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## St Eval PCC

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT & ACCOUNTS**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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## Introduction



*Dear God  
We come to you,  
asking for wisdom and support.  
May everything we do  
Begin with your inspiration  
And continue with your help.  
**Amen***

Every Church of England church has the same aim: ‘To promote the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical’.

St Eval Church is part of the Pydar Deanery in the Diocese of Truro, and one of the five parishes in the Benefice of Lann Pydar: the others are St Columb, St Enoder, St Ervan, and St Mawgan - in - Pydar.

## Annual Meetings

### Annual Parish Meeting 2025 Agenda

To be held in the Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting
4. Election of Churchwardens

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### Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parish (Vestry) Meeting

Held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.05 pm in St Eval Church

Present: Rev'd Helen Baber (Rector & Chair), Sandra Backway, Jane Henderson, Peter Henderson,  
Rosie Moncaster, Sue Mellor, John Mellor, Shirley Osborne, Jeremy Stuart, Rev'd Andrew Turner (Vice Chair) & Liz Turner

1. Rev'd Helen Baber welcomed everyone to the meeting and led prayers.
2. Apologies for absence: Chris Moncaster, Barbara Gonella, Charlie Gonella, Gill Lovegrove & Geoff Lovegrove.
3. Sandra Backway proposed that the Minutes of the 2024 Vestry Meeting were a true and accurate record of that meeting, and that they thus be accepted; seconded by Rosie Moncaster. Motion passed *nem. con.*
4. Election of Churchwardens: nomination forms had been received from Rosie Moncaster and Sandra Backway, who were elected unanimously to serve as Churchwardens.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

Signed ..... (Chairperson) Date: .....

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2026**

To be held in the Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm

### **Agenda**

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025
2. Matters Arising
3. Revd. Helen Baber's report
4. Churchwardens' report
5. Electoral Roll Report
6. Annual Report and Accounts
7. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
8. Election of Lay Members to the PCC
9. Election of Deanery Synod Representative
10. Election of Benefice Joint Council Representatives
11. Dates of the 2027 APCM & the next PCC Meeting
12. Closing Prayer

## Minutes of the 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.10 pm in St Eval Church

Present: Rev'd Helen Baber (Rector & Chair), Sandra Backway, Jane Henderson, Peter Henderson, Rosie Moncaster, Sue Mellor, John Mellor, Shirley Osborne, Jeremy Stuart, Rev'd Andrew Turner (Vice Chair) & Liz Turner.

Apologies for absence: Chris Moncaster, Barbara Gonnella, Charlie Gonella, Gill Lovegrove & Geoff Lovegrove.

1. Shirley Osborne proposed that the Minutes of the 2024 APCM were a true and accurate record of that meeting, and that they thus be accepted; seconded by Sandra Backway. The motion passed *nem. con.*
2. There were no matters arising.
3. There were no comments offered on the Rector's Report, which formed part of the Annual Report.
4. There were no comments offered on the Churchwardens' Report, which formed part of the Annual Report.
5. There were no comments offered on the Electoral Roll Report, which formed part of the Annual Report. The Roll stood at 24.
6. Jeremy Stuart proposed, seconded by Rev'd Andrew Turner, and it was resolved unanimously to adopt the Safeguarding Policy, which had been circulated.
7. There were no comments offered on the Annual Report and Accounts. Sandra Backway, proposed, seconded by Rosie Moncaster, and it was resolved unanimously to accept and to adopt the Annual Report and Accounts.
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner: Shirley Osborne proposed that Steven Hawkey continue as Independent Examiner; seconded by Jeremy

Stuart. The motion passed *nem. con.*

9. Election of Lay Members to the PCC

- i) The Secretary noted the resignation of Pat Kent from the PCC. The PCC, which had been elected the previous year, thus comprised Sandra Backway, Rosie Moncaster, Shirley Osborne and Jeremy Stuart. Chris Moncaster would continue to serve as Honorary Secretary and attend meetings. The co-option of Rev'd Andrew Turner would be considered at the Extraordinary Meeting of the PCC, which would follow the APCM.
- ii) No nominations for the post of Deanery Representative had been received.
- iii) Jeremy Stuart proposed, seconded by Rosie Moncaster, and it was resolved unanimously that Sandra Backway and Chris Moncaster be elected to serve as Benefice Joint Council representatives.

