



The Parochial Church Council of St George, Brockworth

Registered Charity Number 1213020

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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ST GEORGE, BROCKWORTH - PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Aims and purposes

St George's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Reverend Mike Smith, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St George's. The PCC assists the Vicar with its advice on the worship and ordering of services and considers how services can involve the many groups that live within our parish.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance, repair and improvement of St George's Church, the churchyard and the Church Centre in Court Road, Brockworth.

When planning our activities for the year, the Vicar and the PCC are mindful of our mission statement. This was reviewed and updated by the PCC during the year - "to grow through faith, prayer and worship in Brockworth, to make committed followers of Jesus". The PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, we try to enable all people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer; 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.

Achievements and performance

Worship and Prayer -

The worshipping team currently consists of a Vicar, a retired priest and lay leaders.

We offer a variety of formal and informal worship gatherings throughout the week and the year. The whole community is welcomed at any of these gatherings, which offer a warm pastoral welcome and are spiritually fulfilling.

Regular services are held at St George's Church, St George's Church Centre and the Church Centre Chapel. The Church Centre is situated more centrally within the community and is equipped with toilets, water and sufficient heating.

Throughout 2025, a regular pattern of Sunday services has been maintained, featuring a 9am Parish Eucharist in the Church and a 10.30am less formal Family Worship gathering in the Church Centre. The 10.30am gathering provides childrens' groups for KS1 and KS2.

Additionally, a regular weekday Holy Communion service is held in the Church Centre Chapel on Wednesdays at 9.45am. There is also a monthly communion service held at Millbrook Lodge, a local residential care home.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals were also conducted in St George's Church.

Mid-week worship is expressed through our Monday and Wednesday home groups, meeting weekly to share Bible study, prayer and fellowship together.

We send a weekly newsletter via email and have a few hard copies available. We also promote services, events and activities on our Facebook page, Instagram, YouTube, and in our monthly magazine and on our website.

Additional services are held during Holy week, Easter, Advent and Christmas. An All Souls service is offered to the local community.

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Contact with the local community primary school has grown through regular interactions and invitations to participate in their RE activities, as well as in the Christmas and Easter assemblies held at the Church and the school.

All our services are welcoming and inclusive, and we are constantly striving to improve our connections with the wider community.

Church Membership -

At the Annual Parish Church Meeting in May 2025, there were 76 members on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2025, was 24 at the 9.00am and 33 at the 10.30am Sunday services. Total attendance for the Easter services was 80, for the Christmas Eve family service 120, for the midnight communion service 97 and for Christmas Day 28.

Occasional Offices -

These serve as a significant source of mission and outreach. In 2025, we have celebrated 9 infant and 1 adult baptisms with several families continuing to worship with us following their baptisms. Two weddings took place in the Church, and twelve funerals were held there, with an additional six at the crematorium conducted by members of the Gloucester Funerals team.

Pastoral care -

Pastoral demand continues to be significant, and this work is carried by a small pastoral team.

Our shared coffee gathering continues to grow as the 9am and 10.30am congregations are encouraged to gather together. Whilst noise at coffee time remain a challenge, we are seeking creative ways forward, recognising how valueable this time is for building connection across our two services.

Bring-and-share lunches continues to be important, though constraints relating to time, space and volunteer capacity reduce the frequency with which it can be delivered.

The PCC is still without Churchwardens, which has significantly impacted on the day to day priorities and some of the longer term projects.

Mission and evangelism -

Good Friday Messy Church continued another good gathering of local families.

Plans to use the land around St George's Church Centre - the project was paused due to changing parameters and changes within the diocesan project team. More recently, the Archdeacon of Cheltenham along with a Diocesan Director of Development have been in touch to reconnect and explore restarting this conversation.

The congregation continue to donate used greeting cards to support the Cobalt Unit at Cheltenham, used postage stamps to support the James Hopkins Trust, old jewellery for the Alzheimers Society, old spectacles for Sightsavers and empty ink cartridges for LINC..

