

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

PARISH OF DILTON MARSH WITH BROKERSWOOD



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2025

Team Vicar - Post in vacancy since 6 October 2024.
Team Rector – Rev. Rebecca Harris

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc
32 Market Place
Warrminster

Central Board of Finance
85 Queen Victoria Street
London

Independent Examiner:

Mr Ricci Achillini, 16 High Street, Dilton Marsh, Wiltshire, BA13 4DS

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS - 10 May 2026
Commencing at 9.30 with a service of Holy Communion
followed by the meetings at 11.00

MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS

1. Election of Church Wardens

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

(For clergy and electoral roll members)

Chair: Reverend Rebecca Harris

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of last meeting (6 April 2025)

3. Electoral Roll - Chris Hill

4. Reports – see booklet for statements

1. Rectors Report
2. Church Wardens Report (including fabric of the building)
3. Deanery Synod Report
4. Finance/Treasurer Report
5. Together with other important Reports

5. Elections

6. Deanery Synod (term of office 3 years)

1. Tess Brocksopp (re-election)
2. Sonja Harris (re-election)

7. PCC (term of office 3 years) and a minimum of 6 elected members

All current members for re-election will start a new 3 year period

1. Beth Carrick – Treasurer
2. Michelle Coleman - PCC Secretary (currently co-opted)
3. Sally Esposito – Health and Safety
4. Parish Safeguarding Officer – Vacant – advert open
5. Peter Campbell (Brokerswood) co-opted
6. Richard Randall – Council Member
7. Jamie Brocksopp – Council Member
8. Veronica Reed – Council Member

8. Vote of thanks for PCC members

1. Sally Esposito's work as PCC Secretary (remaining on PCC)
2. Yvette Croft as Parish Safeguarding Officer (retiring from PCC)

9. Appointment of independent examiner

12.AOB

Date of next Annual Parochial Church Meeting – TBC

MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS
MINUTES - 6 April 2025

ATTENDEES

Rebecca Harris, Enid Holbrow, Stanley Condliffe, Diana Condliffe, Beth Carrick, Sue Stanley, Brian Stanley, Penny Hill, Graham Stevensen, Chris Hill, Brian Fitzsimons, Rosie Fitzsimons, James Brocksopp, Garth Brocksopp, Tessa Brocksopp, Pauline Loader, Liz Lee, Bob Lee, Steve Pope, Jenny Denton, Peter Likeman, Janet Likeman, John Whapshott, Mary Whapshott, Veronica Reed, Jocelyn Short, Sally Esposito, Sonja Harris.

ELECTION OF NEW CHURCH WARDENS

Rev Rebecca Harris thanked Diana our outgoing church warden for the last 3 years when she has tirelessly and with such dedication worked at her post, especially last year with lots of changes including health issues. Diana was presented with a bouquet and a round of applause.

Church warden nominations - Sonja Harris. Nominated by Stanly Condliffe, Seconded by Steve Pope. All agreed. Tess Brocksopp. Nominated by Diana Condliffe, Seconded by Sally Esposito. All agreed.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
6 April 2025**

- 1. Apologies.** Lynne Vercoe, Ellie Pope, Yvette Croft. Matt Croft. Gill Phibben.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting.** All agreed.
- 3. Electoral role.** Chris Hill reported that there were 50, and went on to mention that 10 years ago there was 60.
- 4. Ministry and Mission.** See Booklet. Rebecca added that she had really enjoyed coming into Holy Trinity and getting to know more about us. It was also mentioned that there had been lots of feedback about the fact that we are a very welcoming church, which is important when we are reaching out to our community.
- 5. Finance report.** See booklet.
Beth reported that a big plus was that we had paid 100% of 2024 parish share. On a down point we have lost some of our larger contributors to funds. Last year we had a lot more fund raising projects going on due to the anniversary celebrations.
Events like the cream tea bring in a good amount of money as does the 100 club, which has now 77 members, so promoting the club at different events would be good idea.
Rebecca put forward the idea of holding another gift day at some point to bring in revenue.
Garth asked why the full financial accounts hadn't been published in the booklet. Beth replied that there was a full financial report, but due to timing it had not been added to the booklet. Garth suggested that the full report should be pinned up in the church. This was **agreed**.
Diana thanked Beth for her sterling work as our new treasurer, it has been a difficult time with new systems etc, but has coped admirably. She was given loud round of applause.
- 6. Fabric Report See booklet.** Diana added she has heard back from the DAC for permission for the new cabinet, the new lectern will need a faculty.
- 7. Deanery Synod. See Booklet.** Tessa reported that a second person was needed and mentioned it was a fulling post keeping in touch with other parishes, it requires attending meeting 3 or 4 times a year. Rebecca thanked Tess for being our synod representative.
- 8. Elections**
 - A. Deanery Synod (for 3 year period)
Sonja was nominated by Sue Stanley. All agreed
Tess to carry on with post
 - B. PCC. Nominations
James Brocksopp. Proposed by Ellie Pope, Diana Condliffe. All Agreed
Veronica Reed. Proposed by Jenny Denton, Jocelyn Short. All agreed
- 9. Appointment of independent examiner.** Richie A All agreed
- 10. Vote of thanks**

