

Annual Report: Church Life and Activities 2025



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Care Homes

We are currently involved in ministry to two Care Homes: Willow Bank, Hadfield, and The Risings, Glossop. A monthly 'Church Service' consisting of Bible Readings, Poems, Reflections and Prayers is held, with each service lasting about 30 minutes.

At Willow Bank, music is provided by Rosie Gange, on clarinet. At The Risings, there is a team of three that visit: myself and two members of All Saints, namely Sarah de Quincey and Christine Walsh. Sarah plays Baritone for us.

About a dozen or so residents attend the services in each home. A number of them were churchgoers before moving into the care homes, and join in the hymns as best they can. At Willow Bank some of the more able residents read short passages from the Bible for us.

Hilary Collard distributes worship material to people involved in Care Home ministry, most of which was prepared by Chris Nowak. There are still plenty of opportunities should anyone else wants to become involved in Care Home ministry. No one is as yet visiting Regency Court or Hope Valley on Newshaw Lane, and I am sure that you would be made welcome.

Vincent Ryder

Church Finance

Income for the year from all sources was £75,493. This included gifts (£3000) and a generous legacy from the estate of Michael Seward of £34,009. Grant income awarded from Derby Dioceses was £3,596 which was awarded to help with the costs of replacing the access ramp and installation of new handrails and railings.

Total expenditure for the year was £47,788 This resulted in a surplus of £27,705. Payments to the Common Fund totalled £17,000 which represents 70% of the amount requested.

Total assets available to the church as of 31st December 2025 are £57,442. This is an increase of £27,750 over the 2024 total of £29,692.

The restricted/designated funds comprise:

- £9,000 designated as an operating reserve of 3 months regular expenditure as recommended by the Charities Commission;
- £40,587 designated for general restoration;
- £123 held in the Hadfield League of Social Services Fund.

Money Owed (Liabilities) total £2,010 which is made up of money collected on behalf of the church's nominated charities and appeals.

2026 Outlook

The Common Fund payment requested by the Diocese for 2026 is £24,012.

Energy costs are predicted to be of the order of £8,500 which is an increase of £1,500 over 2025 due to increased fuel costs caused by the Middle East conflict and general inflation. Currently, income from regular sources is not sufficient to cover the day to day costs of running the church which during the first 3 months of 2026 has led to a £3,000 deficit of income – expenditure.

And finally ...

Thank you to all church members for your generous contributions of both time, money and organising fund raising events this year and to Anita Heseltine for banking the donations every week.

Peter Leighton (PCC Treasurer)

Church Garden

This year John Roberts planted tulips and more daffodil bulbs around the garden. The monthly working parties - usually held on the third Saturday, 9am-12pm - have been an enormous help with garden maintenance. Volunteers have focussed on cutting back bamboo; pruning hedges, bushes and trees; clearing creepers from the walls and guttering; weeding; and mowing the grass.

Cleaning and Flowers

Thank you to everyone who gives up their time to clean the church. It really is appreciated. Linda Mosley continues to work her magic in producing the lovely church flower displays.

Fundraising

Jigsaw Festival

Thank you everyone who helped and visited the Jigsaw Festival to make this a very enjoyable occasion. The event raised over £700 for Church Funds. Thanks to Anne Roberts and Family for all their efforts in the organisation of this event.

Ann Lucas

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 20th September was a great success and we raised in excess of £500. Lots of people came despite the weather and a bus strike. It was lovely to see people sitting and chatting to people from other churches and making connections with those who don't normally come to church. Many thanks to Sue and Andrew Barnes for all their hard work in organising the event and to everyone who made cakes, brewed up and washed the dishes. It felt like a real community event. Thank you.

Ann Lucas

House Groups

Three house groups were set up at the end of 2024 and have met throughout 2025, usually on a weekly basis. If anyone is interested in joining a house group, please contact Ann Lucas.

- Host Pauline Docker, facilitator Ann Lucas, Monday evening at 7.30pm
- Hosts and facilitators, Anne and John Roberts, Tuesday afternoon at 2pm
- Hosts Simon and Louise Hurrell, facilitator Sam Hardy, Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

Mission Support

Embassy

For those of you not aware of the history of Embassy, it began as a shelter for the homeless in Manchester on a VIP tour bus. This was because Christians Sid and Tess Williams believed that in the economy of God's Kingdom, the last and the least and the poor of our society are God's VIPs. As Sid and Tess became aware of the huge need for shelter for those living on our streets, they decided a village was needed, not a bus. They have also acquired other housing on a short term basis as a gift from various companies, enabling them to help both men and women.

