



ST DAVIDS CHURCH

Growing Disciples Who Make Disciples

ST. DAVID'S MORETON-IN-MARSH WITH ST. MARY'S, BATSFORD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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STATUTORY INFORMATION

Full Name: Parochial Church Council of St David's Moreton-in-Marsh
with St Mary's Batsford

Church Location: St David's – Church Street, Moreton in Marsh
St Mary's – Adjacent to Batsford Park, Batsford

Correspondence Address: St David's Church Office, Church Street, Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire, GL56 0LT

Charity Number: 1131097

Members of PCC:

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Priest-in-charge: The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 29th May 2025)

Curate with Oversight: The Rev Gareth Griffith (until January 12th 2025)

Associate Minister: The Rev Ian Bentley (until September 2025)

Churchwardens: Mr Max Nicholls
Mrs Sarah Rowland

**Deanery Synod
Representatives:** Mr Gareth Williams
Mrs Margo Stansbury
The Rev Canon Andrew Dow
Mrs Ruth Whitworth (until 18th May 2025)
Mrs Val Warner (from 18th May 2025)
Mrs Alexia Monroe (from 18th May 2025)

**Diocesan Synod
Representatives:** The Rev Canon Andrew Dow
Mrs Caroline Faircliff
Mr Peter Hopkins

Elected Members: Mrs Val Warner – (Vice Chair)
Mr Richard Cutting (until 18th May 2025)
Mr Charles Monroe
Mr Jamie Avis
Mrs Helen Evans
Mr Peter Smith
Mr Peter Snodgrass
Mr Alan Hartridge
Mrs Kay Grey (from 18th May 2025)
Mr Chris Harris (from 18th May 2025)

Treasurer: Mr James Shand

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Appointments:	Mrs Wendy Webber	Electoral Roll Officer
Employees:	Mrs Margo Stansbury Miss Sharon Squires Mrs Suzy Elliott Ms Kat Vaughan Mr Peter Smith Mrs Lorna Didcot	Church Administrator / Centre Manager Assistant Treasurer IT and Communications Worker Children's Worker (until Jan 2025) Children's Worker (Feb – Aug 2025) Lay Parish Minister Centre Cleaner
Ministers with permission to officiate:	The Ven Fred Trethewey The Rev Ian Bentley The Rev Canon Andrew Dow The Rev Canon Tim Sedgley	
Readers:	Mr Rod Lee Mr Robin Whitworth (up until April 2025) Mrs Ruth Whitworth (up until April 2025)	
Status:	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St David's Moreton-in-Marsh with St Mary's Batsford (PCC) was registered in the Register of Charities with the Charity Commission on 12 th August 2009 with the Registered Number 1131097	
Independent Examiner:	Mr Daniel Colwell FCCA CTA ATT The Old Bull Pens Sezincote Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 9AW	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank High Street Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 0AY	
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Membership of Committees

Standing Committee

Priest-in-charge	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 13 May 2025)	Chair
Churchwardens	Mr Max Nicholls Mrs Sarah Rowland	Vice-Chair
Treasurer	Mr James Shand	
Member	Mr Gareth Williams	

Finance and Human Resources Group

Priest-in-charge	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 13 May 2025)	Chair
Churchwarden	Mr Max Nicholls	
Treasurer	Mr James Shand	
Assistant Treasurer	Miss Sharon Squires	Secretary
Members	Mrs Valerie Warner (HR Rep)	

St David's Centre Management Committee

	Mr Ralph Squires	Chair
	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 13 May 2025)	
Centre Manager	Mrs Margo Stansbury	
Assistant Treasurer	Miss Sharon Squires Mr Max Nicholls	

Mission Committee

Members	The Rev Gareth Griffith (from 13 May 2025)	Chair
	Mr Andrew Evans	
	Mrs Shonagh Avis	
	Mrs Lucy Walmsley	
	Dr Jacquie Williams	
	Mrs Claire Lee	
	Mr Kyle McFarlane	
	Charles Monroe	

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1 Governance

- 1.1 St. David's, Moreton-in-Marsh with St. Mary's, Batsford Parochial Church Council ('the PCC') works with the Priest-in-charge and staff team to promote the whole mission of the Church within the parish. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the Church buildings of St David's Moreton in Marsh, St Mary's Batsford and the St David's Centre.
- 1.2 The PCC seeks to fulfil a vision for its work focused around the areas of prayer, evangelism, service, mission, teaching, worship, fellowship, pastoral care, children and young people. The PCC works to ensure that all the activities of the church are building towards its aims in each of these areas.
- 1.3 The PCC meets monthly and calls additional special meetings when required. Attendance at the 10 PCC meetings in 2025 was consistently good. The PCC appoints members to the Standing Committee, which is required by the church representation rules and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC. It also appoints members to three other committees which meet on a regular basis and report back to or make recommendations to it:
- Finance and Human Resources Group: This oversees PCC finances by monitoring income and expenditure, drawing up budgets and maintaining appropriate financial controls. It has responsibility for employee contracts and terms and conditions of service.
 - St. David's Centre Management Committee: This supports the Centre Manager in the day-to-day running of the Centre including negotiating with users, preparing a budget and managing costs.
 - Mission Committee: This oversees our missionary commitment, organises special events and makes grants to support our missionary activity.
- 1.4 Statutory information, including details of PCC members and employees who serve during the year and members of committees is given on pages 3 – 5. At the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in April 2025, 193 members were registered on the electoral roll (218 at APCM 2024).
- 1.5 The staff team currently comprises the Priest-in-charge, churchwardens, church administrator, children's worker and IT worker. The team meets on a regular basis, normally weekly, to plan future church activities and consider matters to be presented to PCC.

