



St Columb PCC

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT & ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31st 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 Columb 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 being St Enoder, St Ervan, St Eval and St Mawgan.

St Columb Church holds a warm welcome to all.

Annual Meetings

Annual Parish Meeting 2026

to be held in the Church on Sunday 10th May following the Morning Service at 12:30pm.

Agenda

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

on Sunday 11th May at 12.30pm in St Columb Church

Present: Revd. Helen Baber (Rector – in the chair), Ros Adams, Peter Deakin, David Goodwin, Lyn Jenkin, Margaret Long, Janet Maule, Felicity Penneycard, Peter Penneycard, Paul Rodwell, Jeremy Stuart, Phil Tremain, Denise Tremain, Anne Walker, Celia Webber.

1 **Welcome and Prayer**

2 **Apologies** – Tamsin Nash, Jill Merrifield, Matthew Rodliffe

3 **Minutes of the 2025 Parish Meeting with Matters arising**

Jeremy Stuart proposed & Peter Deakin seconded that these were a correct record. All agreed. There were no matters arising.

4 **Election of Churchwardens**

Two proposed and seconded nominations had been received.

- Peter Deakin
- Anne Walker

Thanks were recorded to both Peter & Anne for the work they have done over the past 12 months and for standing again for another year.

St Columb Church looks forward to a great ministry continuing.

The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 12.40pm.

Signed (Chairperson) Date:

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2026

to be held in the Church on Sunday 10th May 2026 after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer
 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of the 2025 APCM
 4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2025 APCM
 5. Annual Report and Accounts
 6. Electoral Roll Report
 7. Safeguarding Policy
 8. Election of lay members to the PCC
 9. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
 10. Appointment of Deanery Synod Representatives
 11. Appointment of LannPydar Joint Council Representatives
 12. Date of the 2027 APCM/ Next PCC Meeting
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Minutes of the 2025 APCM on Sunday 11th May at 12.45pm in St Columb Church

Present: Revd. Helen Baber (Rector – in the chair), Ros Adams, Peter Deakin, David Goodwin, Lyn Jenkin, Margaret Long (not voting), Janet Maule, Felicity Penneycard, Peter Penneycard, Paul Rodwell, Jeremy Stuart, Phil Tremain, Denise Tremain, Anne Walker, Celia Webber

- 1 Introduction** – Revd. Helen Baber opened the meeting and welcomed everyone
- 2 Apologies** – Tamsin Nash, Jill Merrifield, Matthew Rodliffe
- 3 Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting with Matters arising**
It was proposed by Peter Deakin & seconded by Jeremy Stuart that these are recorded as a correct record. All agreed.
- 4 There were no matters arising**
- 5. Annual Report & Accounts**
Helen led the meeting through the main Report headings.

Revd Helen Baber thanked Denise for the preparation of the Report this year, also to Phil for the preparation of the accounts. Thanks also to Peter Penneycard for his work as Independent Examiner of the PCC Accounts.

It was agreed to add 'Fundraising and Stewardship' as an Agenda item for future PCC meetings.

Thanks to everyone with their support in the Structure, Governance and Maintenance of St Columb Church.

6 Electoral Roll Report

As shown in the Annual Report the Electoral Roll stands at 35. A copy of the new roll has been posted on the church noticeboard. This year there has been a full revision of the Electoral Roll which shows a most realistic outcome.

7 Deanery Synod Representatives

Anne Walker, Felicity Penneycard and Margaret Miles continue as Deanery representatives until 2026. Helen thanked them all for their support and value in the role.

8 Election of Lay members to the PCC

Resignations were received from Celia Webber and Tamsin Nash.

Nominations forms for members whose term comes to an end this year have been received from David Goodwin, Felicity Penneycard, and Denise Tremain. Thanks to them for standing again. A new nomination form, proposed and seconded, was received from Matthew Rodliffe. A warm welcome to him.

Those members will serve until 2028, Lyn Jenkin is elected to 2027. Thanks were expressed to all members for their valued help and support.

9 Appointment of the Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Lyn Jenkin and seconded by Peter Deakin that Peter Penneycard should continue in this role for 2025/26. All agreed and thanks were expressed from the meeting for the work Peter does.

10 Appointment of LannPydar Joint Council representatives

Thanks were expressed to Anne and Phil for undertaking this role over the past year. It was proposed by Jeremy Stuart and seconded by Peter Deakin that they continue in this role for another year.

