



St. Andrew's Church

Reading Street

Annual Parochial Church
Meeting

Sunday May 10th at 11.00am



VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026 AT ST.ANDREWS CHURCH READING STREET BROADSTAIRS.

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At St. Andrew's Church reading Street

Sunday 10th May 2026 at 11.00am

- 1.**Opening Prayer
- 2.**Apologies
- 3.**Minutes of Vestry Meeting held on 23rd April 2025
- 4.**Election of Church Wardens



PARISH OF St. ANDREW'S, READING
STREET, BROADSTAIRS

APCM Sunday May 10th at 11.00am

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Appointment of Minutes Secretary
3. Minutes of the 2025 APCM
4. Matters Arising
5. Report from Revd Philip Musindi
6. Finance
7. Reports from Church Warden, Fabric, Worship and Mission
8. Election of PCC Members
9. Election of Deanery Synod Members
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11. Safeguarding
12. Any Other Notified Business

Churchwardens Report 2026

St Andrew's Reading Street has had a vibrant year of growth and development in many areas: congregation; fabric of the church; life and community of the church and Reading Street.

This has all happened because of the fantastic team of people who give their time and energies to the Lord and his church to create a welcoming environment on all levels. There are too many people to name everyone but there are some who have to be acknowledged individually and groups who have contributed so much to the life of St Andrew's.

Our vibrant vicar, Revd. Canon Philip Musindi continues to lead us in his enthusiastic way, making everyone feel loved by The Lord and welcome in our church. He was made Chaplain to the King last summer. We congratulate him and we bask in his reflected glory! And we are grateful for his leadership.

We have to be very grateful for our Reader, Michael, for all he does within our church, not only within services and his preaching, but also leading a bible study group and the Lent courses. His knowledge runs deep and we all benefit from it. We thank him for the lending library of theological books that now graces the Lady Chapel.

The PCC is the driving force behind St Andrew's with its sub-committees of Worship, Fabric, Finance and Mission. Thank you to all those who give of their time, energies and expertise being on these committees, their chairs and Wendy who takes so many of the minutes.

Richard works endlessly heading up the office team, publishing the weekly news sheet and monthly bulletin, singing in the choir, among the many other things that he does for St Andrew's. And thank you to the office team that he leads who man the office Monday to Friday mornings.

Graham works tirelessly to keep our buildings safe and warm. He has nurtured our aged heating system and masterminded the installation of new heaters in the church and hall whilst upgrading the internet to enable remote controlling of the system. For several nights he had to work until 12.00 to get the heaters installed to achieve a warm church for us all. He and his team keep St Andrew's compliant and in good condition whilst being as green as we are able to be.

A thank you to all those who serve at the altar and provide home communion and pastoral care, and to the readers and intercessors.

Our congregation has grown and our new members are very welcome into our lovely church family. Their welcome starts with the warmth that comes from our sides persons as they first enter our west door, and then

the invitation to join us for coffee provided by the Sunday coffee teams. I thank the teams for these important roles.

Jane, Jenny and Caroline are running a very successful Toddler Group. They managed to secure a £3000 grant from CT10 Charities and have purchased new equipment for the Wednesday morning group. The hall looks so inviting with its play areas and the toddlers enjoying their play.

Sharon and Fiona head up a thriving Junior Church that has many children registered and averages about 18 youngsters a week. We also have to thank the parents for their support of their children and of our activities and especially Barry Miller who has supported us so wholeheartedly.

Julian and Hilary look after the spiritual interests of our 11 – 18 year olds; an important stage in a young person's life.

Janet runs the popular Women's group.

Susan has to have a mention for her wonderful contributions to the musical life of St Andrew's on the organ each week, played beautifully in her usual modest way. We must also thank Martin for stepping in to keep the church choir going after Sean left us. And thank you to our choir, many of whom are very long serving members who sing along side our lovely young choristers. We are blessed at St Andrew's to have both a choir and an organ and organist.

The cleaning team work hard on Monday afternoons to keep the church, hall, kitchen and toilets clean.

Fundraising events are an important aspect in the life of St Andrew's as it brings in much needed revenue for the church and for mission action. A huge thank you to the people and their teams that spearhead the Open Gardens, the Christmas Fayre, quiz nights, murder mystery evenings, concerts and exhibitions, Pauline and her kitchen team who have provided wonderful refreshments for events.

Our flower ladies keep our church looking beautiful and it is always a joy to see their skill with flowers and greenery, especially on special occasions.

