



2025 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Edward, King and Martyr Church, Goathurst.

Aim and Purposes

St. Edward, King and Martyr Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working with the incumbent, the Reverend Eleanor King, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church, including the unique historical tombs and monuments. We seek to maximise these assets as an integral part of our mission and outreach to the wider community today.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Edward's. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that exist within our parish. Our worship seeks to put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We have tried to engage and enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.
- Working closely, liaising and co-operating with other churches in the Quantock Villages Benefice.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Edward, King and Martyr.

Additionally, we are in the process of raising sufficient funds to build an extension housing toilet and kitchen facilities. This will support our aims and objectives above by being:

- More accessible to both young and elderly, reducing social isolation within our community
- More user friendly for all ages, facilitating a greater variety of use
- More attractive and welcoming for visitors/visiting groups interested in its wealth of history and heritage
- More able to sustain its use both for the village and the wider community in the future.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

This year our regular monthly pattern has changed with Family Worship on the first Sunday; Holy Communion (Common Worship) on the second Sunday and Holy Communion (BCP) on the fourth Sunday evening.

Our regular monthly pattern of services underwent a significant change from the start of the year as, now being part of a nine-church benefice, the Rector could no longer staff a service in every church each Sunday. This meant that we were without a service on third Sundays of the month. The Rector encouraged us to see these as opportunities to visit other churches across the benefice and to find ways in which we might 'do church differently' and so 'Opportunity Sundays' were 'born'.

During the year, we have sought to bring our church out into the community and are grateful to the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to use the hall, free of charge, on third Sundays if desired. This has been successful with two 'Bacon Butty' gatherings, one including a presentation by the Kids Alive charity; two walks followed by refreshments; a pet service with a talk from an animal charity; and an afternoon cream tea in the church grounds.

Other special services have included: Mothering Sunday; Harvest, followed by a village lunch at Secret Valley farm; Remembrance Day; a Celebration for the Restoration of the Willis Monument; an All Souls' service in November, enabling us to remember those we have lost.

We continued to hold a Christingle Service at the start of Advent as well as both outdoor Crib and traditional Carol services, all of which were extremely well attended-a packed church on the Christmas Eve Carol service.

Celtic Morning Prayer continues each Wednesday morning in the Tynte pew with a regular attendance of at least six, some from other QVB parishes. It is often lay led and we are grateful to Colin Chalmers for preparing the reading resources needed.

The Goathurst Fellowship Group has continued to meet on Monday afternoons during term time exploring different aspects of our faith and for Bible study.

'Stay and Play' for babies and pre-school children and their parents continues to meet in the Tynte pew on Friday mornings throughout the year. The sessions include a bible story, songs and a prayer.

There was one baptism, one wedding, one funeral and one memorial service held this year.

34 members were on the church Electoral Roll during 2025 (2 being added after the APCM). Our 'worshipping community' has increased to 20 and weekly attendance averages 12.

Deanery Synod

Only one member of the PCC sat on the Deanery Synod as no-one has replaced Mrs Esther Meade. Having a PCC member sit on the Synod provides us with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The Area Dean is Rev Alison Waters and the Assistant Area Dean is Rev Mark Phillips.

Please see Appendix 1 for a summary of Deanery Synod Meetings held during 2025.

The Church

Whilst plans for the north extension to house toilet and kitchenette facilities have stalled somewhat this year, in December we received wonderful news of a £10K donation from a local trust fund to enable the project to get to the tendering for build stage! Specific fundraising has continued with scrap metal collections and registering for the 'easyfundraising' scheme.