12 Date of the next APCM/PCC Meeting

APCM – 10th May 2026 at 12.30pm

Next PCC mtg - tba

The meeting closed at 1.10pm

Signed (Chairperson) Date:

St Columb PCC Annual Accounts 2025



Treasurer's Report

The Receipts & Payments and Statement of Funds follows, with appropriate annotations.

Please note the following:

- General Fund Expenditure exceeded Income by £997
- However we failed to pay our Ministry & Mission Fund assessment in full, achieving £9,500, a shortfall of £5,484
- The insurance premium is now in excess of £400 a month, reflecting the more than £16 million rebuilding cost. Even so, with regard to the lead, including the flat roof over the vestry, we carry our own risk.
- Maintenance of the Church building is met in full from the Restricted Reserve, thanks to the generosity of those who have gone before us.

Parish of St Columb Major

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025*Receipts and Payments*

Receipts		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £
Voluntary Income					
Tax efficient planned giving	①	£3,267.61	-	-	£3,516.56
Other planned giving			-	-	-
Cash collections at services		£1,927.11	-	-	£1,152.50
Non-recurring giving (inc digital & online)		£4,090.52	-	-	£3,499.45
All tax recovered through Gift Aid		£1,768.80	-	-	£2,034.78
Non-recurring or one-off grants		-	-	-	-
		£11,054.04			£10,203.29
Income from Investments					
Dividends		£5,965.43	-	£5,135.11	£11,241.67
Interest		£585.01	-	£2,700.45	£2,810.83
Income from property (allotments)		£967.08	-	-	£1,002.08
Church Activities					
Fees due to the PCC (weddings, funerals)		£3,567.00	-	-	£2,433.00
Book stall and magazines		£2,300.05	-	-	£2,428.30
Insurance claims	②	-	-	£387.28	-
Activities for Generating Funds					
Gross income from fundraising activities		-	£1,044.35	-	£1,064.60
Other Incoming Resources	③				£1,495.12
Transfer from Other Funds		-	-	-	
Total Receipts		£24,438.61	£1,044.35	£8,222.84	£32,678.89
Payments					
Church Activities					
Parish Share paid to Diocese (MMF)	④	£9,500.00	-	-	£10,000.00
Salaries/Honoraria	⑤	£1,427.40	-	-	£1,387.05
Expenses (clergy and staff)	⑤	£614.40	-	-	£612.80
Mission and Evangelism costs		£34.00	-	-	-
Regular Church Running Costs					
Insurance		£5,026.64	-	-	£4,914.45
Admin costs	⑤	£1,122.20	-	-	£1,115.15
Maintenance	⑥	-	-	£1,470.90	£2,712.24
Upkeep of services		£452.89	-	-	£202.38
Church Utilities					
Gas		£1,626.76	-	-	£2,312.86
Electricity		£1,008.77	-	-	£1,544.02
Water		£409.60	-	-	£311.78
Internet		£105.59	-	-	£61.71
Cost of Trading (magazines, bookstall)		£1,622.56	-	-	£1,484.65
Car Park/Allotments		£254.50	-	-	£254.00
Cost of Generating Funds		-	£104.50	-	-
Mission, Charitable Grants & Donations		£236.00	-	-	203.00
Major Capital Expenditure		-	-	-	-
Transfer to other funds		-	-	-	-
Total Payments		£23,441.31	£104.50	£1,470.90	£27,116.09

Parish of St Columb Major

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025*Statement of Funds*

	General Fund (unrestricted)	Designated Rewiring	Designated Kitchen	Restricted Fabric Reserve	Total designated, restricted & unrestricted	Total designated, restricted & unrestricted
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Movements during the year						
Receipts	24,439	-	1,044	8,223	33,706	32,679
Payments	23,441	-	105	1,471	25,017	27,116
Surplus/(deficit)	997	-	940	6,752	8,689	5,563
Brought forward 1 Jan	5,286	14,243	6,899	44,395	70,823	65,260
Carried forward 31 Dec	6,283	14,243	7,839	51,147	79,512	70,823
Comprising of:						
Barclays No.1 account	6,283	4,243	2,839	(361)	13,004	12,150
CBF CofE Deposit Fund	-	10,000	5,000	51,508	66,508	58,673
	6,283	14,243	7,839	51,147	79,512	70,823