Staffing

2. Rev Henry Curran resigned as Priest-in-charge on 12th January, and the benefice formally entered vacancy. The Rev Ian Bentley, our Associate Minister, led the church through the early months of 2025, and we owe an enormous debt to Ian for his unstinting and faithful commitment to both our churches and the wider benefice through this period and before. In May, following an appointment process and interview, Rev Gareth Griffith was installed as priest-in-charge, with Ian Bentley continuing as Associate Minister until September. Throughout the year, we have also been blessed to have Peter Smith as our Lay Parish Minister. We wish to record our gratitude to our other retired clergy, Fred Trethewey and Andrew Dow, who have led our worship and preached regularly; to our Readers for their invaluable ministry; to members of the worship teams who take part in leading our Sunday

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- services; and to Paul Webber and Richard Cutting, Kate Seaward and Rob Jones, and their teams of musicians and singers.
- 2.2 We are also grateful to Margo Stansbury, our church administrator, for her committed work in the church office, and to Sharon Squires for our livestreaming and the technical areas of our services, and her work as Assistant Treasurer and Parish Safeguarding Officer.
- 2.3 Many other people continue to give willingly and generously of their time and gifts to support the different areas of church activity by welcoming visitors and newcomers, providing refreshments before or after the services, cleaning the church, working with our children and young people or operating the sound desk. We owe a great deal to all those who take on these and many more roles, often unseen, to enable the church to fulfil its vision.
- 2.4 At the start of the year, Kat Vaughan took over from Suzy Elliott as our children and youth worker, before being called to lead The Well in Stow. Our youth group (Bridge) is led on a voluntary basis by Chris Dyer.

3 Prayer

- 3.1 In the area of prayer, our desire is for St David's and St Mary's to live out, publicly and privately, our conviction that prayer should be the central foundation on which all church activity is based.
- 3.2 The monthly Fellowship Evening continues to take place to enable both fellowship and prayer for the church and wider world. It meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month. Attendance this year has been around 30 and we join once a quarter with members of other churches in the North Cotswold Gospel Partnership.
- 3.3 There is a weekly time of prayer on a Friday morning to commit the work of the church and the parish, into God's hands. Our monthly prayer diary covers areas of our town, our church activities and our mission partners with specific people, events or places to pray for each day. Prayer ministry continues to be offered every Sunday morning after the 10:30 am service. This is well received by those who come for prayer. There is currently a team of 12 people.

4 Evangelism

- 4.1 In the area of evangelism, we aim for the church to be at the centre of the Moreton and Batsford community with no part of the community untouched and everyone given the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 4.2 We were invited once again to hold a short carol service as part of Moreton Christmas market and switch-on of the Christmas lights, and this was well received with a good crowd gathering to listen. Invitation cards to our Christmas services were distributed to homes across Moreton.
- 4.3 Our men's group continues to meet, either for breakfast, with a visiting speaker or for an outing. The breakfast meetings have been well attended, with members of the church bringing friends and neighbours to hear the Christian message from the speaker, including a motorbike bonanza in September, and a talk from David Ball of the Christian Motorcyclist Association in October.

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- 4.4 Regular women's outreach events have continued roughly every quarter. The topics, timing and format are varied, as we try to cater for the interests and availability of different sectors in our church and community. We try to keep the content topical and accessible, the aim being to convey that 'God is good, and Christians are ok!' We are encouraged by the enthusiasm of women at church to attend and invite their friends and by the positive feedback about the events, which included a love themed tea in February, and a wrapping party in December, with a talk from Kat Vaughan.
- 4.5 At the end of October, a Light Party was held in the church, organized by a very able team, offering children an alternative to engaging with Halloween. It was well attended with a good number of families from beyond our Sunday congregations (including some from Moreton Tots).
- 4.6 Our Christmas activities continue to be an important part of our outreach, starting with the service in the market for the switching on of the lights at the end of November. We continued and expanded our singing of carols in some of the streets of the town, and St. David's was full to capacity for the Carol Service. On Christmas Eve we held a family-friendly Crib Service, and a traditional midnight service, and on Christmas morning there was Holy Communion at Batsford, and an all-age service at St. David's, as we sought to share Christmas with the widest possible range of our community.

