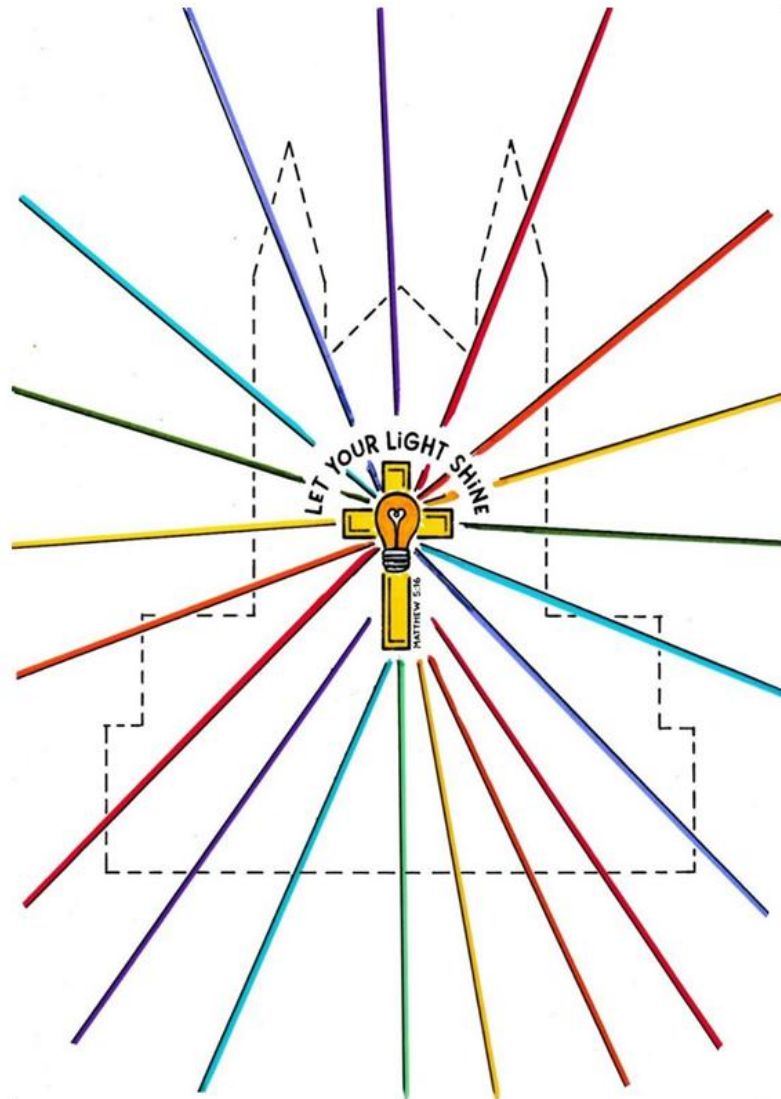


**Parish Church of St. Georges
with St Mary Magdalene, Barbourne,
Worcester Annual Report and Financial Statement
of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended
31st December 2025**



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Introduction

The Parish Church of St Georges with St Mary Magdalene is part of the Diocese of Worcester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Claines Parish Hall, Cornmeadow Lane, Worcester, WR3 7NY.

The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Number 1128943). Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are either ex-officio or elected annually by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Church Officers

Standing Committee:

Priest in Charge

Reverend Sarah Carwardine

Churchwardens

Trish Greenwood &
Margaret Stokes

PCC Secretary

Lyn Crowther

PCC Treasurer

Trish Greenwood

Lay Vice Chair

Alex New

Ministry Team:

Priest in Charge

Reverend Sarah Carwardine

Associate Priest

Reverend Jennie Hayward

Associate Priest

Reverend Peter Davies

Licensed Lay Ministers

Jan Kear & Rachel Cramp

Authorised Lay Ministers

Alison Clarke & Lyn Crowther

Parish Administrator

Tammara Adams

Health & Safety Officer
(2026)

Robert Rolison (died 18th March

Electoral Roll Officer

Trish Greenwood

Data Protection Officer

Lyn Crowther

Safeguarding Officer

Lyn Crowther & Anthony Corfield

Independent Examiner

Douglas B Lee

PCC MEMBERSHIP at the end of 2024-2025 term

Ex-Officio

Reverend Sarah Carwardine

Patricia Greenwood - Treasurer/ Church Warden

Margaret Stokes - Church Warden

Elected Members (up to 9)

Robert Rolison - (2026) - Died 18th March 2026

Christopher Bishop (2028)

Lyn Crowther - (2028)

Pam Summers (2026) - Resigned January 2026

Alex New (2026)

Alison Clarke (2026)

Sue Cottam (2026)

Sally Buck (2028)

Pam Hudson (2028)

Deanery Synod Members

Sue Cottam

Carolyn Corfield

The appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and may stand for election to the PCC. The work of the PCC is carried out at regular meetings, throughout the year. In addition regular Standing Committee meetings have been held, comprising the Vicar or Chair, Wardens, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer and one other elected member.

PCC STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The work of the PCC was also undertaken through meetings of various sub-groups:

Standing Committee Ministry Team

When they have met, these groups have provided regular reports to the full PCC meetings, in addition to reports from the Deanery Synod representatives.

ELECTORAL ROLL – *Barbara Rolison*

The Church electoral roll is the register of electors for the parish. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC. In 2025 the electoral roll has been completely refreshed, and everyone has been required to re-apply to be on the roll. As at the 31st December 2025 there were 54 members on the roll.

Advisers

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| Bankers: | Lloyds Bank PLC The Cross Worcester WR1 3PY |
| Independent Examiners: | Douglas B Lee TD, AIB 270A Birmingham Road Bromsgrove B61 0EZ |
| Architect: | Nick Joyce Architects LLP 5 Barbourne Road Worcester WR1 1RS |

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC was formerly an excepted charitable organisation but registered as a charity in its own right on 1st April 2009. The method of appointment of PCC members and church wardens is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC has adopted a resolution requiring one third of its members to retire annually on a rota but being eligible for re-election. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and nomination to the PCC is open to all members on the roll. Information about being a member is made available throughout the nomination period. Decisions are made by majority vote at PCC meetings. The first meeting of the PCC after the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) elects the Vice-Chairman, PCC Secretary, Treasurer, and Electoral Roll Officer. There are also three Assistant Church Wardens appointed. Day-to-day Fabric matters are actioned by the Chair of the Fabric Committee.

By the nature of sharing our Vicar with Claines we are developing a close working relationship with them. This is formally managed through Ministry Team meetings, weekly joint Online Worship and occasional away days. The PCC meets a minimum of 4 times a year and also operates through a number of sub-committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC. A Standing Committee meets between each PCC meeting.