Other significant events:

- The tower clock was re-installed with an Annual Maintenance Contract in place. We are truly grateful to Andy Hicklin (our resident horologist) for his diligence in looking after the clock throughout the year, especially its accuracy. The celebration has been deferred until next year when the tower handrail will be in place.
- A permanent sign acknowledging the restoration of the Willis monument has been placed in the church porch. Partly funded by Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme (NHLF).
- The 18th century former singers' gallery paintings in the tower were restored by McNeilage Conservation with funding from QLPS (again) and the church Buildings Council. Ruth McNeilage gave a presentation about the restoration in December.
- The stump of the felled fir tree was transformed into a two-sided seat by Gary Orange with generous funding from the Parish Council.
- The Wyatt grave, damaged by the falling tree, was repaired and all gravestones were inspected for safety. 2 newer ones had to be secured.
- Eroded tower steps were repaired.
- Urgent repairs listed in the Quinquennial Inspection were carried out.
- Fire Safety and Health and Safety Officers were appointed from PCC members and assessment reports approved.
- Faculties for the installation of a bell rope guide frame in the tower and a rope handrail in the tower staircase have been applied for. Grants are being sought for the former and donations in memory of Brian Coles will be used for the handrail.
- Two bird nesting boxes were erected in the churchyard, with thanks to QLPS, the Men's Shed and pupils of Enmore School.
- The church's Triennial Inspection took place in November (after a lapse of many years!). Everything was found to be in order.

Tower Captain's report

Mrs Clare Kippen took over the role of Tower Captain early in the year from Harry Meade who had done the job for many, many years - so a hard act to follow. This year has been very proactive for fund raising for the bellrope guide frame, for which a faculty has been submitted. This will enable inexperienced ringers to cope with the bells better and encourage visiting teams to ring peals or quarter peals. New ropes will also be fitted. There have been three people learning to ring and two of them are now fully qualified. We hope in the not-too-distant future to have a team of our own. A tower and bell inspection was carried out in May 2025.

The handbell sessions have been very successful and enjoyed by those who have come along and a performance was given at the cream tea, a visit to an old folks' coffee morning at Nether Stowey, where some of the listeners had a go, and at the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

Mission and evangelism:

Charitable giving plays a large part of the PCC's objectives. It is the PCC's policy to tithe 10% of our offertory giving throughout the year. Our Mission sub-committee has been instrumental in ensuring regular donations were made to a number of deserving charities as listed in the Financial Report. In addition to the ten charities listed, special collections/donations were also given to Secret World, Farm Africa, Royal BL, Kids Alive International, and the Deanery Mission Project-Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The Christmas Offering listed will be given to SW Children's Hospice when Gift Aid has been added.

Children's Ministry

Kids@Goathurst

Stay and Play -under the leadership of Mandy Young and Brenda Smith, five families have attended regularly this year, whilst others drop in from time to time. We have been delighted when grandparents come along with their families. We were sad to see one family move away in October- the three children having been with us since babies. However, we have been delighted to welcome a new family from Spaxton who have become an integral part of the group. Three children who had also been with us since they were born, have now graduated to Kids' Night, having started school in September. One of the highlights this year, under Mandy's guidance, was planting seeds, then later planting out the seedlings in the churchyard and monitoring them grow and flower.

The monthly Kids' Night has continued in the village hall with sessions consisting of craft, games and food under the direction of Helen Dowling, Hollie Lockton and Brenda Smith. Whilst some of the teenagers at secondary school have ceased attend, others have stepped up to help guide the younger ones. 13 families have been regularly involved, though again we were sad to lose another family who re-located as they, too, had been with us since the beginning 4 years ago. (Both families have visited since moving and are still keen to join us when able.) 7 children again designed our PCC Christmas cards for the village.

It has been very encouraging to see one family now regularly attending Family worship and others also being drawn to the service.

The Easter Egg Hunt was again very popular with children and parents, as was the Christingle and outdoor Crib service.

Church Events/additional services

The variety of events planned in 2025 encouraged many of all ages to participate and assist in their organisation. With our choice of outdoor venues, from the Halswell Estate, to gardens and church grounds, and our indoor venues, from Halswell House to our Village Hall, we were able to accommodate all ideas for fundraising and social gatherings.

Throughout the year our planned events ranged from guided walks, picnics, concerts, to teas and a Quiz.

In addition, we held services including a celebration of Rogation, the Blessing of Pets and a Songs of Praise.

We have welcomed the many, relatively new, residents to Goathurst and have been very thankful for their enthusiasm towards all that the church committee has organised.

