

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HINGHAM CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 267241

Details

Other names THE CHURCH ESTATE, ST ANDREWS HINGHAM

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1974-04-19

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

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) as set out in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measures 1956.

Activities: Provision of Christian Services and worship. Enabling baptisms weddings and funerals Serving the local community Connecting with the history and heritage of the church and community Encouraging Christian discipleship and commitment Christian pastoral ministry to those of all ages but particularly children and the elderly Support of the bereaved

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF HINGHAM
- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£67,514	£67,948	-	-
2024-12-31	£95,456	£91,155	-	-
2023-12-31	£79,163	£41,309	-	-
2022-12-31	£47,512	£60,721	-	-
2021-12-31	£46,452	£41,309	-	-
2020-12-31	£40,441	£47,371	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Richard James Anthony Till	Chair	2021-05-16
Caroline McKenzie Money		2021-05-16
Christopher Paul Turner		2018-04-25
DR DALE SOUTHALL PHD		
Elaine Skelly		2021-05-16
Gillian Else		2016-04-20
NICOLA ANN TRETT		2014-03-21
Rev PETER TRETT		
Rev Victoria Venmore-Rowland		2024-09-24
Stephanie Murfitt		2022-06-01

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Hingham Parochial Church Council



St Andrew's Church
Hingham

Report for the APCM, 10 May 2026
For the year ending 31st December 2025

The Parish of Hingham
Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 10 May 2026 at 11am

AGENDA – Meeting of Parishioners

Please note; All residents of the Parish of Hingham, together with non-residents on the Church Electoral Roll, are welcome to vote on Item 2. Voting on all other items is restricted to those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll.

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 4. Election of Churchwardens. (Priest in Charge).
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 - 3.2 Annual Report (Churchwarden)
 - 3.3 Financial statement and Accounts (Treasurer)
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1. Background

Priest in charge; Revd Victoria Venmore-Rowland

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The Hingham Parish is part of the High Oak, Hingham, Scoulton with Woodrising Benefice. It is noted that the Diocese is planning an amalgamation with The Shellrock Group and we have already started working together e.g. one service rota for the new Benefice area, one Benefice newsletter, one combined Lent course.

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Bankers; Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner; Sarah Drewery

2. Priest in Charge's Report

Dear Friends,

A whole year has now passed, and I continue to give thanks for the life and energy of St. Andrew's, Hingham. As the largest church in the benefice, St. Andrew's plays a significant and visible role in the life of the town, and it has been a privilege to share in that ministry over the past year.

St. Andrew's continues to excel as a place of welcome. This is evident in our regular worship, but also very clearly in the much-loved Paws for Coffee gatherings, where dogs (and their people) are warmly received. These moments of informal hospitality are an important part of our witness, helping people to see that the church is truly open and accessible to all.

Recently I came across a question asking why people come to church. We no longer live in an age where people are socially obliged to attend, nor do we seek to draw people in through fear (thank goodness!). Instead, the church is called to meet people where they are and to respond to real human need. What do people need, and what can we faithfully offer? This is a question I have been reflecting on throughout the year.

In Hingham, one clear need is for people to know that the church is there for them at life's significant moments. St. Andrew's continues to serve the community faithfully through the

occasional offices. This year we have supported a good number of weddings and funerals, along with several baptisms. It is always a privilege to accompany families at these important times, and it is clear that St. Andrew's holds a valued place in the spiritual and communal life of the town.

Alongside this, there is also a strong appetite for community gathering. The concerts hosted in church this year have been very successful, well attended, and warmly received. They have enriched the cultural life of Hingham and drawn many new people through our doors. The parish calendar likewise attracted interest from across the town and has brought in much-needed funds, and this has been a real achievement for all involved.

Worship continues faithfully and sustains a committed congregation. Our 8am BCP service continues to attract its own congregation, with a few new additions through the year, and Messy Church is flourishing. We are hoping to build on this and work towards integrating the congregation into other parts of church life.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we hope to build further momentum around the Ringers' Floor project, enabling the welcome return of regular bellringing and adding once again to the life and soundscape of St. Andrew's and the wider town.

In the wider benefice, I am pleased that our efforts to grow more closely together are bearing fruit. Although the formal legal merger has not yet been completed; the wheels of bureaucracy can sometimes turn slowly, I increasingly sense that we are beginning to work and feel like one benefice, working collaboratively for the good of all.

My sincere gratitude goes to our Churchwardens and to all who support the life of St. Andrew's in so many ways behind the scenes, whether by cleaning, organising, preparing rotas, arranging flowers, and faithfully tending to the many practical details that enable us to flourish. Much of this work is unseen, but it is deeply valued and appreciated.

As we look ahead, my prayer is that St. Andrew's will continue to grow as a place of prayer, welcome, and community at the heart of Hingham.

With every blessing,

Tori

3. Churchwarden's Report

For my final report as Churchwarden, I'm delighted to say that 2025 was another good year for St Andrew's. It was a year of consolidation in many areas and growth in others. The PCC met regularly both in person and, where needed, made decisions remotely. Many thanks to all those PCC members who have contributed their time to ensuring the smooth running of the church. At the end of 2025, Peter Trett was elected as the new lay chair as I stood down, and we know we will be in good hands!

Finances remain somewhat stable, with increased contributions to our parish share. We remain grateful for the work of the Tori and the ministry team over the past 12 months. Some services have seen increased attendance, which is excellent news for the future of the church.

Funding raising events have helped to improve our financial position, including the Hingham Calendar competition. We are very grateful to Caroline for her organisation of the excellent Concert series held at St Andrew's Church. The concerts were very well received and plans are already underway to do this again. Work on the ringing floor project continues at the pace these things take. As a reminder, this project will see the ringing floor return to its original level in the tower after a refurbishment of the floor which, along with other works, will allow the Tower Room to be refurbished and provide a warm and inviting space for church and community events. Donations so far are nearing the point at which we will be able to apply to external funders for 'top up' grants, and we hope that 2026 will see significant progress on this project.

My tenure as Churchwarden has seen Colin retire, a longer than hoped for interregnum, followed by the blessing of Tori's arrival. It has been both a difficult period and one of some extremely positive changes in the Church, and as I hand over to a new Churchwarden I am excited to see what further changes are to come!

Dr Richard Till, Churchwarden

4. Occasional Offices Report

During 2025, St Andrew's Church had 1 Baptism, 5 Weddings and 9 Funerals.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

5. Parochial Church Council (PCC) report

The PCC met on 5 occasions in 2025 with 76% attendance. The usual reports were given on Finance, Standing Committee, Facilities Project, fundraising, service planning and the Interregnum.

The PCC agreed the Church Fees for 2025, reviewed the Safeguarding Policy and Plan. The PCC agreed new policies for CCTV, Fire and developed a Liability Waiver Form.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

6. Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll was revised and there was one addition. There are 52 people on the Electoral Roll. 80% are female and 20% are male. 61% are residents and 39% are non-residents.

New members can be added to the Electoral Roll throughout the year. Should you wish to be included please contact Caroline via email; admin@standrewshingham.org.uk.

Elaine Skelly, Electoral Roll Officer

7. Deanery Synod Report

The Thetford and Rockland Deanery Synod meetings were held quarterly in 2025. We were pleased to host the most recent of these at St Andrew's. During these meetings, we heard in quite a lot of detail about the formulation of a new Diocesan Strategy. This has proven to

be quite a controversial topic stimulating a lot of conversation. The aim will be to provide churches in different types of parish with resources suitable for their ministry. Perhaps most relevant for us, was a talk from the Church's Rural Ministry Team, but there were also talks on Children's Ministry as well as a chance to ask questions of the Bishop. The Diocesan Strategy is expected to be published shortly.

Richard Till, Deanery Synod Representative

8. Safeguarding Report

James Hampton is the current Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) of St Andrew's Church, Hingham, and was appointed in January 2025. All Church Officers are up-to-date with their mandatory training and hold a valid certificate from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS). The PCC has ensured compliance with all Level 1 Safeguarding Requirements.

The PCC owns a Parish Safeguarding Plan which is available on our parish website, and in hardcopy on request.

During the reporting period, and pertaining to St Andrew's Church Hingham, no significant safeguarding concerns were raised.

James Hampton, Safeguarding Officer

9. Fabric Report

The organ and fire extinguishers had their annual service. The guttering was inspected, cleared and repaired during the year. The electrics were PAT tested. The terrier was reviewed and updated during the year. The Quinquennial Inspection took place in July 2025.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

10. Ministry in Music Report

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name. Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works." Ps104RSV

Musicians We are fortunate to have the contribution of some very talented musicians at St. Andrew's. We are fortunate that Susan Goode and Dr Richard Till often play the piano at services and are grateful for the singers that lead congregational singing from the front at Dale's services.

Informal Choir The group was formed in October 2008 to contribute music on an occasional basis to services and widen participation. This year the choir contributed two anthems on Easter Sunday and three carols at the Community Carol Service. We thank the members for their commitment and are always seeking to augment numbers.

Services We have a good balance of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs in our main service.

Organ Voluntaryes. I contribute devotional organ music before the main service suitable for the period in the Church's liturgical year, and an organ voluntary afterwards drawn from a

very wide repertory ranging from music from the 1600s to contemporary.

Organ The organ receives two tuning and maintenance from the organ builders Holmes and Swift yearly paid for from the organ fund. We are also grateful to Chris Turner for the wonderful work he does in providing the optimum sound amplification for the singers and readers.

Transport Rota I would like to thank all the generous drivers who assist getting me to church on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

Peter O'Connor, Organist

11. Charities report

10.1 Heritage Fund Charity No: 1071172

Heritage Fund was formed many years ago to raise funds solely for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St. Andrew's Church. In the last year we had a Coffee Morning and a Barbecue – both of which were well supported. However, with fewer Committee Members we are now considering how we move forward.

Peter Trett Acting Chairman

10.2 Thurrold and Payne & Common Allotment Ecclesiastical Charity (Charity No. 244918)

The Thurrold and Payne Charity provides open space for use as allotment gardens and uses income generated from rents to help the poor of the parish of Hingham.

All the allotment plots were let during 2025.

Total income and expenditure (financial year end 31/09/2025);

Income	£2,055.00
Expenditure	£1,561.28

One charitable grant of £642.94 was made during the financial year 2024-2025.

During 2025, the main costs from the maintenance fund were for the following;

The purchase of fence posts	(£57.00)
Sundries for bagging of asbestos waste	(£38.54)
Removal of bagged asbestos waste (East Coast Insulations)	(£354.00)

Summary of conservation work undertaken in 2025;

A quantity of asbestos roofing came to the surface of the northern boundary of the allotment site of plots North 15-16 when a large ash tree was blown down the previous year. We carefully double-bagged everything that we could find, as per instructions from East Coast Insulations, who then collected the bagged waste. Invading bramble was removed from the eastern boundary of the site adjacent to plot South 20. A new stock fence was erected, with a plan to re-instate a native hedge at some point.

Matthew Smoker, Secretary/Treasurer

12. Church Groups

12.1 Flower Arrangers

There is not really lot to report, the new flower cupboard and kitchen are super and much easier to work from. The flowers have looked lovely all year, the flower festival in early July was especially lovely and was well attended and the church looked really good. Hopefully it will become a regular occurrence. Christmas as always the church looked very festive. Funds are as before, a few pence only and flowers are bought by the individual flowers arrangers. Oasis is now provided for us. A move away from oasis is slowly developing nationally, and this is something we will need to consider going forward. Flowers do enhance the church and the volunteer arrangers continue to provide a lovely display

Stephanie Hesse, Flower Arrangers

12.2 Men's Breakfast Group

Held on the first Saturday of each month, we meet at 8:00 a.m., for around an hour. An excellent breakfast is provided by Lincoln's, so we can concentrate on putting the world to rights. In their new premises, we have been able to accommodate even larger numbers, now regularly reaching 20 or more, so everyone is welcome.

Rodney Hall

12.3 Messy Church

Messy Church has been going from strength to strength this year. Building on the excellent foundation by Sue and Janet, we have continued to offer this glorious and chaotic service once a month after school on a Wednesday. Over the past year we have welcomed families to explore faith together through creativity, hospitality and worship in an informal and accessible way.

Attendance has been encouraging, reaching 32 children (and their accompanying adults). It is especially heartening to see children engaging in the activities, and their adults enjoying time for a cup of tea and a chat together. We always finish with a shared hot meal.

Our seasonal themes provide opportunities to tell the Christian story in ways that are interactive and meaningful for those who may not connect with more traditional forms of church. Messy Church continues to be an important and gentle starting point to church life, and we hope that this continues to flourish and bear fruit.

My sincere thanks go to the wonderful team of volunteers who plan, prepare, cook, welcome, craft, clear away, and pray. Messy Church is truly a whole-team effort, and it simply would not happen without your energy, generosity, and good humour.

As we look ahead, we hope to continue building on this momentum, deepening relationships with the families who come and exploring gentle ways to support them in their faith journey. Our next hope is to try and increase the connection between this congregation and other parts of the church, and we plan to have a Messy Baptism in the summer.

With thanks to all involved,

Revd Tori, Messy Church

12.4 Home Group

The group has grown this year with some new members who have added something special to our discussions. We share ideas and study scriptures together in an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality. Grateful thanks to those who have led sessions and we are all aware of how much we have grown together, how much more we have learned about Jesus and how to live in the power of his spirit. We have a prayer time during the evening where we share our concerns about world issues and bring to Jesus those who are on our minds or in our hearts.

Rod and Sue continue to offer us the use of their home for which we are grateful, knowing that they always supply the best biscuits. There is always room for more, (people not biscuits,) and we encourage any who want to deepen fellowship and pray together to come along. It could be a life changing experience.

Dale Southall, Home Group

13. Treasurer's Report

In the Financial Statement for the year ending Dec 2025 we had a year of outgoings and expenses with a large increase in spend on maintenance which included the PAC testing and replacing all the lights bulbs with Led lights which gave us a overall figure at the end of the year a deficit of £433.91.

We had an exceptional year with fundraising for the ringers hall which included the new Calendars, the Concerts and the flower festivals, as always the dog training and paws for coffee brought a large amount of revenue in.

Attached are this years financial activities which we have hopefully simplified this for you all. The reporting monthly and online banking are working well , which gives us more flexibility and transparency.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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St Andrew's Parish Church, Hingham
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investments		
Blackrock Charico Funds	2,500	2,489
M & G Charifund Units	17,327	14,768
CBF Deposit Fund	5,107	5,107
CBF Development Fund	80	80
Total investments	25,014	22,444
Bank Accounts		
Barclays Current	36,263	40,902
Barclays Business Saver	20,155	18,520
Total Bank Accounts	56,418	59,422
Total Assets	81,432	81,866
Representing the following Funds		
Admin	2,554	2,554
Book Sales	841	788
Organist repairs	14,631	14,631
Hand Bells	1,066	1,066
Messy Church	449	776
Ringers Floor	27,824	23,331
	47,365	43,146
Unrestricted Funds		
General	34,067	38,720
Total Assets	81,432	81,866

Notes:

1. The income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 are in accordance with the books and documents presented to me and are a true statement of the net assets as at 31 December 2025.

Auditors Report

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Statement of Activity

St Andrews Church

January-December, 2025

	TOTAL
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Revenue	
Donations and legacies	£4,193.83
Donations - Standing orders	8,610.00
Parish Giving Scheme	466.16
Services	3,685.05
Sum up Daily donations	1,977.58
Total for Donations and legacies	£18,932.62
Fundraising	£2,913.66
Calenders	2,145.00
Concert	0.00
Dog Training	1,190.00
Flower Festival	0.00
Paws for Coffee	1,311.00
Total for Fundraising	£7,559.66
Fundraising events	45.00
Interest Received	1,533.73
Maintenance Income	4,639.00
Parish Clergy income	180.00
Restricted - Book sales	53.50
Restricted Income - Ringers Floor	4,492.50
Restricted - Messy Church	231.00
Telephone Mast	17,795.48
Total for Revenue	£55,462.49
Gross Profit	£55,462.49
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Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	79.99
Computer Costs	126.72
Diocese Fees	1,308.00
Fundraising expense	758.40
Heating and Lighting	19,115.16
Insurances	7,372.79
Maintenance	9,265.20
Office/General Administrative Expenses	408.61
Organist honorarium	3,615.00
Organist/Verger/Tech support Fees	1,525.00
Other Professional Services	75.00
Parish Clergy Expenses	469.26
Parish Share	23,000.00
Restricted - Messy Church Expenses	557.59
Sundries	272.14
Total for Expenditures	£67,948.86
Net Operating Revenue	-£12,486.37
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Other Revenue	
Funerals	5,927.00
Investment Income - Increase in valuation	2,570.46
Weddings	3,805.00
Total for Other Revenue	£12,302.46
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Statement of Activity

St Andrews Church
January-December, 2025

	TOTAL
Other Expenditures	
Charity Payments	250.00
Total for Other Expenditures	£250.00
Net Other Revenue	£12,052.46
Net Revenue	-£433.91

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2. Introduction

Dear Friends,

It is a real joy to be writing my first report for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Having been licensed on 24th September, I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks for the warmth of the welcome you have given not only to me but also to my family. Moving into a new role and a new community can be daunting, but from the very beginning, we have felt at home here, and for that, I am truly grateful.

I know that the vacancy before my arrival was a challenging time, and last year's report reflected the sadness of being without an incumbent. That makes it an even greater privilege and delight to be here now, serving this united benefice of twelve churches and sharing in the life of this community. From my very first days, I have been struck by the faithfulness, dedication, and deep love for Christ that runs through our congregations.

Of course, stepping into a new season of ministry comes with challenges, as does adjusting to change after a time of vacancy. But in the short time I have been here, I have seen how this benefice has weathered transitions with grace and faith. I trust that as we continue to walk together, God will lead us in ways beyond our imagining.

Growing Together

One of the great joys of these past months has been witnessing the ways in which our churches work together, both within the town and across the benefice. In particular, I want

to recognise the wonderful efforts of St. Andrew's, which has been actively engaging in shared ministry with the other churches in Hingham. This spirit of collaboration is something I hope we can continue to build on as we move forward.

I have also been encouraged by the strengthening links with our local school. The opportunity to engage with young people, to share the message of Christ's love, and to support the work of education in our community is a privilege.

Similarly, I have been warmly welcomed into a local care home, where there has long been a faithful ministry of presence and pastoral care. It has been a joy to step into this work and to be part of something that is so deeply valued in our community.

Clothed in Love

At my licensing, the reading chosen was Colossians 3:12–17, which speaks of being clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These words continue to resonate deeply as I reflect on my first months among you. I have seen these virtues lived out in so many ways—through the care shown to one another, the commitment to service, and the love that underpins all we do as a church.

My prayer is that we continue to embody this passage, bearing with one another, forgiving as the Lord forgives, and above all, putting on love, which binds everything together in perfect unity.

Looking Ahead

There is much to be thankful for, and much to look forward to. As we seek God's guidance for the year ahead, I am excited to see how we can continue growing in faith, deepening our relationships, and reaching out with Christ's love to those around us.

Hingham, in particular, has some exciting plans with the community in the coming year—initiatives that will engage people and remind them that we are their church.

We are also blessed with strong pastoral ministry, reflected in the life events we host. Already, we have seen a good number of weddings and funerals, and I look forward to my first Christening here soon.

We also hope that our merger with the Shellrock Benefice will soon be properly completed. As you know, change within the Church of England is never a swift process! However, we have already seen increased closeness and greater collaboration, and I hope this continues to bear fruit. There are real advantages to sharing knowledge and expertise across a group of churches, and when we come together, it is a marvellous thing.

A Call to Participation

As we look ahead, I would encourage each of us to reflect on how we can play our part in the life of our church—whether through prayer, practical service, or simply by extending a warm welcome to those on the fringes. The Body of Christ flourishes when each member finds their place in God's work.

Gratitude and Thanks

Finally, I want to offer my sincere thanks to our churchwardens, PCC members, ministry teams, volunteers, and all who serve in seen and unseen ways. Your faithfulness, dedication, and generosity make all that we do possible.

A Final Blessing

May we continue to walk in faith, clothed in Christ's love, seeking his wisdom, and strengthened by his Spirit in all that we do.

With every blessing,

Tori

Revd Tori Venmore-Rowland

3. Churchwarden's Report

2024 was an exciting time at St Andrew's as we finally welcomed a new Vicar! Tori Venmore-Rowland joined us a long search for a new incumbent. She was installed in September by Bishop Ian in a packed church where we were reminded of our duties to support and encourage her in her new ministry. Tori's ministry has got off to a 'flying start' with a very busy Christmas schedule. The process of finding a new priest was long and not without difficulty, but we are thankful that we have emerged from that process with a wonderful new vicar who is already making new links with the local community.