For the second year, St George's partnered with the Brockworth Link, the United Reformed Church and the local Brockworth youth group, to deliver a summer of children's activities. We collaborated with Brockworth Parish Council and Brockworth Link for the Christmas fair, and we organised our popular Christmas tree festival.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to parishioners and is available at the Church Centre, Brockworth Community Centre and the local library. It can also be read on St George's website.

Ecumenical relationships -

Contact with fellow Christians around Brockworth is maintained through the womans prayer group, a Good Friday walk of witness, and the World Day of Prayer.

Fabric, St George's Church and Church Centre -

General maintenance continued in 2025 on both the Church and the Church Centre.

The recommendations arising from the architect's quinquennial of October 2021, continued to be worked through.

Various cracks within the church are monitored on an ongoing basis, and the building remains in a reasonable state of repair. A dedicated working group is now being established to focus specifically on the care and oversight of the church fabric.

The redecoration cycle at the Church Centre continued with the main hall repainted.

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Review of financial activities

The receipts on unrestricted funds were £111,273 and on restricted funds were £5,555 which resulted in a net surplus on the movement of funds of £19,388.

Income is derived mainly from regular giving by church members using the Parish Giving Scheme or the weekly envelope scheme, collections at church services and other donations. A significant number of regular gifts are made by Gift Aid, this totalled £10,508 in the year. A number of fund raising events were held during the year, raising £3,893. Income also included Church Centre lettings of £17,032 and the feed in tariff from the solar panels on the Church Centre raised £2,366. We also received a legacy of £18,000 which the PCC has designated to communications development and upgrading the Church Centre.

The total payments in the year from unrestricted funds were £95,014 and £2,426 from the restricted funds. The largest item of expenditure, £60,438 was Parish Share which is a payment to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance to enable it to provide the parish with clergy and support services.

The PCC continues to invest fund balances in the Church of England CBF Deposit Fund.

Reserves Policy

It is a PCC policy to maintain a balance on the general unrestricted fund which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £20,000. This is covered by the cash and deposit balances which also cover the unrestricted but designated funds shown in note 16.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The PCC completed the process of registration with the Charity Commission for England and Wales during the year, as required by our level of income. Registered charity number is 1213020.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St George's, the membership of the PCC consists of the vicar and assistant ministers, churchwardens, readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend church are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC meet every other month through the year, between these meetings business is transacted by the Standing Committee comprising the vicar, churchwardens, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary.

The Staff team meet regularly to plan duties and discuss current issues.

Deanery Synod -

The Vicar and two elected members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

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Administrative information

St George's Church is situated in Court Road, Brockworth. It is part of the Diocese of Gloucester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St George's Office, St George's Church Centre, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4ET.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

	<i>Name</i>	<i>serving</i>
Ex Officio members -		
Vicar	The Reverend Mike Smith (Chair)	
Churchwardens	currently vacant	
Elected members -		
Deanery Synod	Mrs Elizabeth Ashenden Mrs Elizabeth Hopkins Mr David Hopkins	to May 2025 from May 2025 from May 2025
PCC	Dr Derek Conaty Mrs Sue Conaty Mrs Rachel Green (Electoral Roll Officer) Mr Derek Harbottle (Treasurer) Mrs Pat Hartwell (Vice-chair) Mr David Hopkins Mrs Elizabeth Hopkins Mrs Elaine Marsh (Secretary) Mr John Mayne Mrs Allyson Morgan Mrs Claire Otter Mr Tom Poulton Mrs Sarah Smith Mrs Linda Vogwell	from May 2025 from May 2025 to May 2025 to May 2025 to May 2025
PCC Secretary	Mrs Elaine Marsh, St George's Office, Church Centre, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4ET	
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Rachel Green, St George's Office, Church Centre, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4ET	
Church Administrator	Mrs Victoria Bishop, St George's Office, Church Centre, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4ET	
Independent Examiner:	Harper Sheldon, Chartered Accountants, Midway House, Staverton Technology Park, Herrick Way, Staverton, Cheltenham, GL51 6TQ	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc, 19 Eastgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1NJ	

Approved by the PCC on 9th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Mrs Pat Hartwell
PCC Vice-Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH BROCKWORTH

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

This report is made solely to the PCC in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the PCC those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC for my examination work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the 2011 Act do not apply.