Risk Assessment

The members of the PCC regularly review the risks to which the Council might be exposed and recommend action to mitigate or to manage appropriately. The PCC reviews its Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults, and Health and Safety Policies on an annual basis, but the PCC Safeguarding Officer and the PCC Health and Safety Officer have delegated authority to manage these areas on a day-to-day basis. Financial risks are regularly reviewed by the PCC and are under the day-to-day control of the Treasurer.

Insurance

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Office PLC provides the PCC with insurance cover.

Their Parish Plus Insurance policy was renewed on 1st January 2025 to provide cover on St George's Church and Magdalene Room and of the contents for a total figure of £17,950,00. In addition, the policy covers other types of risk, such as Employers' and Public Liability, and Personal Accident.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

Embracing difference, living as one, mirroring the likeness of Christ.

Saint George's is different. No pews. We sit in a circle with the altar in the centre because the Eucharist is at the heart of our worship and Saint George's is at the heart of the local community, offering peace, prayer and practical support. Saint George's is an inclusive church, we welcome every person because we believe everyone is made in the image of God. No exceptions.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Parish Priest in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Its primary objective is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the churchyard, boundary walls and church gates by reason of the closing of the churchyard by an Order in Council dated 6th June 1859. PCC members confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the PCC's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The agreed objectives for the sub-committees working under the authority of the PCC are as follows:

Standing Committee

Consisting of the Incumbent, Lay Vice Chair, Church Wardens (Treasurer), PCC Secretary. the committee has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings subject to any direction by the PCC.

The committee also supports the Treasurer by reviewing the basis on which accounts are prepared. It identifies ways to improve income and reduce costs and considers matters of a financial nature which are reported to the PCC. This committee meets between PCC meetings.

Fabric Committee

The Fabric Committee reports to the PCC on all matters relating to Saint George's Church building, churchyard, Magdalene Room, fabric and Health & Safety. Bob Rolison inspected the fabric on a regular basis.

Chair of the Fabric (vacancy)

Committee:

Members: Bob Rolison (Convener)

Magdalene Room Booking Secretary

The Booking Secretary has the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the room, approving booking enquiries and making recommendations to the PCC for hire charges. Together with the Chair of the Fabric Committee, they report to PCC on all matters relating to the fabric, facilities and equipment of the building:

Booking Barbara Rolison
Secretary:

Volunteers

In common with most churches, Saint George PCC's activities could not happen without the input of many volunteers who offer their services on every single day of the week. The PCC is immensely grateful for all the

hard work of its volunteers who contribute many hours of their time to the church. Although the number of volunteers is large, more are needed because the harvest is still more plentiful than our labourers can manage.

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTER'S REPORT – *Rev. Sarah Carwardine*

2025 was my first full year in post here, and it's been a true blessing of a place to serve in. The ministry team throughout 2025 have been wonderful – each and every one of them! Not just the ministry team though, the PCC, the Wardens, the Joint Oversight Committee for the Children, Youth and Families project, Heather, Tam and more volunteers than I can name have all been fantastic. The church here is a true community of people who come together to serve God and to serve one another. It's a really special place and a place where people deeply care for one another. I'll give updates on each area that I presented last year, but I know that many more reports are produced and each and every areas is seen and matters to this church.

Thank you to everyone who considers St George's their home, those who pray for us, those who contribute financially, and those who serve in many different roles.

WORKING TOGETHER

Throughout 2025 we have continued the work of bringing our churches together, and this year including St Stephens in the mix. We've had a joint service on every 5th Sunday with Claines and St Stephens, and we've moved around the churches for this. The services are uplifting and coming together has been a delight. We also held an additional joint service just with Claines on the Sunday after Christmas!

Our 3 churches completed the Walk of Witness on Good Friday alongside Ombersley Road Methodists, the URC and Fernhill Heath Baptists and we had very good numbers for it too, despite the rain! St George's hosted a lunch at the end of the walk, and it was a good time of fellowship across so many churches. We also hosted the Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at the beginning of December which was well attended and the feedback was very positive. The ecumenical group also covered many care home carol services across our three parishes where we did pop up nativity services for folks to join in with.

We ran our lent and advent courses together again with Claines & St Stephens and shared in times of worship and learning together. We've also held monthly ministry team meetings with St Stephens readers and clergy in attendance; praying together is the most powerful thing we can do and so we've enjoyed those times and look to continue to build strong and lasting relationships.

As Claines and St George's, the PCCs have had two away days together, one in March and one in September. The aim of the away day was to start to think about our joint vision as churches, and to explore a future together. We engaged the congregation in a vision setting Sunday too, with a special Prayer Stations Sunday, and as the year drew to a close, we almost had our vision set. Watch this space!

Looking to 2026, Claines and St George's look to join together in becoming a benefice (this does not alter governance in either church), in establishing a joint logo and brand and in then really to starting to communicate with our local communities who we are and inviting them in!

CHILDREN'S WORK

Last year I said that our youth group had gone from strength to strength, but this year it grew far beyond what we'd have expected! The group increased from 12 members to a total of 32, and we also increased how often we meet, moving to twice a month instead of once. We decided to

base it at St Stephen's church for consistency's sake and as it's a good midpoint too. Heather has overseen this group since she started in February and we've been thrilled by how the group has grown.

There are a handful of regular helpers and leaders at the group and we're all so grateful for all they give.

Our schools work continued to grow and flourish throughout the year with huge thanks to Heather, Barbara, Pam and Alison for all their work with St George's primary school. The school held their usual services in the church which were well received, and Heather also ran an after-school club for them and an experience advent day too. It was particularly wonderful that we had a small choir from the school at our carol service this year and it's something we hope we can build on.

Riverside PRU also came to St George's for a few different services and activities throughout the year and we're excited to have that relationship with them too. Vision for a new stay and play at St George's grew during the year, spearheaded by Heather and well supported by a group of people. We look forward to seeing it launch and grow in 2026.

Looking to the future, we will sadly be losing Heather in March 2026, but we are certain that God is with us and that he will bless us richly as we seek to continue to grow this ministry area.

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

We saw the baptism of 8-week-old triplets in early 2025, a very special service and many cuddles were had with the babies afterwards! We also had one other baptism later in the year for a family who go to the school. We only had one wedding during the year, but it was for a much-loved member of the church and it was such a full and wonderful service! A number of funerals came along too, either taken by Peter or Rachel, and honouring important members of the community.

St George's struggles for wedding bookings, I think it's often an overlooked church. I'd like to find ways to promote it more in 2026 and it's such a beautiful setting for a wedding.