The Rector thanked PCC members and the Honorary Treasurer for their service.

10. Date of the 2026 APCM: 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Signed.....(Chairperson) Date:

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## St Eval PCC Annual Accounts 2025

### Introduction

1. The financial accounts for 2025 include the Independent Examiner's Report and the 2025 Financial Statement.

### Overview of the year

2. 2025 has been another healthy financial year for St Eval PCC and again the MFF calling was met in full. The PCC's major fundraising event, the Flower Festival, provided valuable income and an opportunity to showcase the church building beyond our normal visitors and congregation. No major projects were undertaken and routine expenditure on maintenance remained similar to previous years. There were generous one-off donations from both military associations and individuals, along with regular Gift Aided standing order donations that have remained steady. The on-line payment system set up in the church building, although temperamental due to a poor mobile internet connection, provides a steady income stream. As in 2024, the wider economic outlook remains uncertain with the Russian invasion of Ukraine unresolved and the uncertain direction the USA is taking with regards its foreign and trading policies. The unrestricted investment valuation and cash at 31 December 2025 including a reserve of £12,000 was £86,498, a £1,100 decrease over the previous year. Restricted investments were valued at £352,171 up by £7,424 from £344,747 over the year giving total assets including reserves of £438,669, an increase of £6,313. Once again, the PCC should take confidence that it has sufficient funds to enable St Eval Church to sustain its mission well into the next decade and, if necessary, fund, a major renovation project.

### Main Current Account

3. The PCC's current account held with Barclays Bank contains 2 sub-accounts: the Operating sub-account which includes all unrestricted monies and

transactions associated with the day to day running of the church and the restricted sub-account that includes the income from restricted donations and grants and the expenditure on projects such as the churchroom. The current account balance of £8,065 is the total of the 2 sub-accounts: the Operating sub-account was in credit by £5,453 and the restricted sub-account was in credit by £2,612. Given the scale of both restricted and unrestricted cash held in the current account, some will be transferred into respective investment accounts in early 2026.

### Investment Accounts and Reserves

4. The PCC holds CBF Church of England investments funds. These are administered by the CCLA Fund Managers. In addition to these share-based funds the PCC also holds a CBF Church of England deposit account into which dividends from the share accounts are credited. Overall there was growth in the investments that added considerably to the PCC's positive financial condition. The investments are divided into restricted funds that can be spent on the fabric of the church building and grounds and unrestricted funds that can be spent on any PCC purpose including the fabric. Unrestricted investments were valued at £81,045 at year end, an increase of just over £10,000 helped by transfers from the current operating account. Restricted valuations increased £7,424 to £352,171.

### Income

5. Aggregated unrestricted tax efficient planned giving was £7,075 compared with £7,730 in 2024. Other planned giving, that does not attract Gift Aid, decreased from £3,650 to £2,030. Statutory fees raised £2,051, very similar to 2024. Tax recovered from Gift Aid donations over the FY 24/5 decreased to £3,104 from £3,477. The Flower Festival provided a welcome contribution to the PCC's fundraising total of £1,419. Overall, income from all PCC activities excluding legacies was £22,641 very similar to 2024.

### Routine Expenditure

6. The PCC met the 2025 Diocese of Truro MMF calling of £14,985 despite this being an increase of some £500 over the previous year. The PCC should be proud of its continued record in this area and its commitment to try its best to pay in full each year. A further £2,520 was paid to the Benefice to cover clergy expenses and administration costs. Other significant expenditure was £8,731 which was over £4,100 compared with 2024, towards the inflated regular church running expenses that include insurance, electricity, minor repairs and electrical and lightning protection inspections. The cost of upgrades to the public address system, a new bench and a notice board along with another for the Trevisker site added to the running cost figure. Also included was the cost of replacing the bell tower fillets and also the cleaning and reapplication of lime wash to the west wall. The PCC continues to support the Oasis Centre and other charitable organisations such as the Royal British Legion, RAFA, Royal British Legion and Historic Churches through donations totalling £431. St Eval Parish Council has again kindly met the cost of maintaining the new churchyard as well as the old churchyard.

### Expenditure on Infrastructure Work

7. The roof and exterior stonework have required some attention. Whilst the roof is generally sound, extremely strong winds do cause slates to become loose and allow water ingress. This remains an ongoing issue and therefore, in the longer term, the roof will need a thorough inspection and replacement or fixing of those slates likely to become a problem. The Thelma Mitchell legacy will allow for this. The cost of refurbishment of the organ was considered by the PCC, but it was decided to defer any decision as to its future, given the satisfactory operation of the public address and music system.

### Paying MMF

8. The PCC fully recognise the financial pressure the Diocese is under, particularly given that many other PCCs are unable to meet their MMF obligations. It is recognised that this pressure may require the Diocese to draw down its central reserves. St Eval PCC has demonstrated its

commitment to meeting its MMF calling in full for 2025 and unless there is a drastic change to our income and expenditure, the PCC should be able to meet future callings.

## Outlook

9. Both the short- and long-term balancing of routine income and expenditure remains a continual challenge, but the PCC has come through the difficult years without breaking into the reserves or investments. The large investment sums provide a comforting growth to the PCC assets and provide the long-term financial security leaving the PCC to concentrate on its core mission rather than worry about finance. The operating account has sufficient funds to cover the expected expenditure and income over the next year but this will need to be monitored on a regular basis. Should the operating account become too reduced, it can be topped up using money from the appropriate unrestricted or restricted CCLA deposit account. Donations through planned giving and collections and fundraising through whist drives and our major annual major fundraiser remain essential. The major fundraiser has always been the Flower Festival and it is recognised that the burden of organising, contributing and catering for it falls on a few. This year's event was very successful. Support from the local community through donations, flower displays and assistance over the weekend demonstrates both its financial and mission value. Our Rector Helen, Curate David and supporting clergy, along with the Benefice Office Team continue to work extremely hard over the year providing the pastoral leadership and administrative support encouraging the PCC and congregation to maintain the mission of St Eval Church. I would like to express my thanks to Churchwarden Sandra for once again standing in for me during my time overseas and for keeping meticulous records.

## Mandatory Statements

### Structure, governance and management

10. St Eval PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is

excepted by order from registering with the Charity Commission. The election of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

### ‘Fit and Proper Persons’

11. The 2011 Finance Act requires charities to ensure that their trustees and those within the charity with significant responsibilities are ‘fit and proper persons’. The appropriate forms have been completed by PCC members and others confirming their acceptability, and are retained by the Secretary.

### Funds held as Custodian Trustees on behalf of others

12. The PCC acts as a custodian trustee for the assets of the Royal Air Force St Eval Memorial account.

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### Reference and administrative information

The names and address of bankers, legal and other advisers to the PCC, and of the independent examiner:

#### Banker:

Barclays, Leicester, LE87 2BB

#### Independent Examiner:

Mr S G Hawkey FCA  
Whitakers Chartered Accountants  
5/7 Berry Road  
Newquay  
Cornwall TR71AD

