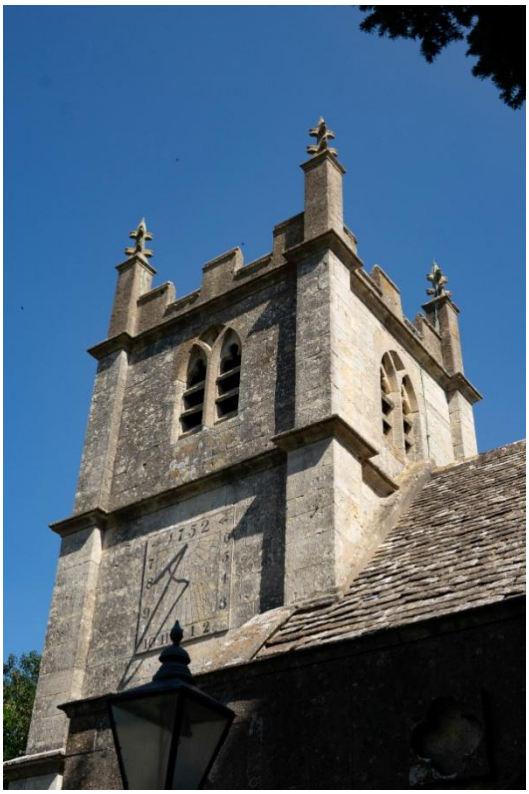
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ST MARY'S, WITCOMBE with BENTHAM, CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT of 2025

As ever, we have immensely appreciated the ministry of all kinds that Revd Susan and her team have provided at St Mary's and in the Benefice., including, on-line, Thursday Morning Prayer and alternate Friday Compline services in Lent and Advent. We have benefitted from the wonderfully varied ministries of Rev'd Rebecca until her (hopefully temporary) retirement in July, our curate Rev'd Daniel, Readers Robert and Vaughan, and a succession of trainees and others enjoying a time of placement in the Benefice.

The pattern of services at St Mary's has continued its regular format with one 8am BCP HC and one Eucharist, one all-age service and one Morning prayer at 11am per month. The Benefice services of HC on the 4th Sunday and at school when there is a 5th have gradually furthered the unity of the Benefice. The reflective services of Holy Week were of great value to a loyal and growing number, whilst the Christmas Carol and Crib services were enjoyed by many, their visits again enhanced by the construction of the beautiful crib scene and the addition of Christmas lights in the churchyard – for which we are particularly grateful to David Cooper, Fred Hicks-Beach, Caroline Hope, Keith Bawden and Tony Diett. It was a great regret to have no weddings in St Mary's again in 2025, but we were pleased to welcome several Baptisms and it was with sadness and thanksgiving that we marked the deaths of friends and local people in a number of funerals.

Fund-raising has continued in strength and enabled us to pay a challenging Parish Share to cover the ministry we receive in a number of ways. Likewise, we have continued to be very grateful to all those who have maintained a financial commitment throughout the year. We enjoyed a good Funday shared with the Cricket Club, when a good sum was raised, and were very grateful to Coro Camino who presented a second very enjoyable concert in church in July. A popular Theme - Cabaret - evening was held in March, Wheels-on-the-Green in June, a Picnic-in-the-Park kindly hosted by Fred Hicks-Beach, in September, the Quiz in October, Bingo and Fish'nChips evening in November. Sponsorship from the GHCT Ride-and Stride and income from Robin Gilbert's generous production of beautiful calendars also contributed to the funds.

We continue to respond to the Quinquennial Inspection in 2022, and more remains to be done. Chris Jeffs has continued to use his skill, expertise and energy both in structural matters and in organising and

enthusing churchyard working parties at St Mary's. Jane Bell has continued to mastermind the churchyard mowing team at St Mary's and a rota of generous folk has been established for mowing at St Peter's; many thanks are due to all of those for long-term mowing and for new commitment and to those who have generously contributed to the expenses of looking after the churchyards. We are immensely grateful to Jason Penston for his sterling work on the hedges in particular. We are pleased with the result of introducing a PA system and hearing loop into St Mary's to aid those whose hearing is less good.