5 Service and Mission

- 5.1 In the area of service, we aim to enable everyone at St David's and St Mary's to play their part in service to the churches and wider community.
- 5.2 Several members of the church continue to be involved with the Foodbank at the Congregational Hall, and this has proved a great help for many struggling with increasing financial hardship. From winter of 2022 the church has opened a "Warm Space" in the Centre over a Tuesday lunchtime, and this is now re-named Food and Friendship. Food & Friendship aims to provide a light lunch for those who may be hungry, and also company for those who may be lonely.
- 5.3 The church seeks to support partners in mission both in the UK and beyond. Financially it has been our practice in recent years to give away approximately 10% of our General Fund gift income to support missionary and church societies and relief and development agencies.
- 5.4 In the autumn of 2021, Ben Thompson, our former Pioneer Minister, moved with his family to teach at the Evangelical Theological College of Asia (ETC Asia) in Singapore, which trains and prepares men and women for gospel ministry in Singapore, South-East Asia and beyond. The church continues to support him through regular contact and by receiving and paying over donations to support the teaching ministry of ETC Asia.
- 5.5 David and Georgina Gray work with Wycliffe Bible Translators whose mission is to communicate the Word of God to people who are still waiting to hear the gospel message in their own language. As well as translation work into Central Asian languages, they are involved in teaching and training, literacy work and community engagement.
- 5.6 Steve and Flor Taylor live in Thailand where Steve is Dean of Bangkok Bible Seminary. The vision of this theological college is to provide Biblically based ministry training for Thai Christians as well as to prepare and equip those called to expository teaching and preaching.

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- 5.7 M, H and their four children live in a small market town in North Africa. They seek to share God's love and blessing by working with people living in remote villages and encouraging believers in Jesus. A group from the church visited them a few years ago.
- 5.8 Sandy and Kirsten Russell serve among Kurdish people in northern Iraq, especially working on Bible projects. The Bible has recently been translated into Sorani Kurdish and work is ongoing to make the scriptures, and supporting materials, widely available and to engage more deeply with Kurdish people.
- 5.9 From time to time, the church gives to other mission organisations such as Open Doors, CORD Global and Compassion UK. Funds given to Compassion UK are for sponsorship of a boy called Edward in Tanzania who is supported by Adventurers (Sunday morning children's ministry).
- 5.10 In 2025 Tom and Sarah Rymer and their four children worshipped with us at St David's for about 8 months. They have served for many years with Operation Mobilisation in various mission contexts. In September they moved to Cairo, where their heart for mission is to serve the Yemeni community and church planting amongst the Yemeni diaspora. They are also supporting other families who are home schooling their children and Tom is teaching English while studying for a masters qualification. They are not formally adopted as mission partners but various people in the church keep in contact with them and support them.

6 Teaching and Worship

- 6.1 In the area of teaching, we intend that the Bible will continue to be central to all that we do at St David's and St Mary's, that Christ will be known, loved and taught so that everyone – young and old – will have the opportunity to learn and will be inspired to grow in their faith.
- 6.2 We hold a weekly service on Sunday morning at 10.30 service at St. David's, and our sermon series have included 'Coming to Jesus', 'You are being built', and 'That you may declare', based on our theme verses for the year, from 1 Peter 2. Our morning service continues to be livestreamed, which is welcomed by those who are unable to attend in person.
- 6.3 We continued to hold our 6.00pm service throughout 2025 but with a summer break. Attendance has been good, and the more informal structure offers the opportunity for personal testimony. It has included an extended series on Genesis, and an evening considering the question of Assisted Dying. An 8.00am Communion service is held at St David's twice a month. At St Mary's Batsford, services are held twice a month, alternating between Communion and Morning Worship.
- 6.4 We have continued with the service leading teams established in 2022, meaning that leading and preaching at services is shared by a group. Most of our worship music is now live, including the use of the organ, piano, keyboard and both solo instruments and our orchestral group.

7 Fellowship and Pastoral Care

- 7.1 In the area of Fellowship, our aim is for everyone at St David's and St Mary's to feel that they belong to an extended Christian family within which they can make friends and find support.

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- 7.2 Home groups have continued to provide fellowship, teaching and support for church members. Groups are provided with recommended study materials to complement the morning sermon series, although leaders have a considerable degree of autonomy in how they operate. Our home groups aim to be places where the members are able to connect with God, through Bible study and prayer, with each other through fellowship and practical support, and with the world around us, by being encouraged in prayer and personal evangelism.
- 7.3 Friday Club continues on a twice a month basis to provide a welcome event for many of the retired folk in the community. Whilst attendance is still below pre-Covid levels, the team continues to maintain contact with as many members as possible to provide friendship.
- 7.4 Our local branch of the Mothers Union continues to meet regularly to pray for and raise funds for Mothers Union worldwide. Our Women's Bible Study Group meets weekly in term-time, giving participants an opportunity to share and discuss the scriptures together in an informal environment.
- 7.5 Moreton Tots on a Wednesday morning thrives, with a steady stream of parents and carers filling the hall, demonstrating an enormous demand for this type of activity and continuing to provide an opportunity for outreach.