Christopher Moncaster  
St Eval Treasurer

March 2026

<b>St Eval PCC Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2025</b>					
<b>Financial Report at 31-Dec-25</b>					
<b>Receipts and Payments Accounts</b>					
	<i>Notes</i>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<i>1</i>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts/Incoming Resources:</b>					
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Tax efficient planned giving		£7,075.00	£0.00	£7,075.00	£7,730.00
Other planned giving		£2,030.00	£0.00	£2,030.00	£3,650.00
Other collections		£1,947.34	£0.00	£1,947.34	£2,066.90
All other recurring giving/donations		£730.00	£0.00	£730.00	£250.00
All non-recurring giving/donations		£4,081.45	£0.00	£4,081.45	£2,378.97
All tax recovered through Gift Aid	2	£3,103.99	£0.00	£3,103.99	£3,476.49
Legacies received (capital value)		£12,076.76	£0.00	£12,076.76	£135,611.70
Recurring grants		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Non-recurring or one-off grants		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£31,044.54	£0.00	£31,044.54	£155,164.06
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Gross income from fundraising activities		£1,419.40	£0.00	£1,419.40	£267.08
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Dividends, interest, income from property		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Church activities</b>					
Statutory fees retained by PCC		£2,051.00	£0.00	£2,051.00	£2,120.00
Gross income from trading		£203.15	£0.00	£203.15	£426.40
		£34,718.09	£0.00	£34,718.09	£157,977.54
<i>Sub-Total of Routine Receipts</i>					
<b>Other incoming resources</b>		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
<b>Transferred-in from investments</b>		£5,000.00			
From Investment Funds		£0.00	£0.00		£5,000.00
		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
<i>Sub-Total of Transfers</i>					
<b>Total Receipts</b>		£39,718.09	£0.00	£39,718.09	£162,977.54
<b>Payments/Resources Expended:</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>All Mission Giving, Charitable Grants &amp; Donations</b>		£431.00	£0.00	£431.00	£647.00
<b>Church activities</b>					
MMF paid to Diocese	3	£14,985.00	£0.00	£14,985.00	£14,452.00
Salaries/honoraria (organist etc.)		£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	£200.00
Expenses of clergy etc. (through Cluster)		£2,520.00	£0.00	£2,520.00	£2,520.00
Mission & evangelism costs		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Regular church running expenses		£8,731.46	£0.00	£8,731.46	£4,660.07
Church utility bills		£642.86	£0.00	£642.86	£729.48
Costs of trading		£430.40	£0.00	£430.40	£168.00
Governance costs		£433.60	£0.00	£433.60	£408.00
Major repairs including redecoration		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,604.11
New building work		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Investments		£15,000.00	£5,000.00		
<b>Total Payments</b>		£43,234.32	£5,000.00	£28,234.32	£25,388.66
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>		-£3,516.23	-£5,000.00	£11,483.77	£137,588.88
		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Opening bank balance at 1 Jan 24		£8,969.12	£7,611.70	£16,580.82	£3,991.94
Adjustment plus debtors		£0.00	£0.00		
Adjustment less creditors		£0.00	£0.00		
Adjusted bank balance at 1 Jan 23		£8,969.12	£7,611.70		
Excess of receipts for year		-£3,516.23			
Adjustment plus debtors		£0.00			
Adjustment less creditors		£0.00			
Closing bank balance at 31 Dec 25		£5,452.89	£2,611.70	£8,064.59	£16,580.82
<b>Statement of Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>					
<b>Cash Funds</b>		£5,452.89	£2,611.70	£8,064.59	£3,991.94
<b>Unrestricted Investment Assets at 31 Dec 25</b>					
Unrestricted Investment fund shares	4	Unrestricted		Combined	
Investment Fund CB3036127		£53,384.57			£50,547.61
Global Fund CB3036125		£9,010.54			£4,458.70
Property Fund CB3036126		£2,223.52			£2,176.69
Total Unrestricted Share Investments		£64,618.63			£57,183.00
Deposit Funds CB3036124		£16,425.97			£13,844.68
Total Unrestricted Investments		£81,044.60			£71,027.67
<b>Restricted Investment Assets at 31 Dec 25</b>					
Investment fund shares at market value	4		Restricted		
Investment Fund -CB3127214			£142,608.29		£146,016.88
Global Fund 639039003L-CB3127213			£59,814.87		£63,351.47
Deposit Funds 639039007D-CB3127215			£149,475.26		£135,117.97
Total Restricted Share Investments			£351,898.42		£344,486.32
Restricted Special Project Deposit 639039004D-CB3036131			£272.62		£260.82
Total Restricted Investments			£352,171.04		£344,747.14
<b>Reserve Fund</b>		£12,000.00	£0.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Combined	Combined
<b>Investments for Church Use Excluding Reserve</b>		£69,044.60	£352,171.04	£421,215.64	£403,774.81
<b>Liabilities</b>	3	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Combined Cash and Investment including Reserves 31 Dec 24</b>		£87,608.49	£344,747.14	£432,355.63	£432,355.63
<b>Combined Cash and Investment including Reserves 31 Dec 25</b>		<b>£86,497.49</b>	<b>£354,782.74</b>	<b>£438,668.53</b>	

