

Emmanuel Church

Weston-super-Mare

Registered Charity No 1182674

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Incumbent

The Rev Tom Webber

The Cedar

Montpelier

Weston-super-Mare

Bank

Nat West

High Street

Weston-super-Mare

Independent Examiner

Mrs H C Evans ACCA (Affiliate)

BACKGROUND

Emmanuel Parish Church continues as part of a joint benefice with Christ Church remaining independent in terms of being self-governing and responsible for the management of its own affairs. During 2025 we have maintained our fellowship and co-operation with Christ Church. We continue with the online weekly news sheet "Connected" started during the pandemic which is delivered to those without technology and covers news and information about both churches.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules, the following served as PCC members during 2025.

Incumbent	Revd T Webber
Reader	Mrs M Hill – Lay Chair
Reader	Mrs D Pilgrim
Reader	Dr J Birkett – from 27.04.25
Church Wardens	Mrs M Palmer Mrs P Cockell – from 27.04.25

Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs D Pilgrim Dr J Birkett
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Elected Members	Mrs S Beckford Mrs P Blake Mrs C Evans Mrs D Hill – resigned 31.12.25 Mrs D Parker Miss J Morgan – resigned 27.04.25 Mr D Spear – resigned 21.07.25
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CHURCH ATTENDANCE - There are 49 parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

STANDING COMMITTEE

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any direction given by the council.

It was unanimously agreed that the Standing Committee should comprise: -

Revd T Webber	PCC Chair
Revd J Birkett	Associate Priest
Mrs M Hill	Reader and PCC Vice Chair
Mrs D Pilgrim	Reader
Mrs M Palmer	Church Warden
Mrs P Cockell	Church Warden
Mrs C Evans	Treasurer
Mrs D Parker	Project Manager

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The full PCC met 7 times during 2025. At the post APCM meeting officers to serve for the coming year were appointed as follows:

PCC Vice Chair	Mrs M Hill
PCC Treasurer	Mrs C Evans
PCC Secretary	Mrs D Hill
Project Manager	Mrs D Parker

PARISH LIFE 2025

The Beacon and Friendship Group continued to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays as before, and both are well attended. Our lower hall was well used by AA, NA and CA while New Dawn Counselling Service worked on the first floor. We held monthly Coffee Mornings and Sales on the first Saturday of the month from March until December, with a Fete held in July and a Bazaar in November all of which were well attended and profitable. Communion continued to be served with wafers dipped in wine. Monthly communion services were held on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise notified and Deaf Church met on the second Sunday of the month. The Service of Light in January was held at St Peters, the Locking Deanery Prayer and Praise Service at Emmanuel in March was organised by Meg and Donna, while World Day of Prayer was held at Corpus Christi. The Civic Society presented an award to Emmanuel at The Museum in Weston-super-Mare for the repairs carried out to our Windows and Mullions.

We enjoyed a meal at Christ Church on Maundy Thursday, and a Good Friday Reflection Service at Emmanuel taken by Julie and Donna. The Easter Day Service taken by Julie and John saw communion being administered the old way with the wine being sipped or a wafer dipped in grape juice. At our APCM on 27 April, Mavis and Penny became our wardens and Mary became our Verger. Open Gardens held by Meg, Sandy and Tony and Stella were well attended and enjoyed good weather. Three flower beds on the south side of church were weeded, then Donna and Ray placed a membrane and bark around lovely plants provided by Brian Marchant in memory of his wife. Ascension Day was followed by 10 days of prayers till Pentecost, and a prayer walk around Emmanuel. At a Special Pentecost Service Tony Holden spoke on Shiva. At the Archdeacon's Visitation in June, Mavis and Penny were installed as church wardens. A Cream Tea and Quiz was enjoyed in July, and we held a Cleaning Day in church and kitchen that month helped by John from Christ Church.

Early in September we held Life Group Sunday and on 21 September we held our Harvest Service with the donated goods being split between The Beacon and Foodbank and our financial donations being given to Ripple Effect for which all recipients were grateful. Our Church Renewal Day on 6 October was run by Tom, Julie, John and Donna as Claire Horton had broken her foot and could not attend, it was well attended and started with a bring and share lunch followed by information and discussions.