Ellie Pope (LPA)
Diana and Stanley Condliffe (LPA)
Rebecca wanted it to be relayed, many thanks to Ellie for her work with the LPA.
- 11. AOB.**
 - A. **Magazine**
Garth relayed that the advertising in the magazine had grown since he was the advertising editor, also he noted that the villagers out walking their dogs etc were the right demographic of people to ask if they were reading our magazine, and if not would they like to receive one, also that talking to people around our area would bring in new readers. Please could we work hard at promoting the magazine.
Thanks were given to Tess for her sterling work as magazine editor.
Graham mentioned that there used to be a welcome booklet for new residents to the area. This to be looked into.
 - B. Jenny asked if the flower festival was to return to Holy Trinity.
All agreed it would return, Jenny to talk to the events committee about dates.
 - C. Beth stated that there would be a change of date for yearly start of the 100 club to September.
- 12.** Sue Stanly drew this months winners.
- 13.** Rev. Rebecca wished Enid a very happy 90th birthday.
- 14.** Rev. Rebacca gave vacancy prayer:

Gracious God, you are with us always.
We thank you for guiding us by your Spirit
Through our life together as church.
We thank you for the ministry of Caroline,
And pray for your blessing on her.
We pray that we may hear your voice in this time of vacancy;
Give us patience, vision and courage as we seek a new priest
and as we seek to make Jesus known in our communities,
so that all may flourish and grow, seeking God's kingdom in the here and now.
IN the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNUAL REPORTS 2025

RECTORS REPORT

First of all, a very big thank you to everyone who has supported our churches over this year. It has been an eventful year, and we are very grateful to all those who faithfully serve our churches in our local communities. We have experienced various joys and challenges over this time.

Team Vicar vacancy - We held a Team Day in January to review the role of Team Vicar in our Team Ministry. About 50 people attended from across our four churches. We were pleased to hear from our LLM Ashley Jones, who spoke about pioneer ministry. This helped us to focus on pioneer ministry and what it means. We looked at the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats we are facing at this time, and shared our ideas and vision for this role in the future. We formed a profile group with members from the parishes of Dilton Marsh and Westbury and worked together to produce the profile for our Team and the role. We decided to focus on the role becoming a Pioneer Team Vicar with particular emphasis on reaching children and families across our two parishes. The role was advertised in the late summer. Unfortunately we had no applications for the role at that time which was rather disappointing. The role was re-advertised in early 2026 and we hope to make an appointment soon after that.

Update on people - We were sorry to say thank you and farewell to Diana and Stan Condliffe who were great supporters at Holy Trinity. Diana stood down as Churchwarden due to health reasons, and they both finished as LPAs and Diana as an LWL. They moved away from the area in the summer. We appointed two new churchwardens at the annual meeting: Tess Brocksopp and Sonja Harris. They were both new to this role and they rose to the challenge admirably. They have each taken on different aspects of the role, according to their gifts and interests and they have been on a steep learning curve, attending a variety of training events and receiving support from the diocesan team, to make sure we are compliant in various areas. It is good to work with them and they have been a great support to me, as well as to the church in the community. We also welcomed some new members to the PCC and it is always good to have new ideas and a fresh perspective.

Confirmation - A highlight of the year in the White Horse Team was the Confirmation of five people at a special Team Service on Advent Sunday with our Bishop Andrew. One member of Holy Trinity was confirmed at this service, and it was a great joy to be together as a Team celebrating this wonderful occasion. It is good to know that God is at work in our parish, stirring new people to engage with the Christian faith and join us in worship, ministry and service.

Services - I was very pleased that our Christmas services went so well. There were record numbers at the Carol Service in December with the Warminster band. There was also a good turnout at the Remembrance Sunday service this year with many people from the local community coming to the church service before the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial. In the meantime, we continue to seek to make Jesus known in our community, with the support of our Ministry Team, and especially Revd Helen Durant-Stevensen (PTO) and Graham Stevensen, LLM. They have provided sterling support during this time, leading and preaching at services, taking Collective Worship at Dilton Marsh school, leading the Experience events at Easter, Pentecost and for Holy Communion at Holy Trinity as well as All Saints in Westbury, and leading Dilton Marsh school services at Holy Trinity. They have also continued to lead the fellowship group in their home which I know is a blessing to those who are part of it. During Lent we took part in the *Living Hope* series of meetings using a booklet produced by the Church of England. It is wonderful that all this ministry and mission has been able to continue during the vacancy and we are very grateful to them. At the Tin Church Brokerswood, we had four rural services, according to our plan to focus on the rural festivals of Rogationtide, Lammas Day and Harvest, plus the Christmas carol service. These were well attended by local people and friends from across the WH Team. We were able to take advantage of the good weather in May for the Rogationtide service and went outside to bless the land for the growth of crops. At Harvest, we were pleased to welcome Bishop Andrew to our service, and he preached and blessed the new tower and bell rope which had recently been installed at the church. It was a lovely occasion and we enjoyed refreshments and fellowship afterwards. We are very grateful to Peter Campbell and the Friends of the Tin Church who did sterling work in raising the money for the work on the church and organising the work to take place. We were also pleased to have one wedding at the Tin Church in April, which was a joyful occasion.

I know there have been challenges this year, not least with the financial situation, and with some changes in personnel, but I would like to encourage everyone that I believe God is at work amongst us. We are not on our own. We have the support of our Ministry Team, myself, and our Diocesan team has also been supportive. We hope to make an appointment of a new Pioneer Team Vicar very soon, and so please continue to support your church, with your prayers, your gifts, your financial contributions and your presence at our services and events as much as you can. It is all appreciated. Let us continue to put all our hope and faith in our Lord Jesus who loves us and cares for us and gives us all that we need.

*Now to him who is able to keep you from falling
and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy –
to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages,
now and for evermore!*

Amen

Rev. Rebecca Harris (Team Rector – White Horse Team)

CHURCH WARDENS REPORT

We have had a very busy year since being voted in at the 2025 APCM and have been on a steep learning curve. We have both attended several diocesan training days, learning about such things as church buildings, applying for faculties and church finance. We have monthly leadership meetings with Revd Rebecca and others from the White Horse Team and numerous meetings with others regarding finance, safeguarding, policies etc. We have also put together the agendas for monthly PCC meetings and have chaired from time to time. We were also both involved in shortlisting and interviewing for the roles of Team Administrator [on two occasions!] and Pioneer Team Vicar. We are, of course, also responsible for the day to day running of the church and churchyard.

Church (Fabric of Building) - Sonja has worked with the architect to receive approval for a List B application to carry out long-overdue repair work to the church building. Work commenced March 20, 2026 on external repointing and repair to the Chancel and east face of the South Transept walls due to masonry bee damage; monitoring movement cracks, internal and external, in the Chancel, and, in due course, replacement of rainwater goods that were beginning to deteriorate. Quotes have also been sought for repairing and redecorating interior walls damaged by rainwater over the years.

Church Clock - The clock and the chime were out of action for quite a while when one of the two motors burned out. The clock repair company obtained and adapted a new motor which was subsequently installed, to the delight of church and villagers alike.

Organ - With considerable issues arising over the years to various pipes, keys and stops, we asked the Diocesan Organ Adviser to write a report. His encouraging words about the quality of the organ led us to obtain quotes for different levels of repair/restoration that might be undertaken to return this important and rare instrument to its glory. Should the PCC choose to proceed, fundraising would be required. We would like to thank those people who have very kindly given donations towards work and repairs to the church building, clock and organ.

Churchyard - There have been recent updates to the C of E Churchyard Policy. We have recently informed people of this, through the magazine and social media. There is also a copy of the policy on the notice board in church. The Churchwardens and PCC are responsible for keeping the churchyard clean, tidy and safe for all. Tess liaises with Alex, who mows the grass and does other tasks such as pollarding the trees and removing ivy from the church walls. Garth and Tess have also carried out some jobs including clearing the area down to the old boiler room, which was long overdue.