Trust Funds

				31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024
Held by PCC					
Fabric Reserve Investment	CBF Inv 3036186	①		177,417	184,805
Held by Diocesan Board of Finance					
Hammond (C0029)	Cash	②		3,009	3,009
Sale of Trevean bungalow (C0035)	CBF Inv 3016881	②		152,100	158,434
Plot, Higher East Street plot (C0036)	CBF Inv 3016880	②		54,004	56,253
Maintenance 1997 Fund (C0044)	CBF Inv 3016906	③		33,110	34,264

- ① From the estate of Margaret Rogers "for the maintenance of the fabric of the church"
- ② Hammond bequest "for the repair and maintenance of the parish church and the payment of church expenses" In practice used entirely for the latter.
- ③ 50/50 reinvested and "for the maintenance of the church, furniture & fabric therein"

Notes to Receipts & Payments

- ① 3 x Standing Orders, 9 x Parish Giving Scheme
- ② Claim in respect of broken vestry window
- ③ 2024 energy refund
- ④ £5,484 shortfall
- ⑤ Benefice contribution apportioned 45/20/35 salaries/expenses/admin
- ⑥ Maintenance costs taken from restricted funds, see ① and ③ above



signed:

dated:

10 February 2026

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Columb Major, Cornwall

This report relates to the Funds of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 and which are set out in the attached statements and may be identified as follows:

	General Fund	Designated & Restricted
	£	£
Receipts	24,439	9,267
Payments	23,441	1,575
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Excess of Receipts over Payments	997	7,692
b/f 1 January	5,286	65,537
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Cash at bank 31 December	6,283	73,229
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Fabric Reserve Investment Account		
Value of funds held at 31 December 2025	177,417	

Fabric Reserve Deposit Fund		
Funds held at 31 December 2025	66,508	

The report is in respect of an examination carried out under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit requirement of section 144 of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations and laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. that 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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and meet the requirements of the Act and 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.

Amended.

PK Penneycard BA FCA
11 February, 2026

Glebe House
Market Place
St Columb Major



Annual Church Report



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.

Rev'd Helen Baber

Rector to the Benefice of LannPydar

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure and is a charity subject to charity law as administered by the Charity Commission. The PCC is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission with a gross income below £100,000 and therefore does not have a registered charity number.

All charities by law must have purposes that are for the public benefit. When running their charity, the charity trustees must carry out the charity's purposes for the public benefit. The PCC is aware that as a charity it has a duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant and has complied with that duty during the year.

The appointment of PCC members, who are also the charity's trustees, is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend church are able to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC if they feel able to contribute.

Members are encouraged to attend training courses and briefings arranged by the Diocese and Deanery on key matters affecting the work of the PCC.

The PCC aims to meet at least once a quarter to discuss day-to-day running of the Church and agree a way forward on financial matters. The PCC met four times during the year, exc. Standing Committee meetings and email voting. Each year, an Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) are held around before the end of May to review the activities and accounts of the Church in the previous year, agree PCC membership and set a PCC agenda for the forthcoming year.

Electoral Roll

The church Electoral Roll is the foundation of the whole structure of synodical government in the church. Those persons registered can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All parishioners and non-parishioners who attend church are able to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC if they feel able to contribute.

We had 35 members in 2025 and now have a total of 32 members in 2026. St Columb PCC can have up to 6 lay members and 2 Deanery Synod representatives.

PCC Membership

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

Ex-officio members:

Revd. Helen Baber	Rector & Chair
Phil Tremain	Lay Reader, Lay Chair, Treasurer, Health & Safety Officer, LannPydar Joint Council Rep.
Anne Walker (elected 2024)	Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Rep., Creation Care Champion
Peter Deakin (re-elected 2024)	Churchwarden, LannPydar Joint Council Rep.
Felicity Penneycard (re-elected 2025)	Deanery Synod rep.

Other members:

Denise Tremain (re-elected 2025)	Secretary
David Goodwin (re-elected 2025)	
Lyn Jenkin (re-elected 2024)	
Janet Maule (elected 2025)	
Matthew Rodliffe (elected 2025)	

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



Committees

Standing committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction by the PCC. The

Standing Committee consists of The Rector/Chair, Lay Chair, Churchwardens, Treasurer & Secretary (PCC Officers).

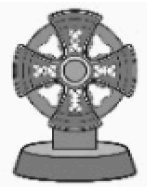
All sub-committees are answerable to the PCC who must approve all activities and monitor the finances.

Deanery Synod

Two representatives were elected to the Deanery Synod, who are ex- officio members of the PCC. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.



