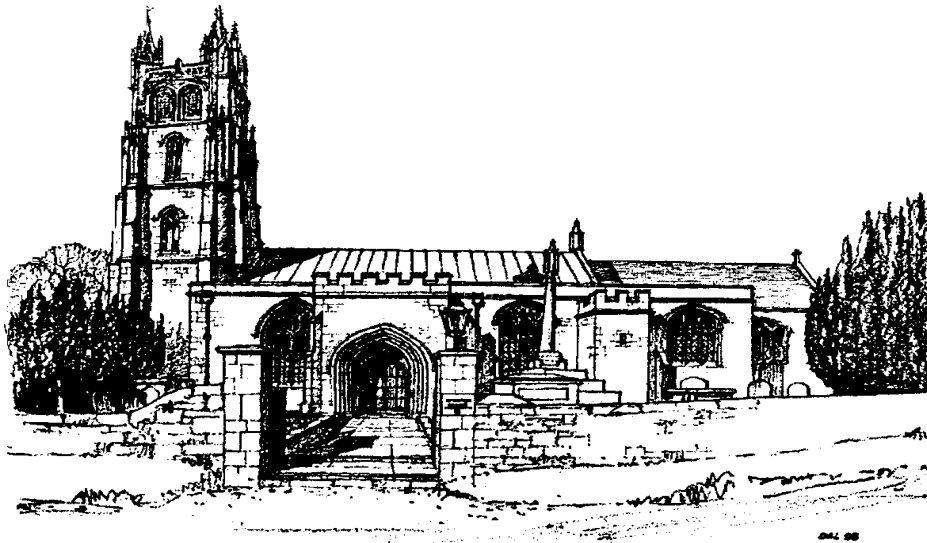


The Parish Church of St Andrew Backwell



Annual Report and Accounts for 2025

for presentation to the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Sunday, 26th April 2026 at 11:15am

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*Please note that the Log Book, Terrier and Inventory
are available for inspection at the Church Office.*

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday 26th April 2026

AGENDA

Prayer

- 1 Nomination of Clerk by the meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting held on May 18th 2025
- 4 Election of Churchwardens

(All nominations must be complete and before the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.

No nominations can be taken from the floor)

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 26th April 2026 at 11.15am

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of previous meeting held on May 18th 2025
- 2 Consideration of Electoral Roll
- 3 ANNUAL REPORT
 - Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts for year ended 31.12.25
 - Churchwardens' Review of the Year
 - Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
 - Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- 4 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
 - PCC members
 - Election of Electoral Roll Officer
 - Election of Deanery Synod representatives
 - Appointment of Stewards/Welcomers
 - Election of Independent Examiner
- 5 To note—Informal Reports in separate booklet
- 6 Any other matters of parochial or general church interest

Short matters may be dealt with at this meeting or will be dealt with by the PCC

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

to be held immediately following the APCM

AGENDA

- 1 Appointment of Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Consideration of Parish Share banding
3. Any matters of urgent consideration
4. Date of next meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in Church
Sunday 18th May 2025 at 12.00noon

1. Nomination of Clerk by the meeting

The meeting agreed that Jane Canning should act as clerk.

2. Apologies: Joan Rowe, John and Sheila Lee, David George, Peter and Heather Bailey, Janet and Ian Bainbridge, Andy and Janet Pitcher, Vanessa Colley, Tamsin Hockett, Doug and Pat Neilson, Anita Heapey, Barbara Harland.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes for the Last Vestry Meeting on 12th May 2024 were accepted as a true record by the meeting.

4. Election of Churchwardens

As required by the Churchwarden Measure 2001, nominations for Churchwarden had been submitted in writing before the meeting. Andrew Pitcher was proposed by Andrew Colley and seconded by Phil Hockett. Cherry Leake was proposed by Andrew Colley and seconded by Andy Pitcher. As there were no other nominations, Cherry and Andy were duly appointed as Church Wardens.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed.....Chair of Meeting

PARISH CHURCH OF ST ANDREW BACKWELL
Minutes of The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on
Sunday 18th May 2025 at 12.00noon

Chair: Rev Sam Norton

PCC Secretary: Jane Canning

Church Warden: Cherry Leake

Present: Lesley Barratt, Chris Hamilton, David Sutton, Sue Griffiths, Elise Buckingham Lazell, Philip Hockett, Juliet Densham, Sheila and Andrew Round, Martin Canning, Elizabeth Smith, Lionel Smith, Ian Wills, Helen Wills, Ian Forsyth, Tim Harland, Andrew Colley. Jenifer Dyer, Marie Bale, Tina Soper.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 12th May 2024 had already been circulated with the annual reports. They were accepted by the meeting as a true record.

