughout the weekend there were refreshments on offer including a soup lunch on the Saturday and numerous cakes, mince pies and biscuits along with endless tea and coffee throughout the weekend, and thanks go to a marvellous group of hard-working volunteers who enabled the constant supplies!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the planning and success of this event. A grand total of £1500 was raised.

Jill Preddy

St Martin's Choir

We are a group of people who have made a commitment to help lead the congregation in singing at Services.

We meet every Thursday evening at 6.15pm in Church for practice and we have made a commitment to sing every Sunday morning at the 10.00am Service and once a month on a Sunday evening at 6.00pm for a Sung Evensong Service.

At Christmas 2025 we were joined by some members of the congregation to sing with us for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

We are also available to sing at Church Weddings if requested

Barbara Perkins

St Martin's Bell Ringers

During 2025 we welcomed visiting ringers from Devon and Herefordshire and hosted the Axbridge Branch training morning in February.

Our Thursday evening practices have continued throughout the year with members of other local towers joining us on a regular basis. This has enabled us to support and encourage them and our own ringers to progress.

During the autumn a local teenager showed interest in ringing and it has been a joy to teach him to ring with support from the Branch Education Officer. The age of our ringers are now from teenagers to 90+, although most of us are on the older side. As you read this remember it is never too old to learn and it is about technique not strength. `Please come and visit us on a Thursday evening if you would like to discover more about ringing.

As well as ringing for pleasure and enjoyment we also ring for worship, for times of celebration and remembrance. This year we have once again been able to ring for the majority of morning services and for the major Festivals.

During the year we rang ten quarter peals. In May we rang in celebration for the closing service of the Flower Festival weekend. We also rang for the 81st anniversary of D-Day in June and in August to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of World War II.

We began the year by ringing a quarter peal in memory of Sheonagh and Margaret Ormrod. Later in the year quarters were rung to remember former ringers - Bryan Williams of St. John's W-S-M, a good friend to us, and John Widgery of Wick St. Laurence.

During this year two of our ringers died. Barbara Taylor in February and Ray Jones in December.

Barbara came to ringing later in life and began to learn in 2000. She was a faithful member and always supported us in whatever we did, especially on Sundays and social events. Towards the end she was finding ringing more difficult due to arthritic hands but was determined in 2024 to ring a quarter for her 80th birthday.

Ray learnt to ring at St. John's as a teenager and continued to ring as he moved with his chosen profession of nursing. When he and his partner retired they eventually moved back to Weston-super-Mare and Ray became

a loyal member of St. Martin's ringers, eventually becoming ringing master. In this role he enabled, with patience, to teach new ringers and encourage them in their development. He was a well-respected ringer both locally, and within the branch and association.

Several quarter peals, both here and elsewhere were rung in their memory. Barbara and Ray have been and will continue to be missed and we give thanks for their lives and all that they gave to the ringers and to others during their lives through friendship and encouragement.

Finally, and but not least, the ringers continue to be grateful for the support we receive from the Vicar and PCC . Our thanks also go to Jim and Frank who keep a good eye on the bells and hangings to ensure they are safe to ring.

Yvonne Criddle

Lunch on the Last Sunday in the Month

The Church Sunday Lunch occurs on the last Sunday of each month and everyone is welcome to come.

This year we have been on the move as to venue. In the spring we moved, for various reasons, from the Summerhouse to the Ebdon Arms. This venue was good from both parking and it being all on one level. A bonus was that, most months, St. Martin's had sole use of the Function Room which meant we were able to sit together. Unfortunately, over the following months there were several changes of managers which meant that, at times, the meals were not always as good as we expected.

As a result, towards the end of the year we visited the Woolpack, who made us very welcome in the Farm Shop. This move worked well, even though it's not carvery and choice from menu needs to be made in advance, as the meals are all served at the same time and above all it does mean that we spend more time chatting to one another. The staff are helpful and a delight.