Thank you - We would like to thank the entire congregation, the PCC and worship leaders for being behind us during this time of vacancy. Your support, offers of help, guidance and goodwill have been invaluable - thank you!
Tess Brocksopp and Sonja Harris (Church Wardens)

DEANERY SYNOD

Rural Dean, Revd Clifford Stride, led our Heytesbury Deanery Synod meetings in 2025. Sonja and I attend three meetings a year; it is good to meet with representatives from other local churches. We discuss various subjects, such as church finance, and receive news from across the deanery and diocese. We also have updates on Maridi in South Sudan, which is supported by the deanery.
Tess (Deanery Synod Representative)

SERVICES

We would like to thank Helen and Graham for leading the majority of our services over the past year and also Rebecca, who has joined us at Holy Trinity on a monthly basis. Helen, Graham and I continue to lead at Cafe Church. In 2025 our theme was 'Fruits of the Spirit' and this year we have chosen 'The Ten Commandments'. We have also held several services at The Tin Church at Brokerswood, celebrating the rural festivals of Rogation, Lammas and Harvest. Thank you to all who carry out duties including welcoming, reading, intercessions, chalice and refreshments. Not forgetting the numerous other 'behind the scenes' jobs such as the flowers, cleaning and laundry; services are always a joint effort.
Tess (Lay Worship Leader)

PASTORAL CARE

We were sorry to say farewell to Diana and Stan during the summer of 2025 when they moved out of the area and gave up their roles in our parish. They were both LPAs, as well as other roles. Since then, Helen Durant-Stevensen and myself have stepped in to take on pastoral visiting in the parish and to deliver Home Communion to housebound members of our community. We would very much appreciate hearing from anyone who might like to explore training as a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the future. Thank you. *Rev. Rebecca Harris*

PRAYER MINISTRY

At Holy Trinity we have our 'Community Blessings' where we encourage people to pray for a different road in the village and/or surrounding area each month, which is published in the Parish Magazine. We also include these prayers during our intercessions on Sundays. Sue Stanley now co-ordinates our 'e Prayer Circle', where volunteers pray at home, for people who have requested prayers for themselves or family and friends. This is completely confidential. Details for requesting prayers are in the magazine. I also include a 'Prayer for the Month' in the magazine.
Tess (Lay Worship Leader)

ELECTORAL ROLL

Each year the Electoral Roll is revised. There were 52 members in 2025, reducing to 41 in 2026. The roll is revised each year to account for those who have we have sadly lost or moved away, and those who have joined us. For 2026 we have two new members.

Chris Hill

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

In 2025 the PCC held 7 scheduled meetings. It was a busy year for the PCC with changes to Church Warden, new PCC members and adjusting to being without a Team Vicar. The PCC are grateful for Rev. Rebecca Harris support and guidance during this time of vacancy. The PCC have created a new role of Health and Safety Officer which Sally Esposito has kindly taken on and has carried out a formal inspection. Sally has stepped down as PCC Secretary from December 2025 with Michelle Coleman co-opted into this role from January 2026. Brokerswood was represented at meetings by Peter Campbell, who reported back to the PCC on News/events /fabric issues. The PCC pray for a successful recruitment process for a New Pioneer Vicar.

Michelle Coleman (co-opted PCC Secretary)

SAFEGUARDING

I have now completed five full years as Parish Safeguarding Officer, and I regret to inform you that I have made the difficult decision to step down from both this role and PCC for the time being. As many will be aware, I have personally had a difficult couple of years and I do not feel able to give these roles the attention they rightfully need and deserve. I hope that you will understand this decision and fully support your next Parish Safeguarding Officer. Having shared this, I am however pleased to report that Safeguarding has remained a priority at PCC and within the church family. I shared with you all a talk on Safeguarding Sunday and reminded everyone of the basic principles of safeguarding, namely that we are all responsible and have a role to play, and that we are never alone in safeguarding. This year, we have adopted several team policies which will be brought up for review in due course and have accepted the Diocese's offer of using the Safeguarding Hub which has recently been released. The Safeguarding Hub runs alongside the Safeguarding Dashboard as a people management system. As of today (February 2026) I have begun populating this Hub with the information which will enable us to accurately keep track of people, their roles, their safeguarding training and whether or not they have a DBS check. Another big change this year is a move from our previous DBS provider to ThirtyOne:Eight, as parishes we will now be responsible for the DBS checks for Lay team members (who were formally DBS checked centrally) and there is now a requirement for all PCC members to hold a DBS check, these will be carried out ASAP following APCM. The Safeguarding Dashboard currently stands at 100% complete. Finally, I would like to thank all those who have supported me in this role over the past five years, and wish you all the best. This is not 'goodbye', I am simply taking a break, and look forward to offering to serve you again in the future when I am able.