WORSHIP

Our worship throughout 2025 has stayed fairly consistent. Points of note are that one of the new members of the Celtic Communion congregation has joined in with playing instruments, which has been really lovely, and has really helped to lift our worship together. We've also had a new member of the 10:30am services join in a few times with various instruments too. I'm so grateful to all our musicians, our sung worship is so important and having a small team of talented musicians is such a gift! We've made zoom prayer available to St George's and Claines throughout the week, meeting at 8:20am on Monday and Wednesday and 5:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday. It's often a small group that gathers, but the opportunity to pray at the start of the day is treasured by those who join. This prayer was already running for St Stephens, but they kindly invited us to join with them.

We also changed how we do zoom on a Sunday, stopping the zooming of main services and instead switching to morning prayer with a short reflection at 9:15am.

Again, it's a small group who come, but I know that those who take part so appreciate that service.

THANK YOU!

I said it last year, and I'll say it every year, but thank you so much to those who volunteer in any role at our church! Some of what you do goes totally unseen by others, but we see you and we are so grateful for all that you give. I'd like to give special mention to Pam Summers this year too, who has volunteered in many roles for so long. Pam has felt it's the right time to step back from her duties in 2026 and we just want to say a huge thank you for all that you've given over the years! We love you and we hope that we can instead serve you Tea and Coffee while you sit

and chat!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

2026 will continue to build on what we've done in 2025. We look to complete the branding project and start promoting our church more, as well as launching our vision as inspired by our PCC and by you, the congregation! I'd love for us to start thinking what we could offer in the way of ministry to the students that live in our parish and maybe even consider starting a separate and new style service just for them. We look forward to getting screens in the church next year too which will enable us to look up during worship, to bring some more creativity and flexibility to services and maybe even the odd film night!

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND YOUTH WORK - *Heather Murphy*

2025 was a year of significant growth, deepening relationships, and creative mission across the Children, Youth & Families Ministry. Serving across Claines, St Stephen's, and St George's, the ministry continued to build bridges between church, school, and community life, offering spaces where children, young people, and families encountered faith, experienced belonging, and grew in confidence and connection. The following reflects the breadth and depth of that work over the past year.

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Partnerships with local schools flourished throughout 2025, becoming one of the most fruitful and consistent areas of ministry. We worked particularly closely with six primary schools—St George's, Riversides, Tudor Grange, Northwick Manor, Claines CofE, and North Worcester Primary—as well as Sticky Fingers Nursery. These relationships grew in trust, visibility, and mutual support.

Regular assemblies, RE lessons, Godly Play sessions, and Experience events offered children opportunities to explore Christian stories and values in creative and reflective ways. Many schools requested multiple visits each half

term, and several invited us to support Harvest, Remembrance, and Christmas services.

The reintroduction and expansion of Open the Book was a particular highlight. A new team was trained at St Stephen's, supported by volunteers from across the churches and the wider community, and a second Claines team was trained with the hope of taking Open the Book into North Worcester Primary Academy. An iSingPop workshop day and after-school club were also delivered at St George's Primary.

Schools also played a key role in promoting church events, sharing details of the Pumpkin Party, Light Trail, and Family Film Nights with families. This willingness to champion church activities reflected the strength of the relationships being built and the growing sense that our churches were trusted partners in the wider life of the community.

Thanks to everyone involved in our school ministry, with particular appreciation for all Open the Book volunteers; to Gill Parkin and Rachel Cramp for delivering Godly Play; to our school governors; to everyone involved in our Experience Days; and of course, to Rev Lindsey and Rev Sarah.

YOUTH MINISTRY (POG)

POG developed into a vibrant and stable youth community made up of young people from across our three churches and parishes. Meeting fortnightly during term time, the group settled at St Stephen's Church Hall, a venue that offered consistency and accessibility.

With a mixture of fellowship, food, games, and Bible study, attendance grew, with many young people returning regularly and new faces joining through outreach events such as the Bring a Friend Quiz Night. The Klear Series provided a thoughtful framework for exploring big questions of faith, while social activities—including a summer theatre trip and a joint church BBQ—helped build relationships and confidence.

A committed volunteer team emerged, offering reliable leadership and pastoral support. The sense of community and belonging within POG

continued to grow throughout the year. Special thanks go to Rev Lindsey, Rev Sarah, Becky, Colin, Naomi, Elisabeth, and Rachel.

EARLY YEARS & FAMILY MINISTRY

The early-years groups remained a vital point of connection for families across the parishes. Each group had its own character and routine, and together they formed a network of welcome, pastoral care, and gentle faith exploration.

Little Friends and **Little Fish** navigated natural transitions as children moved into school and nursery. Little Friends grew in visibility through new social media and fundraising initiatives with a new team of volunteers. We continued to fundraise through plant sales, cake sales, and the Cauliflower Cards project. We collected preloved toys, clothes, and baby equipment for GrowBaby, stamps for KicksCount, and food donations for the foodbank, all with a strong Christian ethos. We provided prayer and pastoral support for our Little Friends families and worked to ensure the group felt connected to church by advertising services and outreach events and offering resources.

Other highlights included an Easter egg hunt, teddy bears' picnic, and a Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas. Many thanks to Ally, Jules, Alice, Haimisha, Sarah-Jane, Rebecca, Becky, Lynne, Annie, Pat, Jane, Derry, and Rob for your time and love for the group.

Little Fish, with many of its regulars now in school, entered a period of review, and it was decided that from 2026, Little Friends would absorb Little Fish, with a gentle Christian thread running through the group and a clear connection to Claines Church established. Many thanks to Rachel, Kathy, Pat, Jane, and Annie.

Another major development during 2025 was the creation of a new toddler group at St George's, named **Refresh**. Supported by generous donations, a strong volunteer team, and a memorable Café Church "Raising a Shed" service, the group moved steadily toward launch. The purchase of a shed and ongoing groundwork reflected the practical commitment of the congregation to this new ministry. Thank you to everyone involved, with special mention to

Sue, Lyn, Clive, Alison, Sam, Pam, Catherine, Barbara, and Bob, as well as everyone who took part in the working parties.

SEASONAL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Seasonal events played a significant role in strengthening visibility and offering accessible entry points into church life. These gatherings drew families from across the parishes and beyond, often through school and nursery promotion.

Easter Trails were set up across the three churches, signalling to passersby and the wider community that our churches value children and provide for them. Holy Week activities—including an Easter Craft Morning and Sensory Stations of the Cross—welcomed around 50 people.

The Pumpkin Party, hosted by St George’s Mothers’ Union, provided a joyful alternative to Halloween and received warm feedback from parents.

Family Film Nights at St Stephen’s proved particularly successful, with attendance ranging from 20 to nearly 60 people. The Light Trail at Claines Parish Hall was a standout event, welcoming 90 participants and offering a creative, reflective journey centred on Jesus’ words, “I am the light of the world.”

These events not only provided fun and fellowship but also helped families feel more connected to the churches. Many attendees asked to join the CY&F mailing list, and several expressed surprise and gratitude that events were free and open to all.

Thank you to everyone involved in volunteering as part of this outreach throughout the year.