In 2024, we initiated 'Open Church' to enable people to visit our beautiful church or for members of the congregation or local community to come in and use the church for quiet contemplation or prayer. In 2025 we opened the church again and this time offered refreshments. Thank you to our daily hosts.

We are working towards being awarded a 'Gold' for our Eco Church. This year we have added a compost bin, water butt and collection receptacles

for recycling blister packs, spectacles, water filter cartridges and batteries. LED lights are now fitted for greater efficiency.

Bringing the local community into St Andrew's: It is important to help the residents of Reading Street to appreciate the relevance of having the church nestled within the village. To this end we continue trying to promote our community hall as a venue for parties/celebrations. We already have: exercise classes; Beavers/cubs/scouts; group meetings such as The Women's Group and Friday Tea Dance run by Janet Porter; Toddlers; Write Away, a creative writing group. I am hopeful that other people would like to set up a community group in the hall or the upper meeting room for activities for like-minded people. This year we have had sessions for people with Parkinsons.

We have gained new members of our congregation but sadly lost some this year and celebrate their lives within our church. We have also seen members of the church, young and older, being baptised and recently 6 members were confirmed into the church family.

It is important to acknowledge the great contributions made to the church and our events during the year by Geoffrey Philpott of Elmwood Farm and Anne and Philip Thorley of Thorley Taverns. They unfailingly offer their support in many ways.

Finally, I would like to thank my partner in crime, Jenny, my fellow Church Warden, who gives her all to St Andrew's.

Thank you all, my church family.

Sue Flory – Church Warden

Safeguarding Report 2026

Towards the end of 2025, the company that the Diocese had been using for DBS checks had their information breached (it affected three of our members) and therefore the Diocese changed companies to deal with the checks. I have been submitting new DBS checks with the new company, Due Diligence Checking LTD. In the last few weeks 9 members of St Andrew's have had new disclosure certificates come through and I have about another 7 to do immediately.

I have attended a number of safeguarding meetings: one face-to-face and several on-line that have been updating the churches in our diocese on current safeguarding issues, especially as it is now so high profile within the Church of England.

We must all remember that it is the responsibility of all of us to be aware of the welfare of people attending St Andrew's. We have many young people and vulnerable adults who attend the church and use the hall. Any concerns or issues can be raised, initially, to myself or Wendy Cleveland.

Jenny Lambert has completed a Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care and St Andrew's has been recognised as a centre in Broadstairs that supports dementia. We are now part of the Thanet Dementia Action Alliance. Jenny and I hope that we may be able to initiate some activities for our friends with dementia and perhaps some respite time for their carers.

Sue Flory – Safeguarding Officer for St Andrew's

Fabric Committee report to the APCM xx May 2026

Once again this year I wish to start my report with my thanks to the group of people who over the past year have continued to maintain the fabric of our church in the best of order, quietly and confidently. It is a great compliment to them when the appointed church architect congratulates us on the care he witnesses when carrying out his inspections

The committee meets regularly and on an ad-hoc basis as the fabric needs dictate.

It is a credit to our church family that so much of the activity the fabric committee is responsible for is undertaken by volunteers. This has a huge impact on what it would otherwise cost to have the works we undertake contracted out. On behalf of the whole church family I therefore express our thanks to this group of people.

The care and cleaning of the church building itself, the work that is necessary to keep the community hall in a good state of repair making it available and attractive for people to hire as well as for us to use, the tending of the gardens around the periphery of church and community hall and the wonderful floral displays we have throughout the year are all a credit to this group.

Our defect management system has now been in place for two years, it continues to be a successful way of ensuring all works carried out whether large or small is recorded. The file is reviewed at each meeting and kept in the Parish Office it is available to anyone wishing to report any matter associated with the fabric condition of both church and hall.

I wish again to appeal for more people to volunteer and if you feel you have the time we would be grateful to hear from you. Please think about what you might be able to contribute towards as we need to carry out redecoration work in the next 12 months.

So what have we been doing?

Our biggest single area of work has been the replacement of the heating systems in both the community hall and more recently the church. We now have much better control over both these heating systems and apart from keeping us comfortable we hope a reduction in our energy costs will also transpire.

We have upgraded the Wi-fi signal strength in both community hall and church. We now have a reliable system for all users to benefit from.

We have a re-designed website. Again thanks to a small dedicated group. If you haven't already experience the new look St Andrew's website on "st-andrews-reading-street.co.uk" yet I encourage you to do so.