We could not have reached this point without the hard work of many members of St Andrew's and other churches across both benefices. We are particularly grateful to the members of the ministry team who have ensured that we maintained services with very little interruption. We are also extremely thankful for Caroline who has worked as benefice administrator to maintain order.

Having completed the toilets, the PCC has now started work on the next phase of the facilities project. This will see the ringing floor return to its original level in the tower after a refurbishment of the floor which, along with other works, will allow the Tower Room to be refurbished and provide a warm and inviting space for church and community events. Our community projects have expanded with a new "Soup for the Soul" lunchtime event. We have also glad to hear more music in the church with a new community Choir called AmazSing.

Finances continue to be tight and we continue to look at ways to improve church finances and increase our contribution towards the Benefice's Parish Share. With an upcoming quinquennial inspection there are likely to be more building works that require our attention. However, I am confident that St Andrew's is in better shape than it has been for many years to further our ministry in the town and will continue to grow in all areas.

Dr Richard Till, Churchwarden

4. Occasional Offices Report

During 2024, St Andrew's Church had 1 Baptism, 4 Weddings and 8 Funerals.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

5. Parochial Church Council (PCC) report

The PCC met on 6 occasions in 2024 with 94% attendance. The usual reports were given on Finance, Standing Committee, Facilities Project, fundraising, service planning and the Interregnum.

The PCC agreed the Church Fees for 2024, reviewed the Safeguarding Policy and Plan, the Data Privacy Policy, the Social Media Policy and the Maintenance Plan.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

6. Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll has been renewed this year and everyone wishing to be entered on the new roll has had to apply for enrolment.

We have 20 males and 30 females making 50 in total. Of these 38 are resident in Hingham and 12 are non residents, but have habitually attended public worship in the parish of Hingham during the preceding six months.

If anyone wishes to be entered on the roll, please give me a call or send a text and I will provide them with an application form.

New members can be added to the Electoral Roll throughout the year. Should you wish to be included please contact the Electoral Roll Officer via email; elaineskelly@hotmail.co.uk

Elaine Skelly, Electoral Roll Officer

7. Deanery Synod Report

The Benefice has moved Deanery and is now part of the Thetford and Rockland Deanery. Deanery Synod meetings are held quarterly, and as well as summaries of many activities happening across the deanery, we heard interesting talks on the role of the Sanctuary Church project working to create safe spaces for refugees within our churches, as well as how the Cost of Living Crisis is affecting families across the county.

Richard Till, Deanery Synod Representative

8. Safeguarding Report

Hingham PCC agreed a Safeguarding Policy and has a Parish Safeguarding Plan which is available on request. Unfortunately the PCC were unable to appoint a Parish Safeguarding Officer during 2024. However during the reporting period no significant safeguarding concerns were raised and, therefore, no incidents have been escalated to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

9. Fabric Report

The organ and fire extinguishers had their annual service. The guttering was inspected, cleared and repaired during the year. The terrier was reviewed and updated during the year.

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Organ Twenty years after the last organ restoration we needed to ask Holmes and Swift to undertake some repairs to the organ for natural deterioration caused by age to the instrument's mechanical actions, and to strengthen and straighten soft metal pipes of the swell cornopean. The work was satisfactorily completed and paid for from the organ fund. We are also grateful to Chris Turner for the wonderful work he does in providing the optimum sound amplification for the singers and readers.

Transport Rota I would like to thank all the generous drivers who assist getting me to church on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

Peter O'Connor, Organist

11. Charities report

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Heritage Fund was formed many years ago to raise funds solely for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of St. Andrew's church. Unfortunately, we have now taken the decision to stop doing our usual Cake Stalls in the Market Place but we will still be going ahead with one-off events like our Coffee Morning, Barbecue and maybe some other events.

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Charitable grants totalling £1000 were made during the financial year 2023-2024.

During 2024, the main costs from the maintenance fund were for the following;

The purchase of stock fencing and posts	(£160.54)
Hedging	(£37.00)
Site mower repair and service	(£98.47)

Summary of conservation work undertaken in 2024;

The neighbouring farmer had complained the previous year that one of our tenants had been piling rubbish on to our shared boundary to the north of plot North 20 and that this was spilling over on to his wildlife conservation field verge. We therefore agreed to remove the accumulated waste; larger logs and wood were moved to a new conservation area that we created at the back of allotment plot North 18, thereby making a wood pile. All the surplus rubbish was removed from North 20 and excess twiggy prunings burned. The bank was re-landscaped, a new stock fence erected along the boundary between North 20 and the farmer's field, and a single row of hawthorn planted to make a new hedge.

During early 2024, both plots North 18 (East and West) became vacant. We cleared the back of both plots, re-landscaped the bank, built a wood pile from the larger logs reclaimed from allotment plot North 20, erected a new stock fence to the north and planted a very wide mixed native hedge, thereby creating another wildlife conservation area.

Matthew Smoker, Secretary/Treasurer

12. Church Groups

12.1 Flower Arrangers

The new area and revamped flower cupboard has been great, and lovely to work from. The flowers always look lovely, the church was especially good at Christmas. The welcome pedestal is still done on an ad hoc basis by a volunteer as no one came forward to include a welcome pedestal on a regular basis. Funds are virtually nil, a few pence only, the flowers continue to be donated by the individual flowers arrangers, and oasis is bought when needed. Flowers do enhance the church and the volunteer arrangers continue to provide an amazing display.

Stephanie Hesse, Flower Arrangers

12.2 Men's Breakfast Group

Held on the first Saturday of each month, we meet at 8:00 a.m., for around an hour. An excellent breakfast is provided by Lincoln's, so we can concentrate on putting the world to rights. In their new premises, we have been able to accommodate even larger numbers, now regularly reaching 20 or more, so everyone is welcome. Our sincere thanks go to Jo and Dan, and wish them every success.

Rodney Hall

12.3 Messy Church

Janet Allinson and I have continued to run and plan Messy church throughout the year, handing over to Tori at the beginning of 2025. We have been fortunate to have had the help of many regular adults from church and I wish to say a grateful thank you to all

those involved as well as those supportive carers who have come with their children each month. Numbers have gone up and down but definitely now seem to be on the up now. All families seem to enjoy themselves and take part fully in the activities on offer. The children are encouraged to help in the food preparation as well as eating it! The Advent Activities morning was well received with mums and dads turning out on a wet morning.

We seem to have always received positive feedback from parents and carers who have attended. Janet and I have now handed the running of Messy church over to Tori and am sure it will continue to grow

Sue Hall, Messy Church

12.4 Home Group

The group has grown this year with some new members who have added something special to our discussions. We share ideas and study scriptures together in an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality. Grateful thanks to those who have led sessions and we are all aware of how much we have grown together, how much more we have learned about Jesus and how to live in the power of his spirit. We have a prayer time during the evening where we share our concerns about world issues and bring to Jesus those who are on our minds or in our hearts.

John and Jill have been the source of real blessing to us all and helped us design a discipleship course which has been successful, we wish them well as they relocate to Yorkshire. Rod and Sue continue to offer us the use of their home for which we are grateful, knowing that they always supply the best biscuits. There is always room for more, (people not biscuits,) and we encourage any who want to deepen fellowship and pray together to come along. It could be a life changing experience.

Dale Southall, Home Group

12.5 ReminiSING and AmazSING Music Groups

ReminiSING started in October 2024 on a weekly basis. Although this was a reviving group after the abrupt stop due to Covid, the turn out is not the same anymore. As this is a singing group mainly for older adults, some of the previous group members have either passed away, become more fragile, or moved to a new place. We have two loyal members so far, and had 2-3 more joining us a couple of times. However, most of the sessions have only had 2 members. Sadly due to the low numbers, ReminiSING will Not continue in 2025. Nevertheless, there will be a monthly session with the 2 loyal ReminiSING members on a monthly basis . They still like to keep in touch with singing and chatting.

AmazSING started in November on a weekly basis. The numbers are still fairly low. There are 2-3 loyal members who come nearly every week. Every now and again I have some new people joining us, but they come very irregularly. So I never have a full group as such. The most turn out for once was 6, very often I just had 2-4.

Susan Goode, Music Groups

13. Treasurer's Report

In the Financial Statement for the year ending Dec 2024 the total income exceeded the expenses showing a surplus of £4270.00 for the year. We had a positive year and covered all out goings.

The Toilet/ Kitchen Project was finished and financed with grants and donations. We have now moved to an accounts package online which is Quickbooks – Attached are this years financial activities which we have hopefully simplified this for you all. We are now enabled to report monthly and we have also moved to banking online, which gives us more flexibility and transparency.

Also in the revamping we have re organised the funds, which will ensure from now on that our needs our met.

Bridget Foreman PCC Bookkeeper

St Andrew's Parish Church, Hingham
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

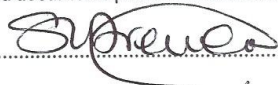
	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments		
Blackrock Charico Funds	2,489.00	2,604.00
M & G Charifund Units	14,768.00	14,393.00
CBF Deposit Fund	5,107.00	5,107.00
CBF Development Fund	80.00	80.00
Total investments	22,444.00	22,184.00
Bank Accounts		
Barclays Current	40,902.00	40,084.00
Barclays Business Saver	18,520.00	15,178.00
Total Bank Accounts	59,422.00	55,262.00
Total Assets	81,866.00	77,446.00
Representing the following Funds		
Heating	114.00	114.00
Admin	2,554.00	2,554.00
Book Sales	788.00	734.00
Organist repairs	14,631.00	14,631.00
Hand Bells	1,066.00	1,066.00
Messy Church	776.00	776.00
Ringers Floor	23,331.00	0.00
Development		-80,804.00
Organist fees		77.00
Toilets		62,077.00
Diocese Fees		721.00
Land sale		47,000.00
Charity Collection		510.00
	43,260.00	49,456.00
Unrestricted Funds		
General	38,606.00	27,990.00
Total Assets	81,866.00	77,446.00

Notes:

1. Please Note - Land Sale and Development - which was part of the Toilet/Kitchen project is now complete.
2. The income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 are in accordance with the books and documents presented to me and are a true statement of the net assets as at 31 December 2024.