Pastoral Care

Goathurst has continued to see new people moving into the village and they have attended many of the events organised by the village hall or church committees. There have been three new couples and they have been given the Welcome to the Church leaflet. We have lost two families. Families have been very supportive of the crib and Christingle services. Clare continues to visit any residents in the village who have been unwell or suffered the loss of a close relative or are maybe feeling a bit lonely. She asks them if they would like a chat while enjoying a cup of tea and keeping them informed of what is going on in the village and further afield. Church members have always been willing to support people in need on a confidential basis and often in partnership with the Goathurst Charity

Safeguarding

We continue to follow the Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. This year we have progressed to Level3 of the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard. We have also registered as a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Hub which sits alongside the Dashboard and provides reminders and guidelines about the procedures and courses which must be adhered to and notification when these are due.

The noticeboard in the porch is kept up to date with the latest newsletter, our Safeguarding Policy and all current contact details of safeguarding personnel.

Schools

Enmore School has enjoyed another busy and successful year as confirmed recently during the annual visit by our School Improvement Partner.

It is wonderful to see the children enjoying the Open the Book sessions held most Tuesday mornings led by a small faithful team of volunteers.

The school continues to be oversubscribed for Reception admissions and during the year places are requested in other school years because parents wish to move their children to Enmore.

The Foundation Committee are preparing for the likely SIAMS visit in the next Academic year and Mrs Green, the Deputy Head is action involved in developing the new RE curriculum for Somerset primary schools.

Financial Review 2025

The accounts for 2025 have been independently examined and approved by Steve White. The implementation of monthly reporting, aligned with the Diocese's annual requirements, has facilitated more effective financial comparisons. In 2026, consideration will be given to adopting the Parish Giving Scheme, following consultation with the PCC, to optimize regular giving and streamline Gift Aid claims.

SAPP Project

Since beginning in 2023, the SAPP project has incurred £4,512 in design and planning costs. Fundraising efforts, including donations and grants, have raised £4,324 to date. All VAT has been

reclaimed. Additional fundraising through Johnson metal claims has generated £814.74, thanks to Brenda's coordination. With the project now ready to proceed, further grant applications will be pursued in 2026.

Banking

No bank charges were incurred during the year, resulting in an annual saving of approximately £100.

Regular Giving

There has been a decline in regular givers in 2025. The introduction of Opportunity Sundays aims to increase donations and encourage greater involvement from local families.

Grants

Grants totalling £14,344 have been secured, primarily through the efforts of Brenda, this also includes 2024 and 2025 grants from the Parish Council. Applications for 2026 funding will be submitted in due course.

Heritage Fund Balance

As of December 2025, the Heritage Fund shows a negative balance, which is expected to be resolved in early 2026 upon receipt of VAT reclaims.

Reserves Policy

In accordance with charity law, the PCC maintains reserves sufficient to cover six months of operations. Current unrestricted and designated funds meet this requirement, with financial status reviewed at each bi-monthly PCC meeting.

This report is presented to the APCM following PCC review and independent examination.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church welcoming. In particular, we want to mention our churchwarden Mrs Brenda Smith who has worked tirelessly to tackle bureaucracy in applying for grants, spent hours liaising between various interested parties to arrange for works to be carried out and devoted a huge amount of time, energy and positivity to 'get things done'. We would also like to thank our Treasurer, Mrs Helen Roberts, who has kept rigorous financial records and helped us understand the church's accounts and finances.