These are some of the highlights of their year:

- Embassy village is now open and the first 12 men have moved in. They will now begin to prepare for a life in the community, having assistance in preparing job applications and independent living.
- The women continue to live in the accommodation provided and to progress on their journey to an independent way of life.

2025 was their biggest year yet and they're so thankful for our support both in prayer and finance.

Sue Leighton

Glossopdale Foodbank

Donations of grocery products and toiletries are still being generously given in church, ready to be taken to the Foodbank lock-up, usually every Thursday. Members of the congregation have also been very generous in making cash donations to the work of the Foodbank.

Costs have risen as they now have to pay rent for the premises that they use as their lock-up and donation point. If anybody wants to give regularly to support the work of the Foodbank, it is possible to do so via their website: 'glossopdalefoodbank.org.uk'

Once again, a huge thank you to everybody who has been supporting the work of the Foodbank.

Vince Ryder

Kimbilio

Our church continues to support Kimbilio, which is a 'flagship project' of the Congo Children's Trust which supports vulnerable street children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It works in the southern city of Lubumbashi, supporting over 500 children each month with the aim of reuniting them with their families.

Kimbilio runs an outreach centre offering food, emotional support and healthcare, as well as four homes with holistic family settings for children under their care. They also run a purpose-built primary school in an impoverished area of Lumbashini, providing high quality education to former street children and children whose parents cannot ordinarily send their children to school. This school is a lifeline in the area offering a positive future and hope to children who otherwise would not have the chance to learn to read and write.

There are thought to be thousands of street children in Lumbashini alone and since 2009 Kimbilio has been helping to end child labour and reunite these children with their families. Kimbilio takes time to get to know each child on a personal level, before locating their family and helping to rebuild their relationship.

Kimbilio is also active in promoting girls' welfare. Street girls in Congo are vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violence and addiction, and are often invisible on the streets. The Kimbilio project offers on the street support to approximately 35 girls a week and provides a loving home for up to 24 street girls.

Kimbilio also runs a hairdressing training salon for teenage mums who have been living with their babies on the streets of Lubumbashi. Kimbilio provides accommodation and a five-month course in hairdressing and beauty.

Vince Ryder

Open Doors

The congregation will know that Open Doors is one of the charities which St Andrew's supports.

Open Doors is a non-denominational mission supporting persecuted Christians around the world. They work with local partners to distribute Bibles and Christian literature, give discipleship training, provide emergency relief aid, and train Christians and church leaders. It is based in the Netherlands. They are active in 70 countries.

Open Doors maintains a 'world watch list' which ranks countries by the severity of persecution faced by Christians. Countries are ranked depending on the persecution of church life, community life, personal life, and violence against Christians. In 2026 the 'top five' of countries demonstrating extreme levels of violence are North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan and Eritrea.

We were very pleased to welcome Francis Hanley, a volunteer speaker with Open Doors, to our Morning Worship service on Sunday 4th May 2025. Francis gave us a powerful insight into the needs of so many Christians around the world facing persecution and extreme treatment because of their faith.

Simon Hurrell

Music Group

Jenny has continued to choose hymns and worship songs each week for services. These have been shared with whoever is leading the service and requests have been taken.

The pre-recorded worship songs have worked well and help the music group lead worship. We benefit from singing simultaneously to help build confidence and relax into worship. We continue to use music left by Chris Goodhew and some songs work a cappella although we would love to have musical accompaniment. It's time to learn a few new songs and buy more in the package.

More traditional hymns are not used as often as a few in the congregation would like. We need to source music to support this.

We also need to look at the opportunity to use songs direct from the internet and how we manage copyright issues.

The computer works well most of the time, particularly with the effort and TLC Andrew Barnes puts into sorting this. Issues have arisen with managing these challenges. We are as ever grateful for his time and expertise. If anyone would like to help with the music or IT, please let us know.

Jenny Ehlinger

Prayer Saturday and Prayer Chain

Church Open for Prayer on the first Saturday of the month has become a regular feature of church life. People are free to stay for as long as they want. Some value the part of the morning where there is the opportunity to sit alone in private prayer, with the opportunity to light a candle often being taken. Most

stay for refreshments and share concerns for prayer in a group. There are usually half a dozen or so 'regulars', but the door is always open to all.

The Prayer Chain currently has 26 members and is run by Caroline Ryder. There were formerly 49 members who received emails for prayer when it was run by Lesley Mundy. Everyone was emailed by Lesley when she gave control to Caroline, making it clear that they had to email Caroline in order to confirm that they wished to continue on the prayer chain. If anyone wishes to be on the prayer chain and make requests for prayer, then please contact Caroline on 'carolinejuneuk@gmail.com'.