2. Consideration of Electoral Roll

This year there was a full review of the Electoral Roll. There were 221 on the roll in 2024. The new Electoral Roll has 103 names of which 25 live outside of the Parish.

It was proposed that the new Electoral Roll be accepted

Proposed Philip Hockett

seconded Ian Wills

Accepted unanimously

3. Annual Report

This was circulated in advance and included the following-

- Financial Report and Accounts
- Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church
- Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod
- Reports on pastoral care and mission and evangelism

The Rector's annual report was delivered in the form of his sermon at the 11am service.

The Financial Report was presented by Lesley Barratt. She reported that although the church's shares had dropped in value earlier they have now partially recovered. The Parish Share had become the Benefice Share. There is a new method of calculating what the church is required to pay to the Diocese and this year it is lower than last year. The church still has a deficit on its running costs. There are no capital reserves to fund the churchyard, but John Brain's fund can be used instead.

Lesley was thanked for her work.

There were no questions from the meeting concerning the Annual Report.

4. Elections

There were no nominations for PCC. Doug Neilson and Lesley Barratt had completed 3 years as members of the PCC. Lesley was co-opted onto the PCC, but Doug Neilson has chosen to step down.

Anita Heapey, Ian Bainbridge and Martin Canning are willing to continue as Deanery Representatives.

Phil Hockett is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Secretary.

Stewards and Welcomers: Stewards are no longer elected but allocated onto the weekly rota through the Benefice Office. The church still needs more stewards, especially for big services and helping frail members of the congregation up and down steps.

Election of Independent Examiner: Amanda Collinson was proposed as St Andrew's Independent Examiner and accepted by the meeting.

5. Informal Reports as contained in the Annual Report.

This year the informal reports have again been produced as a small booklet, which was circulated via email. It is also available on the church website and A Church Near You. The meeting was encouraged to read this, especially the section about Little Lambs.

6. Any matters of Parochial or general church interest.

Sheila Round brought "Christians Together in and around Backwell" to the attention of the meeting. This ecumenical committee meets about three times a year. It is looking for younger people to take over its work.

The issue of extending the church graveyard was raised, including the communication of discussions with the congregation. Rev Sam Norton, said that the situation is currently very fluid and options available to St Andrew's will be reported in due course.

Minutes Approved Date.....

Signed.....Chair of Meeting

St Andrew's Backwell Trustees Annual Report 2025

2025 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Backwell

Aim and purposes

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has worked with Revd Sam Norton, who was installed in February 2025, and the Ministry team Revd Joan Rowe, Revd Peter Bailey, lay readers Martin Canning and David George and Timi Booy, our Childrens Worker, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's, either through personal attendance or online. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have considered the Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We have enabled people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:-

Worship and prayer; biblical learning; and developing their knowledge and trust in God.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate some of this work, it is important that we continue to maintain the fabric of St. Andrew's so it stands as a Christian statement in Backwell Village and is there for major moments in people's lives such as weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

We continued to offer a wide range of services: formal (led by our choir) informal (led by a band) Morning Prayer/ 1662 Book of Common Prayer/ Evensong as well as offering Communion at The Meeting Point and Informal Communion and Café Church in Church House. This wide range of services are held at different times to meet the need of worshippers and we now have a communion service every Sunday at 11.00.

We have managed to enjoy fellowship together in the form of a meal after worship on our Patronal Festival and at our Summer Barbecue in aid of CMS, as well our usual Sunday times for coffee! Our members continue with other churches to be involved with The Meeting Point.

St Andrew's maintains good links with the other churches in the Benefice, namely St Bridget's Church, Chelvey and St Nicholas Church, Brockley (which is administered by the CCT), and we value the personal contacts that we have with them.

Timi continued to extend her work at our Junior School, before going on maternity leave, and there was an increase to 21 Pupil Chaplains. Each year group has a day in church with activities, and Timi and Revd Sam, regularly took collective worship at the school.

The children's choir, led by a professional music teacher, continues to meet weekly in term time.

The church held several popular services to fully celebrate Christmas. Crib and School Carol Services, our traditional choir-led Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas and outdoor 'Carols outside Spar'.

All are warmly welcomed at our regular services. In 2025 there were 104 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance on Sundays, as per the Annual Statistics Return for the Church of England, counted during October when we had services in the church building, was 63 adults and 3 children.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through Baptism we thank God for the gift of life. In Marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing given and in Funeral services, friends and family express their grief, give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and

commend the person into God's keeping. During the year we celebrated 1 Baptism, 1 Confirmation (in Wells Cathedral) and 5 weddings. We have held 6 Funerals in our church this year and our Clergy also took 5 services for parishioners at our local crematoriums.

Deanery Synod

Members of our PCC sit on the Deanery Synod which provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. One member of our PCC was also on the Diocesan Synod which links us into the national church structures.

The Church and Church House

The Buildings and the Goods and Ornaments of the Church are maintained to a high standard by contractors.

We are very grateful for the time and effort both Vanessa, our part time administrator, and Tina, our cleaner, put into the day to day running of the Church.

Church House continues to see a range of usage from both internal and external bookings.

Pastoral Care and Healing Ministry

During this past year in addition to the ministry team the pastoral group has consisted of 4 regular members who met prayerfully supporting parishioners by visits, telephone calls and home communion. This can be supporting families around bereavement, health and end of life care.

We have managed to maintain our pastoral commitments and will continue with our current list of parishioner needs. Along with Revd Sam it is the team's intention to expand this work with more helpers and guidance on reporting any concerns for those who may neighbours in need.

There has been a re-establishment of our Healing Ministry team which is looking to expand its work in 2026.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6.2

Mission and Evangelism

The four key areas of activity of The Mission & Outreach Committee of St Andrew's are our connection with the world church, our support for charities, connections to village life and concern for the environment.

We continue to pray for the community of St Andrew's, Chipulukusu, Zambia as part of the Diocesan Companion Link programme, as they do for us, and we exchange news on community activities and events. The priest in our link church visited us in early 2025 and we explored building a school link with Backwell Junor School. We continue to support the Link at Diocesan level, which was strengthened by visits to Zambia by Bishop Michael, the Link Coordinator and 2 other link contacts. We remain committed to Fairtrade through use of Fairtrade supplies.

Maintaining our support for 4 charities during the year has enabled donations to be made to each based on a percentage of PCC receipts. Fundraising events comprised a meal, and a BBQ. We have now connected to a new CMS partner in DRC. The charities are selected on the basis that they are doing God's work, locally and more widely. Full details of our monetary support are shown in the financial accounts.

Our weekly news sheet includes prayer for every road in the village by rotation, and church groups on the same basis. We also pray for churches in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and our supported charity. World mission prayer is contributed to the Diocesan Prayer Calendar and many other prayer diaries are made available for individual use. The Meeting Point is a weekly drop-in café

offering hospitality and support under the umbrella charity, Backwell Life. The Meeting Point continues to have good attendance at its twice-monthly lunches and the weekly chair yoga sessions for those with less mobility. A monthly service of Holy Communion takes place there prior to lunch. The programme of children's activities in the summer was well attended, as are regular holiday activities (Tuesday Break) in the short holidays. The monthly Village Magazine includes significant church input. It is well and widely read across the community and is available free in both paper and on-line versions, reaching around 800 households each month.

Mission and Outreach has looked to develop ways of presenting our message of love and care for our church community, our village community and for the wider world. by using our website, a Church Near You and social media, Our engagement and support with schools has expanded, notably with the successful pupil chaplains programme and Open the Book. With the help of our ecumenical partners, we delivered a Christmas card to every house in the village.

Individual congregation members take action to support the Nailsea Foodbank and the Loaves and Fishes project in Bristol. Members hold collection boxes for other charities, such as USPG and The Children's Society, which are evidence of the supportive and generous nature of the congregation.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Andrew's, has held joint services with the other churches in the village during the year, including the World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Remembrance Day service, and united services in Holy Week. Through this we also work with the other churches in promoting Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services of the churches in The Village Magazine. We are also participants in the Backwell Prayer Watch which meets monthly in the 3 churches in the village and also attracts Christians who live in the village but worship elsewhere.

Volunteers

St Andrew's would like to thank the volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community whether in our worship, the maintenance of our building and churchyard or in the administration of the parish. In 2025 we said goodbye to Jane & Martin Canning who had been stalwarts of St Andrew's for over 40 years. We thank them for all they have done and may God bless them as they settle into a new life in Liverpool.

FINANCIAL REPORT

St Andrew's Church Financial Report to APCM – May 2026

1. At the end of 2025 our capital compared with a year ago was: -

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Combined</u>
End 2024	£301,290	£484,522	£785,812
End 2025	£286,354	£433,359	£719,713

2. At 31 December 2025 the CCLA Investment holding was valued at £664,998 compared with £712,667 at the end of 2024. During the year 634 shares were sold yielding £40,000 reducing the number of shares we hold to 10,721. The overall value of the Investment Fund fell by £47,669 as a result of the sale of shares and the reduction of the share value. The share value decreased from £62.76 per share at 1 January 2025 to £62.03 at 31 December 2025.
3. The remainder of our funds are lodged in a deposit account with CCLA and two current accounts with NatWest Bank.
4. Income from regular donations increased by £2,693. However, the number of regular donors is reducing. Currently the number is 90 compared to last year's when it was 95.
5. Collections have increased from £4,365 to 5,994.
6. In 2025 our Diocesan Benefice Share reduced by 3,802 (4%) to £84,141. In 2024 the name of the Parish Share altered and the way it is calculated changed and became less subjective. This has resulted in a reduced amount being due from our benefice.
7. The depreciation figure of £13,578 relates to the fitted cupboards in the church, Church House chairs and the new sound system purchased in earlier years.
8. Overall expenses from unrestricted funds were £4,072 less than in 2024 (a reduction of 3.25%). This was mainly due to the reduction in the Benefice Share and the ending of the vacancy costs.
9. Charitable giving from PCC funds was just over 5% of regular income. The £5,867 paid to charities shown in the accounts include £693 raised at the BBQ for CMS and £574 at the curry evening for USPG. The payments have been taken from our Missions and Outreach Fund. In addition, specific donations included food and gifts were made which raised a further £1,380. These were passed directly to various charities (see page 8 of the accounts).
10. Missions & Outreach work has continued to thrive. Full details of the outreach work can be found on page 7 of the accounts. As the capital left in this fund will be exhausted during 2026, the majority of expenditure to continue this work will be taken from our unrestricted funds.
11. The capital in the Learning Hub Fund has now all been used so this fund is closed.
12. Churchyard expenditure was partly covered by trust fund income, a Parish Council grant and donations. £2,321 from the Mr Brain Fund was needed to cover the excess expenditure. Churchyard expenditure is increasing and the amount needed in 2026 will be significantly higher due to a lack of volunteers coming forward to cut the grass etc.

13. The deficit for 2025 on unrestricted funds was £12,060. This was covered by drawing on money received from legacies. This deficit is lower than the budget estimate of £20,605. The main reasons for this different are: -

- a) Running costs and clergy expenses were lower than anticipated and the £6,000 sum included in the budget to fund a Musical Director was not used.
- b) However, Income from regular doners was less than estimated.

14. Our estimated budget deficit for 2026 on unrestricted funds is £41,211.

Church Financial Policies

- **Restricted Reserves Policy**
- Our Restricted Reserves, derived mainly from legacies, are very substantial (£433,359 at the end of 2025). Our policy is to ensure that these reserves are well invested, on short call with the CCLA, reviewed regularly and used in a positive manner to maintain and enhance the Fabric and Churchyard of St. Andrew's Church. At the present time, we believe that these reserves will cover any eventuality over the next 5/10 years.
- **Unrestricted Reserves Policy**
- These Reserves, again mainly derived from legacies, amounted to £286,354 at the end of 2025. Our policy is to hold a reserve of a minimum of 9 months current expenditure (estimated at £100,000). Subject to cash flow requirements, these reserves are invested with the CCLA.
- **Legacies Policy**
- We sensitively invite legacies and where a prospective donor has no particular purpose in mind for the use of such a legacy, we encourage prospective donors to state that monies so willed should be used by the PCC at their discretion.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Andrew's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector – vacant during 2024), Churchwardens, the Readers and those members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met 8 times since the last APCM in May 2024 with an average level of attendance of 73%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include mission and outreach, young people, pastoral and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Andrew's Church is situated in Church Lane, Backwell. It is part of the Diocese of Bath & Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Backwell, BS48 3JJ. Registered charity number 1131461

PCC members who have served from 18th May 2025 until the date of this approved report are:

Ex Officio

Incumbent – Revd Sam Norton

Wardens

Andy Pitcher
Cherry Leake

PCC Secretary

Jane Canning (until 4th September 2025)
Vacancy from 5th September 2025

Deanery Synod (*entitles automatic service on PCC*)

Martin Canning
Anita Heappey
Ian Bainbridge
Vacancy

Diocesan Synod (*entitles automatic service on Deanery and PCC*)

Carol Hellen

Elected members *For 3 years unless otherwise indicated*

Lesley Barratt	(until APCM 2026)
Christine Hamilton	(until APCM 2026)
Tim Harland	(until APCM 2026)
Tamsin Hockett	(until APCM 2026)
John Lee	(until APCM 2026)
Tina Soper	(until APCM 2026)

By Invitation regarding Fabric matters

George Chedburn (Architect)

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by (Chair)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2025 £	FUNDS 2024 £
Income and Endowments					
Voluntary income	2(a)	88,329	2,225	90,554	106,233
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	1,350	1,383	2,733	2,583
Income from investments	2(c)	673	2,559	3,232	9,004
Church activities	2(d)	14,323	2,227	16,550	17,369
Other Receipts	2(e)	557	2,340	2,897	502
TOTAL INCOME		105,232	10,734	115,966	135,691
Expenditure					
Church activities	3(a)	116,476	56,819	173,295	219,865
Raising funds	3(b)	816	285	1,101	1,173
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		117,292	57,104	174,396	221,038
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		-12,060	-46,370	-58,430	-85,347
NET GAIN/LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	5	-2,876	-4,793	-7,669	37,396
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)		-14,936	-51,163	-66,099	-47,951
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (2023)		301,290	484,522	785,812	833,763
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2025 (2024)		286,354	433,359	719,713	785,812

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Furniture and Equipment	4	20,073	33,651
Investment Fund	5	664,998	712,667
TOTAL		685,071	746,318
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank & in hand		11,898	17,918
Debtors	6	10,499	9,400
Payment in Advance		137	137
Short term deposits		17,990	15,309
TOTAL		40,524	42,764
TOTAL ASSETS		725,595	789,082
LIABILITIES			
Creditors- Amounts falling due within one year		4,579	3,270
Fees received in advance		1,303	
		719,713	785,812
FUNDS		719,713	785,812
Unrestricted	7(a)	286,354	301,290
Restricted	7(b)	433,359	484,522
TOTAL		719,713	785,812

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1(a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on an accounting basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 2021 and the Church Regulations 2006.

1(b) Depreciation

Items of Furniture, Equipment and Fittings costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated over 4 years at 25% per annum.

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 2024 £ £	
2(a) Voluntary income				
Planned Giving: Gift aid donations	61,136		61,136	57,719
Other	4,860		4,860	5,584
Tax recoverable	14,643	249	14,892	15,450
Collections: Open plate	2,189		2,189	1,383
Gift aid envelopes	1,679		1,679	1,401
Sum Up	650		650	636
Sum Up with gift aid	1,476		1,476	945
Grants: Backwell Education Foundation				300
Listed Places of Worship		834	834	8,270
National Society for Education				10,000
Backwell Parish Council		550	550	500
Donations	251	240	491	2,727
Donations qualifying for gift aid	945	325	1,270	1,318
Legacies	500	27	527	
Total	88,329	2,225	90,554	106,233
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Social Activity Donations	1,350	1,383	2,733	2,583
Total	1,350	1,383	2,733	2,583
2(c) Income from investments				
Backwell Church Lands				4,549
* Dividends from Trust Funds		2,247	2,247	2,227
Interest	673	312	985	2,228
Total	673	2,559	3,232	9,004
2(d) Income from church activities				
Bath & Wells Visiting Clergy Costs	321		321	2,468
Chelvey PCC Contribution-vacancy	58		58	305
Chelvey PCC Contribution-expenses	1,105		1,105	914
Children's Choir		2,032	2,032	2,436
Hire of Church House	5,032		5,032	5,147
Weddings, Funerals & Monuments Fees	7,807	195	8,002	6,099
Total	14,323	2,227	16,550	17,369
Other Receipts				
2(e) FIT Payments	557		557	502
Maternity Pay Refund		2,340	2,340	
Total	557	2,340	2,897	502
Total Income	105,232	10,734	115,966	135,691

* Dividends from Trust Funds

The custodian trustee of these funds is Bath and Wells Diocesan Board of Finance.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

3 EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £
3(a) Church Activities				
Church overseas		3,567	3,567	3,583
Home Missions & other Church Societies		1,150	1,150	2,300
Other Charities		1,150	1,150	224
		5,867	5,867	6,107
Ministry: Diocesan Benefice share	84,141		84,141	87,943
Other ministry costs: Clergy expenses	770		770	
Lay Training	48	434	482	50
Other clergy costs	508		508	2,484
Outreach		5,276	5,276	6,969
Vacancy	265		265	1,702
Church running and maintenance (note 3c)	11,258	3,521	14,779	15,140
Upkeep of services : Flowers		611	611	731
Material for Worship	600		600	401
Sundries	474		474	371
Churchyard upkeep		5,385	5,385	7,439
Support costs: Children's worker expenses		110	110	113
Choir	137	292	429	242
Junior church			0	93
Ringers		483	483	640
Depreciation note (4)		13,578	13,578	13,578
Equipment	1,239	749	1,988	1,264
Major Repairs		2,048	2,048	42,064
Employment Costs: Administrator	9,464		9,464	8,619
Children's Worker		18,465	18,465	17,568
Cleaner	3,900		3,900	3,813
Fees: Organists	2,470		2,470	1,380
Printing/ stationery/postage	849		849	802
Bank Charges	353		353	352
Total	116,476	56,819	173,295	219,865
3(b) Raising funds				
Cost of social activities	816	285	1,101	1,173
Total	816	285	1,101	1,173
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	117,292	57,104	174,396	221,038

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, BACKWELL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2025

3(c)	CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)	2025	2024
		£	£
	Consumables & window cleaning	381	357
	Copyright licence/Data protection	549	489
	Drop Box ,Zoom & Mailchimp	415	298
	Electricity	2,413	3,989
	Insurance	3,340	2,942
	Keys	20	40
	Oil	2,601	2,635
	Phone/internet /computer issues	827	893
	Piano Tuning	120	120
	Water Rates	377	98
	Web Site	215	233
	TOTAL	11,258	12,094
4	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	2025	2024
		£	£
	Cost		
	At Start of year	57,729	31,752
	Additions		25,977
	Disposals		
	At end of year	<u>57,729</u>	<u>57,729</u>
	Depreciation		
	At start of year	24,078	10,500
	Depreciation charge for the year	13,578	13,578
	At end of year	<u>37,656</u>	<u>24,078</u>
	Net Residual Value at end of year	20,073	33,651
5	CCLA INVESTMENT FUND	2025	2024
	Share holding at 31 December	10,721	11,355
	The value of one share in the fund at 31 December 2025 was £62.03. 6707 shares are in restricted funds and 4014 in unrestricted funds		
		£	£
	Market Value at 1 January 2025	712,667	755,270
	314.65 Shares Sold at £63.563 per share (2025)	-20,000	
	319.73 Shares sold at £62.5519 per share (2025)	-20,000	-30,000
	804.54 Shares sold at £62.1477 per share (2024)		-50,000
	Net gain/loss on Investments	-7,669	37,397
	Market Value at 31 December 2025	<u>664,998</u>	<u>712,667</u>
6	DEBTORS	2025	2024
		£	£
	HM Revenue & Customs	9,435	8,160
	Other Debtors	1,064	1,240
	TOTAL	10,499	9,400