8 Children and Young People

- 8.1 We know that children and young people are the future church and to this end we wish to engage with as many young families as possible, looking for opportunities for new groups and developments.
- 8.2 For younger children, Sunday Club (consisting of Scramblers [ages 2-5.5], Adventurers [ages 6-10], and Rooted [ages 10-14]) continues to offer the opportunity to hear and learn about Jesus as the coming King and on a regular and planned basis to have some big topics to discuss. Children attend the first part of our morning service, which often includes a short children's talk and song, leaving then for their separate activities.
- 8.3 The years 9-13 youth group, 'Bridge', meets on Sunday evenings during term time to enjoy food together, open the Bible and discuss current topics, often finishing with games.
- 8.4 St David's Church has an excellent relationship with St David's School. We have been able to continue our contact with the school by leading assemblies for their act of collective worship, working with a group of children on a regular basis who help to lead assemblies. We have continued our "Open the Book" (OTB) work with the school and are extremely appreciative of the members of the OTB team who visit on a weekly basis. The school come into church for the Y5 carol concert, and for services at key points in the year, including Harvest and Christmas. For these, we have moved this year to having separate services for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, in order to allow more parents and carers to attend.

9 St David's Centre

- 9.1 The Centre continues to be a resource much valued by our church members whilst also providing outreach to the wider community, enabling links with a range of external organisations to be created and maintained. Church activities include our children's and youth groups, Friday Club, Moreton Tots, Women's & Men's outreach events and our monthly prayer meeting. We wish to record our thanks to the Management Committee for their continued faithful stewardship of the Centre.

10 Safeguarding

- 10.1 The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church' safeguarding policy statement, and our child protection and vulnerable adults' policies are available at the back of St David's Church and on the church website for review by any member of the church. The following substantive measures are included in these policies.
- Everyone involved in work with children and young people and vulnerable adults at St David's is made aware of the PCC's child protection and vulnerable adult policies.
 - Details of all persons regularly involved in work with children and young people at St David's are checked for DBS clearance.
 - The PCC are to be informed of the names of those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults at St David's, and are notified of any changes.
 - The PCC ensures all those involved in work with children, young people and vulnerable adults completed necessary safeguarding training and this is monitored by the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
 - Sharon Squires as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Gareth Griffith, the Priest-in-charge are the persons to whom all cases of suspected or alleged abuse are reported.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer has been responsible to the PCC for implementing and monitoring St David's Child Protection Policy. No cases of suspected or alleged abuse were reported during the year. The PCC has recently reviewed its arrangements and satisfied itself that the St David's Church Child Protection Policy, and Vulnerable Adults Policy are appropriate and operating effectively. Safeguarding is on the agenda of every PCC to ensure we are doing all we need to do. All members of the PCC have completed the online training from the diocese entitled 'Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse'.

- 10.2 The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, being a duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

11 Financial Review

11.1 General Fund

We are pleased to report that the general fund ended the year with a surplus of £14,479 (2024 £6,329), partly due to lower than anticipated salaries, with a full time Children and Youth worker role being reduced to part time role, and for only part of the year. The surplus was also due to the continued generous level of both regular giving and donations from the congregation despite the difficult economic situation. Around 75% of regular giving is through the Parish Giving Scheme, which continues to simplify our Gift Aid arrangements. Overall income to the general fund amounted to £200,067 (2024 £188,282). Regular giving increased from £156,905 in 2024 to £167,203.

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Total expenditure amounted to £207,580 (2024 £181,918). Within this, staff costs and expenses charged to the general fund amounted to £70,572 (2024 £56,333). These were offset by the transfer of £40,184 (2024 £27,078) from restricted reserves in respect of members of the Staff Team and our Youth and Children's Work. The PCC paid Parish Share of £102,564, however of this £74,564 was paid to Gloucester Diocese to cover the cost of Clergy provision, and the surplus over this amount of £28,000 was paid to St Paul's Church Cheltenham, a church in the Diocese in need which shares our theological stance (2024 £99,576 paid to Gloucester Diocese). The only transfers out of the general fund were the tithe of £18,025 to Mission funds and a transfer of £167 to other restricted.

11.2 Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the PCC has set aside for a particular purpose. Designated funds remain unrestricted and can be moved to other general funds if the PCC so decides. These relate to the Church Centre, Bookstall and General Reserve (see Note 9 to the financial statements).

For St David's Centre, lettings income of £23,273 was above the previous year figure of £22,233, and the Centre also benefited from a £3,000 Grant for building improvements, so overall designated income was £29,554 compared to £24,403 in 2024. Expenditure before depreciation was £26,480 (2024 £28,105), with maintenance costs (lights in main hall) in 2024. There was an overall surplus of £3,074 before depreciation of £5,166, compared to a deficit of £3,702 in 2024.

The total balance on the Designated Funds stood at £427,211 as at 31 December 2025 (2024 £429,303). Of this total, 85% relates to the net book value of land, buildings, furniture, fittings and equipment at St David's Church Centre (Note 6).

11.3 Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves are funds restricted by the donor for a particular purpose and cannot be used by the PCC for any other purpose, unless determined by the Courts or the Charity Commission or with the approval of the donor. They cannot be used to meet other expenses of the Church.