We remain very grateful to all the members of the PCC, for the willingness of Jon Frewin to continue in the role of PCC Treasurer and to all those who have contributed time, talents and resources to support the worship, music, fellowship and fabric of St Mary's church and churchyard, which remain a source of peace, faith, consolation and inspiration for many.

Sue Padfield and Lynne Cooper .

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF WITCOMBE WITH BENTHAM TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

Administrative information

The Parish of St Mary's, Witcombe with Bentham, is part of a Benefice with St Paul's, Shurdington, and Holy Trinity, Badgeworth, and of the Diocese of Gloucester within the Church of England. The Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in Great Witcombe by Gloucester, GL3 4TT; the correspondence address is the Vicarage, School Lane, Shurdington, GL51 4TF.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. PCC members who have served from 1st January 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

			Dates if part year
Incumbent:	The Revd Susan Cooke	Chairman	
Associate Priest:	The Revd Rebecca Spear		*until July 2025*
Curate:	The Revd Daniel Newman		
Wardens:	Mrs Sue Padfield		
	Mrs Lynne Cooper		
Deanery Synod:	Mrs Sue Padfield	Secretary	
Members:	Mr Geoff Pilgrim-Morris	Vice Chairman	
	Mr Robin Gilbert		
	Mrs Jane Bell		
	Mr Chris Jeffs		
	Mrs Christine Jeffs		
	Mrs Rachel Richardson		
Co-opted:	Mr Jon Frewin	Treasurer	

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Aims and Objectives

Witcombe with Bentham PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St Mary's Church and associated property and the churchyard of the former St Peter's, Bentham.

When planning for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities for the advancement of religion and have continued to take into consideration any guidance issued by the Government, the Church of England and the LIFE Vision of the Diocese of Gloucester. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St Mary's and to become part of our Parish community centred at this church. In particular, we have tried to enable our local people to live out their faith as part of our Parish community (through worship and prayer, hearing the Gospel and developing their faith, in church and in nurture groups, provision of pastoral care, mission and outreach) and, in so doing, to implement the Benefice Strategy and further the Diocesan aims in its LIFE Vision. In support of these objectives, it is important that the fabric of St Mary's church and the churchyards of both St Mary's and St Peter's, Bentham, are well-maintained.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC maintains an overview of worship in the Parish and makes suggestions as to how services can involve the many groups of people that live in the Parish; all are welcomed to attend any of the services at St Mary's. Services are held on Sundays and at special festivals; the Sunday pattern comprised, per month, at St Mary's one HC service, one all-age service and one service of morning prayer at 11am, and one BCP HC service at 8am, as well as one Benefice Eucharist in the three churches in rotation. Late evening services of Compline were held weekly in Lent and in Advent, alternately in church and on zoom. Where possible any Fifth Sunday service has been held as a benefice and ecumenical service in the primary school at Shurdington. Occasional services have been held in the churchyard and the Benefice Christingle service in the Village Hall in Advent. Benefice Morning Prayer is held on-line on Thursdays. The church has been opened daily and, as usual, a cross was erected on the Village Green for Holy Week and Easter as an act of witness. The church has enabled our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of life, with several baptisms, and sadly, a number of funerals in church but no weddings.

Church attendance

On 31st December there were 28 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average Sunday attendance (counted during October) was 20. Numbers at the Christmas Carol and Crib services again increased.

Pastoral Care

Members of the church community have continued to look out for and support parishioners with particular needs, and are part of the team organising the monthly village Lunch Club Members of the parish and community have contributed financially, in kind and as helpers, to the Greenway Gifts projects which has continued to supply grocery provisions weekly to an ever-increasing number of needy families in the Benefice. The monthly Benefice magazine remains available on-line and is distributed in hard copy to all

who have asked for it. The PCC remains aware of the numbers of the community, and some from a distance, who visit the churchyard, visiting or maintaining the graves beautifully, and enable the church to be open during the day-time for private prayer or reflection that is often made and appreciated at such times. Other groups, such as Pastoral/Bereavement, provide care for the Benefice as a whole and, when possible, visit those in hospital, monitored and reviewed by the Local Ministry Team and a Pastoral group, and Benefice Worship Leaders have led services in the two Residential Homes and the sheltered housing and administered Home Communion regularly throughout the year.