Numbers attending have varied from month to month and the average number of attendees is 24.

Yvonne Criddle

Locking Deanery Synod Report for 2025

Two members of the PCC, together with the Rev Jon Ormrod, sit on the deanery synod, providing the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Our elected representatives are:

- Yvonne Criddle
- Grace Rubery

Synod has met three times during the year at different venues across the area.

Please note that Yvonne and I were unable to attend the first two meetings of the year as they clashed with PCC meetings. However, the outline of events for these meetings were:

- Area Dean's Report,
- Activity -dream of what God's plans are for our community,
- Appointment by the Bishop of Rev Caroline Deakin, vicar of St. Peter's, Milton with Mead Vale as Area Dean
- Election of Debbie Routley as Lay Assistant Dean
- Election of Revds. David Gent, Sam Healey, Andrew Hemmings as DMPG clergy representatives

October Meeting – held at Christ Church, in Weston-super-Mare

The meeting consisted of:

- Area Dean's report.
- A presentation of the Chaplaincy provision at the Magistrates Court
- Deanery Questionnaire. This consisted of a series of questions sent to each parish/benefice in the Deanery. The questions were (with summary of responses in red):

1 Two things that have encouraged you as a parish

a. Connections with local community.

b. Special services to attract different people and a variety of schools, youth and children's work

2 *Issues that you face:*

a. Finance.

b. Ageing congregations with lack of young families

c. Too few people doing all the work

3 One thing you're working on at the moment:

a. Mission and Community engagement

b. Buildings

c. Welcome and Discipleship

4 One thing the Deanery could help with:

a. Sharing resources and expertise

b. Training

c. Parish Share

5 Two things we could pray for your parish:

a. Growth

b. Unity

Following each meeting the members feedback to the subsequent PCC meeting.

Rev Jon Ormrod

Church Cleaning Team

Cleaning takes place on Friday mornings, or at other suitable times.

Weekly cleaning:

- Toilet cubicles: clean all surfaces and floors; replenish toilet rolls and soap; empty bins
- Kitchen: clean sink and surrounds and shelf on top of the safe
- Vestry: empty bins
- Glass doors: remove any marks
- Vacuuming: all carpets and porch mats
- Porch mats are dried/aired outside when weather is suitable

Monthly cleaning:

- Body of church and gallery: all chairs, pews, choir stalls, organ area, and surfaces are wiped
- Polish: altar rails; shelves of choir stalls; small tables
- Wipe down/clean where necessary: bannisters, glass panels and surrounds on gallery stairs; children's area

6 monthly, to coincide with churchyard cleaning:

- wash wooden floor area and porch mats
- clean vestry shelves
- empty and clean kitchen cupboards and shelves

Any member of the team working on their own in church must adhere to the Lone Working Policy and:

- let someone know where they are
- have a mobile phone with them
- keep the outer door locked

Lesley Faulkner

St Martin's Church Mission Giving Group



This group was formed to promote the church's activities in mission and outreach, both locally and further afield. The Mission Giving Group, comprising three members of the PCC and one lay member, met three times during the year under review.

Items considered were:

1. The regular gifts given from the church to:
 - a. Sponsor a child (Sergio) through the auspices of Compassion UK
 - b. Support the Bath & Wells Diocesan Link with our connection in the Central Diocese of Zambia. This diocese encompasses the northern part of the country known as the Copperbelt.
2. The success of "bucket collections" that were set up in church in response to local and international emergencies.
3. Working with the other church groups to generate income that can be used for mission and outreach.
4. Brainstorming ideas that might lead to the generation of gifts to help the poor and needy both at home and overseas.