At St Andrew's we still hold the Silver award as an eco-church. The initiative has gone through a review and we need to submit ourselves again for re-assessment. A new noticeboard, cycle rack, compost bin and water butt have all been recent additions to our efforts. We hope after resubmission we will improve our score and could even possibly make the gold standard.

Following an inspection by Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) we responded to their report. This has meant changes to our emergency evacuation arrangement and we have now provided an additional amount of emergency equipment and notices for when the church is at capacity.

The survey of our fixed electrical wiring is ongoing and we hope to continue with further remedial work over and above what we have already done this year.

The Mosaic of the Last Supper has now been lit and it's receiving a lot of positive comment and attention.

Our quinquennial report has been produced this year and covers the next five years before re-inspection is due. There are no major fabric conditions identified in the report needing to be actioned in this time period and therefore we can reasonably expect that no unbudgetted expenditures should occur.

We have to remember that a major organ rebuild has now been recommended for the past few years and we have not made any progress in this area other than a report from the diocesan organ advisor. He has informed the PCC that we have an instrument that is of a quality deserving of being looked after and would benefit from a major overhaul including some changes to have the instrument is laid out.

Our draft budget for the coming year has been submitted to the PCC and approved and will now be considered at the finance committee meeting at its future meeting.

Finally we hoped to have had a "Workday" that would have involved many members of our church family, sadly this did not happen so we are going to try and get one organised this year. Let's hope we can make it happen.

Graham Silsbury
Fabric Committee Chairperson.

WORSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE APCM 10th May 2026

The Worship Sub-Committee is responsible to the PCC for monitoring worship at all services at St. Andrew's and for discussing and reporting back on any relevant issues forwarded by the PCC. The Committee currently consists of Rev. Philip Musindi, Michael Hawthorne (Chair), Sue Flory, Sharon Gough, Jenny Lambert, Birgit Wilson, and Martin Long, and met six times in 2025-6. It normally discusses services held since the previous meeting and then looks ahead and plans forthcoming services. Any specific issues forwarded by the PCC are discussed.

In addition to worship the Committee has oversight of the Choir and Organist (please see the Choir Report for further information), Junior Church (please see its report), our Uniformed Organisations (please see their report). Churches Together (please see its report). The Committee also has oversight of the Sacristan Servers and Chalice Administrators. Their voluntary work is performed efficiently and quietly. We thank them for all that they do to enhance our worship. We really need at least one more Server and preferably two. Our Intercessors, readers, and Sides-people serve on a rota basis throughout the year and we always welcome further offers of help.

Michael Hawthorne

St. Andrew's Junior Church report 2025-2026

Attendance

We have welcomed 57 children at junior church over the past 12 months which is a significant increase to the last previous 12. Out of these 57, some have not been regular, but we continue to have an encouraging average of 10-15 children attending each week

The children range from toddlers to 14 years, and it has also been lovely to have had two year 9 students from a local school completing their volunteering for the Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh award. They have helped significantly with helping to set up the session, assisting during and clearing away afterwards – a job which has been very much welcomed, and I thank them for all their help and dedication. In September, 6 of our regular junior church started school, and it has been so lovely to follow their progress and share their excitement with them.

We continue to have such a lovely atmosphere in the hall on a Sunday morning, with the children being accompanied by their parents and regular grandparents to whom also appear to enjoy the fellowship of each other.

Curriculum

We began in April last year with a theme of what God has provided for us, specifically looking at nature and what is all around us. The children made bird feeders, bug hotels and planted spider plants – some of which are still very much going strong! We also explored how we can look after God's gift of nature. We moved on to look at the books of the bibles – picking stories to focus on with an associated craft. This has helped the children to understand how the bible is made up. The first week in this theme we asked the children to bring in the longest book that they had ever read, which was lovely to see and how the bible compared. We also explored the difference in the Old and New Testaments. We then moved onto a theme of charity, and how each one of us can make a difference and the importance of kindness. This culminated in a Bake Sale in November, raising £198 for Mission Action – and incredible amount raised which also enabled us to speak to the children about what St. Andrew's Mission is and who it supports. Our final theme has been Prayer, and we explored how and why we pray and what we can pray for. We also broke each line of the Lord's Prayer down and discussed what it meant and slowly over the weeks the children are more and more confident at reciting it which is lovely to see.