UNIFORMED GROUPS

Our partnerships with the uniformed organisations continued to strengthen throughout 2025, with Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorer Scouts engaging with our churches in a variety of meaningful ways. Their

participation in the Claines Remembrance Service was especially valued, bringing energy and a strong sense of community to this important occasion.

Christingle outreach also deepened these connections, with Caroline Causier inviting local groups to support the Children's Society. The 20th Worcester Brownies and Beavers visited St Stephen's for a Christmas story and gift-giving activity, and the 8th Worcester Beavers enjoyed a tour of Claines Church with Rachel and Janet.

We are also grateful that Rev Lindsey continued her chaplaincy role with the cadets, strengthening our pastoral presence among young people in the wider community.

These relationships remain an important part of our ministry, helping young people encounter the church in positive and memorable ways.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church continued to be a joyful expression of cross-church collaboration throughout 2025, offering creative, hands-on worship for families from across the community. Sessions earlier in the year welcomed over 40 attendees and created opportunities for children and adults to explore faith together through craft, story, and shared hospitality. As the year progressed, Messy Church events such as Messy Harvest, Messy Nativity, and Messy Christmas provided accessible entry points into the life of the churches, particularly for families who were less familiar with traditional Sunday worship. Schools and nurseries helped promote these gatherings, widening their reach and strengthening community links.

Volunteer capacity fluctuated during the autumn, and several sessions required additional support from across the parishes. Despite these challenges, the team grew in confidence and collaboration, ensuring that Messy Church continued to offer a warm, welcoming, and faith-filled environment for families. Our December Messy Church coincided with the Victorian Fayre, resulting in a lower turnout, but the ministry remained a valued part of our outreach, demonstrating the power of creativity,

collaboration, and hospitality in drawing families into deeper connection with the church.

Special thanks to Elisabeth for leading us all.

NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES

2025 saw exciting progress in the development of new worshipping communities designed to meet families where they were and offer fresh expressions of faith.

Bubble Church at Claines moved steadily toward its January launch, with Lorraine successfully receiving funding from the Healthier Churches fund, and following inspiring training in London. The team—made up of volunteers from Claines parish—began planning publicity, school visits, and the practicalities of hosting the service. The enthusiasm and energy surrounding this project were clear, and the team remains open to volunteers from all three churches. Thank you to Lorraine (Bubble Church Lead), Annette, Tam, Gaye, Judy, Fay, and Viv.

Forest Church at St Stephen's also progressed, with a proposal approved and a funding application underway to support resources and sustainability. This initiative reflected a desire to offer outdoor, nature-based worship that resonated with families and children.

Refresh at St George's (formerly Stay & Play) was approved and resourced, with a strong volunteer team and a clear sense of purpose. Together, these initiatives demonstrated a commitment to mission, creativity, and accessibility.

INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

A consistent thread throughout the year was a commitment to inclusion. Training on supporting neurodiversity informed changes across groups, from sensory resources to venue choices. POG's move to St Stephen's Hall was partly shaped by the needs of neurodiverse young people, and Sunday Stars

continued to adapt its environment to ensure all children felt safe and welcome.

This focus on inclusion reflected a wider desire to ensure that every child and family could participate fully in the life of the churches. New toddler furniture was also purchased for St George's Church to meet the needs of the children attending Refresh.

COMMUNICATION, VISIBILITY & CULTURE CHANGE

Communication improved with the development of a monthly CY&F round-up, which reached a growing mailing list of almost 200 people and included resources such as *Your Baptism Journey* and *Thrive*. This helped families stay connected and informed, even if they were not regular Sunday attenders.

LOOKING BACK WITH GRATITUDE

As we looked back over 2025, we gave thanks for the volunteers, families, schools, and congregations who supported this ministry. The work was wide-ranging, relational, and often unseen, yet its impact was felt in the growing trust of schools, the confidence of young people, the welcome offered to families, and the creative energy behind new worshipping communities.

The year laid strong foundations for the future: strengthening school partnerships, preparing for the launch of Bubble Church and Refresh, discerning the future of early-years groups, and continuing to nurture a culture where children and families were not only welcomed but celebrated as part of our shared life of faith.

Thank you again to everyone involved in all ways, and thank you for all your prayers.

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT - *Trish Greenwood & Margaret Stokes*

On the 8th July we attended St. Mary & All Saints Church in Kidderminster for the service of admission of Churchwardens where we were given the Archdeacon's charge, thus starting our second year of office as churchwardens. The text for the Archdeacons address was taken from 1 Thessalonians where Paul was addressing the church. Quoting from ch.5 v 16 "*.... be joyful always thankful in all circumstances*" and so it is, that we pass on thanks to each and every one of you who give your time and talents in whatever capacity to the life of this church in Worcester. The following reports tell your stories and the work you do thank you.

Apart from, 'promoting order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service' we find ourselves responsible for the property, plate, ornaments and other movable goods in the church. Following the Quinquennial inspection in October 2024, issues regarding the building and fabric are being addressed (see fabric report) and the church terrier continues to be updated as necessary.

This year we have met with the Archdeacon on two occasions. The first, being at the Archdeacon's Visitation, when we present the annual report together with the church accounts. At this meeting we have the opportunity to openly discuss the life of the church and our ongoing and future plans. Our second meeting was held jointly with the churchwardens and treasure of Claines church together with Rev. Sarah. At this Missional and Financial Health meeting, information about our finances, mission, activities and parish community were recorded and would, together with all other Parishes in the Diocese form information required when the Diocese apply for mission funding from the National Churches Strategic Mission and Investment Board. We continue to meet monthly with Rev. Sarah and the churchwardens from Claines. This helps us all to have a greater understanding of our congregations and communities, especially as we move towards becoming a benefice.

May we thank the Rev. Sarah, the ministry team and to all the congregation for the support given in the past year to the life and ministry of St. Georges church.

FABRIC, FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND FURNITURE – Robert Rolison

Magdalene Room Fabric and Fixtures

- Fitted extra hook in disabled toilet (for children's seat)
- Re-aligned projector
- Fitted pull handle to Mag room door
- All windows replaced with double glazing
- Wifi installed
- Full electrical inspection
- Repaired door stop in toilet 4 (again)
- Replaced 13A socket near kitchen due to overheating problems
- Rewired plug on hot water boiler
- Leaking skylight repaired

Other items:-

- 1) Double glazing of porch windows now complete.
- 2) Replacement lights in Mag room. Waiting on the original contractor to confirm his quote and date of commencement.
- 3) Replacement/upgrade of heating controls in boiler room & Mag room. There was a complaint that the remote controller for the Mag room wasn't working correctly, so a quote obtained was for replacement which is £320. I have also asked for a quote to install a Nest/Hive remote system for both heating systems.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Robert Rolison

The lights near the south porch door, were very dim, and failed to illuminate the Church effectively when leaving at the rear at night in the dark. These were replaced by brighter lights (in Dec 2025)

The loft ladder stored in the north store had a (rubber?) foot missing that made it a bit unstable. A replacement was eventually procured, which was fitted.

