

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's, Compton Dundon.

Worship God, love our communities, grow in faith.



For the year ended 31st December 2024

Trustees' Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year ended 31 December 2024

ABOUT US

We are a thriving community of Christians in Compton Dundon. We are a Church of England Parish who seek to 'worship God, love our communities and grow in our faith' The correspondence address is Street Mission Church, Vestry Close, Street BA16 0HZ.

AIM and PURPOSE

Compton Dundon Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Rev'd Ana Lawrence, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

The PCC is a Body Corporate established by the Church of England (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and is an excepted charity. The PCC is governed by the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended that came into effect on 2nd January 1957, and the Church Representation Rules. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to participate in the election of members of the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The PCC meets 6 times a year. PCC members who have served in the current year to the date this report is approved are:

Rector	Reverend Ana Lawrence
Curate	Reverend Sister Rachel Pengelly
Assistant Priest	Reverend David Hatrey
Readers	Jane Tompsett Mike Bergner Kevin Lawrence Andy Savage Edwin Reeve
Church Wardens	Pat King Gill Williams
Treasurer	Julie Gordon
Bankers	NatWest, 72 High Street, Street, Somerset, BA16 0EJ
Independent Examiner	Debbie Shields
PCC Secretary	Susie Robertson
Deanery Synod	Pat King
Elected Members	Helen Thomas Julie Gordon

Judy Skelding
Gill Williams
Angela Harper (until April 2024)
Richard Field (from April 2024)
Paul Atkins (from April 2024)

OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Andrew's Compton Dundon and beyond. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions as to how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and sacrament. Also, through nonsacramental activities of hospitality and fellowship we aim to reach non churched members of the community. The trustees of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity. The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Compton Dundon it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively within the Ecclesiastical Parish and that in doing so, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers; and
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

ACHIEVEMENTS PERFORMANCE and REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2024

Our Benefice Mission Statement 'At SWCD Churches we are a church family who aims to: worship God, love our communities, grow in faith' has continued to underpin the life and ministry of the benefice comprising 3 parishes of Street, Walton and Compton Dundon with 4 churches. Reflecting on 2024, within the 3 areas of the mission statement, these are some of the things that come to mind:

Worship God

Numerical growth particularly at our monthly celebrate@6 services, weekly Midweek Communion and the Mission Church.

Sermon series (including godly relationships, meals Jesus shared and creation matters) have shaped our Sunday teaching programme and continue to foster continuity and a greater sense of 'learning and growing' together as a benefice.

Our Christmas services saw greater attendance particularly at the Street Carol Service where there was a sharp rise in numbers.

Significantly increased numbers of young people (under aged 16) attending the Mission Church with growth in the Sunday morning provision for children as well as the introduction of a midweek youth space. A mature Messy Church programme with rising numbers of families attending in Walton.

Love our communities

The bell project at St Andrew's has gathered momentum towards completion with considerable local interest and support.

Coffee, chat and snacks evolved into a warm space during the winter months and has provided a social place of connection for both church and community members.

Walton Coffee morning has continued to flourish with links being strengthened with the Primary School. There are also encouraging links with Compton Dundon School as well as Elmhurst Junior. A step forwards in the hospitality that has been offered over the year whether breakfast, lunch at the warm space, evening meals served at Alpha, as well as tea and cake at Connections@the Mission and film nights in the Meadway Hall.

Grow in faith

There has been a growth in attendance at our weekly house groups and the beginnings of a new daytime group being set up.

There are now 2 weekly prayer meetings (in Street and Compton Dundon respectively) both of which are well attended.

The Alpha course was re-introduced and whilst attendance was lower than we had hoped, God was at work in the lives of those who came with significant steps forward on individual faith journeys.

Lent and Advent courses were run in Compton Dundon and Street, all of which were well attended.

As of December 2024, the number on our electoral roll was 72

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

St Andrew's Church has thirty regular worshippers, many of whom have increased their giving this year. Most of these parishioners give by direct debit and gift aid their giving – this means that an extra 25% of their giving is returned to us from HMRC. The PCC is very grateful to these regular givers. It is also most appreciative of those who have made 'one off' donations during the year. Together with grants from the Parish Council, you have enabled St Andrew's to balance the books.

We have achieved some amazing results with our fundraising in 2024, both financially and socially. This is always extremely hard work and only possible with the huge support from our community and beyond.

The Bell Appeal has been a very successful project with thanks again going to a hard-working team, backed by many volunteers, donations and grants. At Easter we will celebrate and experience a full peal of bells.

Thank you one and all for giving in so many ways. The year end shows that St Andrew's is in a far better position than it began in January.

But in 2025 we have:-

- The quinquennial (the architect's inspection of the church building)
- A wall to repair/rebuild in the churchyard
- Roof/Ceiling repair

With grateful thanks,

Julie Gordon

Treasurer

PCC ACCOUNTS TO 31st DECEMBER 2024
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH COMPTON DUNDON
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Collection	2,781.34	2,416.23	Common Fund	15,175.21	13,619.04
CMF + G/A	13,143.50	10,176.00	Benefice	1,991.08	2,129.67
Fees Priest	184.00	90.00	Fees - Priest	94.00	90.00
Fees Diocese	448.00	178.00	Fees - Diocese	276.00	512.00
Fees PCC	2,411.00	1,226.00	Ministry Expenses	82.00	-
Fund Raising	4,851.39	3,988.99	Fundraising	271.00	597.20
Voluntary Box	88.15	145.74	Insurance	1,014.14	936.23
Donations	1,864.65	1,000.00	Water	129.09	126.22
Charity	833.05	821.37	Charity Giving	752.84	882.42
Churchyard	250.00	150.00	Churchyard	-	486.00
Tax Rebate	3,850.94	10,573.20	Maintenance	1,589.68	2,066.92
Transfer Fund	-	-	Stationery	31.36	48.96
Organist	280.00	150.00	Organist	280.00	150.00
Verger	150.00	120.00	Verger	150.00	120.00
Village Lunch	545.11	291.50	Refreshments	78.49	119.98
Bell Ringing	10.00	-	Bell Ringing	-	-
Grants	2,000.00	-			
Sundries	-	-	Sundries	567.84	656.30
Bank Interest	303.57	96.19			
Sum Up	466.95	890.59	Capital Expenditure	-	-
Bell Appeal	3,529.36	-	Bell Appeal	3,529.36	4,172.24
Yew Tree	582.34	200.00	Yew Tree	780.00	460.00
Heat/Light/EDF	110.00	451.55	Electricity	4,000.00	2,759.00
			Pastoral	138.50	
Total	38,683.35	32,900.36	Total	30,930.59	30,526.05

ACCOUNTS

General Account	2024	2023
Profit/Loss for year	7,546.76	2,824.31
Balance at 1 st January	10,339.06	7,514.75
Balance at 31 st December	17,885.82	10,339.06
Less o/s cheques	244.00	450.00
Balance	17,641.82	9,889.06

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

INCOME	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
DIMMA Trust	687.75	677.23	David Little Heat & Light Engineer	656.00	-
CBF Investment Fund	567.88	559.19	Maintenance	-	-
Bank Interest	174.42	108.98	Architect Fees	3,120.00	2,240.00
			Bank Interest Debit	26.32	
Legacies	1,941.01		Bells/Moving Font	1,070.00	
Total	3,371.16	1,345.40	Total	4,872.32	2,240.00

BALANCES (REPAIRS ACCOUNT)

INCOME	2024	2023
Excess/(loss)	(1,501.26)	(894.60)
Balance at 1 st January	6,873.35	7,767.95
Balance at 31 st December	5,372.09	6,873.35

ASSETS	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
General Account	-	17,885.82	-	10,339.06
Repair Account	5,372.09	-	6,873.35	-
Bell Restoration Account	84,566.85	-	81,370.53	-
DIMMA Trust	25,342.48	-	24,775.41	-
CBF Investment Fund	20,926.04	-	20,457.80	-
CBF Deposit Fund	-	55,243.64	-	52,459.20
Legacy Account (NS&I)	2,431.44	-	2,407.30	-
Total	138,638.90	73,129.46	135,884.39	62,798.26
Total Assets	211,768.36		198,682.65	

BELLS ACCOUNT

INCOME	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Sale of Mugs	46.90	38.00	Purchase of Mugs	-	-
Jive Aces	-	3,903.70	Jive Aces	-	1,243.00
Donations	22,355.44	52,342.44	Logo Design Fees	-	-
Sale of Bell Decorations	94.50	53.40	Architect Fees	1,764.00	332.50
Raffle	-	74.60	Structural Engineer Fees	675.00	-
Sponsor/Swim	1,819.70	1,000.00	Printing Costs	-	-
Pub Quiz	315.00	645.00	Movement of font	1,069.51	-
Open Gardens	-	2013.70	Nicholson Bells	52,964.00	-
Mad Dog Mcrea	-	3,015.26	S. Baker Builder	9,569.35	-
Gift Aid	3,346.48	3,917.50			
New Year Disco	-	20.00			
Compton Dundon School	-	160.00			
Open Gardens Insurance (PC)	-	174.00	Open Gardens Insurance		174.00
Reindeer	100.16		Affiliation Fee B&W Bell Ringers		120.00
Comedy Night	842.00		Comedy Night	1,000.00	
Come Dine	425.00				
4 Churches Walk	1,296.00				
Bell Fittings	697.00				
Grants	38,900.00				
Total	70,238.18	67,357.60		67,041.86	1,869.50

2024 Income less expenditure = £3,196.32

BALANCES FOR BELLS ACCOUNT

INCOME	2024	2023
Balance at 1 st January	81,370.53	15,882.43
Balance at 31 st December	84,566.85	81,370.53
Less s/creds	-	-
Less receipts in advance	-	-
Add pay in advance	-	-
Profit/(Loss) in year	3,196.32	65,488.10

St Andrew's Church, Compton Dundon

Independent examiners report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

I am reporting on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 for St Andrew's Church, Compton Dundon.

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

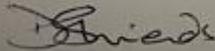
It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts
- To follow procedures to carry out the examination
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention

My examination was carried out with the constitution of St Andrew's Church, Compton Dundon. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the association and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts. 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 report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable excuse to believe that in any material respect the requirement to keep proper accounting records for the association and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met and, there is no matter to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Debbie Shields – FMAAT

Date 4/3/2025