The congregation and community have responded generously to appeals by the church and we can gratefully record the following achievements in 2025:

- The piggy bank for Sergio (sited on the Mission Table in church) continues to be well supported and we were able to make monthly donations to Compassion UK for the sponsorship of Sergio in his schooling. The piggy bank gifts were also sufficient for us to be able to make seasonal gifts for the community in Columbia where Sergio lives.
- Despite an increase in some central costs the PCC felt able to continue to support the Diocesan Link with a small monthly contribution towards its costs. The main emphasis of the Link has always been on building relationships through prayer, correspondence and visits. It has grown and prospered with regular exchange visits by priests, doctors, school staff, students, diocesan staff and members of congregations, all in the furtherance of Christian faith.
- We have continued to work with the local charity Hands of Compassion that supports the education and welfare of children and deprived families in Zambia. The essence of their work is to educate peoples in Zambia so that they might become more self-sufficient.

Over the years St. Martin's has contributed to many projects supported by this charity, and we are proud to have been associated with the provision of education for many hundreds of children within the Central Diocese of Zambia. During 2025 the main motivator in this charity became unwell and we did not release monies to it until she was able to undertake one of her "audit" visits at the end of the year. Following the report from her we were able to release all the donations received for Hands of Compassion in the following financial year.

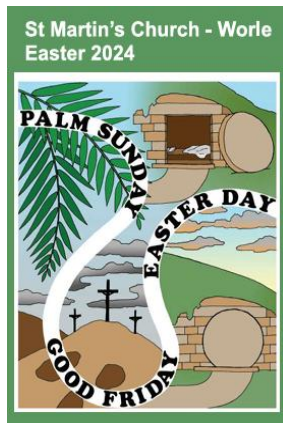
- .As in previous years, during the period of Lent buckets were left in church in which people were invited to put the cash that they saved by forfeiting some of their luxuries during the 40 day period. The collection of £508 was donated to "Somewhere to Go", a local charity supporting the homeless.
- In May 2025 a Garden Party was held at the beginning of Christian Aid week and the monies raised (£154) were passed to that charity.
- Through the generosity of members of the congregation, we have been able to supply the local Foodbank throughout the year with some of the goods that they require.
- In September buckets were placed in church to receive donations for Great Western Air Ambulance in response to their urgent appeal. We were able to send a donation of £231 as a result.
- At our Harvest Festival we commenced support for Hope Christian Trust which is a small charity based nearby that generates monies for charitable work mainly in educational and cultural establishments both in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories for the development of young people and adults. During the conflict in these areas the Trust has managed to get some food parcels to communities of teachers and parents of the schools that it would regularly support. By means of open donations and a raffle we were able to send £407 to this charity.
- The church held another Christmas Tree Festival in December 2025 which was well attended. The donations received from the congregation and the local community were shared equally between the Weston Hospice and St. Martin's Church.
 - Alongside the sponsored trees was a large Christmas Tree which comprised knitted leaves and when disassembled these were stitched together to provide blankets for the Mission for Seafarers.
- Throughout the year both congregations and visitors made contributions to a carboy (which has reduced to a smaller, less obstructive jar) so that loose change could accumulate to enable us to hold a reserve that could be distributed for the welfare of our Zambian brothers and sisters.
- We are very fortunate that three local primary schools continue to have links with St. Martin's Church. During the year a group from church made regular visits to St. Martin's School where they held Messy Church meetings after school. We hope that we might develop outreach further on various projects for the benefit of our community.

The church congregation and the community surrounding St. Martin's have again responded superbly to the needs of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate and this has enabled us to report positively again on a year's mission and outreach activities.

Neil Adams

Magazine Committee

We have "produced" three magazines this year,



- *Easter.*
- *Harvest Festival.*
- *Christmas.*

Each edition starts with a planning meeting, when the broad outline is agreed, with a window of two-three weeks to prepare the material, which is assembled and proofread, before the pages are then sent to the printers.

For our two major print editions, 3,500 copies, the members gather in Church on a Friday morning, to place the magazines into recyclable paper bags for each road. Then the wider Church family takes over and distributes the magazines to every house in the Parish.

We are always looking for new contributions, so please do contact us.

The Church magazine is an important part of our mission, in bringing the Good News to the Parish

Rev Jon Ormrod, John Bingham, Rosie Davies, Barbara Perkins, Margaret Smith, Carol Savill,

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical
Parish of Worle: Saint Martin.**

(Registered Charity Number 1209788)

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Period ended 31st December 2025**

Introduction

The Church Community at St Martin's is committed to sharing the love of Jesus in the Worle community and to grow in God's love. Our vision is



St Martin's has a 900-year history of serving the people of Worle, with 2025 marking our 900-year anniversary. The church building is located on the hill above the High Street. As the "village" of Worle has grown significantly in the past 40 years, the greater area of Worle has been split into 3 Parishes; St Martin's is the Parish Church for the area within the centre of the original Worle village, extending northwards towards Worlebury Hill and southwards to parts of Mead Vale. A map of our Parish can be found on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Aim and purposes

The aim of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to co-operate with the clergy team and licensed ministers in promoting, within the parish, the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the church building.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to bring the love of Christ to all people both within the community of the Church and across the wider community of Worle.

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through a mixture of prayer, scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits, and particularly the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We aim to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; sharing the sacraments; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Martin's.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

All are welcome to attend our regular services as stated in our vision (see introduction)

At present there are 81 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, which represents a significant growth from 62 on the previous roll. The average weekly attendance counted during October was 70, but this increases at festivals.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We celebrated 13 baptisms, 1 wedding and 10 funerals at our Church building, as well as a further 7 funerals at the local crematorium this year.

Whilst the number of young (under 16) people regularly attending our services remains low, the Church maintains close contact with the three Primary schools within the Parish, whose children visit and take part in various services at the church building during the year, especially for the main Church festivals. A group of Church members attend our Church School (St Martin's CofE Primary) to deliver "Messy Church" once per term, which is well received by the staff and pupils.

Deanery Synod (Locking Deanery)

Two members of the PCC, together with the Rev Jon Ormrod, sit on the deanery synod, providing the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Our elected representatives are:

- Yvonne Criddle
- Grace Rubery

Synod has met three times during the year at different venues across the area. Unfortunately, the dates of first two meetings clashed with our own PCC meetings, however, the outline of events for these meetings were

- Area Dean's Report, Activity -dream of what God's plans are for our community
- Appointment of Rev Caroline Deakin, vicar of St Peter's Milton, Milton with Mead Vale as Area Dean by the Bishop of Bath & Wells.
- Election of Debbie Routley as Lay Assistant Dean
- Election of Revds. David Gent, Sam Healey, Andrew Hemmings as DMPG clergy representatives

October Meeting – held at Christ Church, in Weston-super-Mare,

- Area Dean's report.
- A presentation of the chaplaincy at the Magistrates Court
- Deanery Questionnaire (a more detailed review will appear in our APCM booklet).

Fabric

The Fabric Committee is a subgroup of the PCC. It is made up of a chairman, a secretary and normally six members of the church. Not all are members of the PCC, they bring with them different skills, not only for maintenance work but with their concerns about the building.

The group looks at the challenges of maintaining St Martin's and have an insight to the heating system, fire equipment, security, and general maintenance. Also, it has responsibility for Health and Safety, PAT Testing and associated annual tasks. They also look at the work and maintenance in the upper churchyard. Our architect carried out a Quinquennial inspection at the end of 2024 and we received their report during June 2025. We employed Ellis & Company to undertake the remedial action identified including repointing, repairs to roof and gulleys, which were completed in

November at a cost of £6,840. We have applied through the Listed Places of Worship scheme for recovery of the VAT element of Ellis invoice during 2026.

The PCC / Fabric team also consider our "Eco Footprint" and to these ends have explored the installation of Infrared Heaters under the gallery for meetings without using the main church gas fired heating system. An installation is expected to proceed in 2026.

Mission

The Mission Group was formed to promote the church's activities in mission and outreach, both locally and further afield. The Mission Giving Group, comprising three members of the PCC and one lay member, met three times during the year under review.

Events organized / organisations supported during the year included:

- A cream tea to raise funds for Christian Aid.
- Sponsor a child (Sergio) through Compassion UK.
- Diocesan link with Zambia.
- Work with Hands of Compassion in provision of education in the central diocese of Zambia.
- Weston Foodbank and "Somewhere to Go" with donations of food on a regular basis, blankets following the Christmas Tree festival, as well as a cash donation from our Lent "bucket" collections.
- During September buckets were placed in church to receive donations for Great Western Air Ambulance in response to their urgent appeal.
- At our Harvest Festival we commenced support for Hope Christian Trust which is a small charity based nearby that generates monies for charitable work mainly in educational and cultural establishments both in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories for the development of young people and adults.
- The monies raised at the Christmas Tree festival 2025 were shared with Weston Hospicecare.

Our Parish magazine at Easter, Harvest and Christmas was distributed to all households in the Parish, together with our local primary schools. The magazine keeps everybody informed of all the activities of the Church and ensures that we promote the whole mission of the Church.

Financial Review

Our General Unrestricted Fund showed a surplus for the year of £820, which is a significant improvement compared to budget. This reflects strong planned giving and Church running expenses closely monitored.

The General Fund at the year-end was £31,904.

The PCC committed to paying 100% of our Parish Share for 2025, and this was achieved. During 2024 the Diocesan Synod approved a new way of calculating Parish Share for 2025, based on costs of ministry. The full costs will be phased over five years, following consultation across the Diocese, recognizing many parishes (like our own) will see significant increase. The PCC has committed to payment in full our 2026 Parish Share as requested by the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF).

As with all Churches we have had to manage our operating costs very carefully. With our energy advisors we have now fixed our energy contracts through to September 2026, providing short term stability, whilst we investigate options beyond that date.

During the year the Church has held monthly events celebrating our 900-year anniversary, of which more detail is in our Annual Report booklet. These events included celebrations of our Christian Ministry of Baptism and Weddings as well as All Saints (and Angels) and Remembrance. Whilst the events were not specifically aimed to be fundraising, they did in fact raise a significant amount placed into a designated fund, which we aim to put towards the cost of upgrading our PA / VDU system in 2026.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equate to at least three months' unrestricted payments. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet any cost of emergencies.

Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding policy follows guidelines laid down by the Bath and Wells Diocese. Safeguarding is a standing item at each PCC meeting. All members of the PCC have received relevant training and have DBS checks completed.

Structure, governance, and management

The method of appointment of PCC members (Trustees) is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Martin's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC has met bi-monthly during the period ending 31 December 2025.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has formed a number of committees, comprising of both PCC and non-PCC members each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life:

- Fabric
- IT, PA & VDU Equipment
- Magazine
- Ministry Team
- Mission Giving
- Social
- Standing
- 900 Year Celebrations including Christmas Tree festival.
- Messy Church

These committees are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes/notes of their meetings and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Martin's Church is situated on the hill above Worle Village in Weston-super-Mare. It is part of

the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Martin's Church, Church Road, Worle BS22 9EL. The PCC is a corporate body (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and is a registered charity (Registered Charity Number 1209788) with the Charity Commission. PCC members who have served during this period are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Jon Ormrod (Chairman)
- Preb.Dr.Gilly Bunce
- Churchwardens: Paul Elliott (Vice Chairman), Jill Preddy

Elected members:

- Yvonne Criddle representative on Deanery Synod (from APCM 2023)
- Lesley Faulkner
- Barbara Perkins
- Mark Preddy (Treasurer)
- Ann Butt
- Rosie Davis
- Margaret Smith
- Wendy Staff
- Grace Rubery representative on Deanery Synod (from APCM 2023)
- John Chapman (Appointed at APCM 2025)
- Keith Stenner (Appointed at APCM 2025)

Approved by the PCC on the 18th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by Rev. Jonathan Ormrod (Vicar and PCC Chairman)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARTINS

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Martins for the 12 months ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Martins are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for Independent Examination it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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 unqualified 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:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Martins as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. 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.

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21st March 2026

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St Martin's Church
Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31st December 2025
Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Receipts	3a					
Planned giving		46,697	-	-	46,697	44,279
Collections at services		8,215	-	-	8,215	6,242
All other giving		5,078	1,742	8,422	15,242	10,321
Grants		-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Recovered		14,072	250	268	14,590	12,420
		74,062	1,992	8,690	84,744	73,262
Activities for Generating Funds	3b	248	5,536	1,595	7,379	3,765
Investment Income/Interest	3c	3,577	89	407	4,073	2,957
Church Activities	3d	5,904	-	3,002	8,906	26,171
Other Receipts	3e	158	-	-	158	720
Total Receipts		83,949	7,617	13,694	105,260	106,875
Payments						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		56,255	-	-	56,255	47,388
Salaries, wages & honoraria	4a	5,097	80	-	5,177	12,678
Clergy and staff expenses	4b	557	-	-	557	954
Mission giving and donations	4c	644	525	3,735	4,904	4,246
Church Vacation	4d	-	-	2,775	2,775	20,129
Cost of generating funds		-	2,084	59	2,143	
Church Expenses						
Church Running Expenses	4e	12,299	60	9,018	21,377	11,632
Church Utility Bills	4f	3,584	-	-	3,584	2,597
Weddings & Funerals		4,693	-	-	4,693	4,164
Churchyard Costs						240
Total Payments		83,129	2,749	15,587	101,465	104,028
Surplus / (Deficit)		820	4,868	(1,893)	3,795	2,847
Transfers between funds		(476)	(2,126)	2,602	-	-
		344	2,742	709	3,795	2,847
Cash at Bank & in hand 1 Jan		31,560	11,170	26,816	69,546	66,699
Cash at Bank & in hand 31 Dec		31,904	13,912	27,525	73,341	69,546

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Lloyds Current Account	5a	(2,870)	2,263	5,900	5,293	5,389
Lloyds Deposit Account		34,774	11,649	17,723	64,146	60,533
Nat West Current Account-V & C		-	-	210	210	1,959
Nat West Reserve Account-V& C		-	-	3,692	3,692	1,665
		31,904	13,912	27,525	73,341	69,546
		31,904	13,912	27,525	73,341	69,546

Notes

- The receipts and payments reflect the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.
- The financial statements of the St Martin's Church have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

3. Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
a. Voluntary Receipts					
Gift Aided Banker's Orders	27,934	-	-	27,934	25,228
Gift Aided Envelopes	14,043	-	-	14,043	14,043
One Off Gift Aided Donations	1,075	-	-	1,075	2,562
Non- Gift Aided Banker's Orders	2,420	-	-	2,420	2,120
Non-Gift Aided Envelopes	2,300	-	-	2,300	2,888
One Off Non-Gift Aided Donations	4,003	1,742	8,422	14,167	7,759
Collections at Services	8,215	-	-	8,215	6,242
HMRC Gift Aid	14,072	250	268	14,590	12,420
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	74,062	1,992	8,690	84,744	73,262
b. Activities for Generating Funds					
Funds Generated from Activities	248	5,536	1,595	7,379	3,765
Fetes etc	-	-	-	-	-
	248	5,536	1,595	7,379	3,765
c. Investment Income/Bank Interest					
Investment Income	3,304	-	-	3,304	1,989
Bank Interest	273	89	407	769	968
	3,577	89	407	4,073	2,957
d. Church Activities					
Weddings, Funerals etc	5,904	-	-	5,904	7,838

Church Vacation

-	-	3,002	3,002	18,333
5,904	-	3,002	8,906	26,171

e. Other ReceiptsSundries
Bible Notes

-	-	-	-	-
158	-	-	158	720
158	-	-	158	720

4. Payments

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
a. Salaries, Wages & Honoraria						
Staff Costs		4,374	-	-	4,374	11,041
Payroll Costs		120	-	-	120	235
Relief Organist		391	80	-	471	194
HMRC – PAYE/NIC		42	-	-	42	1,208
Gratuities & Honoraria		170	-	-	170	-
		5,097	80	-	5,177	12,678
b. Clergy and Staff Expenses						
Clergy		557	-	-	557	935
Other Clergy Expenses		-	-	-	-	7
Reader Expenses		-	-	-	-	12
		557	-	-	557	954
c. Mission: Giving & Donations						
Missionary Societies		-	525	1,068	1,593	798
Relief & Development Agencies		-	-	328	328	-
Home Mission		644	-	2,339	2,983	3,248
Community Outreach		-	-	-	-	200
		644	525	3,735	4,904	4,246
d. Mission & Evangelism Costs						
Church Vacation Costs		-	-	2,775	2,775	20,129
		-	-	2,775	2,775	20,129
e. Church Running Expenses						
Church Office		24	-	69	93	237
Cleaning		39	-	-	39	220
Copyright Licence		812	-	-	812	901
Insurance		2,146	-	-	2,146	1,889
Health & Safety		-	-	-	-	10
Magazine		1,635	-	-	1,635	1,531
Organ Tuning & repair		300	-	-	300	627
Safeguarding		-	-	-	-	44
Subscriptions		501	-	-	501	655
Telephone		312	-	-	312	364
Sundries		-	-	117	117	72
Training		415	-	-	415	-
Upkeep of Services		885	-	-	885	1,234
Web Hosting		272	-	-	272	60

	Bank Charges	718	-	-	718	639
	Outsourced Bookkeeping	285	-	-	285	240
	Governance Costs	60	-	-	60	60
	Giving Envelopes	129	-	-	129	237
	Other Expenditure	-	60	-	60	-
	Maintenance General	1,605	-	-	1,605	1,706
	Maintenance Prof Fees	1,074	-	-	1,074	-
	Maintenance Project A	-	-	8,832	8,832	-
	Maintenance – Alarm	1,087	-	-	1,087	906
	Maintenance	12,299	60	9,018	21,377	11,632
f.	Church Utility Bills					
	Electricity	2,155	-	-	2,155	1,305
	Gas	1,429	-	-	1,429	1,292
		3,584	-	-	3,584	2,597

5. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£		£	£	£
a.	Cash Accounts					
	Lloyds Current Account	(2,870)	2,263	5,900	5,293	5,389
	General Fund	(2,870)	-	-	(2,870)	(2,940)
	Specific Collections Fund	-	-	411	411	936
	Upkeep of Services Fund	-	-	552	552	552
	Zambia Mission Fund	-	-	1,051	1,051	973
	Office Print Fund	-	-	570	570	339
	Bells Fund	-	-	1,019	1,019	519
	Fabric Fund	-	-	1,601	1,601	1,614
	Vacation Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	Choir Members Fund	-	-	696	696	665
	Flag Fund	-	-	-	-	766
	Sheonagh Ormrod Fund	-	-	-	-	1,045
	900 Year Celebrations	-	2,263	-	2,263	920
	Worle United Charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Lloyds Deposit Account	34,774	11,649	17,723	64,146	60,533
	General Fund	34,774	-	-	34,774	34,501
	Major Repair Fund	-	7,641	-	7,641	10,250
	Youth Fund	-	-	15,909	15,909	15,782
	Flag Fund	-	-	767	767	-
	Sheonagh Ormrod Fund	-	-	1,047	1,047	-
	900Year Celebration	-	4,008	-	4,008	-
	Vacation Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	Nat West Current Account-V & C*	-	-	210	210	1,959
	Nat West Reserve Account-V & C*	-	-	3,692	3,692	1,665
		31,904	13,912	27,525	73,341	69,546

