

**St. Andrew's Church, Ipplepen**  
**Annual Report**  
**2025 – 2026**



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# 1 Rector's Report

Our annual report provides a snap shot of what has been going on over the last year in our local church. You will read here a wide variety of reports giving you a sense of the activities of your local church.

Our local church is part of the Diocese of Exeter and over the last year the Bishop of Exeter Mike Harrison has set out his vision for how local churches can grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy. It is in this wider context that our local church takes its place here in our village. I thought therefore as preparation and an introduction to reading this year's annual report it would be worth hearing from our Bishop.

Bishop Mike writes...

"Diocese of Exeter's vision to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy has evolved over the last five years, with a widespread post-pandemic listening consultation leading to the development of the 'Next Steps' strategy to support mission communities to flourish and be sustainable for generations to come. It's a vision that fits with Jesus' commission in Mt.28.16-20, which is authoritative for me and I'm sure for many.

Putting flesh on the bones of the vision, I would like to articulate five particular priorities for this next season of our life together. First, **missional leadership**: equipping and resourcing the ordained and lay leaders of our Christian communities as best as we can to develop disciples and make new disciples. Second, developing a "**missional DNA**" across our Christian communities, encouraging outward-looking, invitational churches, hospitable to outsiders and engaged with their wider communities. Third, cultivating an intentional **vocational culture** so that we are not asking whether God is calling me/us, but "To what is God calling me/us now?" Fourth, **children and young people** being placed at the heart of our life, mission and ministry. And fifth, **a mixed ecology**: understanding that we need different ways of doing and being Church. Alongside time-honoured Church we need all sorts of Christian communities which can engage with the 95% of our population who are as yet unengaged. I hope that these five priorities will become embedded at every level of our ministry going forward."

As you read this report of your local church I wonder if you can spot some of the themes that Bishop Mike articulates. Where and how are these priorities being expressed in your local church? How could they be expressed?

*Rev'd Andrew Down  
Rector of the Beacon Parishes Mission Community*

## 2 Churchwardens' Report

As reported last year, through prioritising roles to compliment time availability and skill-sets with no small contribution of assistance from others within the wider church family. we have managed to successfully navigate our way through another 12 months. We are also fortunate on occasion by being able to rely on the support of Members of the PCC to lighten the load of churchwardens' duties. We remain ever hopeful, that the Churchwarden team could be supplemented during the forthcoming year with an additional volunteer, or two, so if this appeals, please do not hesitate to make your interest known.

### **New Services Rotas within the Beacon Parishes**

In consultation with Churchwardens across the Beacon Parishes, led by the Rector, a new Sunday Rota was introduced in January 2026. In brief, the new rota prescribes 9.00am Holy Communion services in Denbury (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays), Broadhempston (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) and Woodland (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday). With specific reference to Ipplepen, then the rota is more straightforward with Holy Communion offered on every Sunday throughout each month, with the exception of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when Holy Communion will be held in turn around the Beacon Parishes.

There are also 5.00pm Evening Worship options in the Beacon Parishes on each 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. In addition, some worship opportunities will be held on Saturdays to offer an alternative to traditional Sunday services; these could include Celtic Morning Prayer, Book of Common Prayer for instance, to be more flexible with lifestyle choices across the Beacon Parishes.

As you will also be aware, that before Christmas we trialled the serving of refreshments from 10.30am at St. Andrew's prior to the services at 11.00am, however, the consensus was that the 'cons outweighed the pros,' so we have reverted to refreshments being served following the Services.

Turning to other notable Church matters over the past 12 months:

**Churchyard Extension Area:** As reported last year, we approach ever nearer to the time when we shall soon require to utilise the first Phase of the new Churchyard Extension Area for burials. During the past 12 months the Extension area has been prepared to accept admit cremated remains plots as well as full burial plots. This is now possible since the consecration of the new churchyard extension area was carried out by the Rt. Rev'd James Grier, Bishop of Plymouth on Sunday, 11th January 2026 following the service he led at St. Andrew's.

This constitutes Phase I of the extension area enclosing an area of some 22 metres x 29 metres which will provide some 105 full size burial plots and 108 cremation plots which is estimated to provide burial spaces for the next 12-16 years. Particular thanks and recognition are owed to Charles Quartley for his invaluable contribution in this Project.

The conceptual design layout will be developed utilising opportunities to 'soften' the layout with the introduction of benches, carefully chosen trees and shrubs to enhance the extension area aesthetically.