It is our responsibility:

- To examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of this report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2013 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1 which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Harper Sheldon
Chartered Accountants
Midway House,
Staverton Technology Park,
Herrick Way,
Staverton,
Cheltenham
GL51 6TQ**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 £
	<i>Note</i>				
INCOME					
Fees	3	4,967		4,967	3,499
Giving	4	76,984	3,485	80,469	51,616
Bank interest received	6	1,359		1,359	1,531
Fund Raising	7	3,893		3,893	6,508
Other Receipts	8	6,501	2,070	8,571	29,897
Church Centre Lettings	9	17,185		17,185	14,701
Magazine sales & advertising		384		384	346
TOTAL INCOME		111,273	5,555	116,828	108,098
EXPENDITURE					
Parish Share		60,438		60,438	59,080
Church Expenses	10	7,213		7,213	5,850
Parish Office Expenses	11	13,917		13,917	11,900
Other Expenses	12	5,480		5,480	3,676
Church Centre Expenses	13	6,695		6,695	5,351
Charitable Donations	14	310	2,426	2,736	101
Church and Centre Restoration Works	15	961		961	28,978
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		95,014	2,426	97,440	114,936
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		16,259	3,129	19,388	(6,838)
Total funds brought forward		35,045	11,523	46,568	53,406
Total funds carried forward		51,304	14,652	65,956	46,568

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31 December 2025

	<i>Note</i>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 £
MONETARY ASSETS					
CBF Deposit Fund		17,982	14,652	32,634	31,275
Lloyds Bank Accounts		29,225		29,225	13,282
Cash Float		48		48	54
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS		47,255	14,652	61,907	44,611
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and Prepayments		7,834		7,834	8,356
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		55,089	14,652	69,741	52,967
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors		2,565		2,565	3,523
Fees received in advance		1,220		1,220	2,876
		3,785	0	3,785	6,399
NET ASSETS		51,304	14,652	65,956	46,568
FUNDS					
Unrestricted (general fund)	16	17,519		17,519	17,782
Unrestricted (designated funds)	16	33,785		33,785	17,263
Restricted funds	16		14,652	14,652	11,523
		51,304	14,652	65,956	46,568

The financial statements were approved by the PCC on 9th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Mrs Pat Hartwell
PCC Vice-Chair

Derek Harbottle
PCC Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

2 Accounting Policies

The financial statements include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

These accounts are prepared on an income and expenditure basis.

Restricted funds must be used for the purpose for which the money was given or donated.

General funds represent unrestricted money that can be used for the general charitable purposes of the PCC.

Designated funds represent unrestricted money that has been earmarked for a specific purpose by the PCC. This money may be re-designated by the PCC at any time.

3 Fees	2025	2024
	£	£
PCC fees for occasional services - weddings, funerals etc.	4,967	3,499

4 Giving	2025	2024
	£	£
Collections in Church	2,378	2,013
Planned giving	30,679	33,302
Gift Aid	10,506	10,532
Legacies & grants	29,635	0
General donations	3,419	2,146
Specific donations - Local Impact Fund	3,485	0
For Messy church	0	1,680
For Church Centre kitchen upgrade	0	1,788
Missions Fund income and collections	367	155
	80,469	51,616

5 Income Tax Recovered

The figure shown in the Income and Expenditure Account includes the claim for Gift Aid from HMRC for the year ended 31 December 2025 and an additional amount claimed under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme for the year ended 5th April 2025.