6. The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were.

	Bal B/Fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal Cfwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Specific Collections Fund	936	2,304	(2,718)	(110)	412

Upkeep of Services Fund	552	-	-	-	552
Zambia Mission Fund	973	378	(300)	-	1,051
Office Print Fund	339	300	(69)	-	570
Bells Fund	519	500.00	-	-	1,019
Fabric Fund	1,614	6,056	(9,008)	2,940	1,602
Vacation Fund	0	3,002	(2,775)	(227)	0
Choir Members Fund	665	30	-	-	695
Flag Fund	766	1	-	-	767
Sheonagh Ormrod Fund	1,045	2	-	-	1,047
Youth Fund	15,782	127	-	-	15,909
Vicar & Church Wardens	3,624	277	-	-	3,901
Worle United Charities	-	716	(716)	-	-
Designated Funds					
Major Repairs Fund	10,250	80	-	(2,690)	7,640
900 Year Celebrations	920	7,537	(2,749)	564	6,272

7. Purpose and Restrictions of Endowment Funds and Restricted Funds

Specific Collections Fund	Funds established to receive and then distribute monies given in services or appeals that are specifically to go to an external charity or organisation.
Upkeep of Services Fund	To receive donations given specifically for the purchase of bibles and candles given to Baptism candidates.
Zambia Mission Fund	A fund to hold donations made to the parish mission work in Zambia
Office Print Fund	Fund established to receive donations for the print needs of the Church Office
Bells Fund	To receive monies given specifically for the repair of the Bells of the Church.
Fabric Fund	To receive monies given from time to time specifically for the maintenance of the fabric of the Church
Vacation Fund	To receive monies for the "Church Holiday". And make payments for Hotels, travel and visits.
Choir Members Fund	To receive monies from Choir members to be used for the Music sheets, robes and other choir activities.
Flag Fund	To receive monies donated for expenditure on Flags , Flag Post, ropes and accessories.
Sheonagh Ormrod Fund	A fund to be used by the Church in accordance with the wishes of the family.
Youth Fund	To receive donations for the provision of Youth Work at the Church.
Vicar & Church Wardens	A fund to be used by the Vicar & Church Wardens in accordance with the various wishes of donors.
Worle United Charities	A fund set to receive and distribute the closing funds for the charity

8. Investment Funds

- In the 1960's the former Parish sold St Martin's churchyard, Worle and the monies raised are held by the Diocese as Managing Trustee, invested in CCLA Church of England Investment Trust Fund., on the provision that the PCC would receive the income from the investment for its general works, but was unable to make use of the capital.
- In the 1960's the former parish sold Glebe Land at Rickett's Lane in Worle, and the Church Commissioners allowed the monies raised to be available to the PCC for the St Mark's building project, with the proviso that the sale price was recovered by making annual instalments of £129.50.
- During 2024, having recovered more than the original sum advanced, the PCC applied for an Order from the Charity Commission to transfer the balance on the "Glebe Land" account to the CCLA Church of England Investment account referred to above. The order was granted and the monies transferred. The PCC now receives the income from these monies for its general works.

9. Worle United Charities

- During the year, the PCC agreed to receive the closing funds from the Charity and to distribute to beneficiaries. The Trustees of the Charity were former incumbents and Officers of the Church, together with a representative of the Weston Town Council. Dating back to 1925, the Charity's income was derived from four small investments, which were sold in 1994, and a lump sum of £434.63 received.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARTINS

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Martins for the 12 months ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC of St Martins are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed. The Charity is preparing Receipts and Payments Accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for Independent Examination it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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 unqualified 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:

- a. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC of St Martins as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- b. 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.

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