Yvette Croft (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

- **Holy Trinity Parish Magazine** – Tess Brocksopp
tess.frayling@gmail.com (see separate report in this booklet)
- **Holy Trinity Facebook** – Sonja Harris
<https://www.facebook.com/htc.diltonmarsh/>
- **Holy Trinity a Church Near You website** – Michelle Coleman
www.achurchnearyou.com/holy-trinity-dilton-marsh
- **Weekly Pew Sheets and Parish Office Team Admin** – Michelle Coleman
Office@WHTministry.org.uk
- **White Horse Team Ministry monthly e newsletter** - Beth Thomas
whtcomms@whtministry.org.uk
- **Christian Way bi-monthly magazine for Westbury area churches** – Isabel Osborne:
osborne110@outlook.com

Whilst we do not meet face to face we are in regular contact electronically to ensure a cohesive approach. We would like to thank Beth Thomas for updating the Holy Trinity Website page on an informal basis before Michelle took over the role (April 2026).

Michelle Coleman

PARISH MAGAZINE

In addition to our Parish and Team church services, news articles and events, I try to include items from the various village clubs, Parish Council, Primary School, Memorial Hall, Baptist churches etc. Garth has attracted several new businesses to advertise in the past year. I would like to thank all contributors. The cost of the magazine stays the same (£10 paper copy, £4 e copy). 225 paper copies are printed each month and we send approx. 40 e-copies. Many thanks to: Anita (distribution list) Garth (advertising) Beth (Treasurer) and all who deliver the magazines around the village and the local area. Please feel free to send in any articles that you think readers will enjoy!

Tess (Editor)

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The role of the Events Committee is unchanging. It plans such events that the Committee members, with some support from members of the congregation, feel they are able to stage. Current Members are Garth Brocksopp (Chairman), Tess Brocksopp, Beth Carrick, Sally Esposito, Sonja Harris and Jocelyn Short. Some of the events that we have staged in previous years have become regular; popular, relatively simple to arrange and within our capability. For example, in 2025, we staged a Cream Tea, a concert given by the Bath Community Big Band (BCBB), a Hymns and Pimms service to mark Trinity Sunday and a Harvest Quiz and Supper. It was very pleasing to us all that these events were well supported. On one of the weekends when we held our monthly Coffee Morning/Table Top Sale, our Flower Ladies arranged a Flower Festival for which a number of community groups from the village set up floral displays. We had hoped that more village groups would take part but alas that was not to be. That same weekend, following the Sunday morning service, we held our annual Harvest Lunch. Though not specifically the responsibility of the Events Committee, all Members were active in making it happen. One other event, again particularly pleasing for it was well supported by people from the village, was our Harvest Quiz and Supper. Ashley Jones kindly agreed to be the quizmaster for the night. Looking forward to 2026, we have plans for another Cream Tea, a concert by the BCBB and an Autumnal Supper with Entertainment. As always, we seek several additional members for the Committee. Anyone keen to join us?

Garth Brocksopp

MOTHERS' UNION

Another busy year as our branch continued its mission to support marriage and family life. We welcomed a new World Wide President, Kathleen Snow who has been a member of Mothers' Union for 36 years and was a zonal trustee for the Americas, so she has a vast experience of the work of Mothers' Union. We had a mixture of "in house meetings" visiting speakers and joint ventures with other MU groups. as well as social outings. Our speakers included Ann Salter from the Salisbury/Sudan medical mission which aims to help particularly with the safe delivery of babies, the care of mothers and training of maternity nurses. Diana and Stan Condliffe told us about their call to go to India and Africa under the leadership of "Village Evangelism of India Mission" spreading the gospel and telling us of some of the extraordinary experiences they had during their travels. Caroline Probert, chair of the Salisbury Women's refuge came to share with us how they aim to help families fleeing domestic violence. This is something we as a branch support with donations each year especially at Christmas time. Gifts are taken by MU members to the service each year at the cathedral. St Bernadette's church hosted the World Day of Prayer service, focusing on the Cook islands with a lovely display and a welcome tea, cake and social exchange. Our Quiet Day shared with All Saints' members and led by Revd Margaret Davies had the theme of "Ups and Downs" Visits to Salisbury Cathedral for the Trustees Commissioning service and Triennial Festival, followed by lunch at the college, gave us an opportunity to meet MU members from all over the diocese. Our outing was to Tewkesbury with an opportunity to visit the abbey and interesting buildings around the town. A soup lunch in February and a cream tea and raffle in August were our main fund raisers for Virtual Babies and this year's appeal for "Summer of Hope" as well as having a social time with MU members from Westbury and Beckington. Another busy year ended with our Christmas lunch at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade and Carol service at Mere. It will be another busy year in 2026 as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union which our founder Mary Sumner began in the village of Arlesford in 1876 and was originally named "Union of Mothers."