In November we held our Remembrance Day Service and our Safeguarding Service followed at the end of the month with an evening Healing and Wholeness Service at Christ Church. On 13 December our church was decorated for Christmas with our wardens taking the lead ably assisted by Pat, Donna and Ray for which thanks go to him for the strings of lights over the seating, which proved highly effective at our Carol Service.

December saw us carol singing in Church Square with the music provided by members of Christ Church followed by refreshments organised by the Friendship Group. The lunch time Town Hall Carol Service was held as usual and Emmanuel's Evening Carol Service was on 19 December. Each event was followed by light refreshments (mince pies) and hot drinks. Our last morning service of the year was held on Sunday 28 December 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our giving in 2025 was down by £1,487, but tax recovered on the previous year's giving was up by £2,018, therefore the giving total increased by £532. Income on our hall letting was up by £1,669, thanks to an increase in the charges we make and careful management by Meg on weekly lettings. The fete, bazaar, cream tea and quiz, which together with Open Gardens held by Meg, Tony and Sandy and Stella raised £2,485.25 which was up by £157,24. Saturday Coffee Mornings raised £1,318.08, which was £70.88 more than the previous year. Gifts and Legacies included a lovely donation of £300 from a church member in celebration of her birthday and a very generous donation of £10,000 from another church member, together with £1,255 raised in our Lent Chair project driven by Donna, and small donations from church members. The VAT claim raised £3,395.08.

The Children's Society annual box opening and donations raised £307.36. We only gave £50 last year to Christians Against Poverty as the local branch closed and we were unable to contribute to Easter Eggs or Christmas hampers for their clients. At Harvest we gave £203.50 to Ripple Effect and £20 to Weston Foodbank and gave donated harvest items which were divided between the Beacon and Weston Foodbank. We contributed £50 to Bishop Ruth's leaving gift and £25 to Denise Blake's leaving gift as she had been the Archdeacon's PA for 16 years.

Our giving to Missions and Charities on page 6 shows that we gave £630 to Interserve for the BLiSS project; £210 each to Tearfund, Andrew and Lydia's work at Life Book shop and to St Peter's Church Youth Drop In Centre, also £105 to support Revd Julie Birkett's work as College Chaplain. World Day of Prayer subs were £15.

Work on our roof carried out in line with the latest Quinquennial late in 2024 by Ellis & Co cost £600. Our kitchen needed an upgrade as the laminate was peeling off the doors and drawer fronts which was removed and appropriate kitchen paint applied for £1,280 and a new dishwasher costing £429 was installed, as life gets rather difficult for those running the Beacon and on fete and bazaar days without one. The flooring inside the west car park door was crumbling and was repaired for £940, with an alternative entrance and exit being used whilst the work was being carried out. A new control box was fitted to the Boulter boiler for £440. A new door lock to the car park door and new keys were purchased with New Dawn kindly covering the cost of those they required. A five-year electrical inspection was carried out over more than one visit and cost £1,255. Various plumbing repairs during the year carried out by Jason Lucas totalled £640. A wheeled flip chart was purchased to record the results of various meetings and discussions. To assist with parking safely a large tub was placed on the edge of the steps as an aid to drivers to avoid the sharp edge while in the car park, Ray kindly planted a shrub and spring plants in the tub.

Weston Deaf Church, a small charity had trouble accessing their account last year and when they were gifted £500 from Brian Crellin's estate, the solicitor phoned and asked if we would take the money for them and pass it on when the account was stable. After speaking to those who administer the account I agreed and was fortunate in that I was able to BACS the money into their account before the end of the year.

My thanks go to Keith Bury and Mary Passey for care of our church collections which Keith banks. We have paid for the servicing of our gas boilers and fire extinguishers, periodic inspection and testing of our fire alarm system and emergency lights, had our lightning conductor checked and had no outstanding bills at the year end.

We now pay a Benefice Share with Christ Church to our Diocese and the PCC agreed to pay the same as we previously did as it would assist them. Caring for Emmanuel will always be our concern as well as our outreach, and we need to search our hearts and consider our giving. If you pay income tax, do tell me then I can claim it back (£25p in the £), money paid in through the contactless device can be claimed as cash in the plate as long as we do not exceed £8,000.