At St. Edward's we are truly blessed by the willing support we receive from so many people in the wider community as well as our hardworking PCC members: attending our social events; giving of their time and expertise; labouring on work days; helping on Heritage Days; making and donating cakes, soups and hosting Lent Lunches; donating flowers for the church; providing a trailer and disposing of our 'prunings' mountain! Special thanks to Gill Modley and Jacq Clarkson and their teams of cleaners, flower arrangers, readers and sidespeople, to Mary Baker, Shirley Hughes, Russ and Micky Foster for labouring in the churchyard throughout the year and Stephen Burge for cutting the front hedge. Colin Chalmers for his musicianship, enhancing our worship as well as producing the CMP paperwork; Andy Hickin for tending the clock and Richard Piron for helping him with tower duties; Richard Meade for all his support with the heating and Richard Kilbey for ensuring we have heating oil; Jacq for taking over producing the photo montages recording the life of our church; Peter Evered for making the plinth for the new organ; Jill Chalmers for all her efforts keeping the brass cleaned; and lastly, but by no means least, Sharon Piron for going way above and beyond her

role as Minutes' Secretary to support the PCC, Rector and Churchwarden in so many ways, she truly is an 'unsung hero'.

Structure, Governance and Management

All those who are 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 PCC met six times during the year.

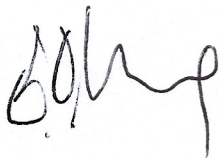
Administrative information

St. Edward's Church is situated in the village of Goathurst. Our website is [St Edward, King & Martyr - A Church Near You](#). It is part of the Quantock Deanery, Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Benefice Office, St Mary's Church Centre, 27 St Mary Street, Nether Stowey, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1LJ. Email: qv.benefice@gmail.com. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity currently exempted from registration with the Charity Commission. We are part of the Quantock Villages Benefice [Quantock Villages Benefice - Quantock Villages Benefice](#). PCC meetings are held bi-monthly and its members who have served during this year are listed below:

Chair:	Reverend Eleanor King
Deputy Chair:	Mrs Brenda Smith
Churchwarden:	Mrs Brenda Smith
Tower Captain	Mrs Clare Kippen
Deanery reps:	Mrs Clare Kippen
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Brenda Smith
Treasurer:	Mrs Helen Roberts
Events Organiser:	Mrs Gill Modley
Correspondence Secretary:	Mrs Clare Kippen
School Foundation Governor:	Mrs Wendy Kilbey
Mission Committee:	Mrs Esther Meade, Mrs Gill Modley and Mrs Brenda Smith
Minutes Secretary:	Mrs Sharon Piron

Approved by the PCC on 22nd February 2026 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Eleanor King (Chairperson)

Signature:



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Edward, King and Martyr Church, Goathurst Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:-
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Steve White
Myrtle House, Brook Street, North Newton, Bridgwater, TA7 0BN

5 February 2026

Financial Statements for Goathurst PCC Year Ending 31 December 2025

Table 1: Receipts

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025	2024	Budget 25
Receipts/ Income							
Planned giving	1	6017	440	631	7088	7856	5910
Collections at services	2	1661.21		135.33	1796.54	2183	1905
All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals	3	1086.75	27.78	143.6	1258.13	973	3312
Gift Aid recovered	4	1957.95	57	645	2659.95	2586	2613
Legacies received		0	0	0	0	1179	0
Grants	5	600	30	13713.24	14343.24	10128	8728
Total voluntary giving		11322.91	554.78	15268.17	27145.86	24905	22468
Activities for generating funds							
Fundraising activities	6	3084.56	55.66	5247.64	8387.86	5649	2950
Income from investments					0	0	0
Dividends, interest, income from property etc.		15.01	0	0	15.01	13	9
Church activities							
Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)		1105	0	0	1105	123	868
Trading activities NOT fundraising		0	0	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	7	0	0	6062.83	6062.83		5108
Other receipts/income not already listed		£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	
Totals (from Financial Statements)		Unrestricted	Unrestricted - Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024	
Total Receipts		15527.48	610.44	26578.64	42716.56	30690	31403

Receipts

1. Down on previous year due to regular givers reducing.
2. Down again on previous year due to dwindling numbers attending our church services.
3. Encouraging start in the two opportunity Sundays total of £106.25 of donations received. I am sure with future Opportunity Sundays in 2026 this will increase our donations. Other donations totalling £1001.13, Bell Ringers £17, Art group £130.
4. Gift Aid now received
5. St Andrews Grant £5000 for Willis fund. Archbishop Council £1500, for Clock fund, Leche Trust grant £1000, PCC Chair grant £600, PCC Annual Grant £1100 2024 & 2025 now received. £350, Archbishop Council. Somerset Council 2 grants one for £4390 and £242.16, both for restoration work.