Each week, we also enjoy children's worship music in junior church, music that a lot of the children enjoy singing at school, which sometimes includes lots of actions! We are currently singing the "Lord's Prayer (it's Yours)" by Matt Maher which is a fun way of learning the Lord's Prayer,

and very much enjoying the actions to "Be Happy (I'm gonna Jump)" by Doug Horley. The aim is to showcase these two songs to the congregation at the end of the summer term

October half term onwards was, as always, taken up with rehearsals for the nativity play. Our Nativity play on the 21st December was, as always, an absolute success – this year starring an amazing 2 dads and a grandad as the 3 Kings! We finished with our annual Christmas party to say thank you to all the children. Thank you to Fiona who every year work so hard to cast the play, direct and rehearse each week and to Sue for creating wonderful crafts for the children to enjoy. Also huge thanks to Sue Saunders who gives up time every Sunday morning from October to help the children become familiar with the carols which enables them to sing so confidently.

The older children are also continuing to work on their Tapestry squares with a view to putting them altogether to make a St. Andrew's Tapestry.

Thanks

Thanks, as always to the wonderful Fiona and Sue without whom we couldn't achieve as much as we do.

Thank you to Marshall, a member of our Junior Church who last summer raised over £160 for Junior Church cycling to Ramsgate to Margate and then back to Ramsgate again.

Finally, thanks to all the church family for their continued support of the junior church and for the parents and grandparents who help all year round, from clearing up each week to helping with the Nativity.

We look forward to another fun filled year of learning and fellowship

Sharon Gough

Choir report for 2026 APCM.

With the support of our excellent organist, Susan, our choir continues to provide the lead in the choral items of services at St Andrew's.

Although small in number we're still able to perform hymns, psalms, and anthems etc, in four part harmony.

It's good to see our young men stepping up to carry out other choir related duties with Rufus and Matthew now serving as crucifer when they can be with us, as both have other commitments. Matthew is also gaining experience in choir directing.

I'm extremely grateful for all the help and support from our regular choir members throughout the year, and for the four ladies from "Harmony", who very kindly augmented our soprano section for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

I must also record my thanks to the following organists who came to our aid when we heard the sad news, just a few weeks before Christmas, that Susan had been injured in a road accident and would be out of action until the new year. Sincere thanks to our choir member Olivia Tassell, Adrian Roach, Dr David Flood, Toby Huitson , and Chris Randall who not only played for the Nine Lessons and Carols but also for the two preceding practises.

Happily, Susan made a full recovery and as well as usual Sunday items, we're now preparing for the Easter festival, which includes The Cross of Christ, a compilation of music and readings by the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music), which will take place at 6pm on Good Friday.

As mentioned in many previous choir reports, there's a warm welcome waiting for anyone who can sing in tune to join our ranks. At present, we'd particularly like to enlarge the soprano and bass sections. You don't have to be an expert music reader. As long as you can learn from listening to others and can commit to most Friday practises and Sunday services, we'd love to hear from you.

Martin Long.

Uniformed Organisations report for St Andrew's Church APCM

10th May 2026.

The Beavers (6-8 yrs) meeting on Friday afternoons, Cubs (8-10½ yrs) meeting on Thursday nights, and Scouts (10½-14 yrs) meeting on Tuesday nights,

of the 11th Broadstairs (St Andrew's) Scout Group continue to meet at our Scout HQ in the grounds of Callis Grange School. Our ongoing challenge for the Group is to recruit more adult leaders and trustees to support the running of our sections and to provide the fun and variety in the programmes we run.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in volunteering to help our young people progress, please contact me for more information.

As well as our regular weekly activities, we will have just completed a weekend camp at our Minster campsite, in which 50+ members of the Group enjoyed a weekend of outdoor activities and sleeping under canvas for the first time as a Group since before the Covid pandemic in 2020. The sections have taken part in a variety of District activities, including the Chess competition, the Cub Fizz & Quiz competition, the Cross-country competition, Beaver Sports day, the Scout camping and cooking competition, to name but a few. In addition, the Scouts have visited the aircraft museum at Manston, and the Beavers attended the pantomime at the Sarah Thorne theatre. We also took part in our annual St George's Day Parade, which this year was held on Cliftonville seafront and at the Oval bandstand.

We have continued to support church parades during last year, joining with St Andrew's Church on Mothering Sunday, Rogation at Elmwood farm, Harvest Thanksgiving, and Remembrance

Sunday. In addition to the Scout Group, we are joined by members of the 1st Broadstairs Guide company for our parade services, and share the duties of reading lessons, preparing and reading prayers, and assisting with the collection.