Vince Ryder

Readers

Readers have continued their normal duties as assigned to them on the rota. Our involvement has usually been on the first and third Sundays of the month. Both Readers were involved in the Remembrance Day Service in November.

Our formal ministry has involved preaching, teaching and leading worship and prayer. Vince Ryder also has the bishop's permission to conduct funerals, and he has been called to do so on a few occasions.

We thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement over the year and ask in particular for continued prayer for our health and well being.

Vincent Ryder

Safeguarding (Children and Vulnerable Adults)

Jenny Ehlinger handed over her parish safeguarding role to Peter Leighton following the April 2025 PCC meeting. Many thanks to Jenny for all of her work over the years in the safeguarding role. Since taking over the role Peter has completed online training provided by the Diocese on the responsibilities and reporting requirements of parish safeguarding officers.

As reported last year, reporting to the PCC and Diocese is now completed via an online resource dashboard and safeguarding continues to be a standing item on all PCC meeting agenda.

A new online system for applying for and renewing DBS checks has recently been rolled out by the Diocese. In future, an email reminder will be sent out from the system to individuals who need to renew their DBS before it expires.

Those roles requiring Safeguarding training are shown in the matrix below, safeguarding refresher training needs to be completed every 3 years.

Role	Incumbant Ordinands and Deacons in training	Active PTO Licensed clergy Lay Ministers Readers	PtO Less active (Clergy and Readers) *	Licensed Lay Ministers Readers	Parish S'guarding Officers PSO	Church Wardens	Children Youth Adult Workers and Leaders	All volunteer helpers for children or adults and PCC Members 3	Organists Choir and Music Leaders Tower Captains and Deputy Tower Captains 2	All Church Officers who meet the public in their role and Ringing Teachers	Church Officers in any role and Bellringers over 18	Mode of Training (other forms not accepted)	
Basic Awareness	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	National e-learning or limited in-person	CORE
Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		National e-learning or limited in-person	
Leadership	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			Zoom, or limited in-person	
PTO Course*			✓									Zoom	
Domestic Abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ R ₃	✓			Zoom, or in-person	SPECIALIST
Safer Recruitment	✓	R ₁	R ₁	R ₁	✓	R ₁	R ₁	R ₁	R ₁			National e-learning or limited Zoom	
PSO Induction / Refresher					✓							Zoom	

Core Training is refreshed every three years at the highest level previously taken, plus refresh of specialist modules

✓	Required (Essential) Training
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R	Recommended Training
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Peter Leighton (Safeguarding Lead)

Schools

All of the primary schools we serve continue to enjoy visiting St Andrew's Church for their special services. We again visited our year 6 Junior School pupils to give presentations of "It's Your Move" and to give out booklets about it. This is a venture designed to help year 6 pupils who may be anxious about moving to secondary school. I have also spent time reading both the Christmas and the Easter stories to the reception classes in Hadfield infant schools.

Sue Leighton

Mentoring

Volunteers from various churches also visit Glossopdale school to offer mentoring. The school identifies pupils who need support and someone to listen to them. Once paired, the student and mentor meet once a week until it is felt by them both that support is no longer needed. The group of mentors has grown in the past year to ten but other volunteers are always welcome.

Sue Leighton

Open the Book

We continue with our team of four dedicated workers. At first it seemed like a challenge to continue our work with such a small team but that quickly turned into an opportunity to involve the children even more in our presentations. We are continually impressed by how well they are all able not only to act but also read the cue cards. This is especially true of the reception class children, many of whom are not yet five. We have again covered lots of both Old and New Testament stories, including the story of Esau and Jacob and their complicated relationship, and the story of Moses in the Old Testament; and from Jesus's birth until after the time of his death in the New Testament.

We continue to have good relationships with Hadfield Infant School, but sadly we were asked at the end of the last school year, in July, not to come to Padfield school anymore as they felt as a Community School, not a church school, our visits were inappropriate. Please pray that eventually we will be invited back.

Sue Leighton

St Andrew's Junior School

In March Year 4 pupils came into church for 'Experience Easter', and then again in June for 'Experience Pentecost'.

In October, Rev'd David Ridley took up the vacant Foundation Governor role as an 'ex officio' member of the school's Governing Body.

In November the school had its Ofsted inspection under the new framework, one of the first in the country. All three Foundation Governors met with the inspectors as part of this process. It was a very intense two days for the school and the final report flagged a couple of areas which needed attention. However, overall the inspection found the school to be a safe and happy place for pupils to learn.

John Roberts restarted his weekly assemblies after the October half term, based on the Old Testament Bible stories, beginning with Creation.

Judith Shaw