Auditors Report

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S L Drewery

St Andrews Church

Financial Activities January - December 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations - Standing orders	10,300.00
Donations and legacies	4,191.96
Parish Giving Scheme	372.90
Sum up Daily donations	179.42
Total Donations and legacies	4,744.28
Fundraising	982.50
Dog Training	603.50
Paws for Coffee	693.71
Total Fundraising	2,279.71
Gift Aid	2,201.13
Interest Received	1,540.54
Resricited - Book sales	41.20
Restricted Income - Ringers Floor	7,670.90
Services	6,954.67
Telephone Mast	17,201.76
Toilet Project - Restricted Funds	32,305.87
Total Income	£85,240.06
TOTAL	£85,240.06
Expenditures	
Diocese Fees	3,712.00
Fundraising expense	890.11
Heating and Lighting	17,893.95
Insurances	6,860.68
Interest Payable	115.21
Maintenance	4,771.09
Office/General Administrative Expenses	1,590.69
Organist honorarium	2,550.00
Organist/Verger/Tech support Fees	2,500.00
Other Professional Services	1,263.06
Parish Share	18,000.00
Ringers Floor	3,127.56
Toilets and Kitchen - Restricted funds	26,525.10
Total Expenditures	£89,799.45
NET OPERATING INCOME	£ -4,559.39
Other Income	
Funerals	7,153.90
Weddings	3,062.00
Total Other Income	£10,215.90
Other Expenditures	
Charity Payments	1,386.50
Total Other Expenditures	£1,386.50
NET OTHER INCOME	£8,829.40
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£4,270.01

Independent Examiners Certificate

Report to the trustees/ members of: ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH, HINGHAM
On accounts for the year ended: 31 DECEMBER 2024
Charity no (if any):

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of []]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: S. L. Drewery Date: 21/12/2025
Name: S. L. DREWERY

ST ANDREW-S CHURCH HINGHAM CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 267241

Accounts

Annual Report 2024
Hingham Parochial Church Council



St Andrew's Church
Hingham

Report for the APCM, 2 June 2024
For the year ending 31st December 2023

The Parish of Hingham
Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 2 June 2024 at 11am

AGENDA – Meeting of Parishioners

Please note; All residents of the Parish of Hingham, together with non-residents on the Church Electoral Roll, are welcome to vote on Item 2. Voting on all other items is restricted to those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll.

1. Opening Prayer
 2. Appointment of clerk to the meeting
 3. Apologies.
 4. Election of Churchwardens. (Vicar).
 5. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens held on 16 April 2023
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AGENDA – Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church meeting held on 16 April 2023
2. Matters Arising from the minutes
3. Reports
 - 3.1 Electoral Roll (Electoral Roll Officer)
 - 3.2 Annual Report (Churchwarden)
 - 3.3 Financial statement and Accounts (Treasurer)
4. Elections
 - 4.1 Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - 4.2 Election of PCC members for 3 years
 - 4.3 Election of Electoral Roll Officer
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the Financial Year 2024
6. Chairman's remarks
7. Any other business
8. Closing prayer

Please send apologies to Caroline Money, PCC Secretary, by email to;
admin@standrewshingham.org.uk

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Parochial Church Council for the year ending
31 December 2023

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for Hingham Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31 December 2023

1. Background

Priest in charge; Vacancy since 31 July 2021

St Andrew's Church serves the town of Hingham, by promoting the Christian message through its services and links with the community. There are two regular weekly services, as below and a monthly Messy Church;

Sunday 10am

Wednesday 9.30am.

There is a Sunday 8am, BCP Holy Communion, on the first and third Sunday.

The Hingham Parish is part of the High Oak, Hingham, Scoulton with Woodrising Benefice. It is noted that the Diocese is planning an amalgamation with The Shellrock Group and we have already started working together e.g. one service rota for the new Benefice area, one Benefice newsletter, one combined Lent course.

St Andrew's Hingham Charity (Charity Number 267241). Members of the PCC are Trustees of this charity. The annual returns were submitted on time.

Bankers; Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner; Sarah Drewery

2. Churchwarden's Report

2023 has been a year of mixed blessings in Hingham. Whilst we remain without a Rector (and despite my confidence at the end of my last report that this wouldn't be the case this time around...), productive discussions with the Bishop are on-going, and we all continue to hope and pray that the right person will come and lead us soon.

The Ministry Team continue to support us with love and wisdom, and we thank them for all their hard work again over the past year. Christmas events in 2023 saw an overall rise in the number of people attending events at St Andrews, which is testament to them and their commitment to drawing people into our Church.

The biggest, positive news of the past 12 months is the completion of the toilets in the North-West corner of the church. So many years of hard work from countless people have finally paid off, and we are enormously grateful to all those who have contributed time and money, sweat and tears to make this happen.

Church finances remain challenging, but we have welcomed a new bookkeeper who is helping to restructure our finances as the facilities project nears its end.

Looking to the future, the PCC believes that our next steps will be about how we utilise our improved facilities to draw more people into our Church, to hear the good news, and to be a

positive source of change for our community. We are also grateful to the work of the Heritage Fund who support the fabric of the building, and look forward to continuing to work with them on the project to restore the bell ringing floor and bring regular bell ringing back to St Andrews.

Our projects over the past 12 months, such as the Paws for Coffee dog café, Messy Church amongst others, show that we can draw people into our Church. This year the PCC will continue to think about how we can take this further. We know that this is just the beginning!

Dr Richard Till, Churchwarden

3. Occasional Offices Report

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Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

4. Parochial Church Council (PCC) report

The PCC met on 7 occasions in 2023 with 93% attendance. The usual reports were given on Finance, Standing Committee, Facilities Project, fundraising, service planning and the Interregnum.

The PCC agreed the Church Fees for 2023, reviewed the Safeguarding Policy and Plan, the Data Privacy Policy, the Social Media Policy and the Maintenance Plan. The PCC also implemented the Generous Giving Scheme.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

5. Electoral Roll Report

St Andrew's Church reports a total of 66 named individuals on its Electoral Roll; this constitutes an increase of 2% compared to 2022.

Of those 66 members, 50 (76%) live within the parish boundaries and 16 (24%) outside. Furthermore, 20 (30%) members identify as Male and 46 (70%) as Female.

New members can be added to the Electoral Roll throughout the year. Should you wish to be included please contact the Electoral Roll Officer via email; admin@standrewshingham.org.uk

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

6. Deanery Synod Report

St Andrew's Church is a member of the Deanery of Humbleyard and is represented on the Deanery Synod by James Hampton. This area synod did not meet during the reporting period. This is exceptional and can be explained by the absence of a substantive Area Dean and competing priorities elsewhere in the Deanery.

James Hampton, Deanery Synod Representative

7. Safeguarding Report

James Hampton is the current Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) of St Andrew's Church, Hingham. All Church Officers are up-to-date with their mandatory training; and 70% of PCC members hold a valid certificate from the Disclosure & Baring Service (DBS). All PCC members are required to hold a valid certificate and this is a priority for the PCC in 2024. Nevertheless, all Church Officers not on the PCC but who work with children and vulnerable adults hold a valid certificate.

The PCC owns a Parish Safeguarding Plan which is available on request. This plan has been updated in light of the newly opened toilet facilities in the Church; these, along with our vision for greater community use of the building, attracts additional risks and a responsibility that the PCC ensures appropriate insurance is held by the Church and/or those hiring church premises.

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James Hampton, Safeguarding Officer

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Charitable grants totalling £591.13 were made during the financial year 2022-2023.

During 2023, the main costs from the maintenance fund were for the following;

Skip hire	(£249.90)
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The purchase of stock fencing and posts	(£185.70)
Hedging	(£54.90)

We also managed to re-coup some costs by re-cycling the metal recovered from the caravan left on North 4

Aluminium body	£42.50
Ferrous metal chassis	£22.78

Summary of the work undertaken in 2023;

Estate fencing was erected along Folly Lane footpath on the east side of the allotment boundary to plot North 20. New mixed native hedging was also planted.

A huge effort was undertaken to clear the derelict and abandoned plot North 4; the plot was cleared of a mountain of accumulated rubbish, including carpets, broken plastic barrels, plastic sheeting, windows, worn out netting and fencing etc. We filled a large skip to do this. We also managed to clear other plots of carpets. The abandoned caravan was broken up and any metal was recycled, the wooden framing was burned, and any non-recyclable material was skipped. Existing cherry laurel hedging was dug out and new stock fencing erected. A new native mixed hedge was planted in its place and a conservation area was created on the northern boundary. We hope to continue to restore the boundary hedges where possible, creating wildlife corridors around the allotment site.

Matthew Smoker, Secretary

12. Church Groups

12.1 Keep Fit Group

Unfortunately this group has had to stop for most of the year due to the building works and ill health.

F Horrox, Keep Fit Group

12.2 Flower Arrangers

Main item this year was the building work in church, which involved re-siting the flower cupboard. This gave an opportunity to do a brief stock take and sort out of the flower cupboard. This is now complete and we have a good stock of bowls, trays etc for use on the window sills and in pedestals. Oasis about half a box left, was last purchased in December 2023, the current cost is £19.61 per box from Amazon or individually £1.25 per block, which I got from The Range, this is most competitive pricing after research. There are currently insufficient funds to purchase another box, so this we need to address.

Funds currently are £14.13 , after purchase of oasis and including two £5 donations, we started the year with £32.61. We have spent £27.11 on oasis. Flowers are usually provided and donated by the individual flower arrangers when its their turn to arrange the pedestal, currently on a fortnightly rota. The church does look lovely with flowers,

and one of the arrangers is currently doing a welcome pedestal by door voluntarily, which enhances the entrance.

Stephanie Hesse, Flower Arrangers

12.3 Men's Breakfast Group

Held on the first Saturday of each month, we meet at 8:00 a.m., for around an hour. An excellent breakfast is provided by Lincoln's, so we can concentrate on putting the world to rights. Everyone is welcome.

Rodney Hall

12.4 Messy Church

Janet Allison and I have been running Messy church for the last year and though it has been a slow start we are now hoping that with toilets and hot running water we can now encourage more families and adults to join us.

The idea being we encourage all ages to come together to play board games enjoy a chat or be creative joining in with activities and of course some food and drink!

Sue Hall, Messy Church

12.5 Home Group

The group has grown this year with some new members who have added something special to our discussions. We share ideas and study scriptures together in an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality. Grateful thanks to those who have led sessions and we are all aware of how much we have grown together, how much more we have learned about Jesus and how to live in the power of his spirit. We have a prayer time during the evening where we share our concerns about world issues and bring to Jesus those who are on our minds or in our hearts.

Fred and Sheila have stepped down for a while and we look forward to their return soon. Rod and Sue continue to offer us the use of their home for which we are grateful, knowing that they always supply the best biscuits. There is always room for more, (people not biscuits,) and we encourage any who want to deepen fellowship and pray together to come along. It could be a life changing experience.

Dale Southall, Home Group

13. Treasurer's Report

In the Financial Statement for the year ending Dec 2023 the total income exceeded the expenses showing a surplus of £7,860.00 for the year. Donation – other increased by 75%. (included the heating grant of £8750.00) The Miscellaneous column includes Gift aid, tax and small miscellaneous grants.

Restricted funds of £80,804 were spent on Development (toilets and kitchen) showing restricted funds balance is now £49,456.00 and general fund is £27,990.00 – Total Assets are £77,446.00.

Bridget Foreman PCC Treasurer

St Andrew's Parish, Hingham
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St Andrew's Parish, Hingham
General Fund
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts		
Donations - Envelopes	-	-
Donations - Collections	4,749	4,212
Donations - Standing Orders	10,925	11,300
Donations - Other	12,841	3,845
Telephone Mast	16,251	16,367
Young Persons Activities	-	-
Income Tax Recovered	1,068	4,031
Fundraising Events	102	252
Fees	626	4,308
Workshops	-	-
Newsletter	-	-
Floodlighting	40	155
Transfer from Restricted Fund	17,000	-
Miscellaneous	12,589	-
From Heritage Fund	-	-
Investment Income - Increase in Valuation	-	-
Investment Income - Interest	2,972	2,063
Total Receipts	79,163	46,532
Payments		
Parish Share	18,010	18,000
Heating & Lighting	18,230	22,024
Maintenance	2,045	1,581
Service Maintenance	267	324
Clergy Expenses	-	-
Insurance	7,101	5,740
Salaries	2,375	1,833
Administration	740	-
Architects Fees	-	210
Building Services	250	-
New Heating System	-	-
Workshops	-	-
Toilet Hire	1,573	1,435
Newsletter	-	-
Sunday School	-	-
Young Persons Activities	-	-
Fundraising Expenses	-	-
Charity Giving	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Fund	17,000	-
Investment Expense - Decrease in Valuation	2,569	8,278
Investment Expense - Interest	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,144	315
Total Payments	71,303	59,740
Surplus/(Deficit for the year)	7,860	(13,208)
Opening Balances	20,131	33,339
Closing Balances	27,990	20,131

St Andrew's Parish, Hingham
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
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	2023 £	2022 £
Investments		
Blackrock Charico Units	2,604	23,843
M&G Charifund Units	14,393	35,723
CBF Deposit Fund	5,107	5,107
CBF Development Fund	80	14,080
	<u>22,184</u>	<u>78,753</u>
Bank Accounts		
Santander	-	-
Barclays Current	40,084	22,360
Barclays Business Saver	15,178	29,685
	<u>55,262</u>	<u>52,045</u>
Cash in hand	-	-
Total Assets	<u>77,446</u>	<u>130,797</u>
Representing the following funds		
Restricted Funds		
Development	(80,804)	11,716
Heating	114	-
Admin	2,554	(0)
Book Sales	734	683
Organist Fees, etc	77	-
Organ Repairs	14,631	14,830
Hand Bells	1,066	1,066
Toilets	62,077	34,610
Church 700	-	-
Heritage Repairs	-	-
Messy church	776	486
Diocese Fees	720	-
Land Sale	47,000	47,000
Charity Collection	510	276
	<u>49,456</u>	<u>110,667</u>
Unrestricted Fund		
General	27,990	20,131
Total Assets	<u>77,446</u>	<u>130,797</u>

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Restricted Funds
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	2023											2022			
	Development	Admin	Book Sales	Organist Fee, etc	Organ Repairs	Hand Bells	Toilets	Church 700	Heritage Repairs	Messy church	Diocese Fees	Land Sale	Charity Collection	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts															
Donations		2,750			35				1,250				1,098	4,318	1,899
Transfers from Heritage Fund Charity														1,250	1,050
Transfers from General Fund															
Book Sales			51											51	102
Tea bottle	143													143	174
Receipts	654						27,468							31,357	39,214
Interest														654	94
Fundraising events															105
Total Receipts	797	2,750	51	702	35	-	27,468	-	1,250	322	3,187	-	1,098	37,773	42,708
Payments															
Architect	4,966													4,966	1,050
Book Sales Payments														88,350	-
Building Services	88,350													234	-
Organ Repairs					234									853	6,566
Payments		196		625						32				-	-
Heating Costs														-	-
Fundraising Costs														-	-
Toilet Costs														2,467	5,478
Paid to Diocese									1,250					2,467	3,150
Transfers to Heritage Fund Charity														1,250	-
Charity Payments														864	1,566
Total Payments	93,316	196	-	625	234	-	-	-	1,250	32	2,467	-	864	98,884	17,900
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(82,519)	2,554	51	77	(189)	-	27,468	-	-	290	720	-	234	(61,211)	24,808
Opening Balances	11,716	(9)	683	-	14,830	1,066	34,610	-	-	486	-	47,000	276	110,667	86,899
Closing Balances	(80,804)	2,554	734	77	14,631	1,066	62,077	-	-	776	720	47,000	510	49,456	110,667

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Hingham Parochial Church Council



Report for the APCM, 16 April 2023
For the year ending 31st December 2022

The Parish of Hingham
Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 16 April 2022 at 11am

AGENDA – Meeting of Parishioners

Please note; All residents of the Parish of Hingham, together with non-residents on the Church Electoral Roll, are welcome to vote on Item 2. Voting on all other items is restricted to those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll.

1. Opening Prayer
 2. Appointment of clerk to the meeting
 3. Apologies.
 4. Election of Churchwardens. (Vicar).
 5. Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens held on 8 May 2022.
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AGENDA – Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church meeting held on 8 May 2022
2. Matters Arising from the minutes
3. Reports
 - 3.1 Electoral Roll (Electoral Roll Officer)
 - 3.2 Annual Report (Churchwarden)
 - 3.3 Financial statement and Accounts (Treasurer)
4. Elections
 - 4.1 Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - 4.2 Election of PCC members for 3 years
 - 4.3 Election of Electoral Roll Officer
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the Financial Year 2023
6. Any other business
7. Closing prayer

Please send apologies to Caroline Money, PCC Secretary, moneys@uwclub.net

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for Hingham Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31 December 2022

1. Background

Priest in charge; Vacancy since 31 July 2021

St Andrew's Church serves the town of Hingham, by promoting the Christian message through its services and links with the community. There are three regular weekly services, as below and a monthly Messy Church;

Sunday 8am

Sunday 10am

Wednesday 9.30am

The Hingham Parish is part of the High Oak, Hingham, Scoulton with Woodrising Benefice.

St Andrew's Hingham Charity (Charity Number 267241). Members of the PCC are Trustees of this charity. The annual returns were submitted on time.

Bankers; Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner; Sarah Drewery

2. Churchwarden's Report

As we continued to recover from the effects of the Covid pandemic, the past year has been about organising the present and preparing for our future. The PCC remains enormously grateful, and thanks God for, all those who have worked so hard over the last year to reopen so many of our church activities and the work that has gone into the process of preparing to appoint a new Rector.

As ever, we are grateful to the ministry team and those who have worked with them to maintain our pattern of worship. Once again, those who thought themselves put out to pasture have found themselves back in front of the plough. However, we were particular sad to lose Jean Batchelor who has kept going so many of the things that make church happen. We wish her all of God's blessings for the future.

Our efforts at outreach over the past year as the Covid restrictions were lifted have attracted lots of people back into the church building. Our Christmas services saw a return to the ever-popular Light of the World service, and it was fantastic to see the church full again! Messy Church has relaunched with great success and we offer our thanks to all those involved. The Paws for Thought Dog café has also seen a whole pack of waggy-tail visitors and their pet humans enter the church, many for the first time.

After so many years of hard work – spanning literally multiple generations – we are very pleased to say that we are finally moving forward with the Facilities Project. After successful fundraising, work begins on this in the next few months and we are excited to see what new opportunities this will open for us. We have begun the process of fundraising for the

restoration of the Bell Ringing Floor so that we can re-establish regular Bell Ringing in St Andrews.

The matter of the reorganisation of the benefice remains, at the time of writing, unresolved. We know that our future Priest will have a larger group of churches, and therefore a larger group of communities, to minister to. The first round of advertising was not successful in attracting a new Rector, but we remain patient that the right person will hear God's call soon!

Over the next 12 months, we will continue to work to secure the Church's financial future. We are looking forward to a visit from the Parish Giving team from the Diocese who will work with us to develop new ways and patterns of giving. We also need to grow the community links we have started to build, and help the Facilities Project to realise its full potential. We need to work to grow our Christian community to allow us to ensure the Church's future and to continue Christ's work in the heart of this town for generations to come.

Finally, we pray that, by the Grace of God, we will be able to include a Rector's report in the next APCM Report!

Dr Richard Till, Churchwarden

3. Occasional Offices Report

During 2022, St Andrew's Church had 7 Baptism, 7 Weddings and 8 Funerals.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

4. Parochial Church Council (PCC) report

The PCC met on 7 occasions in 2022 with 72% attendance. The usual reports were given on Finance, Standing Committee, Facilities Project, fundraising, service planning and the Interregnum.

The PCC agreed the Church Fees for 2022, the Standing Committee Terms of Reference, the Safeguarding Policy and Plan, the Data Privacy Policy, the Social Media Policy and a Maintenance Plan. The PCC also agreed to join the Generous Giving Scheme.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

5. Electoral Roll Report

Being on the Church Electoral Roll is a way we demonstrate our willingness to help shape the future of our Church. It also enables us to participate, vote and hold named offices agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

St Andrew's Church reports a total of 63 named individuals on its Electoral Roll; this constitutes an increase/decrease of 3.1% compared to 2021/22.

Of those 63 members, 50 (79%) live within the parish boundaries and 13 (21%) outside. Furthermore, 20 (32%) members identify as Male and 43 (68%) as Female.

New members can be added to the Electoral Roll throughout the year. Should you wish to be included please contact James Hampton (Prof_H@icloud.com).

James Hampton, Electoral Roll Officer

6. Deanery Synod Report

St Andrew's Church is a member of the Deanery of Humbleyard and is represented on the Deanery Synod by James Hampton. This area synod did not meet during the reporting period. This is exceptional and can be explained by the absence of a substantive Area Dean and competing priorities elsewhere in the Deanery.

James Hampton, Deanery Synod Representative

7. Safeguarding Report

James Hampton was appointed and trained as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in August 2022. Subsequently, all Church Officers completed mandatory training exceeding the Diocese of Norwich's published target compliance threshold.

The PCC approved an updated Parish Safeguarding Plan in September 2022. A copy of the plan is available on request.

During the reporting period no significant safeguarding concerns were raised and, therefore, no incidents have been escalated to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

James Hampton, Safeguarding Officer

8. Fabric Report

The organ and fire extinguishers had their annual service. The guttering was inspected, cleared and repaired during the year. The terrier was reviewed and updated during the year.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

9. Facilities Project Report

The focus for 2022 has been fundraising and grant applications to install 2 toilets within the church and relocate and update the kitchen. We were fortunate to receive the majority of the funding needed via grants and donations. Our Architect has revised the works programme and the pre-contract meeting was held mid November 2022.

Needless to say the costs for the project have been revised many times, but it is good news that in 2023, this project will finally be realised, after nearly 40 years of planning!

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

10. Ministry in Music Report

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name. Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works." Ps104RSV

Musicians We are fortunate to have the contribution of some very talented musicians in St. Andrew's. We are fortunate that Richard Till often plays the piano at services and are grateful for the singers that regularly lead congregational singing from the front.

Informal Choir The group was formed in October 2008 to contribute music on an occasional basis to services and widen participation. The choir contributed carols and music by John Rutter and John Joubert at December's Community Carol Service.

Services We have a good balance of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs in our main service.

Organ Voluntaries I contribute devotional organ music before the main service suitable for the period in the Church's liturgical year, and an organ voluntary afterwards drawn from a very wide repertory ranging from music from the 1600s to contemporary.

Organ The organ continues to be in a good condition. We are also grateful to Chris Turner for the wonderful work he does in providing the optimum sound amplification for the singers and readers.

Peter O'Connor, Organist

11. Charities report

11.1 Heritage Fund Charity No: 1071172

With covid restrictions lifted we were able to have a few events last year. The Cake Stalls from April to September in the Market Place were again very successful.

Our thanks to Sue and Barry Glynn for hosting a well supported and relaxed Coffee Morning; and Peter and Nicola for holding a Barbecue.

The Ringing Floor has now been inspected and repairs needed are estimated to be around £38,000. This estimate includes required repair work to the Tower at the Ringing Floor level and the legally required bat survey. Heritage Funds can cover some of the total cost.

We will be having our usual events again in 2023 and hope to include some new and interesting ones. New members and additional help are always most welcome.

Thank you to all who have helped and supported the Fund in any way over the past year.

Peter Trett Acting Chairman

11.2 Thurrold and Payne & Common Allotment Ecclesiastical Charity (Charity No. 244918)

The Thurrold and Payne Charity provides open space for use as allotment gardens and uses income generated from rents to help the poor of the parish of Hingham.

All the allotment plots were let during 2022.

12.4 Messy Church

After a successful Christmas Activities session we decided to restart Messy Church in the New Year.

Though it has been a slow start those who come have been enjoying themselves and the activities well received by parents and children. We'll continue to promote the event in the town and encourage more people young and old to join us.

Sue Hall, Messy Church

12.5 Dinner and Praise

We continue to meet every other week subject to Covid sharing a meal, time of praise and chat.

Sue Hall, Dinner and Praise

12.6 Thursday Home Group

The group has been meeting regularly after the lockdown break for Covid. The most recent studies have been on Justice. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30 at the home of Rod and Sue Hall.

Fred Horrox, Thursday Home Group

13. Treasurer's Report

The expenses exceeded the income by £13,119. Heating costs have risen but we have received some extra money from Shared Access to cover their share of the costs. Standing Orders have remained the same but the weekly collections have increased by almost £1000. The total received from Shared Access, including their electricity fees was £16,367.

The values of the Blackrock and M&G investments were reduced by £9,169. The cost of hiring the toilet rose by almost £1,200.

We have once again underpaid the amount due to the Diocese for the Parish Share.

The total assets at the end of the financial year were £130,797, of which £110,667 was in restricted funds leaving £20,131 unrestricted.

Sheila Day, PCC Treasurer

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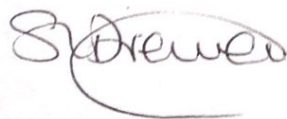
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Receipts		
Donations - Envelopes	-	-
Donations - Collections	4,212	3,276
Donations - Standing Orders	11,300	11,250
Donations - Other	3,845	3,840
Telephone Mast	16,367	10,281
Young Persons Activities	-	-
Income Tax Recovered	4,031	7,094
Fundraising Events	252	-
Fees	4,308	3,128
Workshops	-	-
Newsletter	-	-
Floodlighting	155	230
Transfer from Restricted Fund	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	103
From Heritage Fund	-	-
Investment Income - Increase in Valuation	-	4,464
Investment Income - Interest	3,043	1,805
Total Receipts	<u>47,512</u>	<u>45,471</u>
Payments		
Parish Share	18,000	18,000
Heating & Lighting	22,024	9,923
Maintenance	1,581	127
Service Maintenance	324	832
Clergy Expenses	-	252
Insurance	5,740	5,717
Salaries	1,833	1,700
Administration	-	-
Architects Fees	210	54
Building Services	-	900
New Heating System	-	-
Workshops	-	-
Toilet Hire	1,435	253
Newsletter	-	-
Sunday School	-	-
Young Persons Activities	-	-
Fundraising Expenses	-	-
Charity Giving	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Fund	-	-
Investment Expense - Decrease in Valuation	9,258	2,173
Investment Expense - Interest	-	-
Miscellaneous	315	399
Total Payments	<u>60,721</u>	<u>40,328</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(13,208)	5,143
Opening Balances	33,339	28,196
Closing Balances	<u>20,131</u>	<u>33,339</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
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Cash in hand	-	-
Total Assets	<u>130,797</u>	<u>119,197</u>
Representing the following funds		
Restricted Funds		
Development	11,716	11,343
Heating	-	-
Admin	(0)	4,966
Book Sales	683	581
Organist Fees, etc	-	-
Organ Repairs	14,830	14,830
Hand Bells	1,066	1,066
Toilets	34,610	5,453
Church 700	-	260
Heritage Repairs	-	-
Messy church	486	359
Diocese Fees	-	-
Land Sale	47,000	47,000
Charity Collection	276	0
	<u>110,667</u>	<u>85,859</u>
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Restricted Funds
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	2022											2021			
	Development	Admin	Book Sales	Organists Fees, etc	Organ Repairs	Hand Bells	Toilets	Church 700	Heritage Repairs	Messy church	Diocese Fees	Land Sale	Charity Collection	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts															
Donations															
Transfers from Heritage Fund Charity															
Transfers from General Fund															
Book Sales			102				200	(260)	1,050	128			1,842	1,969	4,770
Tea bottle														1,050	4,770
Receipts															
Interest				1,690			34,375				3,150			102	121
Fundraising events														39,214	6,837
														94	14
Total Receipts	372		102	1,690			34,635	(260)	1,050	128	3,150		1,842	42,708	16,512
Payments															
Architect															
Book Sales Payments									1,050					1,050	
Building Services															
Organ Repairs															
Organists				1,690											4,770
Heritage Costs															2,242
Fundraising Costs														6,656	4,522
Toilet Costs															
Paid to Diocese							5,478				3,150			5,478	
Transfers to Heritage Fund Charity														3,150	3,330
Charity Payments													1,566	1,566	181
Total Payments		4,966		1,690			5,478		1,050		3,150		1,566	17,900	13,029
Surplus for the year	372	(4,864)	102				29,157	(260)		128			276	24,808	3,483
Opening Balances	11,343	4,966	551		14,830	1,066	5,453	260		359		47,000	0	85,959	82,376
Closing Balances	11,716	(1)	653		14,830	1,066	34,610			486		47,000	276	110,867	85,859

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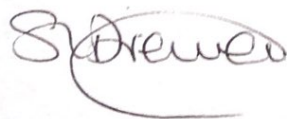
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Newsletter	-	-
Floodlighting	155	230
Transfer from Restricted Fund	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	103
From Heritage Fund	-	-
Investment Income - Increase in Valuation	-	4,464
Investment Income - Interest	3,043	1,805
Total Receipts	<u>47,512</u>	<u>45,471</u>
Payments		
Parish Share	18,000	18,000
Heating & Lighting	22,024	9,923
Maintenance	1,581	127
Service Maintenance	324	832
Clergy Expenses	-	252
Insurance	5,740	5,717
Salaries	1,833	1,700
Administration	-	-
Architects Fees	210	54
Building Services	-	900
New Heating System	-	-
Workshops	-	-
Toilet Hire	1,435	253
Newsletter	-	-
Sunday School	-	-
Young Persons Activities	-	-
Fundraising Expenses	-	-
Charity Giving	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Fund	-	-
Investment Expense - Decrease in Valuation	9,258	2,173
Investment Expense - Interest	-	-
Miscellaneous	315	399
Total Payments	<u>60,721</u>	<u>40,328</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(13,208)	5,143
Opening Balances	33,339	28,196
Closing Balances	<u>20,131</u>	<u>33,339</u>

St Andrew's Parish, Hingham
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	2022	2021
	£	£
Investments		
Blackrock Charico Units	23,843	30,013
M&G Charifund Units	35,723	37,830
CBF Deposit Fund	5,107	5,107
CBF Development Fund	14,080	14,080
	<u>78,753</u>	<u>87,030</u>
Bank Accounts		
Santander	-	-
Barclays Current	22,360	19,023
Barclays Business Saver	29,685	13,144
	<u>52,045</u>	<u>32,167</u>
Cash in hand	-	-
Total Assets	<u>130,797</u>	<u>119,197</u>
Representing the following funds		
Restricted Funds		
Development	11,716	11,343
Heating	-	-
Admin	(0)	4,966
Book Sales	683	581
Organist Fees, etc	-	-
Organ Repairs	14,830	14,830
Hand Bells	1,066	1,066
Toilets	34,610	5,453
Church 700	-	260
Heritage Repairs	-	-
Messy church	486	359
Diocese Fees	-	-
Land Sale	47,000	47,000
Charity Collection	276	0
	<u>110,667</u>	<u>85,859</u>
Unrestricted Fund		
General	20,131	33,339
Total Assets	<u>130,797</u>	<u>119,197</u>

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Restricted Funds
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	2022										2021				
	Development	Admin	Book Sales	Organists Fees, etc	Organ Repairs	Hand Bells	Toilets	Church 700	Heritage Repairs	Messy church	Diocese Fees	Land Sale	Charity Collection	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts															
Donations															
Transfers from Heritage Fund Charity															
Transfers from General Fund															
Book Sales			102				200	(260)	1,050	128			1,842	1,969	4,770
Tea bottle														1,050	4,770
Receipts															
Interest				1,690			34,375				3,150			102	121
Fundraising events														39,214	6,837
Total Receipts	372		102	1,690			34,635	(260)	1,050	128	3,150		1,842	42,708	16,512
Payments															
Architect															
Book Sales Payments									1,050					1,050	
Building Services															
Organ Repairs															
Organists				1,690											4,770
Heritage Costs															726
Fundraising Costs														6,656	4,522
Toilet Costs															
Paid to Diocese							5,478				3,150			5,478	
Transfers to Heritage Fund Charity														3,150	3,330
Charity Payments													1,566	1,566	181
Total Payments		4,966		1,690			5,478		1,050		3,150		1,566	17,800	13,029
Surplus for the year	372	(4,864)	102				29,157	(260)		128			276	24,908	3,483
Opening Balances	11,343	4,966	551		14,830	1,066	5,453	260		359		47,000	0	85,959	82,376
Closing Balances	11,716	(1)	653		14,830	1,066	34,610			486		47,000	276	110,867	85,859

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Hingham Parochial Church Council



Report for the APCM, 8 May 2022
For the year ending 31st December 2021

St. Andrew's Church, Hingham
Annual Parochial Church Meetings
Sunday 8 May, at 11.15am

Please note that items for the any other business must be notified to the PCC Secretary before the meetings.

Annual Vestry Meeting

1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Minutes of the previous vestry meeting, held on 16 May 2021
4. Election of churchwardens
5. Any other business

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16 May 2021
3. Matters arising
4. Reports
 - 4.1 Electoral Roll Report (Electoral Roll Officer)
 - 4.2 PCC Annual Report (Churchwarden)
 - 4.3 Financial statement and accounts (Treasurer)
5. Election of officers
 - 5.1 Deanery Synod representatives
 - 5.2 PCC members for 3 year term of office
 - 5.3 Electoral Roll Officer
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2022
7. Chairperson's remarks
8. Any other business
9. Closing Prayer

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for Hingham Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31 December 2021

1. Background

Priest in charge; Revd Colin Reed, upto 31 July 2021
Vacancy since 31 July 2021

St Andrew's Church serves the town of Hingham, by promoting the Christian message through its services and links with the community. There are three regular weekly services, as below and a monthly Messy Church;

- Sunday 8am
- Sunday 10am
- Wednesday 9.30am

The Hingham Parish is part of the High Oak, Hingham, Scoulton with Woodrising Benefice.

St Andrew's Hingham Charity (Charity Number 267241). Members of the PCC are Trustees of this charity. The annual returns were submitted on time.

Bankers; Barclays Bank

Independent Examiner; Sarah Drewery

2. Churchwarden's Report

After the difficulties of the past few years, the last year has been about reopening, reorganising and preparing for the future. The PCC remains enormous grateful, and thanks God for, all those who worked to keep worship going during the pandemic, and to those have worked so diligently to allow worship to resume safely as things have improved.

We are also very grateful to the ministry team and those who have worked with them as we not only reopen, but also as move through an interregnum after Revd Colin Reed's retirement in July 2021, after 10 years. Many Churches struggle after the departure of a priest with organisational problems and difficultly finding cover for services. Hingham is very lucky to have a very capable ministry team which includes locally ordained ministers, retired clergy, and lay readers. The PCC would like to offer particular thanks to those retired clergy who have offered their services having moved into the area, despite having thought themselves retired from the labours of the Church! Without your support and work the last year would not have been as easy in this regard for a Churchwarden as it has turned out to be.

The interregnum process gives our Parish the chance to look at our current organisation, and to consider how best to work with our available resources to serve the town and the wider Christian community. Much of the more significant reorganisation is still to come, but over the past year the PCC has worked to adapt how we do things for the current time, including moving the Benefice Administration office from the Rectory into the Tower Room. The PCC has made some progress in improving the Church's internet presence with the launch of a new website and a Facebook page. We have also invested in new technologies to make it easier to give to the church financially.

We were very sorry to have lost Michael and Debbie Jones as they moved away from Norfolk to be closer to their family. Michael's contribution to the administration of the benefice, and Debbie's contribution to the Church's musical life will both be much missed, and we wish them well for their new lives. Michael's functions have been redistributed to members of the PCC and others in the congregation.

Work on the second phase of the Church Facilities project has begun, with new quotes being obtained and approved by the PCC, and the fund-raising efforts restarting. This project has only reached the current stage thanks to the hard work of various members of the congregation over many years, to whom we remain very grateful. We will all need to help if we are to see this project through to completion, thus far, we have raised £65,000 towards our total of £169,121. Building maintenance has progressed with thanks to financial support from the Heritage Fund. Inspections of the building will occur soon by our appointed architect to assess the areas of work identified in the current Quinquennial Report. Beyond this, work will begin soon on the restoration of the ringing floor in the tower which will allow the bells to be rung again by a local group on a regular basis.

The matter of the reorganisation of the benefice remains, at the time of writing, unresolved. We know that our future Priest will have a larger group of churches, and therefore a larger group of communities, to minister to. The PCC are due to meet soon with Bishop to discuss these plans. However, we are confident that we have a dedicated team at St Andrew's who will ensure that we continue to grow and help to support the new incumbent however we can.

As we look beyond these immediate concerns, some large questions loom. We need to secure the Church's financial future. We need to develop community links to allow the Facilities Project to realise its full potential. We need to work to grow our Christian community to allow us to ensure the Church's future and to continue Christ's work in the heart of this town for generations to come.

Dr Richard Till, Churchwarden

3. Occasional Offices Report

During 2021, St Andrew's Church had 1 Baptism, 3 Weddings and 3 Funerals.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

4. Parochial Church Council (PCC) report

The PCC met on 5 occasions in 2021 with 82% attendance. The usual reports were given on Finance, Covid Recovery Plan, Standing Committee, Facilities Project and the Interregnum. The Standing Committee met 6 times during 2021. The PCC agreed the Church Fees for 2021 and a Reserves Policy.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

5. Electoral Roll Report

65 - Total number on the roll
80% resident in Hingham, 20% non-resident
31% male, 69% female

If anyone wishes to be entered on the roll, please give me a call, and I will provide them with an application form. Likewise, if anyone wishes to check that we have their correct details, again, give me a call.

Rod Hall, Electoral Roll Officer

6. Deanery Synod Report

I have been a Synod representative for Hingham PCC for several years. Firstly I went with Peter Trett and Betty Chilleystone but latterly I have flown solo.

Deanery Synod is the link between the Parish and the Diocese and I have enjoyed hearing some excellent speakers. Originally the meetings were hosted by the different parishes but latterly, due to Covid, firstly we had no meetings for a year and since then they have taken place over Zoom.

The Rural Dean has the responsibility for coordinating these, whilst the position of Rural Dean was vacant once again, the meetings ceased. Some members of Deanery Synod also sit on Diocesan Synod and we have just nominated two people for those positions.

When Tim Yau, the Diocesan Missioner, came to talk to us about planting new churches in deprived areas and shared the Diocesan view for doing Church differently. I found him inspiring. I later talked to my congregation about the way we took our churches forward.

Latterly Synod has become bogged down by past controversies and it has struggled to move forward.

I have enjoyed my time speaking up for Hingham in such matters as the Parish Share, problems with Rural Churches and dwindling congregations and learning at first-hand about any new initiatives. I shall be sorry to finish but circumstances mean I have to cut back on commitments and it's time for others to take over.

Rhona Wild, Deanery Synod Representative

7. Safeguarding Report

This year I have continued to make safeguarding referrals within the Benefice and each has prompted further action. I am grateful to those who were concerned and who have referred appropriately to me, as the Benefice Safeguarding Officer.

If you are hearing this and wondering who/how/what? because you hadn't realised, this is because the safeguarding services is effective and discrete when referrals are made, so if you ever do come across a situation that worries you, please don't hesitate to report it to me. I have found that a key feature of the vulnerable adult safeguarding issues reported, has been linked to loneliness. It would be great if we could pray for inspiration as to how we might all reduce adult loneliness, appreciating that the same remedies may not apply to all cases. If anyone wants to know if a relationship is a safeguarding concern, it is useful to ask the question 'who has the power and makes the decisions in the relationship and is this used for the equal good of all concerned?'.

A second aspect of my role is ensuring risk assessments are undertaken, considering safeguarding, where church events are taking place e.g. treasure hunt or cake sale, please remind organisers to do this. Please send me your risk assessment; any online form can be used and emailed or printed and posted to me. It needs to identify the event and date/time, identify any activities, potential risks and the steps taken to ensure protective measures are in place.

Overall this year, a big thank you for making things safer and for the love and care shown by reporting concerns as they have arisen.

Nadine Randall, Safeguarding Lead

8. Fabric Report

The organ and fire extinguishers had their annual service. The guttering was inspected, cleared and repaired during the year.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

9. Facilities Project Report

Progress has been hampered by the Covid pandemic and an extension to the Faculty was granted in November 2021 for works to be completed by December 2023.

A meeting was held with the Architect in October 2021 to discuss the next steps for the installation of two toilets within the church and relocation and updating of the kitchen, plus the works to the Ringers Floor. Further discussions have taken place with Anglian Water, to assess the route for water pipe to connect to mains. The competitive tenders received before Covid for the Facilities Project, were resubmitted by December 2021, with updated costings. The total cost of the project is now £169,121 and as at end December 2021, we have raised £65,000. Fundraising for the remaining £104,121 will be a priority for 2022.

Caroline Money, PCC Secretary

10. Ministry in Music Report

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name. Make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works.”
Ps104RSV

Musicians We are fortunate to have the contribution of some very talented musicians in St. Andrew’s. We particularly valued Debby Jones’ contribution and commitment, and also Susan Goode’s piano playing. We are fortunate that Richard Till often plays the piano at services and are grateful for the singers that regularly lead congregational singing from the front.

Informal Choir The group was formed in October 2008 to contribute music on an occasional basis to services and widen participation. Due to the coronavirus this group hasn’t contributed since Christmas 2019 when we had a wonderful community carol service. The choir will restart in the autumn.

Services We have a good balance of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs in our main service.

Organ Voluntaries. I contribute devotional organ music before the main service suitable for the period in the Church’s liturgical year, and an organ voluntary afterwards drawn from a very wide repertory ranging from music from the 1600s to contemporary.

Organ The organ continues to be in a good condition. We are also grateful to Chris Turner for the wonderful work he does in providing the optimum sound amplification for the singers and readers.

Peter O’Connor

11. Charities report

a. Heritage Fund Charity No; 1071172

The covid pandemic continued to have an effect on our plans over the past years and the Heritage Committee did not feel it was advisable to hold any of our usual events. However, plans are in place for a number of events in the coming year.

Heritage funds paid for the repairs to the guttering, mentioned at the last APCM, have been completed. We are awaiting the inspection of the Ringers Floor in 2022 and works to be completed.

We would welcome any new members to the Heritage Committee or anyone who would like to help at our events, to work alongside our current stalwarts.

Like many other organisations, we are looking forward to 2022 and hope to see you at some or all of our events.

Nicola Trett, Secretary

b. Thurrold and Payne & Common Allotment Ecclesiastical Charity (Charity No. 244918)

The Thurrold and Payne Charity provides open space for use as allotment gardens and uses income generated from rents to help the poor of the parish of Hingham.

All the 31 full size plots and 13 half size plots were let during 2021.

Total income and expenditure (financial year end 31/09/2021);

Income	£1,238.75
Expenditure	£ 924.95

Two grants were made of £150 each (December 2020) to individuals in need.

During 2021, the main costs from the maintenance fund were for skip hire (£263) and tyre disposal (£12).

Summary of the work undertaken in 2021;

- Three allotments; South 11, South 12 and North 10 (East) were cleared of accumulated rubbish and new mixed native hedging planted along the boundaries of all 3 plots (also including North 10 (West)). Approximately 40 meters in total, with 12 different varieties of hedging and a total of 94 plants.
- Trees planted; 4 silver birch, 1 wild service tree and 1 rowan tree
- The main entrance gate and side railings leading from the allotment gardens to Dereham Road were cleaned, prepared and re-painted.

Matthew Smoker, Secretary

12. Church Groups

a) Keep Fit Group

Not much has happened over the last few months. We had one attempt to start up again in the Autumn, but then there was a spike in Covid infections and we closed again. At the moment, there are no plans to start up again in the immediate future.

F Horrox

b) Flower Arrangers

Finances.

Opening balance 7/05/2021	£86. 63
Received from Chalvert's wedding 23/08/21	£20.00
Balance as of 01/04/2022	£106. 63

It was decided unanimously that we should use some of our funds to make bouquets for people living alone (or anyone who might appreciate it) at the time of the Jubilee.

Stores We have plenty of oasis at present and hopefully enough troughs.

Obviously take home what you need. This can leave the cupboard looking a bit bare so ask if there is anything you require and cannot find.

A huge thank you to everyone for the lovely displays.

Jean Batchelor

c) Men's Breakfast Group

Normally this is held on the first Saturday of each month. Covid has restricted our activities. We have managed several breakfasts, but some have had to be cancelled, due to lack of numbers.

Rod Hall

d) Messy Church

We have met every first Wednesday of the month throughout the year. Our aim has been to make the church a safe space in which we all belong as a family, to engage with parents/guardians and share experiences, and to encourage adults and children to work together in a Christian setting.

Each month we have a variety of activities and crafts to engage the children and a bible story. This year each child has been able to take home a sticker- book every month with a different Bible story each month. This reflects the younger age dynamics of the families; children between ages 2-8 plus babies.

We have an average of 8 children who come regularly with their parent or guardian.

Jean Batchelor

e) Monday Worship and Supper Evening

We have not been able to meet due to Covid, but as soon as we are able, "Mondays" will resume, on alternate weeks, as in the past.

We were able to begin meeting again in February however, due to Covid, had to stop. Hope to restart after Easter.

Sue Hall

f) Thursday Home Group

The home group continued to meet through the covid restrictions of last year with a mixture of zoom and face to face meetings when allowed. We watched and discussed the first series of the Chosen videos. These provided good discussions and some new insights into how Jesus recruited his disciples and what life was like in Palestine in the time of Christ.

In October, the two Home Groups combined and we did a series of studies on the 'Coming of the Saviour'.

F Horrox

g) Tuesday Home Group

The Tuesday Group did not meet, due to covid pandemic, until we combined the groups in October, as above.

Dale Southall

13. Treasurer's Report

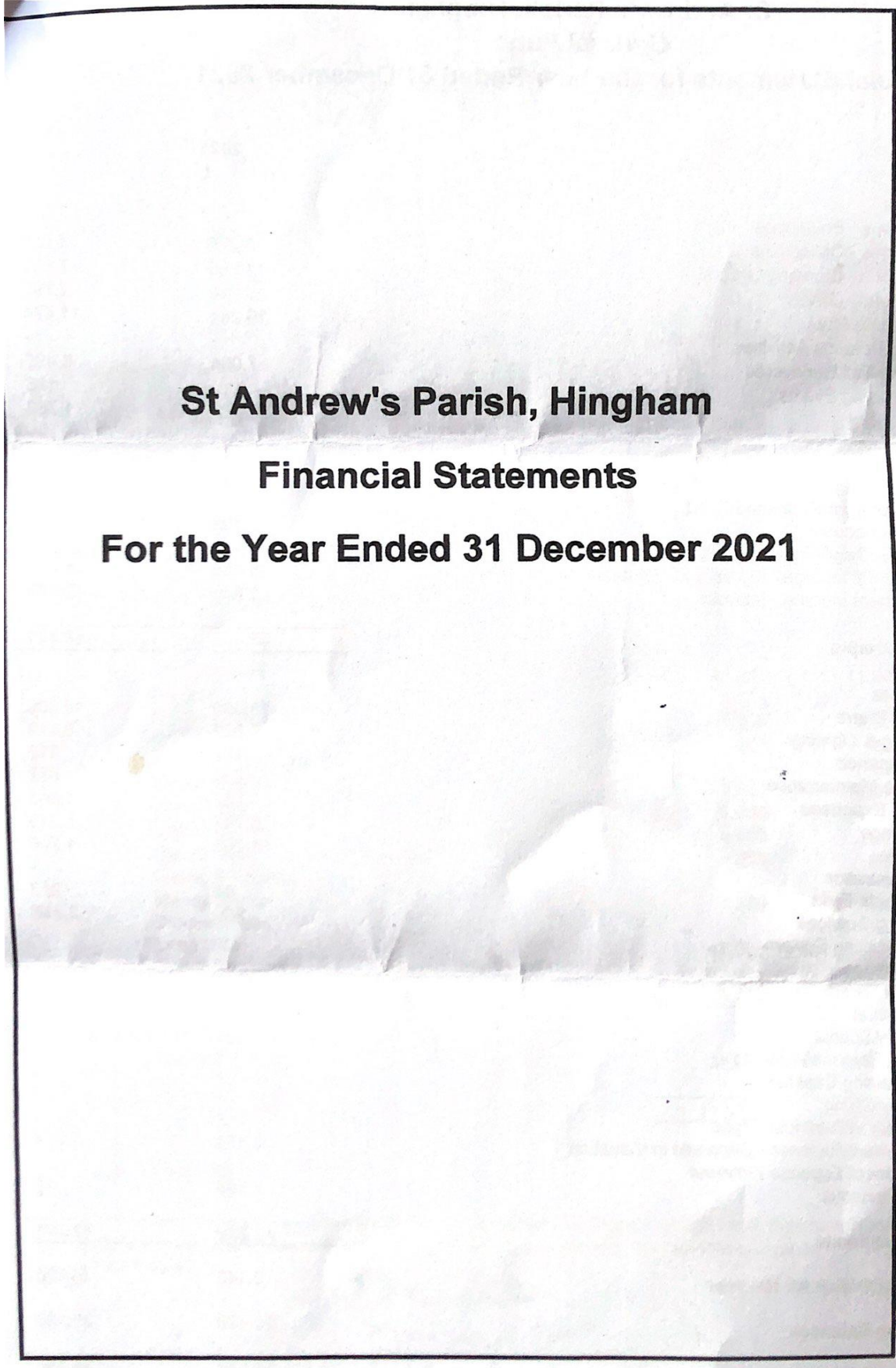
Income this year exceeded the expenditure by £5,000. Heating costs have risen and will rise even more this year but some of the cost has been covered by payments received from Shared Access. We also receive £1,675 a quarter from Shared Access. As a result of the Covid epidemic standing orders have increased by almost £4,000. Now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted there has been an increase in the amount of fees we have received.

The Blackrock Investments have decreased by £2,000 but the M&G investments have increased by £4.500.

We have once again underpaid the amount due to the Diocese for the Parish Share.

Sheila Day, PCC Treasurer

12.1 Financial Statement



St Andrew's Parish, Hingham
General Fund
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	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts		
Donations - Envelopes	-	-
Donations - Collections	3,276	4,002
Donations - Standing Orders	11,250	7,590
Donations - Other	3,840	2,790
Telephone Mast	10,281	11,474
Young Persons Activities	-	-
Income Tax Recovered	7,094	8,490
Fundraising Events	-	176
Fees	3,128	1,762
Workshops	-	-
Newsletter	-	-
Floodlighting	230	465
Transfer from Restricted Fund	-	-
Miscellaneous	103	-
From Heritage Fund	-	-
Investment Income - Increase in Valuation	5,444	1,046
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Total Receipts	46,452	40,441
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Workshops	-	-
Toilet Hire	253	1,509
Newsletter	-	-
Sunday School	-	-
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Fundraising Expenses	-	-
Charity Giving	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Fund	-	-
Investment Expense - Decrease in Valuation	3,153	7,004
Investment Expense - Interest	-	-
Miscellaneous	399	10
Total Payments	41,309	47,371
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