The remainder of the field will continue to be managed through a letting of an annual grazing licence to a local sheep grazer.

**Common Fund for 2025:** The function of the Common Fund is to be the primary source of funding for the provision of ministry across the Diocese. The Common Fund system is intended to apportion, in an equitable and understandable way, the contribution being requested from each parish. The calculation determines the sum attributable to each parish resulting from its declared participant numbers, adjusted by the parish's socio-economic banding, a church buildings allowance and potentially an adjustment for larger churches.

As previously reported by the Diocese, the final position on the Common Fund for 2024, was likely to result in a shortfall, so could potentially have a bearing on the contribution that parishes such as ours could have to pay going forward.

**Church & Churchyard Work Party:** The Work Party continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month to supplement the excellent work that John Lynch does in keeping the churchyard looking so

wonderfully maintained. The tasks which are tackled by the Work Party are quite diverse and range from trimming boundary hedges, clearing gutters, maintenance of the cremated remains, unblocking drains, weeding of pathways, improving safety in and around the church etc. Many thanks to all who give up their time and for their hard work which is most appreciated.

### **Community Engagement:**

**Coffee & Chat:** As many of you will be aware, Coffee & Chat is held in St. Andrew's on the second Saturday of each month. The Event has become very popular in the local community and in March this year marked the second anniversary. Our gratitude goes out to all those who have made this event so successful.

**Other Church Events:** We would also like to mention the pleasure it gives for the continuance of the primary school having their special services in church – always great to see the Church full of our young people.

In addition, it is also a great to host 'Unity in Sound' to sing in Church who take full advantage of the acoustics the building provides – always enjoyable to hear them following the annual Carols in the Square prior to Christmas.

**St. Andrew's Outside:** The first St. Andrew's Outside Event was held in the Church Field in May 2023 and takes place every other month. Centred around a fire-pit circle, these Events combine a subtle religious theme, a relaxed friendly atmosphere, mix of outdoor activities, (suitable for all ages) and refreshments. In particular, we would like to recognise the organisational talents of Lesley Mawson and her team of dedicated helpers which has seen St. Andrew's Outside grow from strength to strength. It is particularly pleasing to see people from the local community and young families with children who don't normally attend regular church services – so, if you haven't attended one of these Events yet, then would suggest you do so.

Finally, our grateful thanks to those who have served St. Andrew's so willingly throughout the last 12 months from sides-people welcoming parishioners and visitors into church; those taking part in the services, including our talented organists, readers or those leading us in prayer; the Vestry team, flower arrangers; the coffee makers/refreshment providers after each service; Hospitality Team and the Pastoral Care Team for the valuable work they do. We would also wish to recognise the service of Pauline Emmerson who continues in her important role as Booking Secretary of the Church Hall. Finally, thanks to our dedicated team of bell-ringers who are so much appreciated by both church-goers and the local community.

Finally, finally – we especially wish to thank our Rector, the Rev'd Andrew Down who is the 'beacon of our Beacon Parishes' and for the able support provided by Alice Blanchard, our Beacon Parishes Administrator who commemorated 12 months service on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

*Clive Tompkins. On behalf of St. Andrew's Churchwardens*

## **3 Administration and Finance**

### **3.1 Secretary's Report**

Since the APCM in 2025 we have had five PCC meetings.

At PCC meetings items discussed include the possibility of St Andrews becoming a training parish, support for Church Wardens, the public footpath through the churchyard, re-hanging of the Shephard plaque on the north wall, new carpet at the West end and the churchyard extension. Thanks to all involved in the churchyard extension project, the land was consecrated by the Bishop in January 2026. The advent and Christmas services were well attended and positive feedback received. New rota of services has started in 2026 and is working well. Gift Day in October 2025 was a success with envelopes hand delivered to every door in the village.

The new church administrator Alice is a huge asset and thanks go to Ann Holroyd who has been supporting the church wardens behind the scenes and has done a wonderful job re safeguarding which is now being managed by Alice.

The PCC is still looking for a new PCC Secretary and are advertising the role. I am happy to carry on as Minute Secretary.

Thanks go to the Rector, Churchwardens and PCC members.

*Zoe Gibbs, Minutes secretary*

### **3.2 PCC Financial Report**

I have adopted a new format for the annual report in line with the Diocese recommended best practice and with the preferred format of our new Reviewer, Clare Lillington.

It is designed to be more succinct and easier to follow with all relevant income/expenditure and asset/liability figures being on one page.

The figures show that 2025 was not a great year for income, mainly due to significant reduction in Planned Giving. It was partly offset by the efforts of the fundraising team (£4.8k) and a successful Gift Day (£2.8k), but nonetheless the issue of regular giving needs to be looked at.

Expenditure was slightly down on the previous year, but fuel costs remain the single biggest issue going forward. Total gas & electricity represented £5k of the total running costs.

As the PCC members will recall, we sold CBF deposit units equivalent to £15k to ease cashflow. The remaining investments reduced in value by £7.8k during the year on the back of general market conditions.

Whilst we continue to face challenges, mainly around growing income, the overall position remains secure due to the high level of investments held and the ongoing support of The Church Estate Charity.

*Phill Harvey – Treasurer*

The accounts are in the Appendix

### **3.3 Planned Giving**

I once again wish to thank everyone who has contributed financially to our parish funds over the last year. Your generosity is vital to St. Andrew's continuing as a going concern.

About forty members from our church community are donating to our parish financially through the Parish Giving Scheme, having donated over £320,000 to date including gift aid over the last ten years. Unfortunately, member numbers are now decreasing mainly because of deaths, house moves, and cancellations.

Essentially, the scheme, adopted by our parish in 2016, enables members to make contributions on a regular basis by Direct Debit, with gift aid also being collected for taxpaying members. Payments can be linked to inflation if desired and can be reduced or cancelled should circumstances change. Costs are paid by the diocese.

I would be very happy to provide details and a simple application form to anyone interested.

Members of the congregation can also make one off donations through contactless giving at other events as well as at services. There is a fixed Giving Station inside the main entrance to our church, and a portable device is available if required on other occasions. In addition, forms containing access to a QR code are available in many of the pews.

*Roger Chamberlain. (St Andrew's PCC Planned Giving Officer)*

### **3.4 Electoral Roll**

Last year the roll had to be prepared from scratch so this year there were comparatively few changes. We started the year with 73 members.

During the course of the year two much loved members of the church (Bryan Tuckett and Gordon Dennis) sadly died and two (Mark and myself) moved away.

Mr and Mrs Coles have moved out of the village but have requested to remain on the roll due to their long association with the church.

However, we received six applications to join the roll. Of these six, three were already members. However, I was delighted to add Hillarie Griggs and Martin and Ann Finney. This means that the number of people currently on the roll stands at 72.

*Liz Lamport - Electoral Roll Officer*

## **4 The buildings**

### **4.1 Fabric**

The fabric of St. Andrew's Church remains in good condition for the age of the building, with no unexpected problems.

The Quinquennial Inspection (QI) of the Church was completed in March 2024 – indeed, the Report makes mention that 'the church is well looked after and in excellent condition.' Most of the requirements of the previous QI have been met, save for some treatment needed on external doors to the turrets and roof void doors – a task which has been commenced by the regular working party. Some small repairs are also needed to the West louvres of the belfry which are vulnerable to pigeons looking for somewhere to nest.

The Working Party continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month and we are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic band of members. It has carried out many small repairs to the outside of the church on a regular basis, and maintained the rainwater systems, roofs and gutters as well as helping to look after the churchyard and churchyard hedgerows. We are most grateful to all those who donate their time.

At the time of writing the Shepherd Memorial has not yet been reinstated, however, it is anticipated the monumental masons who have been engaged will complete the work in the very near future.

At some stage, hopefully, during the quinquennium, subject to funding, we should consider full redecoration of chancel, nave and aisles which was another desirable improvement recommended in the Quinquennial Inspection Report.

*Clive Tompkins*

### **4.2 Bells, tower, clock and ringers**

The Ipplepen Church Bellringers have enjoyed a full year of ringing during 2025.

We have continued our ringing on each Sunday at Ipplepen when there were services and our regular Wednesday evening practices, on occasions, we were joined by visiting ringers from other ringing towers.

All bellringers have completed the required Safeguarding training courses.

We currently have 3 new learners who are keen to learn the art of Campanology.

During the past year, we had two teams of visiting ringers to Ipplepen Church, and we rang at four weddings and two funerals.

We also rang the church bells for several village events notably the Annual Flower Show.

In March we said a fond farewell to John Usher who has moved away to Dorset to be closer to his Family. John was a ringer with us for about 30 years.

In May we were all very sad at the death of Bryan Tuckett. A ringer at Ipplepen and many other places for over 75 years. He was our Ipplepen Bellringing Association's Life President. We all have fond memories of Bryan and will be very sadly missed by all.

We also lost another past ringer at Ipplepen, Ken Purchase, who passed away in May. Ken was a ringer with us for about 20 years in the 70's and 80's.

In November we rang a half-muffled peal for the remembrance Sunday and had a full schedule of ringing over the Christmas period.

*Andrew Vickery – Tower Captain*

There have been a couple of 'stoppages' in January and March 2026. The cause of which is uncertain, but will hopefully be sorted out at a forthcoming service visit in April. Apart from that, the clock continues on, despite being about 350 years old!

*Charles Quartley*

### **4.3 Churchyard**

We are very fortunate to have a very well kept churchyard for everyone to enjoy, due to the hard work put in by John Lynch, who also makes sure the machinery is kept in good order, which we are most grateful for, so many many thanks to him.

The work party on the first Saturday of each month also do a great job cleaning the paths and hedge trimming and checking headstones etc..

There are still a few spaces left, with the help of Nick Brock (grave digger) in determining where it is possible to bury if a new grave is to be dug.

*Geraldine Dennis*

The dedicated cremated remains areas were created and consecrated in January 2026. The timing of beginning to use the churchyard extension has yet to be decided.

*Charles Quartley*

### **4.4 Church Hall**

The hall continues with regular bookings: Yoga, Mad for Tennis, Table Tennis and Unity in Sound. Monthly bookings are for the Lunch Club and Memory Cafe.

The Brownies have closed now so Wednesday evening is free.

Ann Holroyd has done some tidying in the attic (thank you Ann), but I am aware there is a deal of clutter up there and am minded to sort it out and throw it away. Let me know if there are any precious items you think I should keep.

Additionally, the hall has been booked for ad hoc meetings, parties and funerals and other events.

The hall is used for church events such as St. Andrew's Outside, church meetings and any other events the church might hold.

There are slots available should anyone wish to book. I think the price is quite reasonable at £10 per hour plus an additional £15 for use of the kitchen.

There are no current issues that I am aware of.

*Pauline Emmerson*

## **5 Our Policies in Action**

### **5.1 Health and Safety**

Safety inspections have been carried out on Fire Extinguishers, Gas Boilers, and Portable Appliances Testing (PAT) on all electrical appliances, both in the Church and Church Hall. Calibration and safety certificates have been issued following these inspections and testing. To comply with our Insurance Policy, a full Electrical Inspection required every five years has been arranged to be carried out in early April 2026. Any remedial work requiring attention will be prioritised accordingly using a traffic-light system ie. Red being the most urgent.

The annual inspection and testing of the Chandelier fittings and Winch Rope was also carried out in June 2025 – all in good condition, no apparent defects and safe to use. Next test inspection will be arranged for June 2026. Flag raising and lowering is carried out by two persons to ensure that no person is unaccompanied in the tower whilst carrying out this task.

The working party that meets on the first Saturday of each month also attends to safety related tasks that are brought to their attention, with a proviso, that they are within the scope of works, not requiring specialist attention.

*Clive Tompkins*

### **5.2 Promoting a Safer Church ..... Safeguarding**

We have had the benefit of Ann Holroyd as our Safeguarding advocate for many years working alongside our parish safeguarding representatives to support and guide us. Ann this year stood down from this role. We thank her for all she has done over many years in this role.

With Ann stepping down it was a perfect opportunity to review how we continue to develop and maintain our safeguarding culture in the Beacon Parishes and the structures that support this.

This review produced three key actions.

1. Putting safeguarding to the top of our agendas in all our meetings e.g. first item on the monthly churchwarden meetings and also first item on the agenda of our PCC meetings. By putting safeguarding earlier on (and in fact at the top of) the agenda rather than further on in our meetings it was felt that any discussion would be given more energy and time and it shows the priority we give to it. This simple change has certainly had the desired effect.
2. Clarifying and reiterating the formal structures and responsibilities for safeguarding e.g. How safeguarding functions across the Beacon Parishes such as training requirements for volunteers, DBS checks, reporting procedures etc.. The goal here has been to make sure all are reminded and clear how safeguarding functions in our parishes. This has focused on churchwardens, PCC members and volunteers.
3. Administrative support: To support the above (in particular people navigate training and DBS requirements) we have given administrative support from our Beacon Parishes office and administrator Alice.

Thank you to all who give their time and energy to support the life of our churches in so many ways and work to develop and maintain safeguarding in all that we do.

*Rev'd Andrew Down*

*Rector of the Beacon Parishes Mission Community*

### **5.3 Pastoral Care Team**

Our Pastoral Care Team (PCT) is still functioning and playing an important role in the support of some of our congregation. Winnie Bryant rings anyone we are concerned about and I then speak to the Rector and our team of volunteers – Marilyn Ellis, Marilyn Clark, Rev Anne Burden if there are any specific problems and if appropriate, we visit. We send cards at Christmas and Easter and at other appropriate times and keep in touch with some who have moved away from the village.

We have regular monthly meetings with the Rector and Rev. Anne to see how we can improve the service and who needs more support.

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of anyone in the congregation do please get in touch with one of us.

*Vanessa Bevan*

#### **5.4 Baptism Team**

There have been two baptisms since the last annual meeting. Rev Andrew Down officiated at both of them; one was in May 2025, the other in June 2025.

We write to invite baptism families to Mothering Sunday and Christmas Crib services, as well as the dressing of the Easter Garden in church.

We have booklets and coloured pencils for any young children attending baptism services, which they can take home

*Sheila Sheldon*

#### **5.5 Hospitality**

The Hospitality Team continue to have meetings on a regular basis to plan events for the year. In June we had a lovely social evening with Cheese and Wine and a great Quiz where several teams of people competed. There was an Art Exhibition to help at in Church in September. We provided refreshments and a lovely fruit cake baked by Vanessa for Rev Tony Meek's Retirement Service on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

After St Andrew's Patronal Festival Service on 30<sup>th</sup> November we had a soup and sweet lunch in the Church Hall, this was after the Bishop consecrated the New Churchyard.

We had a successful Christmas Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Traditionally mulled wine and shortbread was served after the Christmas Carol Service.

The donations received after serving the Coffee and Biscuits after our Sunday Services are much appreciated and go towards replacing coffee and tea but also for flowers for the Mothering Sunday posies and the Christmas Tree.

Thank you to everyone who donates their time, baking skills and generous donations and appreciate support in many ways.

*Marilyn Clark*

#### **5.6 Coffee and Chat**

We celebrated our third anniversary in March. On the second Saturday of every month we meet in church to chat.

We now have many 'regulars' and it has become a firm fixture in the calendar.

I am grateful for the hostesses who provide the refreshments and Tom and Charlotte who provide the background entertainment,

We are always grateful for more volunteers. Please come and have a word if you are interested. Any help is always appreciated.

*Marilyn Ellis*

#### **5.7 Flowers**

Again this year, continued support from the ladies on the flower rota. A big thank you.

Throughout the year we have had donations of flowers from the co-op. This has helped, as it has meant no flowers have had to be purchased by the church.

*Sue Sanders*

## 6 Reaching Out

### 6.1 Children's Activities during Holy Communion

The number of children coming on a Sunday morning continues to grow. We regularly get between 4 and 6 children, although not always the same children. At the moment all the children are under 8 years old. The numbers are often drastically increased during school holidays, when children are visiting their grandparents, and at major festivals. We have created more space in the side aisle to enable numbers to grow and to give us the flexibility to split age groups if this becomes necessary.

Since the beginning of this year we have increased the number of weeks in the month that we provide activities during a service. We now meet on the first and third Sunday of each month.

We continue to follow the same pattern starting after the first hymn with listening and doing some wondering about one of the stories. We follow the same readings as the adults, usually concentrate on the day's Gospel reading. After a time of prayer we will work on a craft activity linked to the story. When the communion prayer starts, the children will gather at the front and engage with what is happening by mimicking Andrew's actions. They return to their parents but often come back to finish any crafts after receiving a blessing.

*Hillarie Griggs and Sue Northcott*

### 6.2 Deanery Synod

Three meetings were held over the last 12 months.

Reverend Andrew Down continues as rural Dean.

Hillarie Griggs is the lay chair representative.

All members are up for re-election this year as the three year cycle is now complete. However, Hillarie proposes to stand for re-election, along with myself Susan Hird and Steven Sheldon as St. Andrew's representatives.