Enid Holbrow

ECO CHURCH

The Community Blanket project - headed by Penny Hill, continues with blankets and squares arriving from far and wide. To promote the project knitters and crocheters met together outside the church in June, for Worldwide Knit in Public day. At the beginning of March this year Swindon Humanitarian Aid collected 52 adult blankets, 7 cot blankets and a large number of hats and scarfs. This brings the number of blankets sent by HT Eco church to the Ukraine to over 200.

The Sewing Days - held to support the Pachamama Project, entered their fifth year. These days continue to be successful, in both the number of pads produced and the support they receive. Last year an additional day was held, in the summer, to make drawstring bags for the pads. In June our youngest helper, Evie Moore, won a Special Area Board Award, at Westbury Young People Awards, that recognised her volunteering work for the project. We are very grateful to Dilton Marsh Memorial Hall, who allow us to use the hall for the Sewing Days without charge.

Spotted in the Churchyard - Bud and Bean continue to produce the monthly 'Spotted in the Churchyard' for the Parish Magazine, based on their surveys in the churchyard. They also achieved the Gold Award for the church, in the RSPB Wild Challenge. We held the fifth Eco Day, at the beginning of July, with the support of many organisations, both local and national. Once again the weather wasn't on our side but all who attended found it interesting and informative. We are sorry to report that we have been unable to reach the Eco Church Gold award that we had hoped to achieve this year. Last year we appealed for help with the wildlife work in the churchyard but didn't get any response so it is with regret that the current committee members feel they are physically unable to continue that work and likewise they are unable to arrange and hold a Eco Day this year.

Lynne Vercoe

LEGO CHURCH

Lego Church took place as normal in the early months of the year. We followed our tried and tested pattern of reading stories from a children's bible and then inviting those present to use their imagination to produce a model which linked to the story. Following a few months of low participation, we paused the service pending the arrival of a new vicar and a review of our approach. As we had no applicants in the first round of recruitment, the PCC agreed to stop Lego Church for the foreseeable future which would reduce the need to heat the church over the winter months. We hope to continue with this service once the new vicar is in post.

Jamie Brocksopp.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY

Holy Trinity have been collecting money for the Society (according to the Minutes) since 1976. It has been well supported in that time until sadly, collections have decreased due to lack of cash in circulation and reluctance of banks to accept collection monies. There was also no Christingle this year. I am standing down as collector of the Society's boxes with some regret. In my four years of collecting I raised £886.98, which I wish had been more but hopefully, it has been of some use to the Society. I have tried to recruit another person to take on the task, but had no success and wish the Children's Society good fortune.

Veronica Reed (Children's Society Organiser)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BROKERSWOOD – THE TIN CHURCH

2025 has been a seminal year for the Church and Friends as the long-awaited major repairs to the Bell Tower and associated issues were finally completed. After 3 years of fundraising, planning and preparing, the local ecclesiastical builder, Charles Jarvis, spent a month on top of the scaffolded building fashioning and installing a new tower structure (visually identical to the original tower). The shocking state (unstable and insecure) of the old structure was only evident after it was removed. The new but visually identical tower is constructed of hard wood with a roof sheathed in copper and benefits from modern materials and finishes which will ensure its survival well into the future. A new, internal steel mounting has been incorporated to support both the tower structure and the refurbished bell frame. Completion and consecration of this great work was celebrated by Bishop Andrew Rumsey as part of an Harvest Festival Service held on 1st October. Supported by Reverend Rebecca Harris and a goodly local congregation. Traditional activities continued throughout the year with: Bangers and Mash in March; a wedding in April; a concert (Hotwells Howlers), Cream Teas and a Rogation service in May; three concerts for the Frome Festival (Buffalo Gals with guest band, Thieves), (Ben and Lilly), (Colhoun Band) in July; Lammas and Harvest festival services in August; Bingo in September; a Quiz night in November and a Carol service in December. The Friends Group rallied round to plan, organise and deliver the many events. Minor internal tension led to the sudden departure of one Friend during the year necessitating a reorganisation of responsibilities within the group. Fundraising has continued, although the Tower project subsumed a significant amount of Friends' savings. Throughout the year we have been supported admirably by The Revd Rebecca Harris and we thank her for her expert guidance and ministry, and our two Church Wardens, Sonja Harris and Tess Brocksopp. 2026 will be a year of recovery although at least seven significant events are already in the diary.

Peter Campbell (Chairman of the Tin Church)

FINANCE/TREASURER REPORT

Year ending 31 December 2025

2025 has been a year of challenges. Like all rural parishes, we are struggling with the combined effects of a dwindling congregation, through natural causes and relocation, and an increase in demands on our limited finances.

Parish Share - we are very proud of the fact that for all years up to and including the year ended 31/12/2024, we paid 100% of our Parish Share. That was a huge achievement. However, circumstances this year have made us reflect on the need to adopt a more prudent approach to conserving our reserves. In simple terms, we decided that we needed to make sure that we kept enough in our own bank to "keep the lights on", should our income suddenly drop significantly. We have therefore paid 50% (£18,880) of the Share Request.

For comparison purposes, our Share Requests for the 3 most recent years have been:

2024	£32,551
2025	£37,130
2026	£41,624

Detailed Accounts - the detailed accounts are shown on the attached pages.

1. Summary Balance Sheet at 31/12/2025 showing Fund Balances
2. Detailed Balance sheet at 31/12/2025 showing Bank Balances
3. Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31/12/2025

The Summary Balance Sheet shows the breakdown of our Reserves between the various fund balances at 31/12/2025. The Unrestricted General Fund represents the money that is freely available to spend on anything. The Detailed Balance Sheet shows the analysis of our Current Assets between our 6 bank accounts at 31/12/2025

The Income and Expenditure Account shows our various sources of Income and the nature of our Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2025. These categories are set out by Salisbury DBF within the Data Developments software.

Parish Giving Scheme - finally, a plea to ask if as many as possible could switch their Planned Giving onto the Parish Giving Scheme. A separate leaflet about the benefits of using this scheme was given out earlier in the year. Thank you to those who have already made the switch -it really does save time, effort and money.

Footnote (March 2026) - Since writing this Report in mid-February, we have been in active discussion with the Diocesan Board of Finance. Having previously attended a seminar on Parish Finances, we followed this up with a personal meeting with two of the DBF Finance Team. We were able to have an open and frank discussion about the circumstances that were special to Dilton Marsh. We were invited to make written representations, and I am very pleased to be able to report that, as a result of those representations, our Parish Share for 2026 has been recalculated to £26,595. This is a one-off alleviation but nevertheless, it is a huge relief in present circumstances. As a further measure, the DBF also agreed to clear the underpayment from 2025. This was in recognition of the fact that, up to and including 2024, we have always paid 100% of our Share Request and therefore did not previously benefit from the earlier balance clearance scheme.

Beth Carrick (Treasurer)

Holy Trinity Church Dilton Marsh

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Current assets		
6501: Barclays Current Holy Trinity	13,113	6,190
6502: Barclays Current Brokerswood	1,254	1,463
6503: Barclays Current 100 Club	60	1,260
6510: Barclays Business Premium	19,517	15,299
6515: CCLA Holy Trinity	1,287	1,231
6516: CCLA Brokerwood	1,134	3,999
Total Current assets	36,364	29,442
Liabilities		
6699: Agency collections	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	36,364	29,442
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	6,922	20,741
Z01: Starting balances	29,442	8,701
Total Reserves	36,364	29,442

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	9,839	1,090
Designated	3,755	6,657
Restricted	22,770	21,695
Total	36,364	29,442

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Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2025 £	At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	9,839	3,755	22,770	-	36,364	29,442
	9,839	3,755	22,770	-	36,364	29,442
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	9,839	3,755	22,770	-	36,364	29,442
Total assets less current liabilities	9,839	3,755	22,770	-	36,364	29,442
Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	9,839	3,755	22,770	-	36,364	29,442
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	9,839	-	-	-	9,839	1,090
Designated						
Designated - 100 Club	-	60	-	-	60	1,280
Designated - General Brokerswood	-	1,677	-	-	1,677	1,886
Designated - Gift Day	-	1,431	-	-	1,431	3,491
Designated - Organ Renovation	-	588	-	-	588	-
Restricted						
Restricted - Agency	-	-	710	-	710	710
Restricted - Eco	-	-	344	-	344	344
Restricted - Fabric Brokerswood	-	-	576	-	576	3,576
Restricted - Fabric Holy Trinity	-	-	19,616	-	19,616	15,541
Restricted - Vcarage Improvement	-	-	1,274	-	1,274	1,274
Restricted - Welfare	-	-	250	-	250	250
Fund Totals	9,839	3,755	22,770	-	36,364	29,442

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	36,364	29,442
	36,364	29,442
Liabilities	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	36,364	29,442
Total assets less current liabilities	36,364	29,442
Liabilities	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	36,364	29,442
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	9,839	1,090
Designated		
Designated - 100 Club	60	1,280
Designated - General Brokerswood	1,677	1,886
Designated - Gift Day	1,431	3,491
Designated - Organ Renovation	588	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Agency	710	710
Restricted - Eco	344	344
Restricted - Fabric Brokerswood	576	3,576
Restricted - Fabric Holy Trinity	19,616	15,541
Restricted - Vicarage Improvement	1,274	1,274
Restricted - Welfare	250	250
Fund Totals	36,364	29,442