NOTES						
1	The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis					
2	Gift aid claims are based on HMRC tax year so are not in phase with the church accounting year 1 Jan - 31 Dec					
3	MMF payments in 2025 were 100% of the Diocese's 'call'					
4	Investment assets are valued at 31 Dec 25					
			Unrestricted		Restricted	
		Price	Shares	Value	Shares	Value
	Investment Fund -CB3036127	2219.83	2404.8947	£53,384.57		
	Global Fund -CB3036125	303.59	2967.9977	£9,010.54		
	Property Fund -CB3036126	123.89	1766.94	£2,189.06		
	Investment Fund-CB3127214	2219.83			6424.289	£142,608.29
	Global Fund -CB3127213	303.59			19702.5172	£59,814.87

Christopher Moncaster

St Eval Treasurer

Financial Statements approved by the PCC at its  
Extraordinary Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Signed on behalf of PCC on

by

**ST EVAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO**  
**ST EVAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out in the following pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner**

As members of the PCC and the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

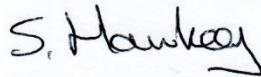
**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance on PCC Accountability, The Charities Act 2011 and the PCC, 4th edition 2013. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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 Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord to the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.



S. G. HAWKEY F.C.A  
WHITAKERS  
Chartered Accountants  
5/7 Berry Road  
Newquay  
Cornwall

Dated : 14 April 2026

## Rector's Annual Report

Rev'd Helen Baber

**Rector to the Benefice of Lann Pydar**

Ephesians 4:11–13

Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

### **An Unusual Year in Parish Ministry**

This has been an unusual year in parish ministry, marked particularly by a three-month sabbatical. That time away gave me space to take stock of my ministry here and, just as important, to attend to my own relationship with God. In parish life it is very easy simply to keep going, never pausing to look back and rarely allowing ourselves to look ahead. During my sabbatical, I did both.

At the time I quoted this passage from Winnie the Pooh:

“Here is Edward Bear, coming down the stairs now, bump, bump, bump, on the back of his head, behind Christopher Robin. It is, as far as he knows, the only way of coming downstairs, but sometimes he feels that there really is another way, if only he could stop bumping for a moment and think of it.”

I stopped bumping!

I walked the Camino de Santiago - 490 miles alone, with a rucksack. Life became very simple: walking and praying, sleeping, eating, and then repeating. That simplicity brought clarity. I returned feeling settled, content, and deeply assured that my ministry here, within this benefice, will continue for the

foreseeable future. This remains the place where I believe God has called me to lead.

### **Oversight and Shared Leadership**

The function of ensuring that the Church remains true to its calling is known as oversight. This comes from the Greek word episkopé, used in the Bible to describe God visiting his people and “keeping an eye” on what is happening among them.

In many ways, our benefice works like a small diocese. As Rector, I have oversight of the whole benefice, the buck ultimately stops with me, but I don’t exercise that responsibility alone. I rely heavily on those called to parish leadership. Traditionally this has been the role of Churchwardens, and more recently we have been strengthened by our Local Lay Leaders.

These leaders carry significant responsibility locally. They lead the mission and ministry of our churches, and we communicate regularly so that we are informed, connected, and moving forward together.

Beyond these roles there are many people who help to lead our worshipping communities, grow our churches and maintain a Christian presence across our town, villages and communities. To every person who takes an active role in this benefice, from those who pray faithfully, to those who lead worship, serve on PCCs, care for buildings, welcome others, or quietly support in countless unseen ways, I send my love and prayers, and offer my heartfelt thanks. This benefice simply does not function without you.

### **Growing and Encouraging Leaders**

I actively encourage leadership at every level. For this to continue well, we must keep seeking, identifying, nurturing, and growing new leaders across our churches and throughout the benefice.

As Rector, this is where I spend much of my energy: equipping and supporting leaders. Evidence consistently shows that where there is good leadership, churches and communities flourish, and where leadership is absent, things can unravel quickly. I am pleased and thankful to say that we are not breaking down. On the contrary, there is much to be hopeful about.

## **Moving Forward**

As ever, change continues. Our Curate, David, is moving on to his first incumbency. We pray for him and his family as they prepare for this transition, and we give thanks for his ministry among us.

At the same time, we welcome a new curate, Lydia Remick. Lydia is currently a student ordinand with us and was previously a Reader in our benefice. She is already well known to many and brings with her a deep understanding of the wider Church, alongside creativity and imagination in worship. We look forward to all that she will contribute.

Our focus remains aligned with the deanery plans and the diocesan priority of Growing Younger, connecting churches, homes, and schools, and ensuring that every person, young or old, has access to worship and a place where they can belong.

## **Conclusion**

As we look ahead, I do so with confidence, gratitude and hope. I remain committed to serving this benefice as Rector and to leading us together into the next season of our shared life and ministry. The work we do is not the work of one person, but of a whole body, each playing their part, equipped and encouraged to serve. I am deeply thankful for the faithfulness, generosity, and dedication of our volunteers and leaders, and I am committed to continuing to support, nurture and grow that leadership across the benefice. Together, grounded in prayer and united in purpose, I believe we are well placed not simply to maintain what we have, but to grow in faith, confidence, and witness in all our communities.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Electoral Roll Report**

This year was the year for whole Electoral Roll to be revised. Numbers were down a bit and there are 24 on the roll for 2025.

### **PCC Membership**

During the year, the following have served on the PCC:

Ex-officio members:

Rev'd Helen Baber, Rector & Chair

Rosalie Moncaster, Churchwarden

Sandra Backway, Churchwarden & Electoral Roll Officer

Rev'd Andrew Turner, PCC Vice Chair

Jeremy Stuart, PCC Secretary & Parish Safeguarding Officer

Other members: Shirley Osborne

Honorary Treasurer & attending, but not a PCC member: Chris Moncaster

*"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much"*

### **Deanery Synod**

The PCC has continued to lack Deanery Synod Representatives. However, as an ex officio member of Deanery Synod, by dint of his membership of Diocesan Synod, Jeremy Stuart informally represented St Eval Church at Synod meetings. He reported Deanery matters to each PCC Meeting.

### **Benefice of Lann Pydar Joint Council**

Sandra Backway and Chris Moncaster served as St Eval's representatives on the Joint Council.

## Safeguarding

Benefice Safeguarding Co-ordinator Jackie Oglethorpe continued to drive safeguarding and its awareness. More progress was made on the parish dashboard, while training and DBS certification were kept up to date.

Jeremy Stuart, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, used national safeguarding concerns to inform his work, was in regular contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, and will be undergoing more training during 2026. He renewed his Enhanced DBS Certificate, which included adult and children barred lists checks, as well as his Safeguarding Leadership training.

## Ministry, Worship & Outreach

### Worship, Prayer & Events

The pattern of our services for 2025, were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Evensong at 6pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion at 6pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Evening Praise at 6pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Benefice Service held in one of the 5 churches

There is Benefice Morning Prayer held in St Mawgan Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays; it is streamed online.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, we have a Holy Communion at 9.30am.

During 2025, there was one wedding held in the church.

There was one baptism.

We had three funerals and two internments of ashes.

Numbers attending services were slightly down on 2024, but we have some new members in our congregation who attend regularly.

The church is open to visitors 365 days of the year, and we see a steady stream throughout the year.

We had pilgrims staying in the churchroom who were walking the Cornish

Celtic Way. We ask for a £10 donation for each person. We supply them with the basic necessities and leave them a welcoming cake.

We celebrated Easter Day by having two services. Our Sunrise service held outside at 6.30am was attended by 17 people, this year. The short service was followed with hot bacon rolls and drinks served by Andrew and Helen. At 6pm, we held our Easter Holy Communion, which saw 16 people in attendance.

On 27<sup>th</sup> April, there was a Coastal Command Maritime Association & Shackleton Reunion service, which was led by Andrew Turner.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August, a Flower Festival was held, with a beautiful display of wedding dresses ranging from one year old up to 90 years old. It was well attended and proved to be a successful fundraising event. This ended with a celebratory Songs of Praise service.

Our Battle of Britain service was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, with 115 adults and 9 children in the congregation, and was led by Andrew Turner.

Our Harvest Festival was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, where we gave donations to St Columb Foodbank and also donations to Church funds. This service had a small attendance of just 16 people.

Remembrance Sunday saw 145 adults and nine children in attendance, filling the church to capacity, along with St Mawgan Military Wives Choir. The service was conducted by Andrew Turner.

A Benefice Advent Carol Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November was attended by 30 adults.

On 14<sup>th</sup> December, we held our Lessons and Carols Service, which had 45 people in attendance. Mulled wine and homemade Christmas cake and other nibbles were served after the service.

Christmas was celebrated with a Christmas Day service attended by 43 people.

Bellringing practice no longer takes place, but anyone wishing to learn is asked to contact Phil Tremain at St Columb. We currently have no tower captain, after the resignation of Pat Kent, but Phil Tremain co-ordinates the ringing and we are lucky to have the bells rung on the first Sunday of each month. The bells are rung for special services, and we thank the bell ringers who come from other parishes.

We would like to thank Helen, David our Curate, the retired clergy, lay leader

and worship leaders for their continued support at St Eval Church throughout the year. We are especially grateful for those who took our services whilst Helen had a well-deserved sabbatical. We also thank everyone who supports us both throughout the year with their time and help.

Rosalie Moncaster & Sandra Backway, Churchwardens



## Church Fabric and General Maintenance

There have been no major planned works to the church; routine maintenance has been carried out. The west wall was limewashed in time for the Flower Festival; limewashing of the rest of the church will be completed during 2026.

### Ground Maintenance

The Parish Council continues to pay for the grass cutting in the new and old churchyards, for which we are very grateful. The contractor who looks after the area around the RAF St Eval memorial has continued to keep the grass cut and the monument clear. He also cuts the area where the signs are at the entrance to the church grounds. The grass in the main car park area continues to be cut voluntarily by Malcolm Osborne, and we send our thanks for this.



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### Priests with permission to officiate

Rev'ds Angela Butler, Pat Robson, Alison Shaw, Andrew Turner, Mary West & Brian West

### Lay Reader

Phil Tremain

### Local Worship Leaders

Ros Adams, Denise Jeffery, Kat Bromfield, Margaret Miles, Mike O'Connor & Jackie Oglethorpe,

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