Review of the year

We have been grateful for the regular ministry of the Reverend Susan Cooke, Vicar, of the Revd Rebecca Spear, Associate Priest, until her retirement in July, the Revd Daniel Newman, ordained Priest in June, Robert Poole (Licensed Reader and Funeral Minister), especially in his leadership of funerals and Vaughan Kerry, Reader. We have also benefitted from potential priests and readers on placement in their training. The two Benefice Worship Leaders in the parish have led non-eucharistic services. Lay members of the congregation are involved with the CofE school in the Benefice through Open-the-Book, an after-school Club and Experience Journeys. The Benefice Local Ministry Team, which includes two members from this parish, has continued to be involved in planning and leading services and in continuing to promote the culture of Everyday Faith and Discipleship.

Nurture: The Bible Study group has met weekly on Wednesdays, and members of the parish are part of other (nurture and prayer/Bible study/Lent/Advent) groups which continue in the Benefice. A Benefice Away Day was held in February, a series of reflections in Holy Week and a discussion group for enquiring Christians began in the autumn.

Eco-church: The church holds the Bronze award accreditation as an Eco-church and continues to work on Eco matters. The maintenance of re-wilded areas in the churchyards has continued. A Benefice Eco-week was held in September, launched in a Benefice service and culminating in Harvest Festival.

Greenway Family Experience events were held on Easter Eve, for Harvest and a Make your own Christingle service on Advent Sunday.

The PCC has continued to respond to necessary maintenance work in church and churchyards. Working parties for churchyard maintenance and church cleaning have been organised.

The link between the Benefice and the Benefice of Rättvik in Gloucester's link Diocese of Västerås in Sweden nominally remains, but has not been active this year.

Deanery: The Parish has been represented on the Deanery Synod of Severn Vale. Contact with its Deanery and awareness of the development of the Deanery Strategic Pathway has enabled the parish to contribute to, and learn of, initiatives in the church in the wider Deanery and Diocese; the Parish has been represented on Diocesan Synod by the Revd Susan and by a member of the laity, who also serves on the Diocesan Board of Education.

Financial & Social: Fund-raising, with profits shared between the Church and community projects, when requested, has had another good year; WSF (Witcombe Social Fundraisers) held several successful fund-raising events: a Cabaret theme evening, a Big Breakfast, Wheels-on-the-Green, a summer Concert in church by the choir Coro Camino, with prosecco and strawberries, a Family Fun Day with/at the Cricket

Club, a Picnic-in-the-Park with live music, hosted by Fred Hicks Beach, the very well-attended autumn Quiz and Bingo and Fish and Chips evenings and a Coffee and Crafts morning. Two participants raised money via the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) Sponsored Churches Walk/Ride; and the church again profited from the beautiful annual calendar produced by a Church member. The 100 Club has continued with a reasonable number of share-holders. The Diocese's Parish-Giving Scheme is encouraged in the three Parishes of the Benefice with a small response in Witcombe with Bentham.

The PCC has followed a policy in Charitable Giving of donating to local, national and international causes, some at the times of humanitarian disasters, and some of which must be specifically Christian organisations, and has appointed a subgroup to make such decisions. The PCC remains determined to maintain its support of charities despite the difficult financial situation, exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis. In 2025 donations were agreed to: Médecin sans Frontières, Sight-Savers, TWAM, Salvation Army, DEC (for Gaza), and Greenway Gifts (Benefice Food Bank). Donations were also made to the Community projects: Witcombe Under 5's and the Junior Cricketers.

Accessibility had been improved in the church with the installation of a Hearing loop and PA system; the PCC is grateful for grants towards these from Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and the Benefact Trust. Maintenance has been carried out by individuals and small groups in the churchyards and others have been involved throughout the year in many ways to ensure St Mary's Church and churchyard and the church-yard at Bentham are well-maintained, The PCC remains very grateful to all those volunteers who give of their time and expertise, and financially, to assist in this.

Financial Review

Thanks to fund-raising and the generosity of its regular givers, the PCC has managed to pay its way including its committed share of one third of the Benefice's Parish Share allocation.

On unrestricted funds, income, £38,280, exceeded expenditure, £34,506, by £3774. Income from fund-raising was £6619. As always, the largest item of expenditure was the Parish share (£23,500) - our contribution to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance towards the provision of clergy and support services. The PCC's agreed donations to charity amounted to £2322 for 2025. in line with our policy of donating 5% of income.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance in the Reserve Account is £30916. Restricted funds are kept under 5 separate headings: Church Fabric; Bell Ringing equipment and expenses; Churchyard upkeep, Witcombe Social Fund-raising, Eco-Church. The total in these accounts is £742.

Further details are available in the Treasurer's Financial Statement.

Approved by the PCC on 23rd February, 2026, and signed on their behalf by

Mr G Pilgrim-Morris (Lay Vice-Chairman)

Witcombe with Bentham Parochial Church Council

Statement of Accounts and Financial Report for Year Ending 31st December

Witcombe with Bentham Parochial Church Council

Summary statement of accounts and financial report for the year ending 31st December 2025

Total receipts and payments for the year are tabulated on page 11

Total receipts for unrestricted funds (general account, St Mary's 100 Club and investment income) were £31,615
Unrestricted fund-raising events generated £6,665
Receipts for restricted funds were nil
Adding these figures produces total receipts of **£38,280**

Total payments from unrestricted funds (general account, Witcombe Social Fundraisers [WSF]), and St Mary's 100 Club were Payment from restricted accounts (bell ringers) was E20
Adding these figures results in total payments of **£34,506**

The largest amount of expenditure was the Parish Share, this being payment to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance to enable it to provide the parish with clergy, and support services.

Net Income of £3,774, included payments of £2,320 to charitable causes.

Supplementary notes 3 to 18 on pages 13 to 15 give a more detailed view on how the receipts and payments were collated.

Income from collections were compared to £7,259 in 2024. Parish Giving and planned donations were £1,651

Total net fund raising (see note 6) was £6,073 compared to E6,433 in 2024 (see note 16). The net income from the 100 club shares was E896. There is still E 550 to be paid, net proceeds will be £346. Total fund raising will be £6,419

Fees of £7,327 for weddings and funerals.

Charity payments were £2,320.
£1,800 were allocated by the committee to national/international charities.
Further payments were made to local community projects (defibrillator, under-5s and junior cricket)

Bank accounts for unrestricted funds showed a balance of £30,916
Restricted accounts showed a balance of £742 The net



increase in monetary funds is **£3,774.**

Jon Frewin – Treasurer

Witcombe with Bentham Parochial Church Council

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Witcombe with Bentham

This report on the accounts of the PCC of Witcombe with Bentham (hereinafter the PCC) for the year ended December 31 st 2024, which are set out in pages 3 and 4 of the financial report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the PCC accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of the regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) as the Charities Act 1993 do not apply, it is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations1997 and regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commission under section 43(7)9b of the Charities Act 1993. The examination included a review of the accounting records maintained by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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

I. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material with respect to the requirements

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act 1993: and

(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met.

2. To which, in my opinion attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Robin Danielli

signed 

date 13/4/2026

Witcombe with Bentham Parochial Church Council

	Note	General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	*2024 £*
RECEIPTS						
Collections	**3**	6906			6906	*7259*
Parish Giving and standing orders	**3**	11651			11651	*11805*
Income tax recovered	**4**	2400			2400	*2341*
Donations	**5**	1855			1855	*1460*
Fund raising events	**6**		6073		6073	*6375*
Historic Churches Ride/Stride	7		376		376	*420*
Candles/Calendars		197			197	*214*
BWSB						
Fees	**8**	7327			7327	*7144*
Investment income	**9**	383			383	*430*
100 Club		896			896	*664*
3 in 1			216		216	*65*
Total receipts		**31615**	**6665**		**38280**	***38178***
PAYMENTS						
Parish share		23500			23500	*21316*
Running costs						
Upkeep of services		417			417	*6919*
Music fees		640			640	*1025*
Ministry expenses	**11**	483			483	*648*
Insurance		1657			1657	*1571*
Electricity		840			840	*800*
BWSB expenses	**11**	1053			1053	*1349*
Payments to charities	**12**	2320			2320	*2470*
Water bill – Water +		114			114	*101*
Duty Priests fees		560			560	*678*
Bell ringing expenses		**20**			20	*30*
Audio Upgrade *Churchyard Trees*		2342			2342	*3200*
Three in One		560			560	*585*
Total payments		**34506**			**34506**	***40692***
Net receipts (-payments)					**3774**	***-2514***

The expenses include a one-off Fabric expense of £2,342 for the Audio upgrade.