Reports of Deanery Synod meetings have been presented at PCC meetings as a regular agenda item.



Benefice of LannPydar Joint Council

A Joint Council for the Benefice of Lann Pydar came into operation on 13 December 2023. Its responsibilities are mission and ministry oversight and planning; occasional office administration; allocation of the annual benefice Mission and Ministry Fund (“MMF”) call to the parishes; responsibility for benefice staffing; general benefice administration including coordination of policies; levying a charge for benefice costs to each of the PCCs; and accounting for its activities. Minutes of the council’s meetings and its financial statements are given to each of the PCCs in the benefice.

The members of the Joint Council are the rector of the benefice (Rev’d Helen Baber), an honorary treasurer appointed by the Joint Council and up to two lay persons for each parish, who must have their names on the electoral roll of the parish appointing them but may not be living in the same household, appointed by each of the PCCs of the parishes.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding training requirements for PCC members have been kept under review and the PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. Many thanks are due to Jackie Oglethorpe (Benefice Safeguarding Officer) who, in the absence of a PCC Safeguarding Officer, covers the role for us.



The PCC strives to put Safeguarding at the forefront of its work, and has ensured that all is up to date and that Disclosure and Barring Service checks, where necessary, are undertaken.

Safeguarding Officers across the benefice have access to the Diocesan Safeguarding dashboard and hub that provide a framework for establishing good practice by highlighting training opportunities and areas for improvement. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all, with the team being the first port of call for concerns. We all have a duty of care for all in our community and should be familiar with symptoms raising concern – hence the desirability for all to take advantage of the on-line training available.

The Benefice office has records of all needing training updates and DBS checks and sends out reminders - these and any updates are presented at each PCC meeting as a regular agenda item. A safeguarding boxfile in the church contains information and contact numbers for all to access. If any member comes across information that could be added to the boxes, please pass on to your local safeguarding co-ordinator, they can then be distributed to all churches. Full details of Safeguarding contacts are also displayed in the church porch.

Ministry, Worship & Outreach

Worship & Prayer

The church is normally open daily from 10:00am until 4:00pm and is a welcome to all. We offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year, that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Revd. Helen Baber leads our Ministry Team, with David Smith (curate), Phil Tremain & Lydia Remick (Lay Readers), Ros Adams & Margaret Miles (Worship Leaders). We are also grateful for the help from our Assistant Priests – Revd. Angela Butler, Revd. Alison Shaw, Revd. Andrew Turner, and Revds. Bryan and Mary West. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support at St Columb Church.

Services offered were:

1 st Sunday	Communion (BCP) at 8:00am
1 st Wednesday	Midweek Communion at 9:30am
2 nd and 4 th Thursday	Evening Prayer at 3:45pm following JUST BE
2 nd Saturday	Messy Church at 2:00pm
2 nd Sunday	Communion at 11:00am
4 th Sunday	'Rise Up' Worship at 9:30am
4 th Sunday	Morning Worship at 11:00am
5 th Sunday	A Benefice Service held in one of Lann Pydar's five churches

All the special Festivals are marked throughout the year.

Our Evening prayer sessions in particular provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for worship, bringing inner peace and tranquillity to our busy lives.

All our Services continue to run smoothly with the use of specific Service booklets used universally across our Benefice and a wireless device for music here at St Columb. A great deal of time and thought has gone into producing these; making services easier to follow and far more user-friendly. All are welcome to attend our regular services.



We enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

The Benefice of Lannpydar weekly notice sheet 'The Welcome' provides information of our ministry and outreach. It informs Service times for the following week, details of our Ministry and Worship teams, and the weekly readings. We are also able to include information regarding those who need our prayers, who are baptised, married, or bereaved.

The Welcome is also one of the ways we share Prayer & Worship dates, What's On event dates and other important information across the Benefice. It is now available online each week on our website and on social media.

Statutory events at St Columb included:

- 5 weddings and 1 wedding blessing
- 5 baptisms
- 24 funerals (inc. interment of ashes in the churchyard, and crematorium)

Events and activities through the year have included:

- Angel Festival from Advent through to Christmas
- Christmas Carol Festival with St Columb Academy choir
- St Columb Carnival 'Songs of Praise'
- Harmoniemusik 'Classic Cornwall' concerts
- Community Pet Service
- 'Rise Up' service with Revd. David Smith
- Bellringers' Service
- St Columb Academy curriculum visits to the church and displays for festivals in church



- Bellringing Evening league competition
- Messy Church monthly sessions
- Just BE – the four C's: Craft, Chat, Coffee & Cake
- Handmade/Gifted baby items collection point for Baby Basics - Cornwall
- Jumble Sale with raffle and tombola in aid of Newquay Foodbank
- Permanent Provision for Newquay Foodbank -operating from the church weekly.
- Enabling regular and efficient use of our children's area, puzzle table & book library
- The availability of tea/coffee making facilities
- Old Cornwall Christmas event
- St Columb Academy Carol concert

Creation Care

Creation Care continues to be an agenda item for all regular PCC meetings. Worshipping God as Creator and encouraging all to enjoy and care for God's creation and our environment is embedded in our regular worship, with particular focus during Creationtide in September/October, a period in the Church of England calendar dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.



The creation care network at the diocese holds a zoom meeting each month which is a good place to hear about what other churches are doing and where there is plenty of useful information available. We work together with the Town Council in the environmental management of our churchyard.

Caring for the environment within the church itself is implemented by the recycling of waste, use of bio-degradable products etc. Quick wins grants will be applied for with a view to supporting some form of heating for the lady chapel/individuals.

The creation care mission is: Cherish Creation, Cut carbon, Speak up

We have already gained a Bronze award for moving towards being a green church, and are now working towards a silver award. We will be looking forward to receiving some help and support with this as we proceed. A survey of the building was carried out and suggestions made on how this could be done in an environmentally friendly way.

Pastoral Care

We strive to visit members of our parish, those unable to attend church due to sickness or age, keeping them in touch with church life. Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

We also keep in touch via social media.

Bellringing



In the autumn we enjoyed our first ringing holiday since the covid epidemic, visiting 16 towers including the magnificent octaves at Westbury & Ditcheat. Earlier in the year, on Easter Monday, we rang at three towers in West Cornwall and then on the coach outing another five centred on Sidmouth.

We have rung for several funerals and a smaller number of Our regular practices are well supported and we have rung Sunday services, although disappointingly we failed to ring all on one occasion.



In the Evening League our teams each dropped one point to tie in first place. The first team went on to win the knock-out final with the second team placed third. Rather more testing was a venture to Lamerton, where we were up against some of the Devon teams and ringing call-changes. This proved to be more of a challenge and we came third & fourth.

Social events included our annual dinner at the Kilbernie Hotel, and then later in the year the Car Treasure Hunt, and a Christmas party.

Messy Church

This year has been another wonderful year.

We all live messy lives, with messy relationships and messy moments, and in Messy Church we come in with all of our messiness and find a place of belonging. Through creating together, celebrating together and sharing together, we build a community centered around the teachings of Jesus.



Messy Church meets once a month on the 2nd Saturday from 2:00pm until 3.30pm here in St Columb Church. Sessions are ever growing and we reach a wide and varied number in our communities. It's free, it's fun and it's for the whole family! Let's all celebrate in the mess together!

Thanks must go to our team of leaders: Helen, David, Ros, & De together with our happy loyal band of helpers, who continue to support Messy Church with their enthusiasm and love.

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives'
(Proverbs 22:6)

Church Fabric & Maintenance (*extracted from Churchwardens' Reports to PCC*)

Plans are in hand, for painting the main South door and refurbishment of the West door.

Unfortunately there have been several instances of vandalism around the church involving the bell tower door, the boiler hatch, the window of the Rector's vestry and the back door. These have been dealt with.

The small electrical items have been pat tested.

Two new yew trees were planted in the churchyard attended by Bishop Hugh to replace the tree which was cut down by mistake.

Estimates are being sought for the refurbishment of the frame & fittings, in accordance with a report last year from the Guild Bell Restoration Officer.

The faculty application for a new kitchenette in place of existing facilities at the west end of the north aisle, and removal of adjacent pews at the back of the Nave in order to provide a social area has progressed.

Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. (Proverbs 16:3)

Our church in the community

Just BE

Our Just BE sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon of each month and have been exceptionally well received this year. The sessions are valued and much appreciated.

Just BE is a time for sharing with crafts, chat, coffee & cake – a fun filled #afternoon! A warm welcome to our sessions extends across our Benefice and beyond.

Thank you for the wonders of creation and the gift of crafting.

Spark our creativity,

That we may feel our fingers dance on our fabric and yarns,
And through our pens to the paper, see the beauty of all our
creations;

Listen to those around us; speak with love and wisdom;
Savour and be refreshed by the hospitality of others, giving thanks
for them.