SAFEGUARDING– *Anthony Corfield*

The PCC are committed to abide by the Church of England’s safeguarding guidance to ensure we are protecting our children, young people and vulnerable adults. We comply with the requirements imposed by the code under section 5A of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. The safeguarding policy was signed on reviewed and signed again by the PCC on 20th January 2026.

Lyn Crowther is doing a wonderful job as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and she is your first contact for any safeguarding concerns. If you have any sort of query then please raise it with her, even if you think it may be of little significance.

I have continued to process DBS checks for participants in church activities involving children and vulnerable adults, and tracking progress in several areas on the online Safeguarding Portal. The Portal keeps evolving and helps us monitor training and DBS requirements. Since the last APCM we have had 12 people complete their DBS, I thank them all for their time and help.

The Diocesan Office has continued to be a valuable source of support and guidance to achieve our aim of providing a safe and welcoming environment for children and vulnerable adults. They have had to deal this year unfortunately with a large data breach at the DBS check provider, I have subsequently notified two of our congregation who are affected. As a result the Diocese are close to appointing a new DBS checker, fortunately it looks like the one that will be used has a good working knowledge of the Church of England, and our terminology, so should be a positive move.

Anyone running or supervising a church activity should seek guidance and support, where required, from either Lyn or I. We warmly welcome volunteers

to the roles and although the DBS checks and training can seem daunting at times we do what we can to make it as straightforward and easy as possible.

DATA PROTECTION

There have been no instances of data breaching. Good GDPR practice is followed.

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| <p>REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025 Signed on behalf of the Trustees</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Date</p> |
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ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH

THE ALTAR GUILD – Sacristy *Trish Greenwood*

The Lord's Table is prepared each Sunday, by Judith Peachey, Carolyn Corfield and Trish Greenwood. We cover for each other if one of us should be ill or away.

The silver is polished, candles checked, wine and wafers put ready with the linen. All is made ready for the Eucharist Assistant to put on the altar on Sunday morning. Thank you, ladies, for all you do, and covering for me if I'm away.

Put your heart and soul into every activity you do, as though you are doing it for the Lord himself and not merely for others. Colossians 3: 23-24

CHURCH & MAGDALENE ROOM BOOKINGS – *Barbara Rolison*

APCM Annual Church and Magdalene Room Bookings Report 2025

I intend to step back as booking secretary next year and I would be happy to share aspects of the role this year with a prospective replacement.

CHURCH

Church services are held weekly, and weekly silent prayer includes a monthly Holy Communion.

There were many joyful occasions with Infant Baptisms, a Wedding in June, and an unusual wedding reception in September.

There was a service for Women's World Day of Prayer and a meeting of the Deanery Synod.

The Christmas services were plentiful, and the annual carol concert was appreciated.

- The Vestry office is a base for Children Youth and Family Ministry and for PCC meetings.
- There was a Ceilidh in May and a Jazz evening was held in October both greatly enjoyed.
- Two local Piano teachers held bi-annual pupil concerts.
- The Elgar society gave a wonderful concert, they also organised a special Dementia friendly concert, attended by care homes, the Myriad centre and local families.
- The Summer fair had some stalls in the church and on the green, in the garden and in the Magdalene room.
- Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra continue to hire the church almost weekly, for rehearsals.
- Kingdom Arts continued until June, restarting in December with a new programme of more manageable, seasonal meetings and alight lunch.
- Saint George's school were able to hold school services for Candlemas, celebrated in February, and Year 6 Leavers, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas Nativity service.
- The free lunchtime concert organised by Shulah Oliver, continues on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 1.00pm Many regular and new visitors are welcomed and 2 family concerts were very popular. There is a regular donation to church funds.

www.lunchtimeconcertseries.co.uk

MAGDALENE ROOM

The room space, kitchen and toilet facilities and cleanliness are appreciated when people look around for a venue.

Hire charges were raised by £1 an hour, due to increased costs.

Plamena our regular weekly cleaner, maintains the facilities with thoroughness and continues to liaise with me. Eco cleaning and recycled products are bought in bulk when possible.

All year hirers take regular classes both during the day and in the evening namely: -

- Squirrels [youngest Sea Scouts]
- Me-time Pilates, Pilates Therapy, Core Pilates and Pilates For All
- Stay Young Yoga. Lynlees Dance classes
- Classical Guitar Society. who also gave a summer concert in the quiet Garden.
- There were 5 party bookings for children's birthday parties, 2 adult birthdays, [plus a Christmas party] a residents meeting and a Nursery School "prom".
- The Magdalene room was used as a polling station.
- There was a family BBQ in the quiet garden
- The Local Artists hired the hall for two days for a Christmas fair.
- There are Monthly Ministry meetings.
- 4 Messy Church mornings with lunch.
- Annual LINC fish and chip lunch.
- There is regular use on Sundays for children's worship, Café church, and refreshments
- The Mothers Union hold monthly meetings in the church and the Hall.

Barbara Rolison stgbookingsec@gmail.com

CAFÉ CHURCH - *Alison Clarke & Lyn Crowther*

Café Church meets in the Magdalene Room on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10.30am. We generally have a theme which may or may not be based on the Lectionary readings for the day. Occasionally we have 'special' themes and over the course of the past year we have had a board games café church followed by a pancake brunch to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and prepare for Lent, a visitor from Christian Aid to inform us of the on-going work of Christian Aid around the world, a summer songs of praise followed by a BBQ and finishing the year with an interactive Christingle service. As well as all that, we wrote on bricks to support the new shed and wrote on material to

make a quilt for the new 'Refresh' activity. How wonderful it is to give our support and pray for another activity happening in the church.

The main features of Café Church are the interaction between everyone, the welcome, the relaxed atmosphere and, of course, the refreshments (coffee, toast, cake etc.)

We try to encourage reflection on the chosen bible reading and discussion about how we see God in our world, our lives and our future. We also try to think about what we can do in our church. Some of our themes in the 2025 have been – Whom shall I send (following Jesus), Another day in paradise (reflecting on the Good Samaritan/the Good Iraqi) and Are you a Mary or a Martha?

Sadly, in December Pam decided she needed to give up her role in café church. Since we started, she has been the one responsible for the refreshments, and we will miss her very much but totally understand her reasons. We are very grateful to those who have stepped forward to help with this role.

Jan Kear also joins us when she can be spared from her many roles in Claines and we are grateful for her continued support. Heather now also joins us every other month which we are also grateful for. Clive also is a great support setting everything up and welcoming people to the service. There are many others who support in so many ways and we are grateful to all of them. We enjoy singing modern worship songs and are delighted that Des has recently been joined by Linda (guitar) and Frances (violin), so that once again we have a café church band. We also thank Elisabeth for stepping in at the last minute for to play for our Christingle café church.

We look forward to welcoming you to a café church on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

CAROL SERVICE - *Elisabeth Witter*

We were once again delighted to be able to hold our Carol Service this year. It really seems to bring Christmas into focus. Thanks to all of our wonderful singers, who worked on the music for weeks, to the readers, especially to Barbara R for organising them all, to Gareth E and Gwenda VE for the refreshments and, very importantly, to the ever-wonderful Sue AD for the music!

CHILDREN'S WORK - *Elisabeth Witter*

As you know, Becky L, Pam H and I have been running a Children and Youth worship session on the first and third Sunday of every month. Our numbers fluctuate, generally getting around 5, although we have had between 2 and 12 children and currently the youngest is 3 and the oldest is 16.

Recently Becky has moved to run parts of the Youth Group with Heather and is currently not available. Heather helps when she can, but currently we have only me on the first Sunday and Pam H on the third. (Note, for child protection reasons, we must have two fully DBS'd people who have also 'attended' the two online video training hours, for each session.) If you think that you might be able to commit to help us, even just six times a year, we'd love to hear from you. You don't need to be able to run the session. Pam and I are happy doing that. Just help out!

A genuine thanks to all who help us keep this running. We love our youth and children – and they are an important part of our church family.

CHRISTIAN AID - *Alison Clarke*



St George's and Claines churches together raised £1292.85 during Christian Aid Week 2025. You gave generously to church collections, at St George's you danced your socks off at our ceilidh (heartfelt thanks to Elisabeth Witter, our caller and to ceilidh band *With One Accord*) and you generously sponsored Nick and Sally Buck and myself as we undertook the 70K IN MAY challenge. Your gifts have helped farming communities tackle the climate crisis and escape hunger, as well as supporting Christian Aid's work responding to emergencies and fighting poverty in communities around the world.

On 11 October some members of our congregation took part in the *Poets and Peaks* challenge for Christian Aid, trekking 12 miles from Ledbury to Great Malvern, remembering local poets and visiting three churches en route.

In November we welcomed CEO of Christian Aid, Patrick Watt, to the Old Palace for a celebration of Christian Aid's 80th birthday. It was great to see some supporters from St George's at this event. There was music from *5 for Silver*, a slideshow of local supporter events across the decades, a great talk from Patrick and a celebration cake.

National and globally funding for international aid has been severely cut back and, like other development charities, Christian Aid's funding has also suffered, so that the charity is less able to help those most in need.

Please keep up your brilliant and generous support. It is even more important now.

Thank you.

Eco CHURCH - *Alison Clarke*

During the year you have continued to save soft plastic, batteries and printer cartridges via our collecting bin and boxes on the Eco Church table. I have taken regular boot-loads of soft plastics to various supermarkets who offer a collecting facility. It has been good to note that more supermarkets are doing this.

Turning our attention to a Gold Eco Church award is quite a challenge. So, knowing that Claines and St Stephen's churches were in a similar position to ourselves, I suggested early last year that we form a Net Zero group together. This has proved most helpful. We have been able to share experiences and learn from each other's different concerns and perspectives. As your Eco Church champion, working with this group has been the main Eco Church focus for me over the last year.

We have met quarterly, sharing ideas particularly about community engagement. From these ideas I have created a couple of displays for the Eco Church board about nurturing wildlife and how we can be citizen scientists (eg by taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch). We have also organised two speaker events, one with the diocese's lead on Net Zero and another with Kate Hurst who spoke about sustainable church flowers. Kate is a founder member of the SCF group, who recently had their motion on sustainable church flowers accepted at general synod. Well done.

We are planning a joint churches eco service for late spring 2026.

I would love a couple of enthusiasts to join me in the eco church work.

FOODBANK – *Lyn Crowther*

At both churches we support Worcester Foodbank by giving a regular supply of both food and essential household goods. Financial support is also given from church funds and from individuals. Both churches give support from volunteers working at the Foodbank during the week. Although we haven't had the record numbers of previous years needing the services of the Foodbank we have had the usual surge in numbers at peak times like Christmas and school holidays. The increased opening times of 2022 have continued into 2025 and it looks as if they will be needed for the foreseeable future. In the meantime, our regular giving of food, goods, time and money are essential to the ongoing work of the Foodbank here in Worcester. A heartfelt thanks to you all.

KINGDOM ARTS - *Alex New & Sue Ashby-Davies*

What a busy and exciting year we have had at Kingdom Arts. There has been such a buzz of creativity as we have taken different themes this last year to help us focus on our creative activities. We have looked at the lives of some of the Christian martyrs depicted in the statues outside Westminster Abbey. These have included the life and witness of Maximillian Kolbe, Janaani Luwum, Ragheed Ganni to name a few. On the alternative months we studied a piece of artwork from a famous Christian artist and learnt about the things of faith depicted in the pictures. Rublev's ikon of the nativity and Jacqui Parkinsons wonderful tapestries were amongst those we studied. Both these themes have given us a variety of artwork to dip into and they certainly encouraged the creative juices to flow. As a Team we have made the decision to meet just 4 times a year so we can concentrate on these 4 gatherings and give the Team a well-deserved break in between. During our gatherings together we will still have time for worship, input, creativity and of course lunch, topped up as always by endless cups of coffee. It is always a joy to share our faith journeys together during this time and it's been inspiring to listen to people's poetry, talk about the creative work that's been achieved that day, sing and pray as well as just sit and chat

together.

None of this would have been achieved without the hard work, support, encouragement, commitment and love from the team. Everyone has a special part to play so heartfelt thanks go to Barbara and Bob, Jan Kear, Jan Butterworth, Trevor, Lyn and Clive, Pam, Margaret. We offer a special thank you to Pam who is stepping down from her “barista” job this year. She has served us so well for many years. Thank you, Pam.

We thank Sarah and the PCC for their continued support and encouragement for us in this work. We ask God to bless our newfound plans for the future as we seek to find more ways of exploring faith through creativity together.

Additional paragraph from Sue:

Sadly, we have experienced the loss of our dear friend and spiritual guide, the Reverend David New. His contribution to Kingdom Arts was huge and delivered with gentleness and integrity. The meticulous preparation he made for the many art activities was greatly appreciated by all who ventured to his table of delights. His support for Alex and Sue was rock steady as he guided us into a deeper spiritual understanding and recognition of the whole purpose of Kingdom Arts, guiding us all ever nearer to God and to each other.

MESSY CHURCH - *Elisabeth Witter*

This has really taken off again in the past year. We have a steady stream of helpers and the numbers attending have really started to build, plus the atmosphere is lovely, chilled and welcoming.

Currently this is set to be five times a year: around every other month, except August. We have a concentration of younger children than we have been used to, and we are happily adjusting the activities. Some of

our youth have continued to give us their amazing help – for which we are always grateful. It's wonderful to see them growing strong in our family.

MOTHERS UNION - *Carolyn Corfield*

We began our year on a high with a meal out for our members and supporters at The Talbot pub, Barbourne Worcester in January. Down to business in February with our AGM, a Lady Day Service led by Rev. Sarah Carwardine in March. Just before Mothering Sunday we had our Spring Fair and prepared the posies, this was well attended. Our speaker in April was Jill Crofton (Diocesan President) This was a very interesting talk on what the Mother's Union in the Diocese and Worldwide were doing. In May we had a Garden Party, in the Magdelene Room (it was raining), in which we had quite a few people visit and enjoyed themselves. Sadly, had no takers on joining the M.U.

In June we had a lovely talk and quiz from Rev Sarah Cotterill on John the Baptist. For July the members and invited supporters went to Laylocks Garden Centre and had Afternoon Tea and had a lovely time. September, we had an open meeting to prepare for Pumpkin party that we had in October. This party was greatly helped by the grandchildren of Jan Tovey and Joy Kyte, Eleanor and Esther did nearly all the work and made it a success, the children and the adults seemed to enjoy themselves. November is our planning meeting for the next year, and December is our Advent Prayers followed by Mulled Wine and minced pies, to end the year on a High. We now look forward to our 150th Anniversary Year in 2026.

PARISH MUSIC – *Susan Ashby*

Saint George's church is a great venue for musical activities of many kinds including family ceilidhs, classical concerts, jazz and folk events and free lunchtime concerts. Private hirers are also able to take advantage of the versatile space.

This year's Christmas Carol choir was a joy. The addition of younger voices was refreshing and their ability to hit the high notes raised the bar. It was

good to have Elisabeth Witter leading us again and encouraging many people to join in. Thanks to all who took part.

The music for services varies in style. We include modern worship songs along with the more traditional favourites and hope that all tastes are catered for. Thanks go to Alison, Des, Sue and Trevor, Frances, Elisabeth and Gwenda, for their contribution to worship. We are also grateful for Stephen Murphy who has joined Sue, Trevor and Frances to provide music for the Celtic Communion services, playing a variety of instruments. Des George and Alison Clark at Café Church in the Magdalen room are able to introduce new worship songs that aren't contained in our hymn book, the words of which can be followed on a screen.

The restoration of our organ has been a blessing for many who have missed the special sound and power such an instrument brings. Specific requests for weddings and funeral music have already been made. This was possible by the generosity of a legacy whose funds were earmarked for the upkeep of the organ. This will include regular inspections and tuning. We continue to use the piano for more modern worship songs, so the use of both is appropriate and caters for all tastes, which is what Saint George's is good at. Thank you to all our musicians.

QUEST BEREAVEMENT GROUP - *Tricia Greenwood*

The group is for someone who has lost a loved one and can chat to others in a similar position. The numbers have depleted over the last 12 months as people have either moved away or unfortunately died. We are still at a regular 12.

We had 2 outings in 2025. Afternoon tea at The Cob House Country Park and our Christmas Meal at The New Inn, which is always well received.

We meet every third Thursday of the month in Claines Church Hall, Cornmeadow Lane for tea, coffee, cake and a chat of course!

If you are interested in joining the group or having a chat please contact Trish for more details. 01905 28580

SOCIAL MEDIA - *Alison Clarke*

Editors: Elisabeth Witter/ Jan Butterworth/ Barbara Mitre/ Peter Davies/ Becky Lowe

Website: <http://www.saintgeorgesworcester.org.uk/>

St George's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintgeorgesworcester>

is administered by Alison Clarke, with editors

SUMMER FAIR - *Elisabeth Witter*

This year, we were delighted to be entertained by Worcester Ukulele Club. The weather was very tricky. Last year we had awful rain, this time the sun was so hot that it was a problem for many people. We moved as many stalls inside as we could and tried to put the others into the shade and to ensure that everyone had access to water. Additionally, we had an unprecedented number of date clashes with other events – including the Worcester Carnival.

Due to both of these factors, footfall was lower than usual and we only crowds for the first half, as people then continued into town. (We immediately took steps to ensure that we do not clash with the Worcester Carnival in 2026.) We still had a good day and lots of our lovely local community turned out to support us. Overall, we made £2281.

As always, thanks is needed for many, many people. Those who ran stalls, those who brought their families in to help, those who spread the word, those who sold raffle tickets, to Tricia, Yvonne, Chris B and to the ever-brilliant Anthony!

LEGACIES - MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE

Legacies are the largest single source of income for many charities in this country today. Once you have provided for your family and friends, leaving a small gift to St. George's Church will ensure that our work can continue for many years to come. All legacies are tax free; if you can make such a gift in your will, its value will be deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated. If you are thinking about leaving a legacy or have already remembered us in your will, we would love then to have the opportunity to talk to you about it; everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence. We would love then to have the opportunity to thank you for your generosity. When considering leaving a legacy, we recommend that you consult a solicitor who will be able to give you specialist advice according to your own individual circumstances. Remembering your Church in your will is a wonderful way both to thank God for the blessings you have received and to help your Church ensure it can meet the needs of future generations.

TREASURER REPORT - *Trish Greenwood*

The largest item of expenditure was in respect of the Ministry Share which was £28480. We paid this in full by the end of the year.

Although the loss during the year was £5000 this was considerably less than the previous year.

We had a stewardship campaign in June with several members increasing their giving the total amount was approximately £430 per month thank you to all who were able to amend their giving this also means the Gift Aid increases too.

There have been quite a few updates and repairs especially in the Magdalene Room - this money was from generous legacies. The legacy money is used for projects agreed by PCC, and we prefer not to use it for the general running of the church. The general fund at 31st December is £20011, the Legacy Money £121564, and the restricted money of £11182 is mainly for the repairs and service of the Organ.