6. Donation £1500, Fish & Chip Supper £436, Johnson Metal reclaims £427.92, Late Christmas donation £505, Cost of Fish & Chips £235, Children's Society payment £63.75. Lent Lunch £703, Owl carvings £358, Pump Sale, £24, BBQ Koinonia £174, Toy Sale Koinonia £43, VE Day £83. Handbell Donation £20, Harvest £1299, PCC Quiz 202.50, Verger Donation £20, Haswell Art Group £180.

7. Monies received from LPW VAT reclaims £6062.83.

Table 2: Payments & Expenditure

Payments/Expenditure		Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	Budget
		Fund	Designated	Fund	2025	2024	2025
Costs of fundraising activities		-43.05	18	0	-25.05	1288	660
Church activities							
Mission giving and donations	8	70	1500	362.75	1932.75	2082	1595
Diocesan parish share contribution		8828.5	0	0	8828.5	9051	7660
Salaries, wages and honoraria		0	0	0	0	0	
Clergy and staff expenses		1200	0	0	1200	1200	1200
Church expenses		0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission and evangelism costs		160	142		302	390	222
Church running expenses	9	4708.31	0	1562.64	6270.95	4719	3280
Church utility bills	10	1431.9	0	0	1431.9	1181	980
Costs of trading						0	
Major capital expenditure		0	0	0	0	0	0
Major repairs to the church building	11	414	0	36664.8	37078.80	0	8097
Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration		0	0	0	0	0	0
New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.		0	0	0	0	1150	1408
Other expenditure		0	0	0	0	0	0
Other payments/expenditure not already listed		180	50	944.32	1174.32	70	4939
Totals (from Financial Statements)		Unrestricted	Unrestricted Designated	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024	
Payment/Expenditure		16949.66	1710	39534.51	58194.17	21131	30041

Payments

8. Total of £100 to our 10 charities, (See table 8), £100 DEC Myanmar, £30 National Churches Trust. Kids Alive £300, Deanery Charity Dorset Air Ambulance £100, Defibrillator contribution £50.
9. This includes, £160 Steve White, Independent Examiner, £600 Gary Orange Wood Carver, Somergreen Maintenance £1277.64, MJM £150, Harris Heating £102.50, A B Memorials £285, Roof Repairs £1740, CJG Fire £100.68, Ecclesiastical Insurance 1477.51, from Nov 2025 insurance cost has gone up by 36%, this is a considerable increase, to previous years.

10. Utility Bills monthly readings are helping to keep costs to a minimum, but electricity costs have again go up.
11. Major Repairs to church - Cumbria Clock repairs, £6780, Willis Monument £18472.80, Annie Evans Willis Monument Architect £936, McNeilage Conservation £540, Micheal Murr £414 (Repair to Tower steps, McNeilage Conservation £9386.

Table 3: Account Balances

Bank Balance	2025	Bank Balance	2024	Variance
Bank Balance as @ 31 Dec 25	11,077.95	Bank Balance as @ 31 Dec 24	26,570.57	-15,492.62
NS&I	1,511.98	NS&I	1,496.97	15.01
Total	12,589.93	Total	28,067.54	-15,477.61

Table 4: Funds

Funds Balance	2025	2024	
Kids @ Goathurst	105.39	338.1	D
Mission Giving	454.1	760.45	D
Organ & Audio	4125.95	3658.17	D
Punch South Chapel Fabric	225.07	225.07	D
Bill Inlges Legacy	1552.44	1552.44	D
Tower	128.26	98.26	D
Bell Restoration	335.72	247.72	R
Church Yard Rest	170.17	-233.27	R
Clock Fund	30.71	1305.71	R
Spend a Penny (SAPP)	1867.51	-611.73	R
Heritage Fund	-74.31	-1323.17	R
Other Monuments	0	16017.99	R
Christmas Offering	177.8	205.67	R
Harvest	0	0	R
General	3491.12	5826.13	U
Total	12589.93	28067.54	