6 Investment Income	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,359	1,531

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7 Fund Raising

	2025	2024
	£	£
Spring Fair/plant sale	177	952
Christmas fair	1,321	1,603
Toddler Group	0	775
Tea Dances	1,453	1,919
Musical evenings	0	886
Ice cream Sundae	533	0
Smartie tubes	12	8
Christmas tree festival	110	232
Other events	287	108
	3,893	6,483
100 Club Income (closed December 2023)	0	25
	3,893	6,508

8 Other Receipts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Enovert Community Trust	0	20,000
Solar panels FIT	2,366	2,067
Gloucester DBF - missions grant	885	2,830
Hibicus Project	250	0
Brockworth Church Charity	3,000	5,000
Bellringers	2,070	0
	8,571	29,897

9 Church Centre Lettings

	2025	2024
	£	£
Regular lettings	14,135	11,089
Occassional lettings	2,897	3,212
Donations from hall users	153	400
	17,185	14,701

10 Church Expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Service supplies	228	520
Ministers expenses	705	827
Organists	770	810
Printing and stationery	110	168
Electricity	846	390
Insurance	3,050	2,913
General maintenance	881	25
Churchyard upkeep	581	107
Payaz donation equipment	42	90
	7,213	5,850

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11 Parish Office Expenses	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	11,153	9,713
Telephone & internet	602	587
Computer & Photocopier	1,831	1,159
Post and stationery	331	441
	13,917	11,900
12 Other Expenses	2025	2024
	£	£
Licences	440	475
PCC secretary	3,700	2,429
Payroll costs	158	89
Fund raising costs	0	473
Childrens summer project	1,097	0
Miscellaneous	85	210
	5,480	3,676
13 Church Centre Expenses	2025	2024
	£	£
Ground rent	1,300	1,300
Water	640	377
Gas & Electricity	1,968	1,280
General maintenance	1,186	1,211
Cleaner's wages	1,534	1,085
Cleaning materials	67	98
	6,695	5,351
14 Charitable Donations	2025	2024
	£	£
Brockworth Food Larder	130	101
Toilet twinning project	180	0
Local Impact Fund projects	2,426	0
	2,736	101
15 Church and Centre restoration works	2025	2024
	£	£
Church Centre kitchen upgrade	0	26,703
Church Centre LED lights	0	2,275
	822	
	139	
	961	28,978

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16 Detail of Funds movement

	Balance 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31 Dec 2025
Unrestricted -					
General Fund	17,782	92,906	-93,169		17,519
Unrestricted (designated) -					
Missions	1,015	367	-310		1,072
Bells	2,004				2,004
Church Restoration	10,854		-822		10,032
Centre maintenance	3,390				3,390
Legacy	0	18,000	-713		17,287
	17,263	18,367	-1,845	0	33,785
Restricted -					
Bells	2,327	2,070			4,397
Church Restoration	7,950				7,950
Local Impact Fund	1,246	3,485	-2,426		2,305
	11,523	5,555	-2,426	0	14,652
Totals	46,568	116,828	-97,440	0	65,956

ST GEORGE, BROCKWORTH - PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**for the year ended 31 December 2025****THE BROCKWORTH PARISH CHURCH CHARITY ACCOUNTS****PERMANENT ENDOWMENT**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2025	118,358	115,395
Transfer from Managing Trustees	2,963	2,963
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>121,321</u>	<u>118,358</u>

MANAGING TRUSTEES ACCOUNT

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2025	16,000	18,187
Interest on Permanent Endowment Investment	4,404	4,755
Interest on Managing Trustees Deposit	<u>804</u>	<u>1,021</u>
	21,208	23,963
Less transfer to Permanent Endowment	2,963	2,963
Less transfer to PCC account	3,000	5,000
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>15,245</u>	<u>16,000</u>

Notes

In December 2017, the funds representing the Permanent Endowment were invested in the CBF Church of England UK Equity Fund, previously deposited in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

In June 2026, following the closure of the above fund, the Permanent Endowment was invested with the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

On 31st December 2025, the mid market value of the Permanent Endowment was £139,582 (2024 - £138,533).