Witcombe with Bentham Parochial Church Council

Monetary assets at 31st December 2025

	General Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £	*2024 Total £*
Lloyds a/c 2191287 General account	147			147	*4074*
Lloyds a/c 0558795 Fabric fund			45	45	*45*
Lloyds a/c 0293562 Bell Ringers equipment fund			314	314	*314*
Lloyds a/c 0544751 St Mary's churchyard fund			383	383	*357*
Lloyds a/c 4021966 Summer fayre (Now WSF a/c)		15593		15593	*9132*
HSBC a/c 72514125 St Mary's 100 Club		9522		9522	*8627*
CBF a/c 616270001D Witcombe + Bentham reserve a/c		5648		5648	*5328*
CBF a/c 616270002D Witcombe + Bentham church fund		6		6	*6*
Total	147	30769	742	31658	*27883*
Share accounts	**Number of shares held**	**Value at 31/12/25 £**	***Value at 31/12/24 £***	**Increase in value £**	**Annual % increase**
CBF Investment fund 116002172S Ticehurst Trust- general purpose	58	937	*937*		-0.0
CBF Investment fund 116002171S Miller Trust – St Mary's Ch,Yard	41	662	*662*		-0.0
CBF Investment fund 116022330S Burbrough and Hayward Trust	103	1663	*1663*		-0.0
CBF Fixed interest securities 116002032F Burb and Hayward	337	540	*540*		-0.0

Witcombe with Bentham Parochial Church Council

Notes to the financial statement

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with Church Accounting regulations

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2 Accounting policies

The financial statements include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

Receipts are included as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Endowment funds (share accounts) represent money that must be retained and cannot be spent although income arising from funds may be used.

Unrestricted funds represent money that can be used for general charitable purposes of the PCC. An additional unrestricted fund raising account has been created in 2015 known as St Mary's 100 club.

Amounts that have been earmarked for specific purposes are called designated funds which can, nevertheless, remain unrestricted. Summer Fayre is such an account used now for the monies and expenditures of the fund raising team named Witcombe Social Fundraisers raising money for church and community.

Restricted funds must be used for the purpose that the money was donated.

The restricted funds comprise different accounts separate from the general Account and are namely:

Fabric, Bell ringers, St Mary's Churchyard. Accounts for St Peters churchyard, Mission, Vocational training and J Team have been closed as a result of no activity in the past ten years, total transferred value E406.

Gift Aid is tax-reclaimed on contributions made through the envelope scheme, individual donations, standing orders, parish giving scheme and the recently introduced plate collection up to E5000 per annum scheme.

3 Collections

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Planned ivm		2440	2230	1980	1980	2980	1915	1749
Collections	6906	7259	5806	3619	2658	2911	8118	8577
Parish giving	9211	9365		7916	7670	7199	6877	6599
Total	18557	19064	16475	13515	12308	13090	16910	16925

4 Income tax received

Income tax recovered represents the claim on gift-aided collections, parish share and donations for the tax year 2024/25.

5. Donations

The following donations have been made during the year

General Account:	
Church box	
Parishioners	6906
Total	6906

6 Fund raising

Fund raising is split between

-that paid into General Account due to individuals' efforts

-Witcombe Social Fund Raisers (WSF) a/c (known as Summer Fayre a/c)

- St Mary's Church 100 Club unrestricted a/c

General Account	
Calendar sales	138
Candle dedications	59
TOTAL	197
Witcombe Social Fundraisers	
Summer Fa re	2024
Cabaret evenin	390
uiz	1140
Park event	584
Bingo — Fish/Chips	830
Breakfast	310
Wheels on the Green	795
	6073
Glos Historic Churches Ride & Stride	376
Total	6449
StMa 's 100 Club	
114 shares at E12 per share	1368
Pa ments made	450
Pa ments to be made	250
Net Proceeds annualised	668

7 EcoChurch Restricted Funds

8 Fees

These are the amounts of money paid into the General Account for clergy services provided, i.e. weddings, funerals, etc — mostly through Gloucestershire Churches

9 Investment income

The PCC currently holds three types of investments.

A number of accounts with CCLA Church of England deposit funds comprising two deposit accounts and three trusts established in favour of the PCC in earlier years.

i) 'Reserve' deposit account no. 616270001D and 'Church Fund' deposit account no. 616270002D. Interest from these accounts is paid directly into the accounts.

ii) The Miller Trust consisting of 41 shares (a/c no. 116002171 S). The frust was established to contribute to the upkeep of St Mary's churchyard and the interest thus constitutes restricted funds. Dividends are paid quarterly directly into St Mary's Churchyard account.

iii) The Ticehurst trust consisting of 53 shares (a/c no. 116002172S). The trust was established for general church purposes and the interest thus constitutes unrestricted funds. Dividends are paid quarterly into the General account.

iv) The Burbrough and Hayward Trust (established from a legacy of El 000) is rather more complicated and consists of three funds set up in 1987.

- a fixed interest securities fund
- a capital growth investment fund
- a deposit fund (a/c no. 61627000D) into which dividends from the two other ftnds are paid and which itself earns interest. This fund is known as the Reserve account.

Under the terms of the trust, the capital (i.e what is in the first two funds) cannot be touched, but the dividends and interest (i.e. what is in the third fund) can be used at the PCC's discretion for general expenditure.

General Account		
Interest from share account (Ticehurst Trust)		22
Interest from treasury stock 2017/2021		57
	Total	**79**
CCLA accounts		
Interest from Reserve accounts		112
Interest from Church Account		0
	Total	**112**
Restricted funds		
Interest from share account (Miller trust)		**22**

11 Ministry expenses

Combined mileage, telephone, benefice upkeep and office expenses.

12 Payments to charities

Payments of E 2,320 have been made.

13 St Mary's 100 Club

Prize money paid out at 31 st December 2025 **£300 Payments of £550 to be paid to March 2026**

St, Mary's Witcombe Current A/c Statement of Financial Activities, Jan 2025 - Dec 2025