Table 5: Summary for Diocesan

	Unrestricted	unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Designated		
Dec-24	5826	6632	15609	28067
Dec-25	3491	6591	2507	12589

Table 6: Reconciliation

Year	Funds	Accounts
Dec-24	28067.54	28067.54
Dec-25	12589.93	12589.93
Variance	15477.61	15477.61

Receipts 2025	42716.56
Payments 2025	58194.17
Total	-15477.61

Table 7: Sum Up Payments – General Fund

2024	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total
Amount Received	31.47	0	11.8	11.8	19.68	63.92	24.59	0	0	90.48	49.43	65.24	368
Fees	0.53	0	0.2	0.2	0.32	1.08	0.41			1.52	0.53	0.76	5.55

2025	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Total
Amount Received	65.24	34.57	31.59	93.93	44.57	39.52	64.26	44.46	0	27.68	11.86	44.47	502
Fees	0.76	0.43	0.41	1.07	0.93	0.48	0.74	0.54		0.32	0.12	0.53	6.33

Table 8: Mission Giving

Mission Giving	Amount
Siloam Christian	100
Santa Maria	100
Mission giving - Open Door	100
The Smile Train	100
Taunton Street	100
Urban Saints	100
Water Aid	100
Cure International	100
UNHCR	100
Unicef	100
DEC Myanmar	100
Kids Alive	300
Deanery charity Dorset Ambulance	100
Total	1500

Assets and Liabilities

The PCC has no currently saleable assets and carries no stock apart from sundry small items such as communion wine, candles etc. The cash assets are held as cash – banked regularly - in a current account, in an internet deposit account and in National Savings. There are no extant liabilities, although the repair of the roof and bells are contingent on raising sufficient funds from grants, donations and reserves. Assets are shown earlier.

Accounting Process

These accounts have been prepared using a Receipts and Payments protocol. Receipts are allocated, within the year of receipt, payments when reconciled within the year. The regular nature of transactions do not lead to significant over or under-estimate of resources obtained or expended. Cheque receipts are counted as cash until transferred to the bank. Full monthly accounts are printed once bank balances are reconciled and detailed accounts, presented for inspection at each PCC meeting held generally bi-monthly. This report is presented at the APCM after consideration by the PCC and examination.

Appendix 1

Summary of Deanery Synod Meetings 2025

1st March

- It was acknowledged how the difficulties in the national church regarding safeguarding have affected our parishes and congregations. Some of our parishes are finding it increasingly difficult to find a parish safeguarding officer.
- The meeting accepted the Guiding Principles document created for our upcoming Group Mission Team, written by Rev'd Andrew Tatham.
- Rev'd Kate Sax retired from her post as Assistant Area Dean.

17th June

- Julie Hall-Williams was warmly welcomed as our new Lay Dean, as we said a very grateful farewell to Sally Bult. Julie was licensed at the Archdeacon's visit in June.
- The meeting voted to accept the proposal supporting The Salvation Army as our 2026 deanery mission project. This will support work across West Somerset for the homeless. Our 2025 project, run by Steve Atkinson (Cannington) continues to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service.
- The new Group Mission Team (GMT) will look to begin its trial year in September.

15th November

- Questions were posed regarding the increased amount of insurance paid by our churches. Julia Hill (Deanery Accompanier) said she would look into it.
- The Group Mission Team held its first meeting, which centred around our 2026 Year of Prayer decided by the diocese. There were many helpful ideas presented.
- Triannual inspections began across the deanery, looking at Terriers and Church Log Books.
- The current rôle of the parish priest over time was discussed at length. The rôle has altered to some degree because of the increased size of benefices, distances that need to be travelled, along with short amount of time available for all duties. Parishes were encouraged to look at ways to support their priest, and perhaps considering employing a parish administrator.
- Safeguarding has been discussed at all our meetings this year, and diocesan synod feedback has been given at appropriate intervals.