

St Andrew's Church, Jevington

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025



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Report of the Trustees

Our aims and purposes as a charity

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend David Baker, in:

- promoting the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England;
- knowing Jesus better and making Him better known;
- promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical;
- offering practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the oldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay;
- having responsibility for the maintenance of St Andrew's church building and churchyard.

What we planned to do to achieve our charitable objectives

When planning our activities for the year, our incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on 'charities for the advancement of religion'.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community at St Andrew's. Throughout the year, we have tried to encourage ordinary people to live out their faith through:

- assisting people from all backgrounds to develop their knowledge of, and trust in, Jesus
- providing pastoral care and support for people living within the parish, particularly those living on their own who might feel isolated
- achieving the three aims of our Mission Action Plan: by inviting non-churchgoers to 'come & see' who Jesus is; to 'come and grow' through regular weekly worship and personal daily prayer; and to 'come and care' by using our gifts as a church family to care for others who are lost without Christ
- encouraging members of St Andrew's to join regular prayer time and home groups provided in the benefice on Zoom or in person
- reaching out to the wider community and numerous visitors walking and cycling the South Downs Way by keeping the church building open during the week for private prayer and reflection
- raising funds to support our Mission Partners Kip' and Rachel Chelashaw in Kenya, who are establishing a new church planting in Nairobi.
- maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and a focus of life in the village

Report of the Trustees

What we achieved and how we affected beneficiaries' lives

Introduction

This year has been a challenging year for St. Andrew's with the long-term sickness absence of our Rector, David Baker from January 2025. This has been a difficult and uncertain time for him and his family, and it has also had a significant impact on the benefice. David Baker has been unable to provide ongoing leadership due to his ill-health. He has been able to take only a few services across the benefice and none at all at St. Andrew's. Despite these difficulties, St. Andrew's has been able to offer a Sunday Service of worship each week, celebrate special services during the year and continued to carry out baptisms and funerals. This would not have been possible without the unfailing support and encouragement of Reverend Andrew Spear, assistant minister (retired), Rebecca Parke, the benefice administrator, and a group of local current and retired ministers and lay preachers. It has also promoted strong fellowship and mutual support with the other two churches at East Dean and in Friston. This has included the beginning of a regular calendar of united services, hosted in turn by each of the three churches.

The church team at St. Andrew's has taken on a new shape. We thanked Jenny Wootton for stepping back into the role of churchwarden in May 2024 for 12 months to allow the church family to come together to develop as a team to perform some of the duties that were currently being undertaken solely by the churchwarden. This has proved successful, and in May 2025 Anne Jarrett was elected as churchwarden, supported by a team from the church family who help with the organisation of the church services, building and churchyard maintenance and cleaning. Thanks, and appreciation must be given to all those who are providing help each week and particularly those who take lead responsibility for ensuring rotas are planned and filled. This is a significant achievement for a church with a small regular congregation.

St. Andrew's also continues to enjoy beautiful floral arrangements from a small team on the St. Andrew's Flower Guild, particularly for Easter, Harvest and Christmas, which are much admired by visitors and the congregation.

Worship and prayer

St. Andrew's has a faithful congregation who meet each Sunday, and the church family welcomes visitors to any of our church services, whether staying as a holiday visitor in the local villages or walking along the South Downs Way.

The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2025 was between 13 to 18 adults (compared to 12 - 15, in 2024), with numbers increasing for the bigger festivals such as Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas. Our Candlelit Carol Service continues to be very popular. This year we enjoyed an attendance of 57 which brought together regular worshippers, residents from surrounding villages and visitors to the area. We also held, this year, a special patronal service of Holy Communion on St. Andrew's Day as 30 November fell on a Sunday.

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Nurturing new and existing believers

The parish of St Andrew's covers the village of Jevington, the hamlet of Filching and part of the larger village of Wannock. There were 33 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at the end of the year, 12 of whom are resident and 21 who live outside the parish. One new name was added during the year.

There are very few children living in the parish, but we were pleased to welcome back a couple who had been married in St. Andrew's in the last few years for the baptism of their daughter and who have since attended several times. We held two funeral services, two burials and one interment of ashes

A church family lunch was held after a service at Lent and at Harvest in the church. All are invited to attend these lunches, whether regular attenders, local residents or visitors. Fellowship is also encouraged after each service with the provision of refreshments. A rota is run amongst the church family to organise this. It is a very enjoyable and important time for the church family to come together in faith and friendship and to support and encourage each other.

Such a beautiful little church, friendly people and a lovely service. May God bless all who come to this place and may it live on for many years to come.

Evangelism and outreach

The church is a Grade 1 listed building that has stood on this site on the South Downs for over 1,000 years. It is kept open every day and receives many visitors and walkers on the South Downs Way which runs alongside the churchyard.

A place to meet with the past in the present and to know there is an alternative path - a door, an opportunity, a friend. A beautiful church in the heart of creation.

Revisiting Jevington after 18 years. Spent my childhood growing up here and attending the church. Now bringing my family from Australia

We are pleased and encouraged that we receive many appreciative comments in our visitors' book. These comments and the feedback church family members receive informally from visitors to the church, confirm the important role of St. Andrew's in providing a peaceful and beautiful place for visitors for prayer and refectation. It is a role that it has provided for many hundreds of years and one which is an important part of our mission.

A small library of Christian books categorised on various themes, is available for anyone to borrow or keep, and has been well received. There is also a table of Bible texts and Christian notes for people to take away.

St. Andrew's quarterly magazine, *Jevington Journal*, is delivered to all households in the village and community points across the Parish and is well received. This reaches out to a wider audience and provides details of church services and useful information about local activities and events in the parish. It has been encouraging to receive articles from residents in the village who are not part of the regular congregation but appreciate receiving updates and are supportive of events and activities happening in the church.

A St. Andrew's Facebook page has been developed and allows us to promote services and fund-raising activities for the church. Our 'follower' numbers continue to increase from a slow beginning, and it has helped get the Teas in the Tower and other events and services, such as the annual Candlelit Carol Service, across to a wider audience.

The churchwarden also uses the local Jevington and Filching Community Association WhatsApp message group to share details of church services and news. St. Andrew's has a regular item on this association's meeting agenda. It provides another way to engage with local residents and to encourage church attendance.

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Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

The PCC has responsibility for maintaining the fabric of the building and the upkeep of the churchyard. The church is opened every day and receives many visitors walking in the South Downs National Park. A water tap is also provided outside of the church and is widely used by walkers and cyclists. We receive donations for this both in cash and more frequently through a contactless card machine. This machine, installed in 2024, is proving to be a useful way to increase donations now that increasing numbers of people no longer carry cash.

Ancient, sacred site to be cherished. A welcome refuge from the rain. With love and gratitude to the ancestors who have gone before and light to those who follow on. Blessings.

On several Saturdays during the summer we offered 'Teas in the Tower' to all visitors to the church. These have proved popular with residents and walkers. Not only do they encourage friendship in faith but have provided a much-needed strand of additional income for the church.

We also use our Facebook page to highlight to visitors other activities around the church building, such as allowing the churchyard to overgrow to encourage biodiversity and introducing a beehive. The comments suggest a general appreciation of the efforts we are making to protect the environment.

A peaceful and calm place. God is near.

Pastoral care

Many members of the congregation of St Andrew's are elderly, and the church family offers strong pastoral support for those who are unable to get to a church service, ill or are in hospital. There is a strong pastoral team in the benefice and a healthy ethic of prayer in which members are encouraged to pray for those in need of support.

Other charitable giving

St Andrew's has continued to give financial support to Reverend Kip' Chelashaw and his wife Rachel in their mission to establish a new church in the suburbs of his native hometown Nairobi in Kenya. This year we also donated collections to The Spinnaker Trust, a Christian organisation working with local primary schools helping youngsters to explore the Christian faith, and to the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team, a frontline Christian charity offering compassionate support to those in crisis at Beachy Head. We also made food donations the Diocesan Association for Family Support Work, in support of local families struggling to meet their daily needs.

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Financial Review

Incoming and outgoing resources

Total receipts of unrestricted funds for 2025 was £26,429, of which voluntary income amounted to £8,969. This was a significant reduction of 21% over the previous year because of regular donors moving away and fewer people contributing to cash collections in church. This also resulted in a 21% reduction in the amount of Gift Aid tax we were able to reclaim. We were grateful for a legacy of £10,000 left by our former Lay Minister who passed away at the end of 2024, which enabled us to cover our regular payments and meet the sum pledged for our parish share to the Diocese.

Activities for generating funds through Teas in the Tower and advertising in the church magazine raised £2,526 and we were pleased to receive an increased grant of £1,020 from Willingdon & Jevington Parish Council to support the maintenance of the churchyard.

Payments for the financial year totalled £21,440, of which the major payments for running the church were £5,095 for electricity and £2,014 for insurance. £2,998 was paid for maintaining the churchyard but £1,020 of that can be offset by the grant from W&J Parish Council.

The net result showed an excess of receipts over payments of £6,646 in unrestricted and restricted funds. Add to that the amount we hold in cash and on short term deposits of £39,221 and we had a total of £45,867 to carry forward to 2026.

Sharing the ministry costs of the Diocese of Chichester

We were grateful that the Diocese accepted our pledge of £6,000 for 2025 for our share of ministry costs, which was a reduced amount than we were able to pay last year. With the unrestricted legacy we were able to pay this without having to withdraw funds from unrestricted investments.

Staff costs

There were no paid staff at St Andrew's Church in 2025.

Trustee payments and expenses

St Andrew's church paid £2,180 for our portion of clergy costs for the benefice, which covers Council Tax and utilities bills for the rectory in East Dean and this year included payments to visiting clergy who were engaged to take services while Reverend Baker has been unwell.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

There were no major repairs carried out on the church in 2025.

Why we hold some money in reserve

At the end of 2025 we held £37,719 in unrestricted short-term deposits invested with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. We are awaiting quotes to complete electrical works on the church building that were identified in the last Quinquennial Inspection report, and we are anticipating the next inspection in 2027 will identify other work needed to maintain the building. The amount of £36,443 held in restricted and endowment funds is specifically for use on repairing the fabric of the church.

Report of the Trustees

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Parochial Church Council is a charity but is excepted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the section 30 of the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	The Reverend David Baker	Chairman
Retired Vicar:	The Reverend Andrew Spear	
Churchwarden:	Mrs Jenny Wootton	(resigned 24 May 2025)
	Mrs Anne Jarrett	(elected 24 May 2025)

Elected members

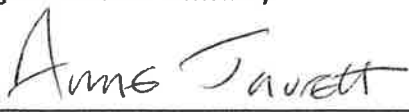
Mrs Anne Jarrett	PCC Secretary
Mrs Amanda Kirkman	
Mr Mark Ritchie	Benefice Safeguarding Officer
Mrs June Walker	
Mrs Jenny Wootton	PCC Treasurer

Deanery Synod representative Mrs Jenny Wootton

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Saturday, 24 May 2025.

Membership of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules and consists of the incumbent, retired vicar, the churchwarden, representative on the Deanery Synod, and four lay members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by those members of the congregation who are on the Electoral Roll. All those who attend our services regularly are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC and signed on their behalf by



Date 27 April 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Jevington

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of Saint Andrew's Church, Jevington ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 05/05/2026

Receipts and Payments Account

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total 2025 £</u>	<u>Total 2024 £</u>
<u>Receipts</u>					
Voluntary income	8,612	357	-	8,969	11,345
Income tax recoverable	1,602	-	-	1,602	2,024
Legacies	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Grants	1,020	-	-	1,020	2,960
Activities for generating funds	2,526	-	-	2,526	1,732
Investment income	1,378	-	940	2,318	2,602
Sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Parish fees	1,256	360	-	1,616	2,308
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	35	-	-	35	50
Total receipts	26,429	717	940	28,086	23,021
<u>Payments</u>					
Fund raising costs	94	-	-	94	91
Gifts and donations	-	506	-	506	615
Diocesan parish contribution	6,000	-	-	6,000	8,496
Parish fees	-	142	-	142	504
Clergy Costs	2,180	-	-	2,180	1,630
Church running expenses	7,755	-	-	7,755	8,563
Repairs and maintenance	50	-	-	50	-
Upkeep of services	404	-	-	404	177
Upkeep of churchyard	2,998	-	-	2,998	2,521
Parish magazine	555	-	-	555	721
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy & independent examination	756	-	-	756	756
Total payments	20,792	648	-	21,440	24,074
Net receipts/(payments)	5,637	69	940	6,646	(1,053)
Cash funds at 1 January 2025	30,759	3,512	4,950	39,221	40,274
Transfers between funds	(95)	95	-	-	-
Cash funds at 31 December 2025	36,301	3,676	5,890	45,867	39,221

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<u>Cash funds</u>	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	8,149	3,820
Short term deposits (Hale White £5,890)	37,719	35,401
	45,867	39,221

Other monetary assets

Fixed asset investments		
Endowment	24,517	25,538
Restricted	11,925	12,077
	36,443	37,615
	36,443	37,615

Liabilities

Accrued expenses	756	756

Approved by the Trustees on 27/4/2026 and signed on its behalf by



~~Rev'd David Baker~~

Chair Mrs A. Jarrett



Mrs J Wootton

Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowments is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending on the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the original restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investments is apportioned to the individual funds on an average basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Designated funds are the general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administrative purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

3 Restricted funds

	b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	c/f
Special appeals	54	357	(506)	95	-
Parish Fees	106	360	(142)	-	324
Church upkeep	1,298	-	-	-	1,298
Toilet project	2,054	-	-	-	2,054
	3,512	717	(648)	95	3,676