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Year 2025
INCOME	**1,723.34**	**1,310.58**	**6,058.05**	**2,350.68**	**2,650.92**	**4,740.61**	**4,114.56**	**3,809.39**	**2,474.83**	**2,320.70**	**2,421.20**	**4,305.21**	**38,280.07**
Collections Cash	0.00	382.15	0.00	554.60	895.60	0.00	445.00	697.30	728.76	0.00	579.90	952.40	**5,235.71**
Collections Cheques	190.00	120.00		225.00	240	0	0.00	495.00	10.00	0.00	120.00	270.00	**1,670.00**
Standing Orders	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	240.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	**2,440.00**
Parish Giving	771.58	771.58	771.58	771.58	771.58	751.58	752.60	752.60	772.56	772.56	775.73	775.73	**9,211.26**
Calendars/Candles	26.00	0.00									59.00	111.64	**196.64**
Funerals/ Weddings/Baptisms	100.00	0.00	4,092.00	0.00	275.00	1,647.00	486.41	466.00	261.00	0.00			**7,327.41**
Fees													**0.00**
Historic Churches R&S											376.25		**376.25**
Donations & Grants	250.00		125.00	250.00				1,000.00			0.00	230.00	**1,855.00**
Fundraising		(73.89)	464.50	0.00		1,294.52	1,877.20			1,140.00	0.00	1,371.00	**6,073.33**
Three-in-one			24.00	55.00	42.00	25.00	30.00			15.00		25.00	**216.00**
BWSB fees													**0.00**
Interest Income		15.74	76.57	0.00	15.74	81.11	0.00	15.74	82.37	0.00	16.39	79.24	**382.90**
100 Club	(7.14)	(105.00)	(81.40)	101.60	211.00	360.60	135.20	(5.40)	187.00	0.00	100.00	(0.80)	**895.66**
Treasury Stock													**0.00**
Tax rebate	192.90		385.80	192.90		380.80	188.15	188.15	193.14	193.14	193.93	291.00	**2,399.91**
EXPENDITURE	**2,343.03**	**2,264.11**	**2,049.11**	**2,168.22**	**2,146.76**	**2,485.91**	**2,639.62**	**2,226.91**	**2,644.11**	**2,266.33**	**2,069.00**	**9,202.66**	**34,505.77**
Parish Share	1,780.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	1,776.00	3,960.00	**23,500.00**
BSWB Expenses	283.42	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	**1,053.42**
Service expenses	0.00												**0.00**
Organist		215.00		70.00		225.00	95.00	0.00	35.00				**640.00**
Vicar expenses	0.00			49.11	97.65		95.51			102.56		137.69	**482.52**
Charles Ferris													**0.00**
Gravediggers							0.00					290.00	**290.00**
Deanery													**0.00**
Fabric	0.00	0.00							0.00	94.80		2,246.70	**2,341.50**
Music Badgeworth													**0.00**
Gloucester Historic Church						50.00							**50.00**
Duty Priests						85.00			0.00			475.27	**560.27**
Electricity	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	**840.00**
Water	56.50				0.00	0.00		57.80					**114.30**
A & E Fire						76.80							**76.80**
Churchyard													**0.00**
Charity Payments	0.00						400.00	120.00				1,800.00	**2,320.00**
Insurance	133.11	133.11	133.11	133.11	133.11	133.11	133.11	133.11	133.11	152.97	153.00	153.00	**1,656.96**
Three-in-one									560.00				**560.00**
Bell ringers	20.00												**20.00**
Village News													**0.00**
Sundry	0.00												**0.00**
Total Income	**1,723.34**	**1,310.58**	**6,058.05**	**2,350.68**	**2,650.92**	**4,740.61**	**4,114.56**	**3,809.39**	**2,474.83**	**2,320.70**	**2,421.20**	**4,305.21**	**38,280.07**
Total Expenditure	**2,343.03**	**2,264.11**	**2,049.11**	**2,168.22**	**2,146.76**	**2,485.91**	**2,639.62**	**2,226.91**	**2,644.11**	**2,266.33**	**2,069.00**	**9,202.66**	**34,505.77**
Surplus for month	**(619.69)**	**(953.53)**	**4,008.94**	**182.46**	**504.16**	**2,254.70**	**1,474.94**	**1,582.48**	**(169.28)**	**54.37**	**352.20**	**(4,897.45)**	**3,774.30**
Brought forward	**27,882.69**	**27,263.00**	**26,309.47**	**30,318.41**	**30,500.87**	**31,005.03**	**33,259.73**	**34,734.67**	**36,317.15**	**36,147.87**	**36,202.24**	**36,554.44**	
Total Resources	**27,263.00**	**26,309.47**	**30,318.41**	**30,500.87**	**31,005.03**	**33,259.73**	**34,734.67**	**36,317.15**	**36,147.87**	**36,202.24**	**36,554.44**	**31,656.99**	
	0.00	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	***0.00***	
Represented by:													
Lloyds	13,309.11	12,460.58	16,474.35	16,555.21	16,848.37	18,661.36	20,001.10	21,588.98	21,150.33	21,204.70	21,456.90	16,481.01	
CBF	5,334.27	5,334.27	5,410.84	5,410.84	5,410.84	5,491.95	5,491.95	5,491.95	5,574.32	5,574.32	5,574.32	5,653.56	
100 Club	8,619.62	8,514.62	8,433.22	8,534.82	8,745.82	9,106.42	9,241.62	9,236.22	9,423.22	9,423.22	9,523.22	9,522.42	
Total	**27,263.00**	**26,309.47**	**30,318.41**	**30,500.87**	**31,005.03**	**33,259.73**	**34,734.67**	**36,317.15**	**36,147.87**	**36,202.24**	**36,554.44**	**31,656.99**	
General	3,211.66	2,430.50	5,979.77	5,810.63	6,097.27	6,615.74	6,190.98	7,772.34	7,333.69	6,248.06	6,493.47	146.58	
Fabric	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	44.92	
Bell ringers	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	313.84	
St Marys Churchyard	356.61	363.13	363.13	363.13	369.65	369.65	369.65	376.17	376.17	376.17	382.96	382.96	
Summer Fayre	9,382.08	9,308.19	9,772.69	10,022.69	10,022.69	11,317.21	13,081.71	13,081.71	13,081.71	14,221.71	14,221.71	15,592.71	
CBF	5,334.27	5,334.27	5,410.84	5,410.84	5,410.84	5,491.95	5,491.95	5,491.95	5,574.32	5,574.32	5,574.32	5,653.56	