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for the year 2025

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1 Introduction

1.1 Explanation of Report Purpose

This report covers the year 2025. Halfway through that year, on 2nd July 2025, the PPC of St Mary's Bitton became a registered charity. This report is therefore intended to cover both the requirements of annual church reporting as required under Church Representation Rules 2025 and the annual report including financial statement required by the Charity Commission.

For the avoidance of concern about prior donations or activities undertaken by the PCC, it should be made clear that St Mary's previously enjoyed charitable status within the Church of England. However, in recent years, having been successful in raising monies for its development fund, as well as growing annual donations and receipts, the income of the church rose above the threshold at which separate registration was required. The PCC therefore took the necessary steps to complete registration.

1.2 Vicar's Report

A somewhat brief 2025 Vicar's report given that I arrived in post only towards the very end of the year, my Licencing service being on the 25th of November! What was immediately apparent was that I had come to a lively and hospitable Benefice and I am very grateful for the warm welcome that Robin and I received as we began to settle here amongst you all.

Of course, arriving at the beginning of the Advent season meant an atypical time to be leading the usual pattern of Sunday worship and December proved to be a very exciting month in all three churches. A priority was for me to visit everyone who is on the Electoral Rolls and those visits will be continuing on into 2026.

I am very grateful to Mary, Sally and Simon in their capacity as Churchwardens, for all that they did during the Vacancy and in then supporting me as I settle into my new role. A huge thank you also to the Ministry Team for all of their hard work and enthusiasm across the Benefice in so many and varied ways.

I am excited and optimistic as we together discern the future of mission and ministry for Warmley, Syston and Bitton.

Ness Brunner-Ellis

2 Report on the Year 2025

2.1 The Work of the PCC

The PCC met on seven occasions during 2025 including a brief meeting held after the Annual Parochial Church Meetings.

In line with the size of the electoral roll, the number of lay representatives on the PCC is 10 including two Deanery Synod Representatives. There is one unfilled lay position. This is in addition to the clergy team who numbered 4. There was no permanent incumbent in place for any meeting held during 2025 and until her departure in September, all were attended by the curate, Revd Rosemary Radcliffe. Rosemary, who was only in a part time role filled the role of incumbent across three churches. The meetings were chaired by the Vice Chairman or on one occasion by the Churchwarden.

After a period of nearly two years of vacancy, the PCC was very pleased to learn of the appointment of Revd Ness Brunner-Ellis as vicar. Ness took up post on 25th November and we very much look forward to working with her in coming years.

Much of the work of the PCC is undertaken through its committees which are requested to provide a written report to the PCC on their work and to raise any matter requiring the PCC's attention. Where appropriate individual reports from the various areas of church life, worship, heritage and community are given in following sections of this report.

The following issues addressed by the PCC during 2025 and not covered elsewhere in this report should be highlighted:

Charitable Status

Having received the accounts for the preceding year, which identified that the total income of the church from all its activities and donations exceeded £100,000, the PCC was obliged to seek independent charitable status. This was a lengthy and time consuming process but is well supported through an excellent briefing available through Parish Resources, a national support service for Anglican churches.

Charitable registration was completed on 2nd July 2025. More details of the charity and its aims are given in Section 4.

Committee Structure

The number of committees had grown over the years, and some had become much more active than others. This also meant that resources were often spread thinly, and with over 8 committees the number of reports that the PCC had to receive was difficult to justify, sometimes leaving little time for the discussion of other business.

A new committee structure was therefore developed and agreed by the PCC to group the committees into four, with the Standing Committee taking responsibility for the oversight of finance, compliance and the planning of PCC meetings to make them more effective.

The new committee structure is as follows:

Standing Committee	Facilities	Worship	Community	Heritage & Future
Treasurer **Compliance** **General Administration**	**General maintenance** **Facilities servicing** **Churchyard**	**Services** **Outreach** **Life Event Services** **Music and Bell Ringing**	**Communications** **Operations & Hospitality** **Annual Events** **Heritage**	**Three phase programme of modernisation and reordering**
Treasurer Finance and audit of all church accounts **Compliance & Policy** Charity Reporting Inventory and Logbooks Safeguarding management and assurance Health & safety (inc First Aid) Copyright, licencing etc Data management IT Quinquennial Terrier **General Administration** Benefice Administrator Calendar, correspondence, fees and payments	**General Maintenance** Security and maintenance of buildings Key register **Facilities Management** Cleaning of church & church hall Cleaners Schedule of service (fire extinguishers PAT checks etc.) Catering facilities **Churchyard** Management and upkeep of churchyard - Sextons Glebe Field Volunteers Grass cutting contractor	**Services** Planning and development New expressions House and Payer Groups **Outreach** Children & Families Worker School liaison **Life Event Services** Management and preparation for baptisms, weddings and funerals Vergers **Music** Music groups Organist **Bell Ringers**	**Communications** Communications Editor Focal Point, Website and social media promotion Printed materials **Operations & Hospitality** Events planning, and management Church & Church Hall promotion, booking and operation Refreshments and food service **Annual Events** Fete, Autumn Fayre	**Phase I –** Experimentation and planning – complete **Phase II** Reordering and reflooring, update in utilities lighting and vision inside church – ongoing **Phase III** Extension to south of church **Heritage** Events Displays in church
	Committees: Physical Resources, Churchyard	**Committees:** Worship & Witness	**Committees:** Church Hall Management, Events, Fete, Focal Point	**Committees:** Future Committee

It is intended that some existing committees will merge within their new groups and that the committees can be effectively entrusted with clearly devolved responsibilities. Only 5 reports should be presented to the PCC in future.

Policies

The PCC agreed on a new Diversity and Equalities Policy. This was a requirement for registration with South Gloucestershire Council to be eligible for grant funding for community projects.

Parking and the use of the Glebe Field

As more events take place in the church there has been increased pressure on parking on local roads which has led to complaints from our neighbours in Church Road. Increased use of the Church Hall can also lead to parking pressure in Church Lane.

Both the Church and Church Hall have no off street parking provision. There are two parking places in front of the Church Hall on land owned by the church, but these are not separately designated and used at will.

We are grateful to the tenant of the Glebe who is normally able to make the Glebe Field available to us for large events, but this is not always the case and for part of the year the field can be too wet to be used safely for additional parking.