The format of the meetings start with prayers and continue with a guest speaker for approximately 30 minutes, and then the formal business of the Deanery Synod follows.

Synod is focusing on the topic :-

**Pray, Grow, Serve 2035** which is the Bishop of Exeter's vision.

His prayer for this vision is:-

*God of Mission  
Who alone brings growth to your church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to help your church here in Devon:  
To grow deeper in faith & Prayer  
To grow new disciples  
To grow leaders  
To grow younger and  
To grow in joyful service  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.*

It also proves interesting visiting the other parishes throughout the year.

Discussions & reports always take place involving Diocesan & General synod.

The conclusion is news & events from around The Deanery, Followed by closing prayers.

*Susan Hird, Beacon Mission rep. (St. Andrews, Ipplepen)*

### **6.3 Food for Thought Lunch Club**

The lunch club continues to run on a regular monthly basis with numbers on average between twenty eight and thirty each month, although on our records we have up to thirty five members. Increasingly, many are requiring transport due to age and frailty.

We are still very fortunate to have Amanda as our cook together with her husband Stuart, and we have Dawn as our relief cook when Amanda is away. We also have three or four volunteers in the kitchen with two as waitresses. We are grateful to have year six pupils from Ipplepen Primary School acting as waiters as part of their community service. In addition, we have a small number of speakers who give a pause for thought between courses.

We still maintain a cost of £7 per meal for two courses with coffee and mints and birthday cards, and make a contribution of £40 per month to hall costs. We gave £100 to HITS at Christmas and our faithful volunteers mean that we still have ample funds.

We are planning to review how guests join us. When meals were first served, there was no Hub in operation. We know there are still folk alone in the village who might appreciate the social interaction who are not part of either church families. Many of our guests also eat at the Hub and sometimes at the Wellington and go out on Kerswella trips so interacting quite often with others. We will look to see if our criteria for joining needs to be adjusted.

*Maria Alsop, Rose Chamberlain and Ann Skipworth*

### **6.4 Community fund annual report**

This committee when it meets is usually on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Millennium Centre. Anyone is able to attend as we like to be open and transparent.

Our ability to help contribute to groups in the community over the past few years, although positive has been extremely difficult as our funds are not as readily available.

Everyone can access our website on-line where all information about us can be seen and a request for a 'Funds Form' can be printed off and is explained.

I have been representing St. Andrews on this committee over last few years, it is a very friendly committee comprising of a cross-section of the local community

This group has met on two occasions in the last 12 months but they do regularly correspond by e mail especially so when requests for funding are submitted.

If however you think it is time for a change of representative then please contact me, otherwise I will continue to represent St. Andrews over the next 12 months, until the next annual meeting in 2027.

*Respectfully, Gary Hird*

## 7 Appendix – Accounts – Year end 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025



### The Parish of St Andrew's Ipplepen & Torbryan

#### Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

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

Rector:  
The Reverend Andrew Down

*Approved by the PCC on*

*and signed on its behalf by:*

.....  
Rev'd Andrew Down (Chair)

.....  
Mr Phillip Harvey (Treasurer)



**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees of**

**On accounts for the year ended**  **Charity no (if any)**

**Set out on pages**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

**Address:**

**St Andrew's Ipplepen & Torbryan Receipts & Payments Account**  
**Year ended 31st December 2025**

	General £	Restricted Fabric £	Designate d Bellringers	2025 £	2024
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Voluntary income:</b>					
Planned giving	28,216	-		28,216	31,570
Collections, donations & other giving	9,734	3,609	125	13,468	15,981
Income tax recovered	7,459	-		7,459	7,845
Legacies				-	
Grant/ins claim/share sale	1,000			1,000	1,284
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Income from other Properties		-		-	122
Fundraising	4,974			4,974	2,296
<b>Investment income:</b>					
Interest & dividends	4,919	1,456		6,375	5,738
<b>Income from charitable activities:</b>					
Sundry Income	1,059			1,059	3,192
Parochial fees	8,338	-		8,338	8,336
Total incoming resources	<b>65,699</b>	<b>5,065</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>70,889</b>	<b>76,364</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Parish Share	40,594	-		40,594	42,791
Clergy expenses	2,201	-		2,201	1,571
Charitable Giving	4,968			4,968	2,440
Church running expenses	10,024			10,024	8,799
Church insurance		3,977		3,977	3,912
Church maintenance	864	692		1,556	1,052
Social and Fundraising costs	514			514	535
Churchyard maintenance	4,167	-		4,167	2,164
<b>Running costs:</b>					
Salary Costs (PA, vergers, etc.)	9,700	-		9,700	9,946
Other	887	90	59	1,036	5,959
		-		-	
Total resources expended	<b>73,919</b>	<b>4,759</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>78,737</b>	<b>79,169</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources</b>	<b>(8,220)</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>(7,848)</b>	<b>(2,805)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-		-	1,314
Movement in investments values	(5,957)	(1,790)		(7,747)	
Net movement in funds	(14,177)	(1,484)	66	(15,595)	(1,491)
B/fwd 01/01/2025	157,904	50,275	2,121	210,300	211,791
As at 31st December 2025	<b>143,727</b>	<b>48,791</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>194,705</b>	<b>210,300</b>