The Restricted Reserves have been grouped into funds relating to the different areas of our ministry (see Notes 1.2 and 10). The total balance on the Restricted Reserves stood at £174,220 as at 31 December 2025 (2024 £199,823). The main decrease in Restricted Funds was the net £16k decrease in ministry restricted funds, as generous donations in the past help fund some General Fund Ministry team costs in 2025. The Restricted Buildings Funds decreased by £7k over the year, as quinquennial roofing costs of £6k were completed and £3k of costs relating to the Bell Tower fund.

Therefore, total Restricted Funds decreased from £199,823 to £174,220.

11.4 Reserves Policy

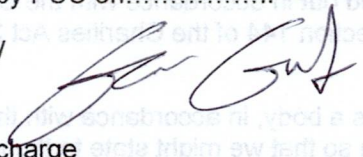
As at 31 December 2025, the total of General Fund and Designated reserves (excluding the reserve for the Centre land and buildings) amounted to £148,750 (2024 £133,855). With General Fund expenditure in 2026 Budgeted at £18.3k per month, the reserves amounted to 8 months' liquidity (2024 8.8 months), comfortably better than the policy of the PCC (Note 1, paragraph 1.7).

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12 Adherence to Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. Examples of this public benefit can be found in other parts of this report. The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Adopted by PCC on.....19-04-2026

Signed by 

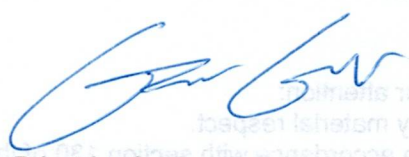
Priest-in-charge

STATEMENT OF PCC RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 require the members of the PCC to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the PCC for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the members of the PCC are required to:

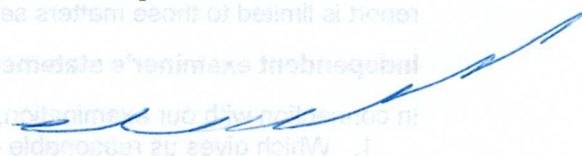
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP – FRS 102). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Priest-in-charge

Date 19-04-2026



Churchwarden

Date 19-04-2026

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Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St David's Moreton-in-Marsh with St Mary's Batsford

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 15 to 26, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Our report is made solely to the members of the PCC, as a body, in accordance with the Regulations and the Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of the PCC those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent possible by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and its members, as a body, for our work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply. It is our responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

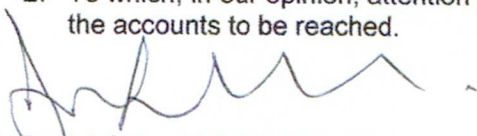
Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect.
 - a. the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and regulations have not been met.
2. To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Daniel Colwell FCCA CTA ATT
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Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9AW

Date 20-04-2026

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (INCLUDING STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	£	£	£
				UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2025 TOTAL 2024
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income						
Regular Giving						
Regular Gift Aided Giving		119,230	-	22,381	141,611	133,992
Tax Recoverable		28,397	-	5,911	34,308	33,499
Regular Non Gift Aided Giving		19,575	-	15,850	35,425	30,614
Total Regular Giving		167,203	-	44,141	211,344	198,105
Other Giving						
Ad Hoc Donations		5,305	1,482	1,661	8,447	32,309
Collections		5,200	-	-	5,200	4,943
Income Tax Recoverable on other giving		2,545	76	-	2,621	4,106
Grants Received	2	130	3,005	11,444	14,579	11,733
Income from Charitable Activities						
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral Fees		6,715	-	-	6,715	6,283
Events charges		756	-	6,703	7,459	3,921
Church lettings		-	-	-	-	260
Centre lettings		-	23,273	-	23,273	22,233
Subscriptions		-	-	2,092	2,092	1,773
Investment Income						
Bank Interest		9,896	1,466	-	11,362	10,262
Dividend income		-	-	216	216	260
Other Incoming Resources						
Miscellaneous Income		2,316	252	8,008	10,576	5,114
Total Incoming Resources		200,067	29,554	74,264	303,885	301,301
Total Resources Expended		207,580	31,646	77,505	316,731	296,316
Net gains/losses on Investments		-	-	(370)	(370)	171
Net movement for the year before transfers		(7,513)	(2,092)	(3,611)	(13,216)	5,156
Transfers between funds						
From General Fund to Designated Funds		-	-	-	-	-
From General Fund to Restricted Missions Fund		(18,025)	-	18,025	-	-
From General Fund to other restricted Funds		(167)	-	167	-	-
From Restricted Funds to General Fund		40,184	-	(40,184)	-	-
Net movement for the year		14,479	(2,092)	(25,603)	(13,216)	5,157
Balances brought forward		77,667	429,303	199,823	706,793	701,636
Balances carried forward		92,146	427,211	174,220	693,578	706,793

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RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		RESTRICTED	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
		General Fund	Designated Funds	FUNDS	£	£
		£	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities						
Missionary and Charitable Giving						
Overseas Missionary Societies	4.1	-	-	51,075	51,075	65,403
Home Missions and Church Societies	4.2	-	-	-	-	250
Relief and Development Agencies	4.3	-	-	384	384	2,350
Other Charities	4.4	95	-	20	115	65
Ministry Salaries, Benefits and Expenses						
Diocesan Parish Share		102,564	-	-	102,564	99,576
Staff Salaries, Pensions, Expenses & Benefits	14	70,572	8,964	-	79,536	65,964
Running Expenses						
Church and Centre Utilities		3,971	9,197	-	13,168	11,362
Church and Centre Insurance		6,146	2,164	-	8,309	7,968
Church and Centre Maintenance		2,920	3,418	3,161	9,499	8,330
Upkeep of Services		3,729	-	-	3,729	2,607
Other Activities						
Fees payable to the Diocese		2,213	-	-	2,213	2,010
Church Groups		-	490	4,584	5,074	5,370
Church Events/Courses		840	-	3,514	4,354	1,714
Training		813	-	-	813	873
Miscellaneous Expenses		4,511	878	8,216	13,605	6,985
Capital Expenditure						
New Building Work and Major Repairs		-	-	6,264	6,264	-
New /Replacement Furniture & Equipment		-	-	-	-	897
Depreciation		1,931	5,166	158	7,254	7,019
Costs of Generating Funds						
Planned Giving Envelopes						
Governance and Support						
Independent Examiner's Fees		1,020	1,020	-	2,040	1,680
Communications/Marketing		3,750	145	53	3,947	2,381
Administration		2,506	205	77	2,787	3,511
Total Resources Expended		207,580	31,646	77,505	316,731	296,316

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Fixed Assets	6	3,607	363,450	118	367,175	369,370
Investments						
COIFMIM1 CAP		-	-	1,894	1,894	1,989
COIFMIM2 CAP		-	-	5,108	5,108	5,365
COIFTB CAP		-	-	363	363	382
Total Fixed Assets		3,607	363,450	7,483	374,540	377,105
Current Assets						
Debtors						
Sundry Debtors	7	3,638	1,051	1,318	6,006	8,712
Short term deposits						
CBF Deposit Account - Church		45,236	-	140,000	185,236	177,216
CBF Deposit Account - Centre		-	27,439	-	27,439	26,251
Cash at Bank and in Hand						
Lloyds – Church		40,967	-	560	41,527	58,249
Lloyds – Centre		15,824	39,064	32,307	87,195	73,477
Cash in Hand		17	-	-	17	90
Total Current Assets		105,681	67,554	174,185	347,420	343,995
Current Liabilities						
Creditors						
Sundry Creditors	8	17,142	2,819	7,447	27,408	13,531
VAT Payable		-	975	-	975	777
Total Current Liabilities		17,142	3,794	7,447	28,382	14,307
Net Current Assets		88,540	63,760	166,738	319,382	329,688
Total Assets		92,146	427,211	174,220	693,578	706,793
Financed by:						
Current Year Net Movements		14,479	(2,092)	(25,603)	(13,216)	5,157
Balances brought forward 01.01.25		77,667	429,303	199,823	706,793	701,636
Balances carried forward 31.12.25		92,146	427,211	174,220	693,578	706,793



Priest-in-charge

Date 19-04-2026



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Notes to the Financial Statements – Year ended 31 December 2025

1. Basis of Accounting

1.1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.2 Funds

a. General Funds

General Funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for the general purposes of the PCC. Unless specified otherwise all money received by the PCC is put into the General Fund.

b. Designated Funds

The PCC may decide to put some of the General Fund money aside in other funds for use in the future. This money is "designated" for these particular purposes. The money is "designated" for administrative purposes only. Designated funds are still unrestricted and can be moved to other general funds (re-designated or un-designated) if the PCC so decides. The purposes of the Designated funds are:

Centre Trading	This fund shows the net book value of the St David's Centre (land, property, furniture and equipment) together with income and expenditure incurred in respect of running the Centre.
Bookstall	This fund shows income and expenditure incurred in respect of the Bookstall.
Centre Reserve	For major repairs, emergency repairs, excess of expenditure above budget when approved by the PCC and to cover year-end deficits
General Reserve	For major repairs, emergency repairs, excess of expenditure above budget when approved by the PCC and to cover year-end deficits.

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c. Restricted Funds

The PCC also receives money which has been given for a particular purpose. These are sums restricted by the donor for a particular purpose and cannot and must not be used by the PCC for any other purpose unless determined by the Courts or the Charity Commission or with the approval of the donor. The purposes of the Restricted funds are:

Ministry

Ministry Team For the salary, benefits, expenses and training of the Ministry Team.

Youth and Children's Worker For the salary, benefits, expenses and training of the Youth and Children's Worker.

Buildings

St David's Fabric For the maintenance of the fabric of St David's Church and particularly for the work required to implement the recommendations of the five-yearly architectural inspection and report.

St Mary's Fabric For the maintenance of the fabric of St Mary's Church and particularly for the work required to implement the recommendations of the five-yearly architectural inspection and report.

Bell Tower For repairs and maintenance of the bell tower at St David's Church.

Mission

For Missions For the overseas and home missions and relief and development agencies supported by the PCC.

North Cotswolds Gospel Partnership For expenses on future activities and talks to reach out and bless the Cotswold community, with any balances carried forward from one event to the next similar one.

Evangelism For expenses associated with running local evangelistic missions including Christianity Explored.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) For the future setting up of a debt counselling service.

Evangelical Theological College of Asia For support of the teaching ministry of the College.

Children and Youth

Children For equipment, resources and funding of events for children such as Sunday Club and Mums and Tots.

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Youth	For equipment, resources and funding of events for young people such as Rooted and Bridge
Seniors	For equipment, resources and funding of events for people of retirement age including Friday Club.
Retreat Weekend	For resources and funding of events to support discipleship of the Church family including the weekend away.
<u>Other restricted funds</u>	
For others	Funds temporarily held by the PCC such as funeral fees and expenses.
Rector's discretion	For use as the Rector considers appropriate

1.3 Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by the Charities Act 2011. Moveable Church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church inventories which *can be inspected at any reasonable time. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.*

Land and Buildings

On 28 March 2002, the PCC purchased the St David's Centre for £144,000 plus fees and expenses from Gloucestershire County Council. The purchase was registered in the name of The Gloucester Diocesan Trust as Custodian Trustee. The Council has registered a fixed charge amount of £36,000 for 25 years should the PCC dispose of the property or should it no longer be available for the sole purpose of delivering recreational facilities to Moreton in Marsh and the district.

A major project to re-instate the Centre after the floods of 2007, and to further develop it, was undertaken in the period 2007-2009. The costs of redevelopment in the period (£317,000) have been added to the cost of the building and depreciation has been charged on the total at 1% per annum. The total redevelopment cost is thus written off over 100 years (see Note 6).

Other furniture, fixtures and equipment

Equipment used within the Church and Centre premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

1.4 Investments

The money held for future work with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is invested in 3 COIF Charities Investment Fund Accounts which relate to funds taken over by the PCC from two redundant charities.

The PCC operates a deposit account with the Church of England Central Board of Finance, managed by CCLA Investment Management Ltd, which for the amounts available pays interest at a more competitive rate than those rates available from banks, building societies or the Charities Aid Foundation.

1.5 Current Assets

Current Assets comprise:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents, prepayments or other income. These are shown as debtors (Note 7).
- Short-term deposits including cash held on deposit with the Church of England Central Board of Finance.

1.6 Income and Expenditure Recognition

Voluntary Income

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when claimed. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income for Charitable Activities

Rental income from the letting of church premises and for St David's Centre is recognised when the rental is due. Funds raised by events are accounted for gross as are sales of books and cards.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Parish Share

The Diocesan Parish Share is accounted for in the period to which it relates.

1.7 Reserves Policy

The PCC has a policy relating to the General Fund Reserve and the Designated Centre and General Reserves under which an amount equivalent to approximately 6 month's expenditure is to be retained as a General Reserve, to be used for major repairs, emergency repairs, excess of expenditure above budget (when approved by the PCC) and to cover year-end deficits. When depleted, this Reserve is to be topped up from year-end surpluses not required for other purposes or by a specific amount included in the budget.

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2. Grants

Grants cover external grants received from trusts and other funding bodies either for the PCC General Fund or for a restricted purpose. The following grants were received in 2025:

Grant Making Body	Purpose	2025 £	2024 £
Edith Mann	Books	5	-
Listed Places of Worship	Batsford	-	198
Listed Places of Worship	Fabric	1,044	-
Listed Places of Worship	Bells	400	-
Four Shires Guild of bellringers	General	130	-
Friends of St Mary's	Batsford	-	988
Groves Trust	Youth Worker	10,000	10,000
Dulverton Trust	Centre	3,000	-
Moreton in Marsh Charity	Centre	-	547
		<u>14,579</u>	<u>11,733</u>

3. Bookstall

Bookstall trading income was £1,715 and with costs of £1,300 in the year, so the year-end balance was £2,133.

4. Missionary and Charitable Giving

Gifts were made as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
4.1 Overseas Missionary Societies		
Church Mission Society	6,150	6,000
Operation Mobilisation	2,000	2,000
Open Doors	1,000	2,000
Taylors in Thailand	3,000	2,500
Wycliffe Bible Translators	3,000	2,500
Middle East Christian Outreach	-	2,500
Middle East Development Services	1,000	-
Evangelical Theological College of Asia	32,925	47,903
World Horizon	1,000	-
SIM	1,000	-
	<u>51,075</u>	<u>65,403</u>
4.2 Home Missions and Church Societies		
Church Society	-	250
	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
4.3 Relief and Development Agencies		
Cord	-	2,000
Global Care (Sunday Club)	-	126
Compassion	384	224
	384	2,350
4.4 Other Charities		
Gloucestershire Bellingers	20	20
Deanery Synod	20	20
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	25	25
SW Ambulance	50	-
	115	65

5. Insurance

On 31 December 2025, St David's Church, St Mary's Church and St David's Centre were insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group as follows:

	St David's Church £	St Mary's Church £	St David's Centre £
Buildings & Contents	15,290,000	9,980,000	2,198,328
Consequential Loss	100,000	100,000	100,000
Public Liability	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Employer's Liability	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000

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6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Centre Freehold Land & Buildings £	Centre Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	St David's Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	St Mary's Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	Bell Tower Furniture Fixtures & Equipment £	Total £
Cost						
At 01/01/25	461,166	69,471	71,460	3,714	2,682	608,493
Additions	-	2,216	2,843	-	-	5,059
At 31/12/25	<u>461,166</u>	<u>71,687</u>	<u>74,303</u>	<u>3,714</u>	<u>2,682</u>	<u>613,552</u>
Depreciation						
At 01/01/25	94,766	69,471	68,766	3,714	2,407	239,123
Charge for the year	4,612	554	1,930	-	158	7,254
At 31/12/25	<u>99,379</u>	<u>70,025</u>	<u>70,696</u>	<u>3,714</u>	<u>2,565</u>	<u>246,377</u>
Net Book Value						
At 31/12/25	<u>361,787</u>	<u>1,662</u>	<u>3,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>367,175</u>
At 31/12/24	<u>366,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>369,370</u>

7. Sundry Debtors

Sundry debtors totalled £6,006 at 31 December 2025 (2024 £8,712) broken down as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aided claims to HMRC	2,984	4,334
Prepayments and other debtors	3,022	4,378
	<u>6,006</u>	<u>8,712</u>

8. Sundry Creditors

Sundry creditors totalled £27,408 at 31 December 2025 (2024 £13,531) broken down as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued expenses	5,658	2,860
Prepayments of income and other creditors	21,750	10,671
	<u>27,408</u>	<u>13,531</u>

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9. Designated Funds

	Balance at 1/1/25	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Funds Transfers	Balance at 31/12/25
	£	£	£	£	£
Centre Trading	373,114	27,839	30,346	-	370,607
Bookstall	1,718	1,715	1,300	-	2,133
Centre Reserve	14,471	-	-	-	14,471
General Reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Total Designated Funds	429,303	29,554	31,646	-	427,211

10. Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1/1/25	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Funds Transfers	Balance at 31/12/25
	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry Team	70,049	15,428	-	(29,316)	56,161
Youth & Children's Worker	34,265	8,562	-	(10,867)	31,960
Total Ministry	104,314	23,990	-	(40,184)	88,121
St David's Fabric	30,133	1,044	6,422	-	24,755
St Mary's Fabric	58	-	-	-	58
Bell Tower	2,360	1,604	3,181	-	783
Total Buildings	32,551	2,648	9,602	-	25,597
For Missions	12,867	-	18,534	14,025	8,358
N C Gospel Partnership	1,317	200	-	-	1,517
Evangelism	7,558	2,421	2,071	-	7,908
ETC Asia	-	28,925	32,925	4,000	-
Christians against Poverty	13,109	1,046	-	-	14,155
Total Mission	34,851	32,962	53,529	18,025	32,309
Children & Youth	7,697	2,092	1,852	-	7,937
Total Children and Youth	7,697	2,092	1,852	-	7,937
Groups					
Seniors	5,040	2,208	2,259	-	4,989
Retreat Weekend	6,558	2,357	2,047	-	6,869
Total Groups	11,598	4,565	4,305	-	11,858

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Others					
For Others	-	8,008	8,175	167	-
Rector's Discretion	8,812	-	42	-	8,770
Total Others	8,812	8,008	8,216	167	8,770
Total Restricted Funds	199,824	73,894	77,505	(21,992)	174,220

11. Capital Commitments

At the year-end there were no capital commitments.

12. Contingent Liabilities

There is a Contingent Liability of £36,000 for 25 years from 27 March 2002 payable to Gloucestershire County Council, from whom the Centre was purchased (see note 1.3 and 6).

13. PCC Members and other related parties

No payments were made to other related parties.

14. Staff costs and employee benefits:

The average number of staff employed by the PCC in 2025 was 6 (2024: 6). No employee received benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

Total employee costs in 2025 amounted to £79,536 (2024: £65,964).

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries - Church	68,084	54,240
Wages and salaries – Centre	8,814	9,251
Employers Pension – Church	1,877	1,226
Employers Pension – Centre	150	172
Other benefits	-	226
Payroll fees	610	851
	79,536	65,964

15. Disclosure of trustees' remuneration and benefits

During the year, one employee was a member of the PCC by virtue of their appointment by the Annual General Meeting of the church to membership of the North Cotswold Deanery Synod. For this individual, the date of their employment preceded the date of their appointment to the North Cotswold Deanery Synod. Their remuneration does not cover any work done in their capacity as members of the PCC.

There were no payments made to PCC members (or to entities controlled by PCC members) apart from direct reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.