My thanks go to our Leaders, our Young Leaders (14-18 yrs), and Trustee Board for their continuing commitment to the Group and the youngsters in our care. It is a great privilege to be able to help our young people to develop and grow and become our citizens of the future.

Richard Collins

28/03/2026



Churches Together in Broadstairs and St Peters

Throughout 2025 *Churches Together* continued to hold regular committee meetings and annual events.

Our first event in 2025 was the *Churches Together* luncheon during 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' on 23th January 2025. We had a large turnout, with most Reps and many clergy present. Each Rep and clergy was invited to bring a guest. We enjoyed a couple of hours of cordial fellowship and food.

Our next event was our annual 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday 18th March 2025 from Balmoral Gardens to the bandstand on Broadstairs promenade. The procession was followed by a short ecumenical service at the bandstand. Rev Samuel Hearle of Queens Road Baptist Church gave the address. The weather on the day was beautiful and all the churches were represented. We were joined by many members of the Public during the procession and we estimated that over 200 attended the ecumenical service. The event co-incided with Broadstairs Food Festival which brought many additional visitors to the seafront. Some stalls stopped trading during our ecumenical service.

The Member Churches posted their Holy Week and Easter services on the *Churches Together* website and Facebook page.

We had planned to put on a Sea Sunday event in July 2025 but we were unable to come up with suitable ideas and a venue. We will look at this again in 2026.

In December 2025 we hosted our annual Carol Singing event on 11th December 2025 at Tesco Extra, Broadstairs. Numbers attending were up from previous years and most member churches were represented. We were musically supported by a young member of Christ Church Free Church of England. We raised a total of £156.27 which was split evenly between Thanet Food Link and Christian Aid. It was a very enjoyable event, well received by the Public and the Community Events Organiser at Tesco was very supportive. We have an open invitation to come back at any time.

The Member Churches posted their Christmas services on the *Churches Together* website and Facebook page.

January 2026 started off with our *Churches Together* luncheon on 22nd January 2026, during 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. Numbers were slightly down compared to 2024 and 2025. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

We had planned to host a Lent Lecture in March 2026; however, as we were unable to hold our November meeting it was felt there was not enough time to organise and advertise such an event. We will look to plan this early for 2027.

On Good Friday 3rd April 2026 *Churches Together* will once again host their annual 'Walk of Witness' followed by a short ecumenical service at the bandstand in Broadstairs. Once again, we are praying for this important act of witness to be supported by all church families.

Funds – We have not asked for any contributions from our member churches since 2022. Our Funds are now depleted and we will need to ask member churches for a donation in due course. This is to cover our annual insurance and website fees.

Our *Churches Together* website and Facebook page continue to not only to advertise our own events, but member churches can advertise their own events and they have started to make use of this facility. We feel this is an important part of *Churches Together* both to support our member churches and also as a joint witness to the wider community.

We continue to liaise with other church communities in Broadstairs and St Peters as well as other churches throughout Thanet. We share information via two WhatsApp groups, which we then pass on to our member churches to share with their congregations. The work centres on ecumenical prayer events. On 8th March 2026 an ecumenical prayer evening was held at St Andrews Church, which - despite the weather - was well attended. We hope that all churches will join in this vital ministry.

B. Wilson 24/03/2026

Reports from the Mission Sub-Committee of the PCC on activities during 2025

The following reports of the Mission sub-committee reflect the activities covered by mission, or outreach. There is a great team of people working together to make the following activities happen. They are Sue Flory, Jenny Cartier-Lambert, Janet Graham, Michael Hawthorne, Rev Canon Philip Musindi, Jane Nicol, Fiona Pearse, Graham Silsbury, Di Springett and Olivia Tassell.

Please read the following reports from the various areas the Mission Committee covers; there's good stuff here!

There are other people involved in outreach who do not sit within the committee but deserve special thanks for their ministry and their reports are included. Jenny Matterface continues her work with the Food Link, ably assisted by Chris and Mary Stockwell. Janet Porter ably chairs the Women's Group and through her ministry, women who may not come to church to worship, are able to experience the Christian environment.

Ministry to young people at St. Andrew's is growing, starting with the Toddlers, through Junior Church and ending with YPaStA and this is very gratifying. At the other end of the age range, Di and her team keep tabs on people who are unable to come to church now, so that they are not forgotten, as one part of their pastoral work. Graham and his team have done sterling work converting us all to Mission Action as the successor to the Voyagers. Graham's report is a great read and shows how St. Andrew's continues to support people and causes, both financially and with time, talents and material gifting.

We're now looking forward to continuing to bring St. Andrew's into the wider community during 2026. Thank you to everyone for supporting our ventures.

Janet Graham

Toddler Group

I am delighted to report that our Toddler Group has now officially entered its fifth year. We still continue to receive heartwarming feedback from parents, grandparents and carers alike, many of whom describe our group as a lifeline for social connection and support.

A significant highlight of this past year was receiving a generous grant of £3,000 from CT Charities. This funding has been instrumental in allowing us to audit and replenish our equipment. By replacing worn-out items and investing in new sensory and play resources we are ensuring a safe and stimulating environment for the children.

The success of this group is built on the tireless dedication of a very small committed team. My undying thanks as always to my dear friend and colleague Jane, who runs this group with me and makes this ministry possible. Also to Caroline who has recently come on board to help.

Behind-the-scenes we owe a HUGE debt of thanks to Jane's husband Ian and their son Peter.

Every Tuesday night they handle the heavy lifting of setting up the hall (under our Jane's direction of course!). Ian always thankfully returns after our sessions to clear away and stack equipment.

A tedious task for sure and we are always astonished how Ian always somehow manages to succeed!

As we look to the coming year we do so with great anticipation. It is a privilege to provide space for our community and we are so proud to see our 'little seedlings' continuing to grow and flourish.

Jenny Cartier-Lambert

Young People at St. Andrew's (YPaSTA)

YPaSTA have continued to meet throughout the past year. We have grown in number but more especially in our love for God and care of each other. Playing games has been huge fun and we have a good mixture of literary and numerical skill and pure luck games!

Praying together has not only drawn us closer to God but also each other. Our Bible studies have centred around "Life with Jesus" by Tim Chester which has allowed us to explore connecting with God; living out our faith; exploring suffering and obedience and other topics too! We are thrilled to be paired up with prayer partners who are older than us and wiser and more experienced in their faith. They are all mature members of the St Andrews family and it is fulfilling to be praying for them as they pray for and support us. We look forward to more 11-18 year olds joining us in the year ahead.

Julian and Hilary

The Pastoral Team Report APCM 2025-2026

The Pastoral Team continue to be active in the Pastoral Ministry of the Church. We have endeavoured to keep in touch with as many of our Church family as possible either through visits or by phone calls. We have continued to deliver the news sheet to those who are vulnerable and unable to attend Church in person. We visit the sick when asked and we share in Holy Communion with them.

Phone calls are made to catch up and reassure folk we are thinking of them and that they remain in the prayers of St Andrew's. Christmas, Easter and cards of sympathy are sent at appropriate times.

As we all get older the needs of our Congregation are changing and we would welcome members to visit and chat to folk who can no longer make the journey to Church.

Thank you to the team who regularly sit in the Lady Chapel after the 10.00 am Church Service to listen and to pray with anyone in need. The Prayer Tree is a welcome addition to the pastoral team's ministry.

As we go forward in 2026, the team will continue to work hard, not only for our Church family but for the wider community as well.

I would like to thank all the members of the Team for their commitment to the Pastoral life of our church.

Di Springett



Mission Action report to APCM 2026

Last year we hoped that the whole church family was feeling more involved with the work of mission here at St Andrew's that we call "Mission Action". We have tried to work hard to keep it in focus for all of us and do hope you all feel a part of our efforts. It is hoped that by now all members of our church family feel they are involved in "Mission Action."

This is now the third full year since restyling ourselves from the Voyagers Group at St Andrew's set up in 1965. A lot has been achieved in order to allow us all to feel included in this ministry.

However, as I reported last year there is still plenty that could be done and we would welcome efforts from everyone who would like to be more directly involved.

We continue to work hard to communicate the spirit of togetherness throughout the whole church by using the newsletter and the communication screen mounted at the back of the church. It remains our large noticeboard. It is the centre of our communications system and we work hard to keep it relevant and up to date with news of those we support. Please let any member of the PCC know if you would like something included in any of these communication features.

It needs to be remembered that efforts for charitable outreach is no longer simply measured in financial terms, time and talents and material gifting are equally important and contribute significantly towards our mission work. We have had a good year.

So how do we operate?

Coffee Jar teams donate coffee tea milk and biscuit to make this work, (we need more volunteers please).

Book stall and card sales.

Di's coffee morning.

Collection from the Christingle service.