## Statement of Assets & Liabilities At 31st December 2025

### Cash at Bank

Current account & Cash	10,831	935	2,187	13,953	5,101
CCLA deposit account	726	4,880		5,606	7,305
	<b>11,557</b>	<b>5,815</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>19,559</b>	<b>12,406</b>

### Investments and other Assets

Units held with CCLA (see Note 3)	132,170	42,976		175,146	197,894
	<b>132,170</b>	<b>42,976</b>	-	<b>175,146</b>	<b>197,894</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143,727</b>	<b>48,791</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>194,705</b>	<b>210,300</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- The **designated** fund relates to funds held on behalf of the Church Bellringers. See accounts attached.
  - The **restricted** fund relates to the Church Fabric fund.
1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
  2. During the year the PCC needed to borrow short-term funds from the Church Estate Charity to meet cashflow requirements. All loans were fully repaid within the financial year.
  3. During the year the PCC sold CBF Fund units equivalent to £15,000 to cover the cashflow needs of the General Fund.

## GOING CONCERN STATEMENT

Given that the Church can cover its outgoings mainly from income and has a high level of reserves, the PCC can once again confidently state that St Andrew's represents a viable 'Going Concern' for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the PCC on the

and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev'd Andrew Down (Chair)

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Mr Phillip Harvey (Treasurer)

## St Andrew's PCC Ipplepen: Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

### Notes to the accounts

#### 1 Statutory Fees

	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	2025 £	2024 £
Fees paid to PCC	12,459	12,102
Fees payable to Diocese	(4,121)	(3,766)
Fees payable to other parties	0	0
Statutory Fees payable to PCC	<b>8,338</b>	8,336

#### 2 Mission Giving and Donations

	2025 £
Children's Hospice	380
MNDA	300
Royal British Legion	821
Amos Trust	150
Devon Historic Churches	1,917
HITS	200
Sheldon	100
Devon Air Ambulance	200
Shelterbox	200
Rowcroft	200
CALM	200
St Petrocks	300
	4,968

#### 3 Units held with CCLA

GENERAL	2025	2024	FABRIC	2025	2024
217.8 units PCC - A	£4,834	£20,487	1936		
2,506 units PCC - B	£55,629	£57,946	units	<b>£42,976</b>	<b>£44,766</b>
2,936.3 units R Griffiths	£65,181	£67,896			
52 units Dr V Fry	£1,154	£1,203			
242 units held in Trust	£5,372	£5,596			
	<b>£132,170</b>	<b>£153,128</b>			

## **St Andrew's PCC Ipplepen Treasurer's Report**

**Year ended 31 December 2025**

I have adopted a new format for the annual report in line with the Diocese recommended best practice and with the preferred format of our new Reviewer, Clare Lillington.

It is designed to be more succinct and easier to follow with all relevant income/expenditure and asset/liability figures being on one page.

The figures show that 2025 was not a great year for income, mainly due to significant reduction in Planned Giving. It was partly offset by the efforts of the fundraising team (£4.8k) and a successful Gift Day (£2.8k), but nonetheless the issue of regular giving needs to be looked at.

Expenditure was slightly down on the previous year, but fuel costs remain the single biggest issue going forward. Total gas & electricity represented £5k of the total running costs.

As the PCC members will recall, we sold CBF deposit units equivalent to £15k to ease cashflow. The remaining investments reduced in value by £7.8k during the year on the back of general market conditions.

Whilst we continue to face challenges, mainly around growing income, the overall position remains secure due to the high level of investments held and the ongoing support of The Church Estate Charity.

Phill Harvey

Treasurer