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5 DETAILS OF FUNDS

7(a) UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		BALANCE	BALANCE
		2025	2024
GENERAL FUND			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Voluntary income	87,829	Church activities	116,476
Activities for generating funds	1,350	Raising funds	816
Income from church activities	14,323		
Other receipts	557		
TOTAL INCOME	104,059	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	117,292
Transfer from Legacy Fund Fund	13,233		
Opening balance	0	Closing balance	0
LEGACIES FUND			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Interest	673	Investment Fund Loss	2,876
Legacy	500		
TOTAL INCOME	1,173	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,876
		Transfer to General Fund	13,233
Opening balance	301,290	Closing balance	286,354
			301,290
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>286,354</u>	<u>301,290</u>
7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS			
BELL RINGERS FUND			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Donations & Tax	144	Affiliation fees	20
Fees	150	Bell Muffles	463
Interest	31		
Listed Places of Worship Grant	77		
TOTAL INCOME	402	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	483
Opening balance	1,795	Closing balance	1,714
			1,795
CHOIR FUND			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Fees	45	Chorister bonuses	90
Interest	48	Gifts	109
		Other expenses	13
		Social events	80
TOTAL INCOME	93	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	292
Opening balance	2,880	Closing balance	2,681
			2,880
CHURCHYARD FUND			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Dividends	2,062	Electricity	160
Donations & Tax	425	Gardeners	4,057
Grant	550	Hedge cutting	480
Legacy	27	Machinery maintenance	371
		Other expenses	317
TOTAL INCOME	3,064	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,385
Transfer from Mr Brain Fund	2,321		
Opening balance	0	Closing balance	0
			0

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7(b) RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)			BALANCE 2025	BALANCE 2024
CHURCHYARD AND FABRIC MR BRAIN FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Interest	159	Church maintenance	3,521	
Listed Places of Worship grant	757	Church tower roof	1,028	
		Depreciation of equipment & fixtures	13,578	
		Equipment -sound system	749	
		Insulation Church House	1,020	
		Investment Fund Loss	4,793	
TOTAL INCOME	916	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	24,689	
Opening balance	450,946	Transfer to Churchyard Fund	2,321	
		Closing balance		424,852
				450,946
FLOWER FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Dividends	185	Christmas Tree	130	
Donations	75	Flowers etc	481	
Interest	40			
TOTAL INCOME	300	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	611	
Opening balance	2,548	Closing balance		2,237
				2,548
LEARNING HUB FUND				
Maternity Pay Refund	2,340	Children's Worker Payments	13,794	
		Pupil chaplaincy	802	
		School Altar Cloth	100	
		School Bibles	315	
		Training	71	
TOTAL INCOME	2,340	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,082	
Opening balance	12,742	Closing balance		0
				12,742
MISSION & OUTREACH FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Children's choir	2,032	Alpha Course	300	
Interest	32	Begin Well	75	
Social events donations	1,553	Charities	5,867	
		Children's choir	2,510	
		Children's worker costs	110	
		Children's worker	4,671	
		Easter in the box	65	
		Expenses for social events	285	
		Junior School	28	
		Junior School books	518	
		Lay Training	363	
		Little Lambs	12	
		Other outreach expenses	60	
		St Andrew's churchdays	491	
TOTAL INCOME	3,617	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,355	
Opening balance	13,505	Closing balance		1,767
				13,505
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND				
INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Interest	2			
TOTAL INCOME	2	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
Opening balance	106	Closing balance		108
				106
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			<u>433,359</u>	<u>484,522</u>

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8 PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES

a:	PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES FROM PCC FUNDS	2025	2024
	Churches overseas :Missionary Societies		
	USPG	1,150	1,150
	Church Mission Society	1,150	1,150
	World Day of Prayer		25
	Total	2,300	2,325
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies		
	Connect Nailsea	1,150	1,150
	The Community of the Sisters of the Church	1,150	1,150
	Total	2,300	2,300
b:	OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHARITIES		
	Church Mission Society (BBQ)	693	632
	Somerset International October Festival		224
	USPG (Curry Evening)	574	626
	Total	1,267	1,482
	OVERALL TOTAL	<u>5,867</u>	<u>6,107</u>

The following donations are not included in the Account. St Andrew's only acts as an agent

*	Community of the Sisters of the Church (Donations)	44	
	Community of the Sisters of the Church (harvest)		65
	Children's Society collection (Christingle)		159
	USPG donations	145	
	USPG boxes and coffee morning	216	349
	Zambia collection (School Building Project)		277
	Total	405	850
*	Donations of food and gifts have also been given to the Sisters of the Church - estimated value	975	895



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Backwell, also known as Parochial Church Council of St Andrew, Backwell.		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1131461
Set out on pages	1-8		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

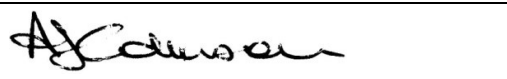
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:		Date:	10/04/2026
Name:	Amanda Collinson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Former Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (1980-2021)		
Address:	12a Farleigh Road, Backwell, Bristol. BS48 3PA		

Section B**Disclosure**

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

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

None