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Activities for generating funds					
200 - Fundraising	2,094	220	-	2,314	1,791
Activities for generating funds Totals	2,094	220	-	2,314	1,791
Church activities					
401 - Weddings	743	-	-	743	54
402 - Funerals	2,391	-	-	2,391	3,667
404 - Baptism fees	57	-	-	57	36
405 - Family Fun Day	-	-	-	-	1,398
411 - Parish magazine advertising	646	-	-	646	1,530
412 - Parish magazine sales	2,387	-	-	2,387	2,963
Church activities Totals	6,224	-	-	6,224	9,648
Income from investments					
301 - Bank interest	393	-	-	393	311
Income from investments Totals	393	-	-	393	311
Other incoming resources					
502 - Sundry income	24	-	-	24	-
503 - 100 Club subscriptions	-	-	-	-	1,540
Other incoming resources Totals	24	-	-	24	1,540
Voluntary Giving					
100 - Planned Giving - Gift aided	14,612	-	-	14,612	19,553
102 - Parish Giving Scheme	5,010	-	-	5,010	2,821
103 - Envelopes	2,267	-	-	2,267	2,639
120 - Planned Giving - Non-Gift aided	824	-	-	824	1,738
122 - Parish Giving Scheme - Non-Gift aided	-	-	-	-	140
130 - Service collections	1,309	-	-	1,309	2,305
140 - Donation platforms Stewardship CAF	1,705	-	-	1,705	-
141 - Donations	2,740	1,500	1,328	5,568	22,746
142 - Appeals	-	-	-	-	4,778
150 - Gift Aid recovered from HMRC	4,499	-	-	4,499	6,431
151 - Gift Aid on special giving	-	250	4,015	4,265	-
170 - Grants	3,550	-	-	3,550	6,500
172 - VAT recovered	-	-	-	-	404
Voluntary Giving Totals	36,516	1,750	5,343	43,609	70,053
Income and endowments Grand totals	45,251	1,970	5,343	52,564	83,343

Expenditure on:

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Other expenditure					
2200 - Other expenses	-	-	-	-	554
2202 - Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	132
2203 - 100 Club prizes	-	1,200	-	1,200	530
Other expenditure Totals	-	1,200	-	1,200	1,216
Church Activities					
1100 - Mission Giving and donations	-	-	-	-	318
1101 - Donations - Registered Charities	-	-	268	268	454
1103 - Local assistance	-	-	-	-	50
1200 - Parish Share	18,880	-	-	18,880	32,551
1300 - Staff/ Benefice costs	818	-	-	818	3,003
1301 - Administration support	3,450	-	-	3,450	2,064
1303 - Organist	730	-	-	730	955
1400 - Clergy and staff expenses	-	-	-	-	1,304
1402 - Other costs	-	-	-	-	258
1405 - Family Fun Day	-	-	-	-	934
Church Activities Totals	23,878	-	268	24,146	41,890
Church Expenses					
1501 - Local outreach costs	-	-	-	-	87
1502 - Childrens gifts	-	-	-	-	189
1503 - Gift Day purchases	-	2,061	-	2,061	1,286
1600 - Church running expenses	-	-	-	-	412
1601 - Maintenance - Church	853	1,182	-	2,035	2,679
1602 - Maintenance - Churchyard/cemetery	1,740	-	-	1,740	1,860
1604 - Service expenses	1,329	-	-	1,329	1,471
1605 - Office costs	327	-	-	327	306
1606 - Insurance	3,162	409	-	3,572	3,515
1701 - Electricity	611	-	-	611	738
1702 - Water	198	-	-	198	194
1703 - Gas	1,533	-	-	1,533	2,700
1801 - Magazine printing and distribution costs	2,277	-	-	2,277	2,645
1802 - Licences	300	-	-	300	-
Church Expenses Totals	12,330	3,652	-	15,982	18,080
Costs of generating funds					
1000 - Fundraising costs	314	-	-	314	454
1002 - Refreshments	-	-	-	-	128
1003 - Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	90
Costs of generating funds Totals	314	-	-	314	672
Major Capital Expenditure					
1900 - Major repairs to Church Building	-	-	4,000	4,000	744
Major Capital Expenditure Totals	-	-	4,000	4,000	744
Expenditure Grand totals	36,521	4,852	4,268	45,641	62,602

PLEASE NOTE: The independent Examiners Report has been completed and signed off, although it is awaiting a 'wet' handwritten signature. Once received, a copy will be provided on the Church Noticeboard.