Thank you for loving us, come fill our hearts with love,
To overflow as love for those around us.

Amen

We have been meeting in the Vyvyan Rm, at the Columba Centre where we have been able to offer 'a warm space' during the winter months.

We continue to welcome members of our community free of charge and are extending the work we do in the Community as we move forward. Just BE sessions have proved to be great for one's well being. The session ends with a time of Community Evening Prayer – incorporating some spiritual music and reflection. We are thankful to Ros, Margaret and Denise for their continued support.





Foodbank

The inability to feed yourself and/or your family is a very real crisis faced by many people across the UK and especially here in St Columb and our local community today.

St Columb PCC are pleased to continue with the provision of space for the operation of the Foodbank each week. Church members provide a wonderful welcome and hospitality to foodbank staff and customers dropping by.

The friendship is greatly appreciated by all.

Any support with hospitality during their Saturday morning sessions is always welcome.

“The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”



Baby Basics (Cornwall) - driven by the belief that no family should have to choose between essentials like food or warm clothing. BB are motivated by faith and a commitment to justice to address the daily struggles of families and advocate for a future where services such as ours aren't necessary.

With first hand understanding of the challenges faced by so many families, they seek to make a real difference every day, holding society accountable and centering compassion and family wellbeing into everything we do

All of the provisions made helps to reduce the stress and anxiety faced by parents who are unable to provide these items themselves, or having to make impossible decisions between food, heating, a winter coat for their child, or nappies for their baby. Therefore supporting the bonding between families and their emotional wellbeing.

Here at St Columb Church we are now a collection point for Baby Basics (Cornwall) and this year we have donated three car loads. Requests are made via social media links and word of mouth within our community and beyond.

Town & Country magazine is published monthly, over 200 copies are distributed by hand, post, and electronically by email throughout the town & parish and beyond. It provides outreach and contact with the many supporters who are not necessarily able to attend church.

We are pleased to continue to hold events in the church for the community - many are listed under **Events and Activities**.

St Columb PCC would like to formally thank all those who volunteer in so many ways at St Columb Church to ensure its' smooth running, its' mission and outreach. Without all of you, however small you feel your contribution of time and effect may be, many things would not get done and we wouldn't reach out to all the people whose lives we touch.

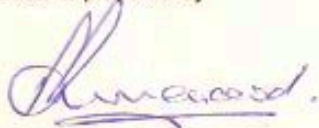
LannPydar Joint Council Accounts 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the 12 months to 31 December 2025

General Fund

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash Assets 1 January	2,016.57	1,805.39
Contributions from Parishes:		
St Columb Major	3,072.00	3,080.00
St Enoder	2,813.00	2,800.00
St Ervan	2,520.00	2,520.00
St Ervan re 2024	720.00	
St Eval	2,520.00	2,520.00
St Mawgan	3,080.04	3,080.04
	<u>14,725.04</u>	<u>14,000.04</u>
Messy Church receipts	-	275.00
Expenditure:		
Clergy travel	2,500.28	3,033.22
Clergy study, books etc	68.25	99.66
Benefice hospitality	56.85	42.98
Ministry	830.63	752.83
Rectory stationery and computer consumables	2,140.06	2,794.18
Clergy telephone and broadband	867.64	1,023.15
Computer hardware and software	104.99	545.37
Benefice Office administration	5,694.04	5,617.92
Miscellaneous	66.46	154.55
	<u>12,329.20</u>	<u>14,063.86</u>
Cash Assets 31 December		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	5,436.64	4,203.66
Add: Unbanked receipt		45.00
Less: Unpresented cheques	624.23	2,232.09
Accrued administration costs	400.00	
	<u>4,412.41</u>	<u>2,016.57</u>

Accounts prepared by



PK Penneycard
Hon Treasurer
Date: 18 January, 2026

Accounts approved by Benefice Joint Council



Revd H Baber
Date: 27 January, 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE JOINT COUNCIL OF
LANN PYDAR BENEFICE

This report on the financial statements of the Benefice for the year ended 31 December 2025 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the Benefice and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of this report

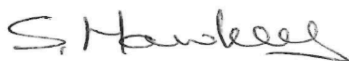
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Benefice and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on 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 these accounting records 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
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Dated : 2 APRIL 2026

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Revds. Mary & Brian West

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Phil Tremain, Lydia Remick

Local Worship Leaders

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

Margaret Miles

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