Sue Flory's choir and Coastal Choir concerts.

Christmas trees, angels, stars and donations for wreath making. We have new Christmas tree lights, gracious thanks go to Geoff Philpott for donating two beautiful trees to us once again and to Barry for the lights that we look forward to seeing at Christmas 26.

St Andrew's Christmas lunch has reached a sad milestone; organized by Clive Jackson was once again a lovely event. I do hope we will be able to continue it, in both Clive's and Pat Price's memories.

We have plans for future events that we'll keep you informed about. Concerts and a garden party amongst them. The Humpries family will be back for a visit this year, our Mission Guatemala charity.

During this last year we have continued to support the Thanet food bank. The ladies have continued with their 'Big Knit' event. We have also donated again this year to the "Shoobox Appeal" bettering our total number of boxes for the third year in succession. We've supported Jamaica in the wake of hurricane "Melissa." Toys have been sent to Pilgrims Hospice and the Salvation Army and the Children Society again received the collection from our Christingle service.

Cash disbursements have been made that include, Mission Guatemala, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Daylight the Christian prison trust, the Leprosy Mission and a vulnerable adult charity.

Please keep your eyes on our noticeboard and screen for the latest information and importantly come and join in. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Graham and the team.

St Andrew's Women's Group

Report from 2025

We meet every Wednesday afternoon during the school term, 1.45 for a 2.00p.m. start. We give a warm welcome to all women. Our group continues to grow in numbers and friendship. The variety of speakers has kept the meetings interesting as do the occasional music and games sessions. We have a pre-loved clothes rail and books and puzzles stalls bring in funds for us. Every year we select three different charities to support.

Our annual lunches are always popular, usually taking place at North Foreland Golf Club. We always have an outing and last year it was an afternoon tea at Young's Nursery. Another annual event is a delicious cream tea with all the trimmings, in the Community Hall. Raffles are always a hit! Philip conducts our end of term services, which is greatly appreciated by all.

St. Andrew's Women's Group represents a wonderful outreach opportunity, of which we are very proud. It is in its 65th year, having started as Mothers' Union. We can still boast one original member from that time.

Janet Porter

St Andrews Church Reading Street.

Thanet Food Link

St. Andrew's congregation has throughout the year been extremely generous with donations both in kind and financially. Some also support by direct debit which enables the co-ordinator to have reserves for when there are shortages in essential items. Without that support it would be difficult to maintain the level of help for those in need.

Donations are taken to the warehouse at Westwood to be checked, stored in date order ready for the volunteers who fill the many hundreds of bags needed every week at the two distribution centres, St. Paul's Cliftonville and St. Peter's Baptist Church. St. Paul's is used mostly by single people whereas St. Peter's tends to be families. All who seek help are issued with a voucher and after a certain number, clients are required to seek budgeting advice to ensure they are handling their finances as wisely as possible. If a client has used up all the vouchers, help is still offered but it may not be the usual bag of sixteen standard items. Supermarkets often donate surplus stock of fresh items which are an added bonus.

Where available other goods like toiletries like soap, toothpaste and deodorants are given to help clients maintain some standard of personal hygiene. It is extremely difficult to keep clean when money is in short supply. At St. Peter's the Outreach Team from Citizens' Advice holds clinics twice a month helping with benefits applications or giving advice on many other issues as they do at a number of other venues across Thanet.

Thank you for your continued support

<https://thanetfoodlink.org.uk/>

Jenny Matterface

Report of St Andrew's Finance and Resources Committee 2025-26

Chair: **Julian Hills**

Members: **Philip Musindi (Vicar), Jenny Lambert (Churchwarden), Sue Flory (Churchwarden), Richard Collins (Treasurer), Simon Kemp, and Graham Silsbury,**

During the year Lee Kerton and Sam Kilburne's membership of the committee came to an end and we do wish to record our grateful thanks for all they have contributed to the group over many years. The committee has met 4 times this year and recognising that we have been seeking to recruit a Youth and Children's Minister which brings employment responsibilities with it, the PCC has expanded the role of the group accordingly. It has now been named the Finance and Resources Committee with amended terms of reference.

Our broad aim continues to be to ensure that St Andrew's has the funds and resources it needs to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and provide Christian witness and service throughout the parish. The PCC has long held aspirations for recruiting someone to lead our ministry to young people and during the course of the summer an opportunity arose to apply to the diocese for a substantial grant for this purpose, sourced from the national church's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB). We were blessed to be accepted for this grant and during the autumn we prepared the ground for recruitment to the role, culminating in a job offer being made at the end of February 2026. We are excited about the prospects for the development of our young people's ministry and the potential for further growth in the life of our church and its outreach to the community we serve. We recognise however that there is still a significant financial responsibility on the PCC if this ministry post is to be fully funded into the future.