The PCC has invested in some restricted parking bollards for use during large services and other events to keep the narrow part of Church Road clear of parking at such times. The Churchwarden is also in discussion with the Diocese about the future use of the Glebe, but the matter remains a significant issue for the church and its future use.

Focal Point

The PCC have also considered the future of the church magazine, Focal Point, which stared in 1977 as a joint venture between the three existing places of worship within the parish and which has developed into a church and community magazine reaching a wide audience.

With the closure of both the Methodist Chapel and United Reform Church in Upton Cheyney the PCC accepted that the magazine was now its sole responsibility and that its accounts should be integrated with those of the church with effect from 1 January 2026.

Further considerations about the future of the magazine itself were left unresolved at the end of the year and await further discussions with the new vicar.

I am grateful for the support of other members of the PCC and to the PCC Secretary, Alson Wride, during the period in which I have chaired the PCC during the vacancy.

Jim Heavens

2.2 Churchwarden's Report

St Marys continues to offer a range of worship from a traditional Communion through to more contemporary services aimed at a younger congregation. Attendance numbers have remained steady with considerable additional community support for major festivals: Remembrance Sunday, Easter and Christmas. Happily, church finances remain healthy.

Following the departure of our incumbent in February 2024, the benefice Churchwardens invested a huge amount of time and worked closely together to create a Parish Profile to advertise for a suitable replacement. After a number of recruitment drives, we eventually struck success and after interview mid-year, our new vicar, Ness Brunner-Ellis was licenced on the 25th November.

Our Benefice Administrator, Sue Godfrey, continues to work for us on a part-time basis and this has eased the routine flow of information and enquiries for major life events. Great thanks are also due to our stalwart team of lay clergy and the valuable time donated by our team of volunteers, without whose support we could not provide the range and extent of service that we do.

The majority of matters arising from The Quinquennial Inspection report (Jan 24) have been addressed, including the Cat A - Repair Immediately. The only Cat A item remaining is repairs to the pathway potholes to the North of the church but the church architect has been tasked to draw up a suitable repair scheme. Cat B – Repairs recommended within the next 12 months runs to a longer list and totals just under £20,000. Cat C – recommended within the next 5 years is estimated at £10,200 and Cat D work in the foreseeable future is considerably more.

Progress continues on the church re-ordering project with the modified pews offering a greater degree of flexibility to allow reconfiguration to support events such as concerts, fairs and sales in the church as well as our Sunday worship. Car parking for these larger events remains an issue and so we are working with the diocese on a range of options to try to alleviate the congestion on our local roads.

The next major step was the cleaning of the church walls undertaken by Minerva Stonemasons who made a great job after coating and then stripping the walls with Latex. The church is now considerably lighter and more welcoming. Minerva also undertook some refurbishment work on the stone roof of the Lytch gate and made some temporary repairs to the roof of the Lady Chapel to cure minor water leaks. The Lady Chapel roof will need replacing in 2 years or so.

With the assistance of a grant of £10k from the Diocese, a pair of Infra-Red chandelier heaters and lighting units were ordered from Herschel, the Bristol based manufacturer, for installation in Q1 of 2026. We will monitor the performance and running costs to better inform our next steps for church heating.

Simon Harris

2.3 Safeguarding

Statement of commitment to Safeguarding:

The parish of St. Mary's, Bitton is committed to safeguarding children, young people, and adults at risk.

Name of PSO: Jacqui Harris

Policies

The Safeguarding Policy is due for review every 12 months. Currently no changes have been made from last year. The policy is on display in church and the Church Hall.

Activities

The PCC oversees the following activities for Children/Young People or for Vulnerable Adults:

Family Café Church.

Safer Recruitment & DBS

The PCC is responsible for the safe recruitment of people wanting to work with vulnerable groups through the activities mentioned above. During the year, the PCC has not recruited any additional people to support those groups.

DBS Checks

As part of the safer recruitment process, where eligible, volunteers working with vulnerable groups have been DBS checked at the level appropriate to the role. Because the parish provides activities for vulnerable groups, the PCC members are also eligible for an enhanced DBS Check.

There are 13 PCC members who require a DBS check for their role, and all have a current check in place (i.e. the check has been completed within the last 3 years).

Training

Safeguarding training at different levels is a requirement for all roles, the current situation in terms of meeting the requirements in the parish is as follows:

Basic Awareness (all church officers and volunteers, bellringers)

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
8	8	0

Foundation Safeguarding (PCC members, volunteers working with vulnerable groups, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officer, bellringers supervising children who ring with the team)

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
14	12	2

Leadership Safeguarding (Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers, Licenced Lay Ministers, Tower Captains where children ring with the team)

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
5	5	0

Domestic Abuse (PCC members, Churchwardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers, Licensed Lay Ministers)

Number in Role	Number completed training in last 3 years	Number with no or expired training
13	7	6

Reporting to the PCC

The PCC was updated about Safeguarding matters in the parish at its meetings during 2025. During the year there were no safeguarding matters reported on to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

JMH 20th March 2026

I certify that the PCC has complied with the requirements imposed by the code under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Signed: **Date:** 20th March 2026

Jacqui Harris, Safeguarding Officer

2.4 Electoral Roll

2025 was the year for the complete renewal of the Electoral Roll, (a new one must be completed every six years.)

This is a bigger task than the Revision of the Electoral Roll, which takes place annually.

There are **51** names on the current Electoral Roll. Four additional forms were returned to me after the closing date, so their names will be included onto the 2026 Electoral Roll, if they so wish.

Alison Wride

2.5 Deanery Synod

St Mary's has two representatives to the Deanery Synod for Kingswood and South Gloucestershire.

The format of meetings has changed recently, to provide a more focused format of a presentation of a subject of interest to PCCs followed, usually, by a group discussion of the matters raised and the sharing of different perspectives. The change is much to be welcomed.

There were only three meetings during 2025. All were attended by one or both representatives with information fed back to the following PCC meeting, The subjects covered this year were:

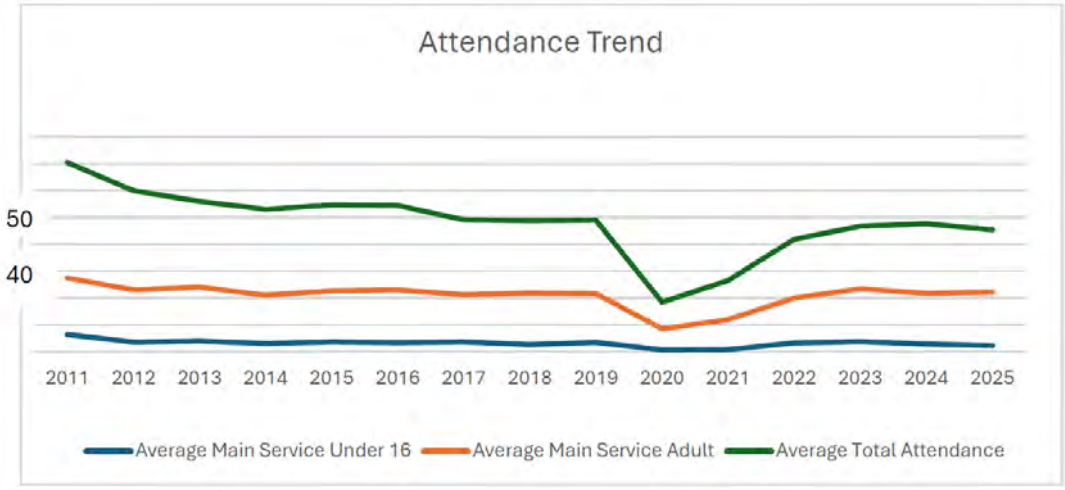
Fresh Expressions (Lee Barnes), Eco Department (Kit Connell); and 'How to look after your building well'. (Christopher Barnes, DAC Secretary and Linday McCullam, of the Diocese Property Team.

The third and final meeting focused on a presentation from the Archdeacon updating us on Transforming Church Together and the Vacancy in See.

2.6 Worship

2.6.1 Attendance

Church attendance has not differed significantly from the previous year. The average normal Sunday attendance at the main service during 2025 was 36 adults and 4 children under the age of 16



The chart above shows the trend of attendance during the past 15 years. Attendance at the main service has now recovered to pre-pandemic levels. Total attendance takes account of special services including Easter and Remembrance Sunday which are well attended. There has been a slight reduction in attendance at Family Café Church.

There were also some Sundays where no attendance figure had been recorded and some notable absences from the register altogether, which needs to be addressed in 2026.

2.6.2 Worship & Witness

The Worship and Witness Committee met on five occasions during 2025.

Significant areas that were considered during the year included:

- A review of the Christmas services 2024.
- Discussion of the ways in which the moveable pews are being used.
- Continued development of interactive Family Service specials.
- Planning Easter services, selling "real" Easter eggs, Easter experience.
- Planning a service for VJ 80th anniversary.
- Review of FCC format.
- Review of hymn-choosing mechanism.
- Implementation of a questionnaire regarding the current Sunday services.
- How to make contact with residents in new housing in the area.
- The special choral evensong service for the patronal festival.
- Planning of services for Christmas 2025.
- We welcome the arrival of our new vicar, Ness Brunner-Ellis at the beginning of Advent.

My thanks to all the members of the committee who have faithfully attended meetings and contributed to discussions. Particularly to Anne Carrington for taking minutes.

Pete Midgley

2.6.3 Bells & Bell Ringing

The bell ringing team have actively supported services throughout the year and held regular Monday evening practices. During the year the team have welcomed visiting groups of ringers from other parishes.

An unfortunate incident took place in October last year when the ropes from the Ellacombe Chiming apparatus were pulled by persons unknown when the bells had been left in the up position. This was thought to have taken place when the church was unlocked and open for visitors. As a result, damage was caused to parts of the chiming mechanism which was still out of action awaiting final repair at the year end.

2.7 Facilities

2.7.1 Annual Fabric Report

***This Annual Fabric Report is provided to meet the requirements of section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018*.**

The following maintenance and works were undertaken during 2025:

January

Contractors in church to clean wall fabric and windows (see Development Report)

February

3rd Contractor checked church and church hall fire extinguishers and issued certificates.

March

31st Fix leaking stop cock in water standpipe box.

April

2nd Treat paths and church foundations with weed killer.

7th Fit new tap to water standpipe southeast corner of church yard.

14th Stop toilet cistern overflowing.

17th PAT church and church hall.

29th Replace light bulbs outside west door and lych gate. Evening inspection all outside lights all ok.

May

6th Operation of all lights inside and outside the church checked ok accept one high level spotlight in the Lady chapel. As the Lady chapel is due a lighting up grade, the spotlight will not be replaced.

14th Visual inspection of lightning conductor.

Clean tower roof gullies and waterspouts.

June

20th quarterly check of fire extinguishers in church.

August

8th Treat paths and church foundations with weed killer.

September

1st Replace blown light bulb in choir vestry.

Carry out 3 monthly portable appliance visual inspection. Church and church hall.

15th Replace ball valve diaphragm in toilet cistern.

October

15th Church boiler and church hall heaters serviced. Kitchen heater in hall condemned due to split in heat exchanger. Gas supply capped off.

Cut back holly branches by vicar's vestry.

November

12th UES called out to fix blocked pilot jet on newest heater in church hall.

19th UES called out to replace arcing igniter on other heater in church hall. Igniter replaced with one from redundant heater in kitchen area.

26th UES called out to church boiler to investigate failed circulating pump. Fault found to be intermittent fault with frost thermostat. Managed to get heating working for the weekend services. UES to supply and fit new thermostat.

December

1st Slight leak in pump flange in boiler house, tighten bolts and apply spray sealer.

Replace bulkhead light in boiler house, replace bulb over west door and replace apex bulb at lynch gate.

Visual inspection of fire extinguishers in church and church hall all present and correct.

17th New frost thermostat fitted in boiler house.

Faulty obsolete heating programmer replaced.

Unexpected costs

UES call out to investigate intermittent fault with boiler (possible pump failure) £180

UES supplied and fitted new frost thermostat and replaced failed obsolete heating programmer £846.72

UES call out to fix failed gas heaters in church hall £276.

Phil Vowles

I confirm that the terrier, the inventory and the log-book relating to events occurring in the calendar year to which this report applies have been maintained and that the contents of each are accurate.

Signed: **Date:** **5th April 2026**

Simon Harris, Churchwarden

2.7.2 The Churchyard

Jacqui Harris and I thank everyone whose contributions and hard work have kept our churchyard as a place for peace and reflection.

Expenditure on grass cutting and maintenance, carried out by Avon Valley Landscapes increased in 2025 due to more extensive strimming and cutting was needed.

An area of the Churchyard has been set aside as an ecology wildlife conservation area under the supervision of Anne Carrington.

A green bin is provided for recyclable vegetation from the tending of graves, and we have also provided a second black bin for the use of those using the churchyard to exercise their dogs.

During the year, the yew tree near the church door to be cut back and we continue to rely on the generosity of volunteers to undertake additional maintenance organised by the Bitton Village Residents' association.

We are running out if space in the cremation memorial area. The form and style of the extension will need to be discussed.

Barbara Merritt

2.8 The Parish Community

2.8.1 The Church Hall

The church hall was originally built as a schoolroom in 1830 but has always had a role as a parish room for community activities. The original building has been extended over the years, but much of the original design remains in place.

A new floor was installed at the beginning of the year in the main hall of the building. The installation of the floor was made possible largely through a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, for which the PCC is most grateful.

A celebration was held to mark the completion of the new floor in the Church Hall.

The year also saw the retirement from managing the Church Hall by Jill Gibson, very much supported by her husband Ken. Jill had managed the hall for well over 20 years along with a small team of dedicated committee members. Ken and Jill were thanked for their many years of service to the church hall with the presentation of a reproduction of a watercolour of the hall painted in its early years. The presentation took place at the Annual General Meeting of the Bitton Village Residents' Association, which also showed its appreciation of their role in the support of many aspects of Bitton life by conferring on them their Best of Bitton Award.

Jill's role in managing bookings and hirings was contracted out into a partnership with Sharesy an online site for the hire of halls and other spaces most of which are in churches. Sharesy undertakes all booking management, invoicing and the collection of payments. This new arrangement started on 1st July and has proved successful. We have also seen a small increase in the number of people hiring the

hall. A team of volunteers act as keyhosts to welcome and facilitate those booking the hall. Most users are regular or community groups each of which has their own key.

As a charity, our principal concern is to ensure that the hall remains as a facility for the community and regular and community groups can hire the hall at a discounted rate.

The community rate during 2025 has been £14 per hour and the commercial rate at £16 per hour. Overall monies from hire charges have covered the basic running costs of the hall during 2025. The change to Sharesy has also provided a much richer source of data on hiring and usage, which will prove useful in managing the use of the hall over time.

In November, one of the hall gas heaters was condemned and was replaced by new electric heaters with assistance from the church general fund which provided most of the money for this investment.

Jim Heavens

2.8.2 Social & Community Events

2025 was a year of many social and other events held in the church or elsewhere. The majority of these were fundraising events either solely one of StMary's funds or jointly with another charity.

- 4th January – Fun Science Day (for children, sponsored by ASDA)
- 15th March – Church Hall Open Morning
- 26th March – *A Career in Ruins* – talk by Andrew Ziminski
- 3rd May – One Day of Victory – A presentation in words and music for VE Day
- 8th May – Evening reception to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day
- 17th May – Coffee morning and Mini Mouse Fest (for Christian Aid)
- 1st June – Celebration event for the Development of the Church
- 28th June – Bath G& S Concert Performance of Trial by Jury
- 29th June – Performance by the Exultate Choir
- 6th September – Annual Church Fête (one of our most successful ever)
- 13th September – Heritage Open Day in conjunction with Biton Parish History Group
- 27th September – Performance by the Avon & Somerset Police Male Voice Choir
- 25th October – Magpies Choir Afternoon Concert
- 1st November – Autumn Fayre
- 28th November – Jigsaw Jamboree

2.8.3 St Mary's Scouts (34th Kingswood)

What a year we have had! The Beaver Colony has gone from strength to strength with a waiting list and new Leaders and now really feels like the core of our group. Inspired by the new leaders we have done all sorts of new and exciting things like

- Fire Station Visit (Beavers)
- Litter Pick (Beavers)
- Church Fete (always a popular recruitment time for us) we managed 3 Stalls with help from Leaders and Parents (Whole Group)
- Church Barbeque and Cake sales (Whole Group)

We have a new Chairman and are actively looking for Trustees and a Secretary as well as Potential team members.

Jon Cox

2.8.4 St Mary's Playgroup

St Mary's Playgroup meets every Wednesday and has become a lovely part of the week for many families in the village. The group began because there was a need for more activities for young children locally, and it has been wonderful to see it grow into such a friendly and welcoming space. We now welcome a mix of parents and grandparents who come along with their little ones – some regularly and others whenever they can, as there is no need to book. Numbers fluctuate, but we have had up to 25 people join us at some sessions.

The children enjoy a wide selection of toys, and we have recently invested in some new equipment, including a soft play set which has proved very popular. There is also a simple craft activity each week, as well as a snack for the children and refreshments for the adults. We are very grateful to Bitton Shop for kindly providing milk and bread to support the group.

St Mary's Playgroup is run by three volunteers – Gemma, Anna and Shirley. Although originally planned as a term-time group, many of our regular families were keen for it to continue through the school holidays, so we have kept running sessions and welcomed older siblings too, which always adds to the fun. Thank you to everyone who comes along and helps make the playgroup such an enjoyable part of our week.

Gemma Comley

2.9 Heritage

2.9.1 The Promotion of Heritage

The PCC actively encourages visitors to see the church and to learn about its rich history and heritage. When not otherwise in use, the church is open every day during British Summertime, from around 9am until 5pm and sometimes much later. Visitors are free to visit all parts of the church and the churchyard. In addition to a guidebook, there are several audio descriptions of various parts and artefacts within the church that visitors can access on their phones via QR codes posted around the church.

For the fete, the PCC was pleased to display an unusual seventeenth century communion tablecloth, which has been in the church since it was first gifted by Col John Seymour in the 1690s, shortly before his appointment as Governor of the Colony of Maryland. Alongside the cloth was a small display chronicling the history of the Seymour family of Bitton. The lease of the manor of Bitton had been acquired in the 1640s by Sir John Seymour, at the time the half-brother of the late Queen Jane Seymour (third wife of King Henry VIII) and of Lord Protector Somerset. The Seymours held the lease for two hundred years and there is a crypt below the sanctuary where they are buried.

In conjunction with the Bitton Parish History Group, the church held an open day in September as part of National Heritage Open Day attracting many visitors. A pre-booked tour was also available which included a talk on the church and its treasures, including items that are not usually on display.

The removal of the latex poultice from the walls of the nave. The latex, containing a mild cleaning agent, was painted onto the walls, left overnight and then removed, bringing with it all surface dirt, dust and soot. The work was carried out between January and March 2025 by Minerva Stonemasons of Bath. A video of the activity posted on Instagram received 1.9 million hits in its first week

2.9.2 Future Plans & Development

St Mary's has a long term development and restoration programme which is overseen by the Future and Heritage Group, a subcommittee of the PCC. During 2025 the following faculties, all of which had been granted in previous years were taken forward.

Faculty 2018-02122: Internal Reordering and new raised floor with alterations to font, pulpit and additional joinery items.

This faculty covers Phase II of the church's development plan and is being taken forward in stages with advice and where needed direction from the Diocesian Advisory Committee (DAC). In 2025 aa a part of this works the walls of the nave were cleaned. The project was undertaken by Minerva Stonemasons of Bath who used a latex poultice to remove approximately 160 years of grime and soot from the walls which not previously cleaned since plaster was stripped from the walls in the nineteenth century. On advice, it was decided not to undertake the cleaning of the walls of the chantry chapel due to the significant amount of concrete based mortar that had been used in repointing and which continues to be a concern and makes the walls dark in appearance.

The result was very satisfactory and has left the nave of the church much brighter and with a conservation clean of the nave windows there is a much greater sense of light.

An event was held in the summer to celebrate the progress made with eth project so far to make the pews mobile and to clean the walls.

There is a continued discussion about the best way to tackle the floors and heating which still form the major part of the development and which has still to be resolved.

Faculty 2019-029264: Conservation of the Table Tombs in the Churchyard

This project, which has taken place over many years was managed by Ann Willis a former churchwarden to repair and conserve the large number of table or chest tombs in the churchyard which date from the 17th to 19th centuries many of which are listed.

Only three table tombs now need to be repaired and before leaving the parish Mrs Willis was able to obtain two further grants from the Church buildings Council and the St Andrews Conservation Trust to complete work on two of them. Regrettably, the estimate previously obtained from Salley Strachey Ltd Conservators fell when the company went onto voluntary administration in the summer of 2025 and work did not take place; the Future Committee is considering how best to approach the matter from this point taking account of other works.

Faculty 2024-105148: Installation of infra-red heaters within lighting chandeliers in chapel

Much of the year was taken up in a dialogue about technical, design and installation arrangements which delayed the completion of this faculty significantly. The project did not form part of the original development faculty but came about as a result of a review of energy use in the diocese which advised that such heaters should be installed throughout. The PCC agreed to the installation of the heaters in the chapel only as it was felt that this would provide an opportunity to decide whether they were suitable elsewhere in the church and a more aesthetically fitting position. The chandeliers provide heat through an infr-red heater, and the chandeliers have both upward and downward lights. All the lights in the chantry chapel needed upgrading as most relied on old filament bulbs that are no longer obtainable.

On advice from the DAC, the chandeliers, which were in production at the end of the year' are to have a wheel motif cut into the sides. The wheel design used was taken from one of the Victorian Minton

tiles in the chapel sanctuary and is the symbol of Sy Catherine of Alexandria after whom the chapel is dedicated.

The installation which is supported by a grant of £10,00 from the Diocese of Bristol is due to take place in the early months of 2026.

DAC

The Future Committee and the PCC would like to thank the DAC for their support and help with these projects and for the advice given on these and other matters through the year.

3 FINANCE

There are five funds under the management of the PCC:

- **General Account –** This is the main account for the church. It is the largest fund and includes investments and reserves.
- **Restoration Fund –** This account was set up to provide for certain emergencies, particularly for heating. It is an accumulation fund and is called upon only when required.
- **Church Hall Fund –** this fund covers all income and expenditure related to the running and commercial management of the Church Hall. This building is entirely separate from the church itself**.**
- **Churchyard Fund –** This fund was established many years ago to maintain the churchyard. It receives donations directly and has investments providing a small annual income for grass cutting and basic maintenance.
- **Development Fund –** This fund was established to support the church development plan and is intended to amass donations and grants in pursuit of the implementation of specific projects, repairs and improvements.

Detailed accounts for each fund are provided in Appendix I with a certification from the independent examiner. Appendix 2 provides a combined account for all funds in a form intended to assist the return to the Charity Commission.

It should be noted that the account for the church magazine has historically been a shared fund between three places of worship. As the other two churches have now closed it is intended to include this within St Mary's accounts from 1 January 2026. There is a similar position with the Fete Account which has been managed by an attached but independent group in the past with the profits being donated to the church. This will also come within the accounts from 1 January 2026.

The following issues should be noted:

General Fund

Income: Gift Aided income has increased again thanks to PGS inflation donors, as a result the Gift Aid refund is also increased. The fund had also previously benefitted from a contribution from the Church Hall Fund for insurance, but this has been waived in 2025 due to the financial pressures on the management of the hall.

The fund benefitted from a legacy of £32k from the will of the late Mr Eric Cooper.

The total income of this fund including the legacy in 2025 was £115,023 (£83,023 without the legacy)

Expenditure: The PCC transfers £200 each month to contribute to benefice expenditure. This is supplemented by the proceeds from church fees which have hitherto been collected by the benefice, but which will, from 1 January 2026, be allotted to the appropriate parish.

During the year a large amount was spent on repairs and equipment including staging, repairs to old oil tank shed, repairs to Lady Chapel roof, repair to a monument in the nave, Church Hall fence and a tabletop tomb.

£3000 was transferred to the Church Hall account to support the purchase of electric radiators following the condemnation of a gas heater.

The total expenditure was £132,752 ,but this included the purchase of investment shares. Taking account of the shares as an investment that is retained within church funds the normal expenditure should be considered to be £82, 752 delivering a small surplus between general income and general expenditure.

Restoration Fund

The income from investments amounted to £2404 in this financial year. The Restoration Fund has some CCLA Investments held in Trust and a CCLA Deposit Account, hence it receives dividends and deposit interest, £1,606 and £746 respectively. There is also a CAF donation of £50.

Church Hall Fund

The Church Hall spent significant more than its income in year. This is partly because the fund had received a large grant at the end of the preceding year from the National Lottery Community Fund for the repair of the floor to the main hall. This money was spent in 2025. The fund also closed a small deposit account held with CCLA and received an emergency transfer from the General fund of £3000 to replace heaters.

The overall receipts (not including transfers of funds) in 2025 was £4,330 against expenditure of £23,124.

Churchyard Fund

The Churchyard Fund received an income of £4421 from investments and donations in 2025 and had expenditure of £3,221.

Development Fund

The Development Fund had an income of £36,371 in 2025 against expenditure of £74,945. Money had been accumulated to pay for wall cleaning accounted for the majority of expenditure in year. Other than a limited amount of day to day cash, all monies are held in interest earning deposit accounts.

4 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

in respect of information required by the Charity Commission for the period from the registration of the PCC as a charity on 2nd July 2025

A CHARITY & TRUSTEE DETAILS

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary Bitton, in the Diocese of Bristol

Other names the charity is known by:

St Mary's Bitton
Bitton Church
St Mary's Bitton PCC

Registered charity number: 1213909

Charity's Principal Address: St Mary's Church, Church Road, Bitton, BRISTOL, BS30 6LJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	BAILEY, David	Lay Minister	From 2 July 2025	Bishop's Licence (Bishop of Bristol)
2	BAILEY, Stephanie	PCC Member	From 2 July 2025	Elected*2023
3	BENNETTS, John	PCC Member, Treasurer	From 2 July 2025	Elected* 2024
4	BRUNNER-ELLIS, Revd Vanessa (Ness)	Vicar of Bitton	From 25th November 2025	The Bishop of Bristol
5	CARRINGTON, Anne	PCC Member	From 2 July 2025	Elected*2025
6	GIBSON, Kenneth	Lay Minister	From 2 July 2025	Bishop's Licence (Bishop of Bristol)
7	HARRIS, Jacqueline	PCC Member	From 2 July 2025	Elected* 2023
8	HARRIS, Simon	Churchwarden	From 2 July 2025	Annual election by parishioners
9	HEAVENS, James	PCC Member – Chair of Trustees (Vice Chair of PCCs)	From 2 July 2025	Elected* 2023
10	HUMPHREY, Revd Richard	Non-stipendiary ordained Minister	From 2 July 2025	The Bishop of Bristol
11	MERRITT, Barbara	PCC Member Deputy Churchwarden	From 2 July 2025	Elected* 2024
12	MIDGLEY, Peter	PCC Member	From 2 July to 10 November 2025	Elected*2023
13	PUGSLEY, Helen	PCC Member	From 2 July 2025	Elected*2023
14	VOWLES, Philip	PCC Member	From 2 July 2025	Elected*2024
15	WRIDE, Alison	PCC Secretary	From 2 July 2025	Appointed by PCC

*Elected members are elected by those on the Electoral Roll of the Parish, either as members of the PCC or as representatives to the Deanery Synod. In both instances the period of office is limited to three years but retiring members may seek re-election. The date given in each instance is the individuals current date of election to a three year term.

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document:	**The governing documents for the PCC are established by legislation:** **The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956** as amended. This defines the principal function, or purpose, of the PCC as "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church". and **The Church Representation Rules** (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The charity is constituted as a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).**

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Bitton

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Bitton is located in South Gloucestershire and in the Diocese of Bristol. The boundary of the ecclesiastical parish differs from that of the civil parish of Bitton which includes a substantial portion of the ecclesiastical parish of St Ann, Oldland. Included within the ecclesiastical parish of Bitton are the villages of Bitton, Upton Cheyney, Beach, Swineford and parts of Willsbridge (to the east of Siston Brook and south of the Bath Road). To the south, the parish boundary is the River Avon itself. The approximate size of the parish is 5 square miles.

The population of the parish at the 2021 census was 1603 with 677 occupied households.
With the arrival of new housing the population profile by age has become more mixed:

Under 20	20.4%
20-44 years	28.5%
45-69 years	35.4%
Over 70	15.7%

97.1% of residents identified as white and 46.7 as being of the Christian religion.

C OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The principal object of the charity is that of the **Advancement of Religion,** by promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The charity also has secondary objectives: for the **Advancement of Heritage** in the maintenance, upkeep and preservation of the church buildings, including the church itself which is grade 1 listed; and the **Advancement of Community Development** in the provision of facilities for the whole community to use and the support of community cohesive activities.

The charity's activities seek to address these objectives to the public benefit by:

The Advancement of Religion	Providing a place of worship, open to all and with regular services and activities to advance the knowledge, understanding and faith in the Christian religion in line with the Canons of the Church of England. Special religious services are provided for significant life events including marriage and funerals, and a public churchyard is maintained by the church. The church provides pastoral care and outreach within the community to those in need and engages with schools, clubs and other associations.

The Advancement of Heritage	Maintaining, preserving and developing the church building, providing information and hospitality for visitors who come to see this ancient place of worship and its artefacts. The PCC is also responsible for the church hall, which is also a listed building and number of listed chest or table tombs.
The Advancement of Community Development	Supporting a church Scout Group including Beavers and Cubs groups. Providing facilities for the community through the use fo the church and the church hall for community activities and engaging the community in their support and operation. Providing a church hall that gives priority to and reduced rates for use by community groups, through the provision of a playgroup for very young children and activities that seek to create greater community cohesion and involvement for all.

D ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The PCC registered as a charity on 2 July 2025 halfway through the year, which in itself marks something of an achievement and change. Detailed reports of the work of the church in 2025 are given in Section 2 of this report.

E FINANCIAL REVIEW

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity had no policy on reserves at registration. This has now been addressed and is set out in full in the PCC's Financial Management Policy which is published on the church website. Reserve levels have been set for each fund taking account of ongoing costs and leaving a portion to meet any reasonable contingency as follows:

- **General Fund** – 50% of annual expenditure by this fund
- **Restoration Fund –** Not applicable
- **Church Hall –** Annual budget plus 50% to meet contingency
- **Churchyard** – Annual budget plus £10K to address any contingency
- **Future –** All future funds are designated and restricted funds held in reserve until needed to pay for works.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit at the end of the reporting period.

Further financial review details

Sources of Funds

The charity has several sources of funds. The church operates a regular giving scheme for members of the congregation through *Parish Giving* general donations from visitors and occasional collections at larger services. The church also charges fees for certain life events as set by the Church of England centrally.

Funds are also raised through events such as concerts, performances and social events that engage and involve the wider community. The hire

of the church hall and on occasion the church itself provide a commercial income.

All known donations and other sources of income in the period covered by this review have been obtained from sources within the United Kingdom. Funds received from outside the United Kingdom would be subject to review as set out in our Financial Management Policy.

Investment Policy

Other than monies held on short term deposit in commercial banks, all church investments are made through funds managed by CCLA (Church Commissioners and Local Authority) Funds and follows its ethical management policy.

The PCC invests In CCLA funds:

- All endowment funds where money has been gifted to the church for specific or general purposes.
- Surplus funds to provide a contingency for the future needs of the building or mission of the church.

F OTHER INFORMATION

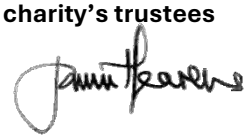
The church of St Mary, Bitton is joined in a benefice of three churches, the others being St Barnabas, Warmley and St Anne, Syston. Where appropriate, certain costs are shared between the three parishes. Although Bitton is the smallest parish by population, it has agreed to meet 2/5 of such shared costs.

The parish and benefice are within the Diocese of Bristol. The PCC agrees each year to an amount to be gifted to the diocese as *Parish Share* principally to meet the costs of the employment of the vicar and a share in the costs of diocesan services.

G DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) James Michael Heavens

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair of Trustees

Date 6th April 2026

APPENDIX 1:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Mary's Bitton Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's 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 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 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 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 matter has 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 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Signature: N. A. Hatherall

Name: NICHOLAS ANDREW HATHERALL

Date: 15/12/2026

Relevant professional qualification or body:
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT SCOTLAND ICAS M-26731

Address:
17 BELMONT
LANSDOWN ROAD
BATH BA1 5DZ

St Mary's Bitton General Account
Year ending 31st December 2025

Income and Expenditure Account

	2025	2024
Income	**£s**	**£s**
Gift Aided	**39,205**	**37,768**
Gift Aid Refund	**10,436**	**9,723**
Collections	**1,964**	**2,008**
	51,605	**49,499**
Church Hall Insurance contribution	**293**	**439**
Deposit Account and Investment Income	**5,730**	**5,627**
Donations	**41,795**	**1,124**
Funeral, Weddings	**611**	**941**
Fundraising Events	**13,148**	**9,961**
Sundry	**1,841**	**3,768**
	63,418	**21,860**
Total	**115,023**	**71,359**
Expenditure		
Diocesan Share/Quota	**35,295**	**41,090**
Parish expenses	**2,400**	**1,764**
Church expenses		
Insurance	**6,456**	**5,709**
Heat/light/Water	**3,688**	**2,399**
Upkeep of Services	**1,044**	**819**
Choir/Organist	**975**	**1,025**
Cleaning	**1,145**	**960**
Wedding and other fees	**00**	**00**
Sunday School	**41**	**54**
Donations	**7,112**	**7,163**
Repairs	**19,473**	**4,551**
Pews	**0**	**0**
Sundry	**5,146**	**3,059**
Share purchase	**50,000**	**00**
Total	**132,775**	**68,593**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**(17,752)**	**2,766**

Notes on 2025 General Accounts

Income

Gift Aided income is increased again thanks to PGS inflation donors, as a result the Gift Aid refund is also increased.

Church Hall insurance contribution has ceased due to their financial situation.

Donations show a legacy of £32k

Funeral and Wedding fees are actually contributions on the day, actual fees come via the Benefice Fees account.

Fundraising is mostly a massive Fete result.

Expenditure

Parish expenses are a standing order of £200/month to ensure our Benefice fees account remains in the black.

Repairs are very high, this represents expenditure on staging, repairs to old oil tank shed, repairs to Lady Chapel roof, repair monument in nave, Church Hall fence and a table top tomb.

Sundry includes a donation to Church Hall of £3,000.

St Mary's Bitton General Account

As at 31st December 2025

Balance Sheet

			2025	2024
Current Assets			£s	£s
	Bank-Current Account		40,813	58,630
	Bank CBF		5,057	4,838
		(a)	45,870	63,468
Current Liabilities				
	Creditors	(b)	(6,950)	(6,796)
Net Current Assets		(a-b)=(c)	38,920	56,672
Investments	8,578 units @ £22.1983		190,417	198,347
	11,114.0069 units @ £6.1232		68,053	18,328
		(d)	258,470	216,675
Total Assets		(c+d)	**297,390**	**273,347**
Represented By				
Accumulated Fund	Balance brought forward		63,673	60,907
	Surplus/(Deficit)		(17,752)	2,766
		(e)	45,921	63,673
Capital Fund	Balance brought forward,		209,674	203,750
	Inc/(Dec) Value of Investments		41,795	5,924
		(f)	251,469	209,674
Total Fund		(e+f)	**297,390**	**273,347**

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St Mary Bitton

Restoration Fund

Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Central Board of Finance Dividends.	1,606	1,572
Donations	50	50
Central Board of Finance Interest.	746	751
	2,402	2,373
Expenditure		
Bank charge	0	0
Transfer to General Account (boiler burner)	0	0
Increase/(Decrease) in value of Investments	(2,614)	1,861
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(212)	4,234
Balance Brought Forward	76,871	72,637
Balance Carried Forward	**76,659**	**76,871**

BALANCE SHEET

CBF Deposit Account.	18,521	16,169
Bank Current Account.	1,052	1,002
	19,573	17,171

INVESTMENTS

Central Board of Finance Investment Fund		
726 Units at Valuation 2219.83p	16,116	16,787
1,234:82 Units at Valuation 2219.83p	27,411	28,552
4466.15 Units at Valuation 303.59p	13,559	14,361
	57,086	59,700
	76,659	**76,871**

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Church Hall Fund

	2025		2024	
Opening balance				
Natwest Bank	£ 16,777.43		£ 3,824.08	
CCLA Deposit	£ 1,308.10		£ 1,220.58	
TOTAL	**£ 18,085.53**		**£ 5,044.66**	
INCOME				
General Income				
Investment Income	£ 8.30		£ 87.52	
National Lottery Grant	£ -		£ 14,268.00	
Sub Total	**£ 8.30**		**£ 14,355.52**	
Hall Revenue				
Income from hiring through Sharesy	£ 1,925.98			
Other Hirers	£ 2,395.63		£ 3,743.50	
Sub Total	**£ 4,321.61**		**£ 3,743.50**	
Total external income	**£ 4,329.91**	£ -	**£ 18,099.02**	
Tranferred income				
Closure of deposit acc (CCL)	£ 1,323.63		£ -	
Allocation from General Funds	£ 3,000.00		£ -	
Total Transferrred IN	**£ 4,323.63**		£ -	
TOTAL RECEIVED TO FUND	**£ 8,653.54**		**£ 18,099.02**	
EXPENDITURE				
Electricity and gas	£ 2,052.46		£ 2,251.23	
Water	£ 302.04		£ 366.73	
Wifi EE	£ 216.93			
Fire equipment check	£ -		£ 211.38	
Repairs	£ 276.00		£ 535.88	
Floor Repair	£ 14,268.00			
Cleaning	£ 392.53		£ 467.73	
Sundry	£ 329.21			
Electric & heaters service	£ -		£ 786.00	
Other (not recorded) as cheque	£ 1,469.09			
Replacement Heaters and fan	£ 3,828.00			
Total	**£ 23,134.26**		**£ 4,618.95**	£4,618.95
Transferred expenditure				
Contribution to Insurance	£ -		£ 439.20	
Total Transferred OUT	**£ -**		**£ 439.20**	
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	**£ 23,134.26**		**£ 5,058.15**	
Change on year	-£ 14,480.72		£ 13,040.87	
Reconcilliation - should be the same as bank account	£ 2,296.71			
Closing Balance				
NatWest	£ 2,296.71		£ 16,777.43	
CCLA Deposit			£ 1,308.10	
TOTAL	£ 2,296.71		£ 18,085.53	

Note on closing account figure for 2024 and opening figure for 2025

In June2025 the Church Hall bank account was moved to online banking providing ongoing information on transactions. Online the account closed at the end of 2024 at £16,922.77. However, two payments that were not presented until January 2025 had alraedy been included in the accounts for 2024. these were for £40 (Cleaning) and £105.34, (Water) which account for the difference. They have therefore not been included in the 2025 accounts and payments expenditure for these two accounts has been adjusted accordingly along with the opening bank balance.

Churchyard Fund

Year Ending 31st December 2025

	£	£
	2025	**2024**
Income		
Donations	1,655	4,144
Investment Income	1,776	1,742
Tax Refund	990	670
Parish Council	0	0
Fees/Monuments	0	0
Sundries	0	0
Total	4,421	6,556
Expenses		
Labour	3,050	3,200
Bank charges	28	0
Sundries	143	979
Total	3,221	4,179
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	1,200	2,377
Balance Brought Forward	48,564	46,187
Balance Carried Forward	49,764	48,564
Capital Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	54,321	52,938
Unrealised Income	(2,471)	1,383
	51,850	54,321
Total Funds	**101,614**	**102,885**
Current Assets		
Current Account	42,152	40,953
CBF Deposit Account	140	139
Total	42,292	41,092
Investments		
2672.38 CBF Investment Fund Units @ £22.1983	59,322	61,793
Total Assets	**101,614**	**102,885**

St Mary's Development Programme Account

Year ending 31st December 2025

Opening Bank balance 1 Jan 2025	**98691**

Income

Charitable Trusts	3,000
Events and Spin-offs	6062
Private donations	3125
Other sources (VAT refund, Gift Aid)	23134
Interest	1049
TOTAL	£36371

Expenditure

Architects' Fees	5385
Other professional fees	66665
Events Expenses	1829
Equipment	608
Bank charges and website	458
TOTAL	£74945

Income less Expenditure

Income	36371
Expenditure	74945
	(£38574)

Development Programme Bank Accounts as at 31st December 2025

Development Programme Current Account as at 31/12/25	1711
Development Programme Instant Access Deposit Account 31/12/25	24852
Development Programme 32 day Deposit Account 31/12/25	33553
Closing Bank Balance	**£60116**

Closing Bank Balance	60116
Opening Bank Balance	98691
	(£38574)

Confirmation of approval by the PCC of the examined financial statements

The PCC has approved the above financial statements that have been examined in accordance with section M5 (5) of the Church Representation Rules 2025.

Signed: **Date:** 9th April 2026

Vice Chair PCC

APPENDIX 2: Combined Accounts

Receipts and Payments

	2025 to the nearest £	2024 to the nearest £
Receipts		
General Fund	£ 115,023	£ 71,359
Restoration Fund	£ 2,402	£ 2,373
Church Hall Fund	£ 4,337	£ 2,373
Churchyard Fund	£ 4,221	£ 6,556
Development Fund	£ 36,371	£ 23,548
Sub total	£ 162,354	£ 106,209
Asset and investment sales,		
Nil in year	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 162,354	£ 106,209
Payments		
General Fund	£ 82,775	£ 68,593
Restoration Fund		£ -
Church Hall Fund	£ 23,134	£ 4,619
Churchyard Fund	£ 3,221	£ 4,179
Development fund	£ 74,945	£ 83,440
Sub total	£ 184,075	£ 160,831
Asset and investment purchases,		
General Fund	£ 50,000	
	£ -	
Sub total	£ 50,000	£ -
Total payments	£ 234,075	£ 160,831
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£ 71,721	-£ 54,622
Transfers between funds	£ 3,362	£ -
Cash funds last year end	£ 238,506	£ 238,507
Cash funds this year end	£ 170,147	

Assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Cash Funds

	Details	to nearest £
General Fund	Current & Deposit Accounts	**45,870**
Restoration Fund	Current & Deposit Accounts	**19,573**
Church Hall Fund	Current Account	**2,296**
Churchyard Fund	Current & Deposit Accounts	**42,292**
Development fund	Current & Deposit Accounts	**60,116**
	Total cash funds	**170,147**

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) OK

Investment Assets

All investment assets are held by CCLA. Some invested directly by the PCC. Others, mainly older investments through a fund managed by the Diocese of Bristol Central Borad of Finance on the PCC's behalf

Fund to which asset belongs			Current value
General Fund	**Accumulated Fund**		**45,921**
General Fund	**Capital Fund**		**297,390**
Restoration Fund	**DoB CBF Fund**		**76,659**
Churchyard Fund	**DoB CBF Fund**		**59,322**
	Total investment assets		**479,292**

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