**PCC of St George with St Mary Magdalene, Worcester
Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2025**

**Independent examiner's report to the members of the Parochial Church Council of
The Ecclesiastic Parish of Saint George with Saint Mary Magdalene, Worcester.
Charity Number 1128943**

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

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - * to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of
Saint George with Saint Mary Magdalene, Worcester
Charity Number 1128943
Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2025**

| | Note | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total Funds | |
|--|------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Funds £ note 4 | Funds £ note 5 | | Funds £ | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | 2 | | | | | | |
| Voluntary income | | 39643 | 36039 | 2745 | | 78427 | 56814 |
| Activities for generating funds | | 4318 | | | | 4318 | 4414 |
| Church activities | | 14835 | | | | 14835 | 13128 |
| Income from Investments | | 5365 | | | | 5365 | 96 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | | 64161 | 36039 | 2745 | | 102945 | 74452 |
| RESOURCES USED | 3 | | | | | | |
| Fund Raising costs | | 1258 | | | | 1258 | 1306 |
| Mission & Charitable giving | | 5000 | | | | 5000 | 5000 |
| Church Activities | | 63440 | 400 | 5006 | | 68846 | 64087 |
| Legacies | | | 7024 | | | 7024 | |
| TOTAL RESOURCES USED | | 69698 | 7424 | 5006 | | 82128 | 70393 |
| NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE GAINS / (LOSSES) | | -5537 | 28615 | -2261 | | 20817 | 4059 |
| Transfer between funds | | | | | | | |
| Gain and (losses) on investments: - on revaluation | | | | | -124 | -124 | 70 |
| Unpresented cheques | | | | | | | |
| Adjustment from previous year | | | | | | | -1003 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | -5537 | 28615 | -2261 | -124 | 20693 | 3126 |
| Balances brought forward at 1 January 2025 | | 25548 | 92949 | 13443 | 3280 | 135220 | 132094 |
| Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025 | | 20011 | 121564 | 11182 | 3156 | 155913 | 135220 |

**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of
Saint George with Saint Mary Magdalene, Worcester
Charity Number 1128943
Notes to the Financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2025**

| 2 INCOMING RESOURCES | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total Funds | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| | Funds | Funds | Funds | Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | | £ | £ | £ |
| Voluntary income | | | | | | |
| Planned giving: | | | | | | |
| Gift Aid Donations | 26,782 | | | | 26,782 | 23,101 |
| Tax recoverable | 7,000 | | | | 7,000 | 6,596 |
| Non gift aid | 2,614 | | | | 2,614 | 4,095 |
| Collections (open plate) at all services | 1,717 | | | | 1,717 | 1,001 |
| Sundry Donations | 1,530 | 439 | 2,745 | | 4,714 | 1,747 |
| Legacies | | 35,600 | | | 35,600 | 20,219 |
| WCC Grants | | | | | | |
| Organ Fund | | | | | | 55 |
| | <u>39,643</u> | <u>36,039</u> | <u>2,745</u> | | <u>78,427</u> | <u>56,814</u> |
| Activities for generating funds | | | | | | |
| Fund raising | 4,318 | | | | 4,318 | 4,414 |
| | <u>4,318</u> | | | | <u>4,318</u> | <u>4,414</u> |
| Church Activities | | | | | | |
| Fees | 1,487 | | | | 1,487 | 937 |
| Lettings - Church | 3,719 | | | | 3,719 | 3,015 |
| Lettings - Magdalene Room | 9,629 | | | | 9,629 | 9,176 |
| | <u>14,835</u> | | | | <u>14,835</u> | <u>13,128</u> |
| Income from investments | | | | | | |
| Interest | 5,365 | | | | 5,365 | 96 |
| | | | | | <u>5,365</u> | <u>96</u> |
| Total incoming resources | <u>64,161</u> | <u>36,039</u> | <u>2,745</u> | | <u>102,945</u> | <u>74,452</u> |

**The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of
Saint George with Saint Mary Magdalene, Worcester
Charity Number 1128943
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025**

| 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Endowment | Total Funds | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Funds | Funds | | Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | | £ | £ | £ |
| Fundraising Costs | 1258 | | | | 1258 | 1306 |
| Missionary & Charitable giving | | | | | | |
| Overseas | | | | | | |
| Home | 295 | | | | 295 | 4250 |
| Other Charities | 4705 | | | | 4705 | 750 |
| | 5000 | 0 | | | 5000 | 5000 |
| | 5000 | | | | | |
| Legacies | | 7024 | | | 7024 | |
| Church Activities | | | | | | |
| Ministry: | | | | | | |
| Diocesan Parish Share | 28480 | | | | 28480 | 28170 |
| Clergy expenses | 718 | | | | 718 | 348 |
| Music and Worship | 3051 | | | | 3051 | 3448 |
| Church buildings | | | | | | |
| Running expenses | 3033 | | | | 3033 | 7282 |
| Insurance | 6667 | | | | 6667 | 6151 |
| Utilities | 6771 | | | | 6771 | 4156 |
| Children's Work | 72 | | | | 72 | 304 |
| Magdalene Room - costs | 3311 | | | | 3311 | 2590 |
| Magdalene Room - utilities | 2936 | | | | 2936 | 2421 |
| Sundry costs | 1318 | | | | 1318 | 1324 |
| Parish Office contribution | 4460 | | | | 4460 | 4358 |
| Heather Murphy (children) | 2527 | | | | 2527 | 2020 |
| Organ repair | | | 4775 | | 4775 | |
| Community Projects | | 400 | 231 | | 631 | 459 |
| Professional Fees (Audit) | 96 | | | | 96 | 1056 |
| | 63440 | 400 | 5006 | | 68846 | 64087 |
| Total resources used | 69698 | 7424 | 5006 | | 82128 | 70393 |

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Saint George with Saint Mary Magdalene, Worcester
Charity Number 1128943
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025**

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| 6 | Fixed Assets used by the PCC | None | None |
| 7 | UK Investments | Market Value | Market Value |
| | Endowment Funds comprise four funds held in the name of The Worcester Diocesan Trust Registered (as Trustees), for the PCC:- | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
| | The CBF Church of England Investment Fund - 55 Income Shares Bequest of the late Emily Hughes for Assistant Clergy | 1221 | 1,272 |
| | The CBF Church of England Investment Fund -79 Income Shares T A Jones Discretionary Trust | 1754 | 1,827 |
| | The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund | 181 | 181 |
| | | <u>3,156</u> | <u>3,280</u> |
| 8 | Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
| | Income tax recoverable | 1,881 | 2,272 |
| | Debtors | 2,765 | 2,601 |
| | | <u>4,646</u> | <u>4,873</u> |
| 9 | Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year | 2,025 £ | 2,024 £ |
| | Creditors | <u>9,364</u> | <u>5,155</u> |

No remuneration or expenses have been paid to any of the trustees during the year.

Fund Details

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|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| The designated Small Funds include : | 2025 | 2024 |
| Flower Fund | 309 | 160 |
| Quiet Garden | 83 | 83 |
| Kingdom Arts | 553 | 672 |

During the year we have made payments and supported various charities:

Christian Aid, Worcester Foodbank,(Food and cash) St Georges Primary School £245
Prison Fellowship £1000, Maggs Day Centre, £73. Salvation Army (toys for christmas)
St Richards Hospice £705, Mosaic Middle East £1000, CMS £1000
West Mercia Womens Aid £1000, Womens Refuge Advent Calendars and Easter Eggs.