EMMANUEL CHURCH - WESTON-SUPER-MARE

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
	£	£
Giving	17,639.39	£19,125.97
Gift Day	0.00	£0.00
Tax recovered on giving	4,355.05	£2,336.73
REGULAR RECEIPTS	£21,994.44	£21,462.70
Bank & CBF Deposit A/c Interest	801.21	£980.50
Saturday Coffee Mornings and Sales	1,318.08	£1,247.20
Church Course	0.00	£500.00
Fete, Bazaar, Open Garden & Cream Tea	2,485.25	£2,328.01
Flowers for Church	0.00	£20.00
Gas and Electricity Refund	0.00	£534.01
General Refund	380.77	£25.00
Gifts and Legacies	11,836.30	£1,189.50
Hall Lettings incl Deaf Church	15,513.10	£13,874.36
HMRC VAT Claim	3,395.08	£8,670.71
Insurance Claim	0.00	£430.00
Magazines, Directories & Weston's Heart	0.00	£78.75
New Dawn Heating	2,255.40	£1,477.04
Parochial Fees Funerals	286.00	£516.00
UNRESTRICTED RECEIPTS	38,271.19	£31,871.08
Add Accrual	8.01	
	38,279.20	
Grants & Donations - Restricted		
Charity Collections	530.45	£1,343.03
Deaf Church	500.00	
Hardship Fund - Restricted	£120.00	£120.00
Restricted Receipts	£1,150.45	£2,463.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£61,408.07	£55,796.81

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PAYMENTS	2025 £	2024 £
Admin Expenses	1,720.44	1,756.08
Architect's/Surveyor's Fees	0.00	881.70
Catering Events	41.11	263.63
Church Service Expenses	233.90	238.24
Clergy, Readers, & Verger Expenses	852.00	864.00
Diocesan Parish Share	18,363.60	18,363.60
Fixtures & Fittings	2,492.55	4,689.57
Gas, Electricity and Water	7,856.31	5,151.00
Halls-Cleaning and Supplies	4,064.15	4,045.00
Insurances	2,904.53	2,593.15
Maintenance-Equipment	5,271.18	2,302.82
Missions and Charities	0.00	1,900.00
Organists & Organ Tuning/ Repairs	100.00	343.00
Repairs	2,517.40	15,531.60
Sunday Link	247.98	220.32
Sundries	784.92	640.35
Gifts	75.00	221.51
Window Project	0.00	22,492.92
Unrestricted Payments	47,525.07	82,498.49
Prepayments	600.00	600.00
	48,125.07	81,898.49
Restricted Payments		
Missions & Charities - Restricted	1,960.86	983.13
Winter Warmth - Restricted	0.00	-
Restricted Payments	1,960.86	983.13
Total Payments	£50,085.93	82,881.62
Total Receipts	61,408.07	54,473.57
Receipts over Payments	£11,322.14	- 28,408.05
Bank Current & Deposit A/cs at 1 Jan	26,878.85	55,286.90
Bank Current & Deposit A/cs at 31	£38,200.99	26,878.85

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MISSIONS & CHARITIES	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Children's Society	307.36	323.13
Christians Against Poverty	50.00	725.00
Interserve BLiSS	630.00	600.00
Life Bookshop	210.00	200.00
Weston Super Mare Foodbank	20.00	0.00
Rev J Birkett	105.00	100.00
Ripple Effect	203.50	535.00
St Peter's Youth Drop In	210.00	200.00
Tearfund	210.00	200.00
World Day of Prayer subs	15.00	10.00
	<u>£1,960.86</u>	<u>£2,893.13</u>

MONETARY ASSETS

B/fwd 1/1/25
 Receipts 2025
 Payments 2025
 T/fer funds
 C/fwd 31/12/25

GENERAL FUND £	RESTRICTED FUND £	TOTAL 2025 £
25,500.24	1,378.61	26,878.85
60,257.62	1,150.45	61,408.07
-48,125.07	-1,960.86	-50,085.93
37,632.79	568.20	38,200.99
24,956.90	568.20	25,525.10
12,675.89		12,675.89
37,632.79	568.20	38,200.99

Represented by:-
 NWB Current Account
 CBF Deposit Account
Total Monetary Assets

Approved by the PCC on 29 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Rev T Webber - Chairman

Mrs C Evans - Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The PCC of Emmanuel Church Weston-super-Mare

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2025

1182674

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/25.

**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**

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

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:

11 March 2026

Name:

Helen C Evans

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

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