Another priority for us has been to finance the replacement of our ageing heating systems in the church and community hall. The Fabric Committee under Graham Silsbury's leadership has been doing sterling work to plan for this development and in obtaining appropriate permissions and faculties to enable this to be achieved. The hall radiators were replaced during the latter part of 2025 and the church ones during the early part of 2026. This work has been financed by the generous giving of many and in particular through the Gift Day held in September 2025. Thanks to all involved, we now have comfortably warm buildings heated efficiently.

We have continued to encourage generous giving and in particular we aim to do this on our Stewardship Sunday and at our Gift Days each year. The Gift Day in 2025 set a record for the amount given as with gift aid recovered, we received over £20,000. Our regular giving is showing encouraging increases, and it all serves our plans for our gospel ministry

well. We are particularly grateful for the extraordinary efforts undertaken by many individuals to raise funds for the work and ministry of St Andrew's, and we do appreciate the contribution that this makes to our life together. As some of those who have led our fundraising efforts over many years stand down from their responsibilities we look to others to come forward and undertake this great work.

Support for our church does not always come through the giving of money but also in the offering of time, talents and prayer. We are greatly thankful for those who faithfully carry out these offerings of themselves week in week out.

We have been fortunate that our Parish Share assessment for 2026 has grown by just 1.25% over 2025. This represents our biggest financial commitment and ensures we are able to fund the services of our beloved vicar in full, as well as drawing on diocesan services that are critical to the ministry we offer.

The Committee would like to express its enormous gratitude to the family of Wilma Kossa that has seen it gifted the sum of £121,000 towards the mission and ministry of St Andrews from Wilma's will. It is extremely important to the PCC that the use of this money is marshalled wisely. They recognise in particular Wilma's involvement in the young people's ministry and the musical life of the church and in memory of this, the PCC have decided to designate £60,000 each for the Youth Ministry Fund and the Fabric Fund with the intention that the latter will support the renovations needed for the church organ.

I would like to express on your behalf our grateful thanks for all that Richard undertakes as Treasurer. It is an onerous task, and we do appreciate the calm way in which he fulfils his responsibilities with great diligence. I thank too all the Finance Committee members for their involvement in our work and for their commitment to the work and ministry of St Andrews.

Julian Hills - Chair

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Receipts						
Planned giving						
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	2,235	—	—	—	2,235	2,560
0201 - Planned giving - Gift aided	33,477	—	—	—	33,477	30,042
0211 - Planned giving - non-Gift aided	4,644	—	—	—	4,644	4,769
Planned giving Totals	40,356	—	—	—	40,356	37,371
Collections and other giving						
0301 - Loose plate collections	6,654	—	—	—	6,654	6,275
0401 - Gift days	17,606	—	—	—	17,606	8,081
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	6,672	1,613	1,500	—	9,785	7,200
0551 - Donations - Church General Fund	3,106	2,297	500	—	5,904	3,414
Collections and other giving Totals	34,039	3,911	2,000	—	39,950	24,971
Other voluntary receipts						
0410 - Giving through church boxes	73	199	—	—	272	438
0550 - Voyagers Mission giving	—	31	—	—	31	60
0701 - Legacies	—	120,000	1,000	—	121,000	1,980
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	—	3,000	—	—	3,000	10,000
Other voluntary receipts Totals	73	123,230	1,000	—	124,304	12,478
Gift Aid recovered						
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	17,596	—	—	—	17,596	12,209
Gift Aid recovered Totals	17,596	—	—	—	17,596	12,209
Other receipts						
0552 - Collections (not used)	—	—	—	—	—	—
0901 - Other funds generated	370	—	—	—	370	500
Other receipts Totals	370	—	—	—	370	500
Activities for generating funds						
0900 - Fund raising	15,129	1,148	—	—	16,278	16,580
0902 - Refreshment Income	279	560	—	—	839	702
0910 - Rummage sales etc	—	—	—	—	—	—
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	—	—	—	—	—	—
1260 - Parish magazine sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
12601 - Magazine Sales	—	—	—	—	—	—
Activities for generating funds Totals	15,409	1,708	—	—	17,117	17,282

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown