



The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist,
Staplegrove, Taunton, TA2 6EJ

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Reciprocal Independent Examination for St Andrew's and St John the Evangelist, Taunton

23 February 2026

Dear Sue

I have carried out an Independent Examination on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025, prepared by your Treasurer Mr Antony Yeo.

I am delighted to confirm that, in my opinion, and having no reasons for concern, they accurately reflect the situation at St Andrew's Church during 2025.

With all good wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bridges'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: St Andrew's, Taunton Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended: 31 Dec 2025 Charity Number (if applicable): 1196804

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

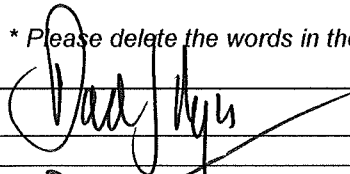
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

23/02/2026

Name:

DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

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

NONE

Address:

'AVONDALE', RECTORY CLOSE

STAPLE GROVE

TAUNTON

TA2 6EW

St Andrew's Taunton 's Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Notes	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	44,650	-	-	44,650	-
Collections, donations & other giving	24,201	-	-	24,201	-
Income tax recovered	10,396	-	-	10,396	-
Legacies	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	32,449	-	-	32,449	-
Income from other Properties	18,306	-	-	18,306	-
Annual Fete/events	5,214	-	-	5,214	-
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	475	3,112	-	3,587	-
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,311	-	-	1,311	-
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1,258	-	-	1,258	-
Total Receipts	139,260	3,112	-	142,372	-
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	-	-	-	-	-
Mission & Evangelism	(724)	-	-	(724)	-
Parish Share	(57,761)	-	-	(57,761)	-
Clergy expenses	(3,901)	-	-	(3,901)	-
Church running expenses	(21,637)	-	-	(21,637)	-
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds	(522)	-	-	(522)	-
Support costs	(9,884)	-	-	(9,884)	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(34,684)	-	-	(34,684)	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other	(4,050)	-	-	(4,050)	-
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(4,469)	-	-	(4,469)	-
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	-
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	(137,632)	-	-	(137,632)	-
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	1,628	3,112	-	4,740	-
Transfers between funds	(6,000)	6,000	-	-	-
	(4,372)	9,112	-	4,740	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)	36,163	-	32,656	68,819	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	31,791	9,112	32,656	73,559	-

*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

Bank Reconciliation

Account	Account Name/Description	Opening ACTUAL Balance	Transactions In	Transactions Out	ACTUAL Balance
A	Nat West Current Account U (Cash)	£68,819.73	£155,774.14	(£150,823.09)	£73,770.78
B	CBF Fabric Fund D 601034001 D (Cash)	£2,044.40	£111,246.87	(£106,695.53)	£6,595.74
C	CBF General Fund U 003 D (Cash)	£14,869.47	£7,059.07	-	£21,928.54
D	CBF Bell Fund R 005 D (Cash)	£34,118.28	£2,013.59	-	£36,131.87
E	Hall Current Account R (Cash)	£871.26	£39.42	-	£910.68
F	New St Andrews Building Account U (Cash)	£8,732.66	£33,758.00	(£34,563.00)	£7,927.66
		£8,183.66	£1,657.19	(£9,564.56)	£276.29
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-

**FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS
FOR TAUNTON ST ANDREW 2025**

2025

2024

4738.47	-15751.10
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Total Income/Expenditure

Receipts

1	Tax efficient planned giving	42,909.27	42,203.54
2	Other planned giving	1,741.00	4,496.00
3	Other collections at services	722.70	442.89
4	Other Giving & Donations - Recurring		
5	Other Giving & Donations - Non-Recurring	9,842.91	8,527.23
6	Special Appeals	2951.26	2,527.62
7	All tax recovered through Gift Aid	10,395.51	11,235.39
8	Legacies received	1,000.00	1,345.20
9	Recurring Grants	3302.4	0.00
10	Non-Recurring Grants	7,381.98	0.00
11	Fund Raising Events	5,213.68	5,222.99
12	Dividends & Interest	3586.90	4774.83
13	Income from Properties	18,305.80	7,582.70
14	Total Parochial Fees Income	1,311.00	1,099.00
15	Bookstall, Magazine etc	3.00	0.00
16	Hall Lettings	32,446.00	30,620.00
17	Income from other Church Activities	64.80	73.48
18	Insurance Claims		

	1,193.00	1,265.00
	142,371.21	121,415.87

19	Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes
20	Sale of Fixed Assets
21	Service Fee Reimbursement by DBF
22	Other Income
	Total Receipts

Other income consists mainly of refunds on amounts overpaid or paid for others

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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	2025	2024
Payments		
30 Fund Raising Costs	-408.40	-311.95
31 Donations to Charities & Mission Giving		
32 Parish Share	-57,761.04	-58,197.00
33 Salaries & Wages	-18,465.97	-17,778.20
34 Clergy Expenses	-3,901.33	-4,319.66
35 Other Expenses	-9883.88	-2512.6
36 Clergy Housing costs		
37 Local Mission and Evangelism Projects	-724.40	-1155.49
38 Children/Youth Work costs		-95.10
39 Insurance costs	-4,049.67	-3,966.54
40 Cleaning costs	-1300.30	-1010.80

41	Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance	-9,698.58	-10,383.84
42	Administration costs	-16,218.25	-5,477.28
43	Other Church Expenses Services	-923.6	-1726.01
44	Churchyard Maintenance		
45	Flowers		-6.19
46	Music costs	-1217.31	-1237.81
47	Heating & Lighting costs	-8,308.11	-12,944.33
48	Water Rates	-189.00	-184.00
49	Costs of Trading	-113.9	-11.77
50	Governance Costs		
51	Parochial Fees Remittance to DBF		
52	Parochial Fees to visiting Minister		
53	Parochial Fees to other 3rd party		
54	Parochial Fees Remitted to other PCC		
55	Service Fee to visiting Minister		
56	Payment of costs to other Parishes		
57	Deanery Costs		
58	Sundry Expenses		-642.00
59	Major Repairs to Church Building	-4,469.00	-15,206.40
60	Major Repairs to other properties		
61	Alterations/Extensions to Church Building		
	Total Payments	-137,632.74	-137,166.97

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Balance Sheet		
70	Loans received	-
71	Repayment of Loans	-
72	Alterations/Extensions to other Assets	-
73	Charities where PCC acts just an agent	-
78	New Fixed Assets (not Investments)	-
79	Purchase of Investments	-
80	Sale of Investments	-
Total balance sheet income/expenditure		4,738.47
TOTAL Income/Expenditure		-15,751.10

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FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

2025 2024

RECEIPTS

A Donations in for Garden of Remembrance AP
 B Coffee time donations
 C Donations in for Messy Church
 F Yellow one off envelopes
 G Hall receipts

70.00	3,517.00
361.35	418.00
31.50	43.00
57.00	75.00
33,758.40	31,948.00
	0.00

PAYMENTS

J Gas -Church
 K Heating Out
 L Electricity- Church
 N Organist
 O Parish Administrator
 P Phone (admin)
 U Website cost
 V Vicars expenses
 W Messy church expenses
 X Hall payments total

	0.00
	0.00
0.00	-693.41
	0.00
-5,282.11	-4,549.92
-1,095.00	-1,505.00
-7,976.00	-7,619.40
0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00
-4,160.65	-4,319.66
-85.64	-112.14
-34,563.06	-24,790.00

FUNDRAISING DETAILS

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2025	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2024
Table top sales	213.00	Table top sales	354
Spring Lunch	479.00	March Lunch	392
Summer Fete	1538.00	Summer Fete	1468
Christmas Market	1966.00	Christmas Market	1742
Easyfundraising	110.00	Easyfundraising	322
Winter Warmer		Winter Warmer	222
Harvest Lunch	347.00	Harvest Lunch	317
Summer Lunch	£246.00	Summer Lunch	362
Spire lighting	475.00	Spire lighting	550
Other			80.00
<u>(recorded as donations)</u>			
	5374.00		5809.00

HALL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>
		Receipts	Payments
16	Hall lettings inc deposits	33,639.00	
33	Hall salaries inc overtime		-9,395.00
40	Hall cleaning costs		-1,188.00
12	Hall interest in	119.00	
22	Other Income		
41	Hall maintenance		-6,857.00
47	Hall heating and lighting		-3,026.00
39	Hall insurance		-1,159.00
48	Hall water		-189.00
58	Hall sundry expenses (misc minus water)		
42	Hall admin		-1,749.00
58	Transfer to Church		-11,000.00
	Totals	33,758.00	-34,563.00

2024	2024
Receipts	Payments
31,885.00	-8,585.00
	-811.00
63.00	
	-4,291.00
	-7,141.00
	-1,313.00
	-184.00
	-719.00
	-746.00
	-1,000.00
31,948.00	-24,790.00

Parish Finance Return

The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted using their webportal at: <http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>



Return of Parish Finance January to December 2025

Parish code: (6 digits)	11358	St Andrew's Taunton	11358	Deanery: Taunton
Parish name:	St Andrew's Taunton	11358	Diocese: Bath & Wells	

If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:

INCOMING RESOURCES		RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)		RESTRICTED (nearest £)	
UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)		RESTRICTED (nearest £)		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)		RESTRICTED (nearest £)	
1	Voluntary income/ receipts	£	42,909	£	408	£	-
2	Tax efficient planned giving	£	1,741	£	-	£	-
3	Other planned giving	£	723	£	-	£	-
4	Collections at services	£	12,794	£	57,761	£	-
5	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£	10,396	£	18,466	£	-
6	Gift Aid recovered	£	1,000	£	13,785	£	-
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£	10,684	£	-	£	-
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£	80,247	£	724	£	-
	TOTAL Voluntary Income:	£	5,214	£	33,408	£	-
9	Activities for generating funds	£	21,893	£	8,497	£	-
	Gross income from fundraising activities	£	-	£	114	£	-
10	Income from investments	£	-	£	-	£	-
	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£	-	£	-	£	-
11	Church activities	£	-	£	-	£	-
	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£	1,311	£	-	£	-
	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£	32,514	£	-	£	-
12	Other incoming resources	£	1,193	£	-	£	-
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£	-	£	-	£	-
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	£	142,372	£	137,632	£	-
A	Unrestricted	£	-	£	-	£	-
B	Restricted	£	-	£	-	£	-
C	TOTAL	£	142,372	£	137,632	£	-
	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES	£	-	£	-	£	-
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers			£	40,901	£	32,656
15	Number of other planned givers			£	16,449	£	10,677
16	Number of new legacies received			£	-	£	-
	SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	£	-	£	137,224	£	-
	26 Governance costs	£	-	£	-	£	-
	99 Other outgoing resources/ payments	£	-	£	-	£	-
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	£	-	£	137,632	£	-
D	Unrestricted	£	-	£	-	£	-
E	Restricted	£	-	£	-	£	-
F	TOTAL	£	-	£	137,632	£	-
	Cash and Investment Balances	£	-	£	-	£	-
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31 Dec 2025	£	-	£	40,901	£	32,656
32	Investments as at 31 Dec 2025	£	-	£	16,449	£	10,677
	Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (Indicate ONE)			£	-	£	-
30	Receipts and payments [X]			£	-	£	-

*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

Date	
Name	
Position	
Telephone or email	

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.

Looking back across 2016, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below.

This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook

