

# **ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH SOUTH HILL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**For the year ended 31 December 2025**



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Our vision is that St Sampson's will be an accessible Christian presence in our 21<sup>st</sup> century community, drawing people in by its beauty, enfolding them with the warmth of its welcome and enabling them to experience the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

"Mission Statement" - Reach Out, Welcome In, Tell the Story.

***'Everything St Sampson's does is for the community'***

Rev Andy Atkins – at his last service, September 2025

## Introduction

The year 2025 can probably be viewed in two parts, with change being an important theme again for St Sampson's. The first part of the year saw Rev Andy working with his two benefices towards the proposed pastoral reorganisation into one Kit Hill Benefice. St Sampson's PCC continued to voice their concerns over the difficulties in administering such a large number of churches and congregations. However, in August, we were saddened to hear that Rev Andy was leaving us in September, to take up a new post in Devon. The support and leadership that he had given us in the short time that he was here had been much appreciated. Our congregation numbers have remained steady throughout the year and a couple of special services brought some different people into church. One was the excellent choral evensong for our patronal festival and the other was a memorable service, reintering the bones of some of the Manaton family, following the archaeological works at the end of the year.

St Sampson's continues to look outwards to the community of South Hill with our informal gatherings to pray for the parish on Tuesday mornings. The toddler group, Sampson's Supertots, which meets on Monday mornings, is thriving and the churchyard working party, The Fossickers, has also drawn members from the community to help with the general maintenance of the churchyard. The regular monthly sessions have paid off, with the work load more easily managed, and resulting in an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife. The St Sampson's Unlocked Project and associated fundraising by CRUX (see Report) have continued and progressed, bringing more awareness of our special building to the wider community via concerts and the exciting archaeological discoveries under the floor in the Manaton Chapel.

We continue to keep the church open to visitors in daylight hours for people to reflect, pray and explore and from the comments received, we know this is appreciated. The churchyard is also valued by the local community, maintaining it in such a way as to promote a haven for wildflowers and wildlife.

Please keep in mind that this report is for 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025, therefore developments since the beginning of 2026 are not included.

We are thankful for all who work to keep St Sampson's a special place, including those who provide worship, music, maintenance, tea and cake, cleaning, administration, rotas, record keeping, finance, pastoral care, flowers, safeguarding, communications, fundraising, churchyard care, a warm welcome, advice, enthusiasm, wise words, strong shoulders, and especially friendship, laughter and prayer.

**The Parochial Church Council of St Sampson's South Hill**

## Reference and administrative information

The parish of South Hill is part of the Diocese of Truro within the Church of England and the parish church, St Sampson's, is located at the crossroads, South Hill near Callington, Cornwall. It is a grade I listed medieval church, dedicated in 1333, enlarged in the 15th century, and restored in 1871. South Hill is one of the four parishes which make up the Callington Cluster. The correspondence address is St Sampson's Church, South Hill, Callington, PL17 7LP. From September 2024 to September 2025 Rev Andy Atkins was the Oversight Minister to both the Callington Cluster and the Tamar Valley Benefice. He was appointed Priest in Charge of the Callington Cluster whilst the consultation for the uniting of these two benefices is ongoing. After his resignation in September 2025, we are now in vacancy. For parish administration, the diocese is structured into two archdeaconries and twelve deaneries. St Sampson's is in the South East Cornwall group of parishes forming the East Wivelshire Deanery, which in turn is part of the Archdeaconry of Bodmin. The Rev Michael Johnson is Strategic Lead and Rural Dean of East Wivelshire and an Associate Priest in every parish.

## Structure governance and management

The official name of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Sampson, South Hill", with the working name of "South Hill PCC". The charity is also known as St Sampson's Church, South Hill. South Hill PCC is a corporate body operating under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956, as amended, and the Church Representation Rules 2025. The PCC has now applied for registration with the Charity Commission as a result of increased income following the grant awarded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund (application number 5288007).

### Aims and Purposes

The purpose of the PCC is promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church. The PCC is required by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956: "to co-operate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical".

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church building and thereby preserves this historic building for future generations.

### Objectives and Activities and Public Benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St Sampson's. We have a variety of services and other events to appeal to different people, within our parish and beyond, and we hold services weekly. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and open to all. To facilitate our activities, it is important that we maintain and improve the fabric and facilities of the Church of St Sampson, South Hill. When planning our activities for the year the PCC has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### Structure

The appointment of PCC members is governed by, and set out in, the Church Representation Rules. Membership of the Parochial Church Council comprises six elected lay members, plus ex-officio members comprising the Parish Clergy, Readers, the Churchwardens and two Deanery Synod Representatives. The PCC may co-opt up to two additional members. A decision of the annual meeting of 2010 is in force that all lay representatives should serve for a period of twelve months in accordance with Provision M16 (2) of the Church Representation Rules 2020 & 2025. This decision was reviewed at the annual meeting in 2022 and needs to be reviewed again by 2028 as stated in M16 (4).

All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including on how funds of the PCC are to be spent.

PCC Members who served during the year 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025 were as follows: –

From 1 January – 18 May 2025

Ex Officio members: Rev A Atkins – Chair  
Mrs Judith Ayers – Churchwarden, Reader  
Mr Chris Beckett– Deanery Synod representative, Electoral  
Roll Officer  
Rev Michael Johnson – Rural Dean and Associate Priest  
Mrs Miranda Lawrance-Owen – Deanery Synod  
representative, Safeguarding Officer  
Mrs Jane Newberry - Churchwarden  
Mr Robin West – Reader, Lay Chair

Elected members: Mrs Caroline Beckett – Secretary  
Mrs Susan Tunncliffe - Finance Officer  
Mr Mark Weatherhead  
Mr David Young - Health and Safety Officer  
Mrs Elaine Young

From 18 May 2025 onwards

Ex Officio members: Rev A Atkins – Chair (until his resignation in September 2025)  
Mrs Judith Ayers – Churchwarden, Reader  
Mr Chris Beckett– Deanery Synod representative, Electoral  
Roll Officer  
Rev Michael Johnson – Rural Dean and Associate Priest  
Mrs Miranda Lawrance-Owen – Deanery Synod  
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During the year the full PCC met eight times between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 (four times before the APCM 2025 and afterwards four times to the 31 December) with an extra meeting on 12 November 2025 called by Rev Michael Johnson, Rural Dean following the resignation of Rev Andy. The PCC also agreed issues and resolutions via e mail when necessary. Topics discussed over the year include worship, finance, safeguarding, upkeep of our building and the restoration project, the upkeep of the churchyard and cluster and deanery matters.

Individual PCC members receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. Training is available through the Diocese.

## Safeguarding Report for Year Ending 31 December 2025

The PCC of the Parish of St Sampson's confirms it has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. It has complied with the requirements imposed by the code under section 5A of the Safeguarding Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (M5(3)). The PCC reviews its policy annually and it was last reviewed and accepted in May 2025.

No safeguarding concerns were raised during the year. The PCC receives a safeguarding report at every meeting. We hold an annual safeguarding themed Sunday service.

The PCC uses the Church of England's online 'Parish Dashboard' system to record all safeguarding training and action required by the PCC. The 'PCC Actions' section of the Dashboard is 100% complete.

All PCC members completed the required safeguarding training courses. Many thanks to all PCC members.

**Miranda Lawrance-Owen**  
**Parish Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment Officer**

## Health & Safety

### 1. Policy & Management Review

- **Health and Safety Policy:** The Health and Safety Policy and Church Fire Risk Assessment were presented to the PCC in June 2025 and approved. The Lone Worker Policy was also reviewed and agreed at this meeting. David Young will continue to monitor the policies to ensure they remain fit for purpose for our small congregation.
- **Documentation:** The Health and Safety policy is in a folder in the vestry.

### 2. Risk Assessment Summary

- **General Risk Assessment:** Completed in May 2025
- **Fire Safety:** Annual Fire Risk Assessment completed in June 2025.  
Fire extinguishers serviced in November 2025

### 3. Inspections & Maintenance

- **Electrical Safety:** Fixed wiring inspection (5-yearly) is valid until June 2026.
- **Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)** for items like kettles and vacuum cleaners was completed in December 2025
- **Working at Height:** Use of ladders for lightbulb changes or gutter clearing is restricted to authorised volunteers following our safety protocol.

### 4. Churchyard & Exterior Grounds

- **Monument Safety:** A "hand-pull" test of tombstones will be conducted in the Spring of 2026. No memorials were identified as unstable.
- **Trees:** Visual inspection following winter storms identified no immediate hazards.
- **Paths:** Cleared of moss and debris regularly to prevent slips.

### 5. Training & Communication

- **Contractors:** All external contractors (eg for roof repairs) provided proof of insurance and risk assessments before work commenced.

### 6. Priorities for future maintenance

1. Arrange for fixed wiring to be tested (required 5 yearly) in 2026.
2. Replace access ramp to main entrance

Health and safety affect us all, so if there are any issues or concerns relating to health and safety in the church or churchyard, please report them to the churchwardens.

**David Young**  
**Health & Safety Officer**

# Achievement and Performance

## Church Services



Services are normally held every Sunday, as follows:

|                                        |                                              |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday                 | 11.15am Holy Communion (Common Worship)      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday                 | 11.15am Celtic Morning Worship               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday                 | 11.15am Morning Worship                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>refreshments | 10am Sunday with a Difference - with         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>churches     | Joint Cluster Service, at one of our Cluster |

The aim is to offer a variety of styles of worship each month and to encourage worship together at the cluster services.

There were 23 attendees at Easter Holy Communion. In October we held our Harvest Festival service, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch and an auction of produce. Marrows, apples, flowers and jars of jam came under the hammer. The proceeds were given to The Cornwall Air Ambulance and Ripple Effect. The candlelit carol service in December, which included items by a small choir of local people, was, as always, well received by the community, with 58 people attending and enjoying mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. A retiring collection was taken for The Children's Society. Many thanks to Jenny Coombe, the organist, and all the people who contributed to making this a wonderful occasion. There were 26 attendees on Christmas Day. Many thanks to Jane for playing the organ on first Sundays. There were no weddings, two funerals, and one baptism during the year. In general Sunday attendance has remained steady with an average of 16 attendees.



## Worship Team

The worship team for South Hill in 2025 comprised Judith Ayers, Robin West (Readers), and Miranda Lawrance-Owen, (Lay Worship Leader). The team plan and lead all the services at

St Sampson's with the oversight of Rev Andy Atkins, until his resignation in September. We are also very grateful to Rev Heather West for her regular assistance.

We have welcomed and are thankful for a variety of preachers and priests again this year. They have given us a broad and rich diet of word and sacrament with different service styles, providing variety and a dynamic worship mix. Our Eco status and Celtic origins continue to influence our worship. Despite the ongoing building works we have maintained a weekly service.

Sunday with a Difference, which includes Forest Café Church, takes place on fourth Sundays of the month, and often has an element of outside worship. We once again wassailed the trees at South Hill Community Orchard in February with the help of the orchard group and local musicians.

We always aim to be different in style and content on fourth Sundays with a café style service and often lively discussions.

St Sampson's feast day (28 July) was celebrated with a visiting organist, David Davies and a choir from Exeter to sing choral evensong followed by a sumptuous feast with the ceremonial serpent cake!

Our Harvest Festival and auction of produce raised money for the Air Ambulance and Ripple Effect (previously Send a Cow).



In December, we organised a pop-up nativity event, complete with a real baby, a stable and live donkeys, which brought the Christmas story vividly to life. The occasion was filled with joy, as members of the congregation enthusiastically took on various roles and wholeheartedly joined in the festivities.



## Prayer Gathering

A small group of congregation members meets every Tuesday morning at 9.30 am for half an hour, to pray informally for the parish of South Hill and individuals and organisations connected with the parish who have a need for prayer or blessing. There is no particular format to this meeting. There is informal prayer, sometimes written prayers, sometimes

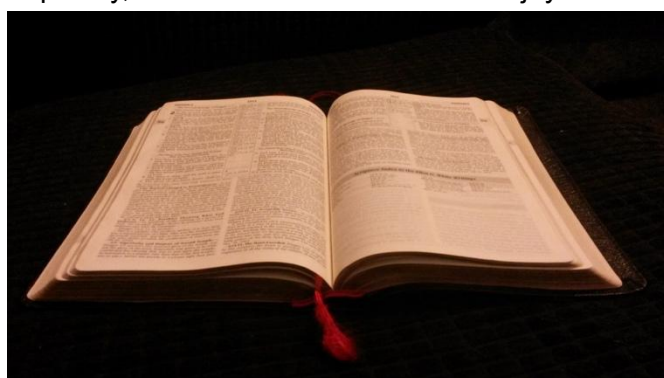
silence, often laughter. Bible text is used alongside contemporary writings, depending on the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Whilst building works have been happening at the church the group has been meeting on Zoom with a WhatsApp group to support prayer requests and needs.

The group is open to all members of our congregation and other Christians in the parish. Regular attendance is not a requirement. Anyone is welcome to drop in for all or part of the prayer session at any time. If anyone has a prayer request, please speak to or email Judith or Miranda, or leave your request in an envelope on the prayer table. Anonymity is fine if preferred, but no information about prayer requests is ever shared outside the group.

### **Readers and Intercessors Rotas**

We operate a growing rota of congregation members who read the lessons and lead intercessions for each service. Hearing different voices for different parts of the service adds to the richness of our services. Having so many people on the rotas shares the work and, hopefully, ensures that rota service is a joy not a burden. Thank you to all those involved.



If anyone else would like to be included on the rotas, please speak to Miranda Lawrance-Owen. Volunteers can choose whether they do intercessions as well as readings, or just one or the other. Training and support are available.

### **East Wivelshire (EW) Deanery Report**

The parish representatives for 2025-2026 were Miranda Lawrance-Owen and Chris Beckett. This is the final year of the current Deanery Synod triennium. Deanery Synod met three times in 2025. The January meeting discussed a proposal from Linkinhorne PCC concerning Church Representation Rules covering membership of PCCs and synods. Normally those convicted of serious offences against children are disqualified, however a Bishop can waive such disqualifications. The meeting agreed to ask Diocesan Synod to request the removal of the waiver option. The 2025 MMF required was £309k, however in recognition of affordability an official call of £269k was agreed with the shortfall to be covered from mission funding. In November it was reported that Millbrook was actively engaging with the wider community and this had sparked new ideas and gained new support for activities. A coordinated rollout of community engagement is planned across the deanery.

### **Diocesan Synod Report**

East Wivelshire is represented by Roy Cooper, Patrick Newberry, Robin West and Chris Beckett, the last two being members of our PCC, and this was the second year of the current triennium. Diocesan Synod met four times.

The meeting in February included a short introduction from the recently elected Bishop David. Cornwall Council gave an address explaining that the increase in older residents (+21%) compared to working age (+1.7%), means sustainability is

the county's greatest challenge. Cornwall needs to explain that it is the start of the UK, not the end of the line, and the best place to be. The June meeting covered "Growing Younger", a proposal to increase engagement with children, young people and families. The September meeting covered the case for replacing Bishop Hugh who was to become Bishop of Worcester. It was also reported that Church Commissioners' funding will increase from £1.2bn to £1.6bn over 2026-28. The motion to remove the Bishop's waiver was defeated after speeches against it, and legal advice that the waiver is "essential to ensuring that justice can be done". The last meeting of the year discussed plans to re-establish the Living Churchyards Project in collaboration with The Wildlife Trust and Cornwall Council. The 2026 budget was agreed with planned expenditure of £11.8M and income of £7.3M so a projected deficit of £4.5M, funded from reserves.

**Chris Beckett**  
**Deanery Synod Representative for South Hill and**  
**Diocesan Synod Representative for East Wivelshire**

## Refreshments



The provision of refreshments, following every Sunday service, has proved to be a source of enjoyable fellowship for the congregation, and a great opportunity for welcoming preachers and visitors to the church. It is an important extension to church life and much appreciated by all.

We continue to have a wider choice of refreshments for special services such as the Christmas Carols by Candlelight and for community events in the church such as concerts and talks.

We look forward to the provision of the compact kitchen in the church in the future, which will make the serving of refreshments much easier.

Many thanks to the willing band of volunteers who have helped with refreshments this year.

## Flowers

Our talented team of volunteer flower arrangers have continued to decorate St Sampson's with beautiful displays for Sunday services from Easter to Advent. They also decorate the church for special occasions such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

Their arrangements always lift the spirits, brighten the church and are often commended by visitors. We thank the team for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Thanks also go to Denise Bomyer, who provides floral displays and posies for our special concerts and events.



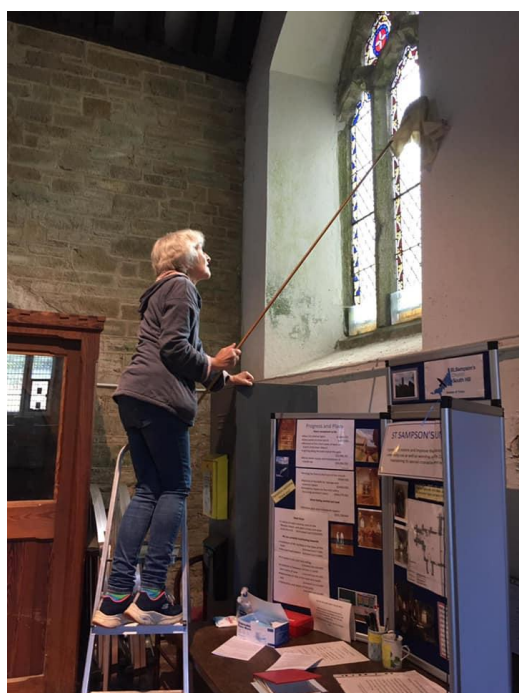
There is always room for more volunteers so please contact Susan Hicks or Sue Tunnicliffe if you would like to have a go.

The PCC thanks all those who have contributed flowers, foliage and their time to decorate the church or have donated flowers or money.

## Chat and clean

Every couple of months, particularly before major festivals, weddings or other events the Chat 'n' Clean Team meet to clean the church, and enjoy friendship, company, good coffee and cake. This informal group includes both regular worshippers and other parish residents. We do our best to keep the church clean and welcoming for services and visitors, although this can sometimes be a challenge in the summer with our resident bats, and our ongoing building works this year have also contributed to the problem.

Thank you to all who keep the church looking cared for and clean from bats and building work. If you would like to help, contact Judith Ayers.



## St Sampson's Unlocked Project

The St Sampson's Unlocked Project (SSU) started in 2019, with a big vision and a long list! Our aim is to repair and improve the church building to make it better for worship and community use in the 21st century. Lots of repair and restoration work is being carried out to make the building warm and dry; a small group meeting room is being created and WC and kitchen facilities will be provided. This will enable the building to be used not just by congregation members but also for outreach events to the community and as a community resource for the parish. We want the building to be used and appreciated by the whole community once again and to ensure its sustainability in the future. Step by step the project is progressing and the PCC continues with enthusiasm to keep moving it forward. Buildings are a resource for mission, as SSU is proving. The vision we have for the future has caused renewed interest and enthusiasm throughout the community for St Sampson's church and its place in South Hill Parish.

Many thanks to all those involved in fundraising and to our generous individual donors and supporters. During 2025 £252,597 was received from fundraising, grants, and donations and we spent £162,718. Work this year included: repointing work on the tower; gutter and downpipe repair or replacement on the west side; restoration of the screen doors into the tower; conservation of the western tomb recess and dragon corbel in the chancel. Work to turn the north transept (known as the Manaton chapel) into a small meeting room began in October and should be finished by May 2026.

Work had to stop following the not unexpected discovery of



remains beneath the floor and we had an exciting few months while three stone lined and rendered burial vaults were fully excavated.

Documentary evidence confirmed the remains to be members of the Manaton family and Mike Manaton organised a very

moving memorial service and an evening concert, following the reinterment of the remains. We also held a well attended open day to explain the archaeological work and the discoveries.



In August we were delighted (and relieved) to hear that our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for had been successful. We were awarded a grant of £201,218.00 towards "The Roof Over Our Heads" phase of the project to cover the restoration and return of the bells, major nave and Manaton chapel roof and ceiling repairs, and heritage interpretation work - including an exciting digital trail and a printed church guide.

In total as at 31/12/2025 we have raised £737,688 and spent £408,116.

### Since the start of the project, completed phases are:

- 2020 mains water and path lights installed, re location of the font and removal of some back pews to create hospitality space
- 2021-2023 Hill monument restoration
- 2021-2023 windows restoration (glazing and stonework)
- 2021 bells dismantled for safety
- 2022 urgent roof works

- 2023 new overhead heaters
- 2024 external masonry repairs
- 2024-25 external and internal door restoration work
- 2023 - 25 restoration and repair of all rainwater goods on the north and west sides, including the tower
- 2025 conservation of western tomb recess and dragon corbel in the chancel
- 2025 tower repointing and installation of bird mesh to the openings



*Dragon Corbel*

*Restored Tower Screen doors*



*Wallwalkers rope access team re-pointing the tower*

### **Next steps**

Fundraising continues, with grant applications and planned events in 2026. The bells are scheduled to return in January 2026. (Update: they did); the Manaton chapel work will be completed in May 2026 and repair of the nave roof and ceiling will start in October 2026, due to be finished by April 2027. If sufficient funds are raised, we aim to proceed with the tower

part of the project, 'Heritage Restored, Comfort Ensured', installing accessible WC facilities in the base of the tower, and complete the final section of rainwater goods, on the south side. More major funding will be needed to repair the roof and ceiling of the south aisle and chancel. Once all that has been done, the kitchenette, floor tiling and general redecoration will be tackled.

A great deal of prayer and work has already gone into the St Sampson's Unlocked Project, and we have been overwhelmed by the support received and money raised. As you can see, there is more to be done, and the PCC would value your ongoing prayers.

We are excited for the future as we move into the next phase.

### **CRUX** (Cherished, Restored, Unlocked Church)

Many thanks once again to our fundraising and community awareness team for all the hard work they do. In 2025 they raised approximately £3,500.

There were four wonderful evening events - a baroque concert with the Aderyn Quartet, an evening with shanty band Barrett's Privateers, a concert with acclaimed folk musician Sam Sweeney and 'The Big Sing', a community event singing old favourites from Jerusalem to Trelawney, with organist David Davies and singer Rebecca Davies, accompanied by beautiful photographs of local places dear to our hearts. CRUX also organised the annual Medieval Summer Fair and grand draw for the fourth year running. An amazing effort from all involved.



## Wider Activities in the Parish and Community

In addition to running Supertots Toddler Group (see separate report), this year we ran three activity mornings for younger children and families, plus a Pop Up Nativity Play in church at Christmas. During February half term, we worked with Claire, the Cluster Family Worker, to run a craft and activities morning in the parish hall on the theme of 'Love, Kindness and Friendship'. On Easter Saturday we held 'Easter in the Wild' in the church and churchyard, with an Easter themed trail around the churchyard, a visit from the Trewassick miniature donkeys and craft activities in the church. In August, Claire helped us to organise an event based on the creation story with lots of lovely outdoor activities.



Our plant stalls in Golberdon, at the parish hall anniversary celebrations and the Horticultural Show in August were once again popular with all the local gardeners.



During Advent the congregation and community were encouraged to fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas child. In December Father Christmas came with us to visit Supertots, where we presented the Christmas story in songs and musical activities, with gifts for the children.

Other community events are detailed in the SSU report, CRUX team section.

Individual church members are always encouraged to follow missional calling and are involved in the wider community and the cluster in a variety of ways, belonging to various parish and community organisations, such as the Parish Hall committee,

South Hill WI, SHARE, Open the Book at Callington Primary School, the Bell Walking Group and Kelliwik Golowi band.

The PCC extends its thanks to all involved in these activities.

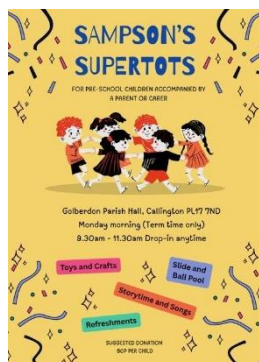
The South Hill Connection (magazine and online version) and St Sampson's Unlocked Facebook page continue to be used to inform the community of church activities. We also use the Callington Cluster face book page and other local pages. St Sampson's Church is also on Trip Advisor, X (Twitter) and Instagram. The PCC is very grateful to Judith Ayers and Jane Newberry for work on this. The cluster website and "A Church Near You" website have all our details, which are updated regularly.



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## Sampson's Supertots



Throughout 2025, Sampson's Supertots continued to be well supported by parents and carers in the parish and local area, and it was a joy to welcome some new faces in the autumn term.

As in 2024, there were a couple of significant changes over the summer.

Firstly, the Diocese grant funding came to an end. However, the Callington Cluster Operations Team agreed that our hall rent could be paid by the Family Fund, meaning that we did not need to consider charging for the session; keeping it freely accessible to all.

Secondly, Marie and Zoe chose to step back from being part of the organising team, but they continue to attend. Since then, Lucy and I have managed to keep things running, and some positive changes have come from what seemed, at first, like a major set-back. God works in mysterious ways!

The introduction of a set snack time reduced the time spent in the kitchen preparing refreshments, and this has proved to be a more sociable part of the session. More bible stories and prayers are now shared during story time; presenting new stories for the children, and a message for all.

Throughout 2025, we continued to enjoy visits from Claire, our Cluster family worker, and her provision of crafts has been greatly appreciated. We will miss her when she leaves in April 2026.

We ended the year with our nativity celebration at the Parish Hall, whilst the Church had building work in progress. Again, a situation that started as a disappointment turned out to be wonderful, and was very well attended, and enjoyed. Refreshments were served by Sue Tunnicliffe and Susan Hicks. Jane Newberry presented a Christmas Jingle Ring with Judith Ayers. The children dressed up for a rather chaotic nativity, and Judith led carol singing on her violin.

Thank you to all those who have contributed, in any way, to the success of Supertots in 2025, but especially:

- Lucy Rutherford for continuing to help organise the group, and
- Dave Young for helping with the set-up and clear-up each week.

**Elaine Young**

# Reports

## Vicar's Annual Report for 2025

There is no Vicar's Annual Report for this year as Rev Andy Atkins resigned in September 2025 and we are in vacancy at the moment.

## Church Wardens' Fabric report for 2025, presented to APCM April 2026

*Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018. Section 50*

### Church Fabric, Fixtures and Fittings

The general condition of the building, fixtures and fittings has improved since our report for the last APCM.

- Tower external pointing, and rainwater goods on the west side and tower have been completed.
- Tower door hatch repaired.
- Storage shed installed.
- Floor joists under North choir pews were repaired at the same time as the recess monument.
- Bird nesting debris inside the tower has now been removed and bird netting put on the outside of louvres to prevent entry.
- Plug sockets have been put in where the old storage heaters were wired in.
- Our Quinquennial survey was completed on 26 February 2025.
- Bees wax candles are now being purchased from a local bee keeper. As more eco-friendly.

The St Sampson's Unlocked report details all the work which has been carried out this year and the plans for future work.

Twice yearly inspection and maintenance of roof slates, gutters and downpipes have been done by West Access. Slipped slates have been repaired where access has been possible. General regular maintenance is carried out in accordance with the St Sampson's Maintenance Plan, which is regularly updated. Fire extinguishers, electrical items, lightning conductor and other necessary testing is carried out in accordance with the PCC's Health and Safety Policy. Organ tuning and maintenance was carried out by Lance and Christopher Foy in June.

Regular weekly cleaning is being done by Jude Squires, who the PCC employs. This has continued to make a big difference in the ongoing care of the church interior. Lucy Gristy keeps the porch welcoming and the vestry table clean. More in depth cleaning happens several times a year with the Chat 'n' Clean team. We are very grateful to Jude, Lucy and the cleaning team for all that they do and all church members who assist with cleaning and maintenance indoors and out, during the year, which has been a challenge with building works taking place.

The Terrier forms and inventory have been brought up to date. Full details of the building and contents, Faculty permissions, and the Quinquennial and other inspection reports, are contained in the Church Property Register. This is available for inspection at any time. Just ask the Churchwarden.

## Churchyard

The PCC is committed to maintaining the churchyard for bio-diversity, as part of the Cornish Living Churchyards Project. A working party meets monthly and this has made a significant difference to the upkeep of the churchyard. Daffodil bulbs produced a good show and more yellow rattle has been sown. Thanks to Mike and Christine for maintaining the planter near the door

Moss removal along the paths takes place as necessary. The gravel around the church is weeded by hand.

The regular grass cutting contract was tendered this year (2025), to do fortnightly cuts in specified areas and the annual autumn cut of the long grass. A new contractor was appointed. Favourable comments have been received and he has been re-appointed for 2026. He was assisted with the autumn cut by volunteers raking the long grass. Many thanks to the Parish Council for contributing funds to this cost.



Our Churchyard is an ancient place where people find calm and comfort. Many thanks to all those who help care for St Sampson's.

**Judith Ayers & David Young**  
Churchwardens



## **Electoral Roll Report presented to the APCM April 2026**

There were 32 names on the roll at the date of last year's APCM. Since then, two names have been added, one person has deceased and one person has moved away meaning the total number of names on the roll remains at 32. The 2026 roll was open for revision for the prescribed period. No members requested removal of their names. Nine members are not resident in the parish. Eight of the non-residents live within the Callington Cluster area. Names may be added to, or removed from, the roll at any time during the year on request. The list of names is displayed on the church notice board for the prescribed period and a copy is available for inspection on application to the PCC.

**Chris Beckett**  
**Electoral Roll Officer 2025-2026**

## **The Doble Trust**

The Doble Trust comprises income from a capital fund set up in 1980 on the death of Mr Alfred George Doble, who left the income from his residuary estate in trust for the Rector and Churchwardens of South Hill to be used for "religious purposes in the parish of South Hill". The capital fund remains in the control of Lloyds Bank, as trustees of Mr Doble's estate. We have no access to the capital fund. Dividend Income is paid annually into an account in the name of the Rector & Churchwardens of South Hill, as trustees on behalf of the parish.

Money from the trust is available for use by the PCC or others on request, providing the purpose for which the money is requested falls within the definition of 'religious purposes in the parish of South Hill'. This can be anything which furthers the mission of the church in the parish including church maintenance and repairs. Payment is entirely at the discretion of the Rector and Churchwardens.

David Young, Judith Ayers and Rev Andy Atkins (January- September 2025) as Rector and Churchwardens were the trustees responsible for administering the funds in 2025. Miranda Lawrance-Owen (previous Churchwarden) remained as a signatory to the accounts for ease of administration. Two signatories are required for any transaction.

The balance in the fund at December 2025 was £38,705.60

Trust fund income during the year totalled £2,774.84. £2,485.22 of this was dividend income received from the Lloyds capital fund, the remaining £289.62 was interest on the trustees' investment account. In 2025, the trustees transferred £2,500 from the current account to the Savings account to take advantage of increased interest rates. It is hoped to move the savings account to a higher interest paying account in 2026 and /or use for major planned works.

No requests for payment were made to the trustees in the current accounting year to December 2025.

## Doble Trust Account for Year Ended 31 December 2025

|                                                           | 2025       |            | 2024       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Bank Balances at 1st January                              | £          |            | £          |            |
|                                                           |            |            |            |            |
| Treasures' (Current) Account                              | £702.31    |            | £686.81    |            |
| Instant Access Savings Account                            | £35,228.45 |            | £32,307.80 |            |
|                                                           |            | £35,930.76 |            | £32,994.61 |
|                                                           |            |            |            |            |
|                                                           |            |            |            |            |
| Treasures' (Current) Account Lloyds Trust Income Received | £2,485.22  |            | £2,500.00  |            |
|                                                           |            |            |            |            |
| Savings A/C Interest Received                             | £289.62    |            | £390.65    |            |
| Payments made                                             | Nil        |            | Nil        |            |
|                                                           |            |            |            |            |
| Bank Balance 31 December                                  |            | £38,705.60 |            | £35,885.26 |

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| D. S. Tunnicliffe | J. Ayers |
|-------------------|----------|

Full names

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| DOROTHY SUSAN<br>TUNNICLIFFE | JUDITH ANNE AYERS |
|------------------------------|-------------------|

Position

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| FINANCE OFFICER | LAY LEADER &<br>Church warden |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|

Date

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 15 APRIL 2026 | 15th April 2026. |
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**PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**

**Statement of accounts**

**for the year ended 31 December 2025**

# **PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**

## **Annual Report**

### **For the year ended 31 December 2025**

#### **Summary of the financial results for the year**

With our income exceeding the income limit for preparing receipts and payment accounts, the PCC has prepared accruals accounts for the year to 2025, with restated comparative figures for 2024. This has involved adjusting the receipts and payment accounts for amounts owed to and by the PCC at the year end, but not paid until the next year.

As well as changing the basis for preparing the accounts, new accounting rules have been introduced on when grant income must be shown in the accounts. Typically, even though a grant has been awarded, it can't be claimed until the relevant expenditure is incurred or about to be incurred, and so the grant income and the related expenditure would normally appear in the same year's accounts. All grants include conditions relating to how they must be spent, and charities are careful to ensure that they comply with those conditions. The reality is that grants awarded are almost always ultimately received. Under the new accounting rules, the grant must now be recognised as income in the year that it was first awarded, unless there are special conditions that genuinely mean that the receipt of the grant is in question. Since the grant has not yet been paid, it is shown as income with a corresponding debtor. When the grant is received in due course the bank receipt is offset against that debtor.

So, historically, grants and their related expenditure tended to "cancel each other out", so that the overall surplus or deficit for the year was not distorted. However, under these new accounting rules we will see a large surplus in one year as we raise funds for a project (St Sampson's Unlocked in this instance) with the surplus representing grants awarded. In subsequent years when the related expenditure is incurred, we will see significant deficits. Note 9 shows the grant income awarded in each year. Note 11 shows future expenditure commitments.

The effect of this new treatment of grant income is create a surplus

# **PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**

## **Annual Report**

### **For the year ended 31 December 2025**

#### **Summary of the financial results for the year (continued)**

| <b><i>Incoming resources</i></b>                                                     | <b>2025</b>      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Grants relating to the St Sampson's Unlocked project included in these 2025 accounts | £294,358         |
| Costs incurred in 2025 on the St Sampson's Unlocked project                          | <b>-£161,161</b> |
| <b><i>Overall surplus relating to this issue</i></b>                                 | <b>£133,197</b>  |

The overall financial results for 2025 are income of £348,827 (2024: £145,348), expenditure of £184,766 (2024: £74,881), giving an overall operating surplus for the year of £164,061 (2024: a surplus of £70,467).

However, the result for the general (unrestricted) fund for 2025 is income of £19,845 (2024: £23,317), expenditure of £22,048 (2024: £16,376), giving an overall operating loss for the year of -£2,203 (2024: a surplus of £6,941).

#### **Reserves policy**

Reserves are defined as that part of the PCC's income that is freely available. This excludes the PCC's restricted funds and income which can only be realised by selling any fixed assets held for charity use.

**General fund:** The PCC does not intend to build up large reserves. To minimise the risk of being unable to meet all its financial obligations as they fall due, including full payment of the Mission & Ministry Fund (MMF), the PCC is aiming to hold sufficient liquid general fund resources to meet approximately three months running costs.

As at 31 December 2025 the general fund resources that are readily realisable represent 3.3 months' routine general fund payments (2024 8.3 months).

**Restricted funds:** The PCC does not plan to hold significant restricted funds and the PCC will seek to use the restricted funds to support the general activities of the church, within the restrictions placed on those funds. Where special needs arise, the PCC will seek external grant funding and instigate fundraising activities and appeals to meet that need.

**PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

|                                                                 |             | <b>2025</b>                         |                                   |                    | <b>2024</b>                         |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                 | <b>Note</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                                       |             |                                     |                                   |                    |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Income from donations and legacies                              | 2a          | 18,453                              | 316,120                           | 334,573            | 21,299                              | 113,574                           | 134,873            |
| Income from church activities                                   | 2b          | 1,392                               | 0                                 | 1,392              | 2,018                               | 0                                 | 2,018              |
| Income from other trading activities                            | 2c          | 0                                   | 6,633                             | 6,633              | 0                                   | 3,861                             | 3,861              |
| Investment income                                               | 2d          | 0                                   | 6,229                             | 6,229              | 0                                   | 4,596                             | 4,596              |
| Other income                                                    | 2e          | 0                                   | 0                                 | 0                  | 0                                   | 0                                 | 0                  |
|                                                                 |             | <b>£19,845</b>                      | <b>£328,982</b>                   | <b>£348,827</b>    | <b>£23,317</b>                      | <b>£122,031</b>                   | <b>£145,348</b>    |
| <b>RESOURCES USED</b>                                           |             |                                     |                                   |                    |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Expenditure on raising funds                                    | 3a          | 0                                   | 0                                 | 0                  | 0                                   | 0                                 | 0                  |
| Expenditure on church activities                                | 3b          | 19,479                              | 162,718                           | 182,197            | 14,969                              | 58,505                            | 73,474             |
| Other expenditure                                               | 3c          | 2,569                               | 0                                 | 2,569              | 1,407                               | 0                                 | 1,407              |
|                                                                 |             | <b>£22,048</b>                      | <b>£162,718</b>                   | <b>£184,766</b>    | <b>£16,376</b>                      | <b>£58,505</b>                    | <b>£74,881</b>     |
| <b>NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES<br/>BEFORE TRANSFERS</b> |             | <b>(2,203)</b>                      | <b>166,264</b>                    | <b>164,061</b>     | <b>6,941</b>                        | <b>63,526</b>                     | <b>70,467</b>      |
| <b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>                                  |             |                                     |                                   |                    |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Transfer into funds                                             | 10          | 0                                   | 3,106                             | 3,106              | 0                                   | 5,480                             | 5,480              |
| Transfer out of funds                                           | 10          | (3,106)                             | 0                                 | (3,106)            | 0                                   | (5,480)                           | (5,480)            |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>                                    |             | <b>(5,309)</b>                      | <b>169,370</b>                    | <b>164,061</b>     | <b>6,941</b>                        | <b>63,526</b>                     | <b>70,467</b>      |
| Opening balances                                                |             | 11,393                              | 180,173                           | 191,566            | 4,452                               | 116,647                           | 121,099            |
| <b>BALANCES C/FWD AT 31 December 2025</b>                       |             | <b>6,084</b>                        | <b>349,543</b>                    | <b>355,627</b>     | <b>11,393</b>                       | <b>180,173</b>                    | <b>191,566</b>     |

**PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

|                                                               | Notes | 2025                       |                          | Total<br>2025<br>£ | 2024                       |                          | Total<br>2024<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                               |       | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ |                    | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ |                    |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                                           |       |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Tangible Fixed Assets                                         |       |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Investments                                                   |       | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  |
|                                                               |       | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  |
|                                                               |       | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                         |       |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Debtors                                                       | 4     | 3,630                      | 123,092                  | 126,722            | 3,571                      | 46,707                   | 50,278             |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                      | 5     | 2,816                      | 226,451                  | 229,267            | 8,197                      | 133,466                  | 141,663            |
|                                                               |       | 6,446                      | 349,543                  | 355,989            | 11,768                     | 180,173                  | 191,941            |
| <b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>       | 6     | 362                        | 0                        | 362                | 375                        | 0                        | 375                |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                     |       | 6,084                      | 349,543                  | 355,627            | 11,393                     | 180,173                  | 191,566            |
| <b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b> |       | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                             |       | £6,084                     | £349,543                 | £355,627           | £11,393                    | £180,173                 | £191,566           |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                                  |       |                            |                          |                    |                            |                          |                    |
| Opening balances                                              |       | 11,393                     | 180,173                  | 191,566            | 4,452                      | 116,647                  | 121,099            |
| Surplus / (deficit)                                           |       | (2,203)                    | 166,264                  | 164,061            | 6,941                      | 63,526                   | 70,467             |
| Transfers                                                     | 10    | (3,106)                    | 3,106                    | 0                  | 0                          | 0                        | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 December 2025</b>                        | 7     | £6,084                     | £349,543                 | £355,627           | £11,393                    | £180,173                 | £191,566           |

These financial statements were approved by the PCC on 15th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Tunncliffe  
Treasurer

Judith Ayers  
Lay Reader & Churchwarden

*S. Tunncliffe*  
*J. Ayers*

**PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared: under the Charities Act 2011; in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions; together with FRS102 as the applicable accounting standards; and the 2026 version of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

***Funds***

General funds (or unrestricted funds) represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes. Details of the various funds held by the PCC are provided in note 11.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

***Incoming Resources***

Income and endowments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- 1 the PCC becomes legally entitled to the use of the resources; and
- 2 inflow of economic benefit is probable; and
- 3 the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

In practice, this means that:

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Planned giving receivable under gift aid is recognised only when received.
- Tax recoverable on gift aid donations and under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme is recognised when the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably

- certain. Unless there are specific performance obligations that make receipt of the grant genuinely uncertain, grants are therefore treated as income in the year the award is made, with future grant payments shown as a debtor.
- Funds raised by fundraising events are accounted for gross.
- Sales of books, cards and other items are accounted for gross.
- Monies received from external users of the church are recognised in the same period as the related usage.

***Resources Used***

- Grants awarded by the PCC and donations made are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

**PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Resources Used (continued)***

- The diocesan Mission & Ministry Fund (MMF) is accounted for when payable. Any MMF unpaid at 31 December is provided for in the financial statements as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor.

***Fixed Assets***

***Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings***

- St Sampson's Church in South Hill, as consecrated and beneficed property, is excluded from the accounts by section 10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.
- No value is placed on movable church items held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal, since the PCC considers them to be inalienable property and part of the Church.
- All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and maintenance or improvements of movable church furnishings is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed. As a result, the costs of any major works are written off during the year incurred.
- Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £250 or less are written off when the asset is acquired unless part of a larger system acquired at the same time.

***Current Assets***

- Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of grants awarded, parochial fees, use of the church or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove not to be collectable.
- Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held on deposit either with CCLA Investment Management (The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund) or in Barclays bank accounts. It also includes any petty cash floats held.

***Liabilities***

- Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**2 INCOMING RESOURCES**

**2a Income from donations and legacies**

| Notes                 | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total   |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
|                       | £                  | £                | £       | £                  | £                | £       |
| Planned giving        | 8,441              | 660              | 9,101   | 8,406              | 660              | 9,066   |
| Tax recoverable       | 2,997              | 0                | 2,997   | 6,526              | 0                | 6,526   |
| Collections           | 3,916              | 0                | 3,916   | 2,910              | 0                | 2,910   |
| Grant income          | 500                | 294,358          | 294,858 | 1,434              | 93,549           | 94,983  |
| Donations and appeals | 2,599              | 21,102           | 23,701  | 2,023              | 19,365           | 21,388  |
| Legacies              | 0                  | 0                | 0       | 0                  | 0                | 0       |
|                       | 18,453             | 316,120          | 334,573 | 21,299             | 113,574          | 134,873 |

**2b Income from church activities**

|                                                |       |   |       |       |   |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|---|-------|-------|---|-------|
| Income from church bookings                    | 0     | 0 | 0     | 0     | 0 | 0     |
| Fees paid to the PCC (for weddings & funerals) | 1,392 | 0 | 1,392 | 2,018 | 0 | 2,018 |
|                                                | 1,392 | 0 | 1,392 | 2,018 | 0 | 2,018 |

**2c Income from other trading activities**

|                                        |   |       |       |   |       |       |
|----------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| Income from various trading activities | 0 | 0     | 0     | 0 | 0     | 0     |
| Fundraising activities                 | 0 | 6,633 | 6,633 | 0 | 3,861 | 3,861 |
|                                        | 0 | 6,633 | 6,633 | 0 | 3,861 | 3,861 |

**2d Investment income**

|               |   |       |       |   |       |       |
|---------------|---|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| Bank interest | 0 | 6,229 | 6,229 | 0 | 4,596 | 4,596 |
|               | 0 | 6,229 | 6,229 | 0 | 4,596 | 4,596 |

**2e Other income**

|                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES**

**TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

**NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING)**

**RESOURCES BEFORE INVESTMENT**

|  | 2025               |                  |          | 2024               |                  |         |
|--|--------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
|  | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total    | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total   |
|  | £                  | £                | £        | £                  | £                | £       |
|  | 19,845             | 328,982          | 348,827  | 23,317             | 122,031          | 145,348 |
|  | 22,048             | 162,718          | 184,766  | 16,376             | 58,505           | 74,881  |
|  | (£2,203)           | £166,264         | £164,061 | £6,941             | £63,526          | £70,467 |

**PCC of St Sampson's Church, South Hill**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**3 RESOURCES EXPENDED**

|                                                   | <b>2025</b>                   |                             |                | <b>2024</b>                   |                             |               |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                                                   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>Funds</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|                                                   | <b>£</b>                      | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>                      | <b>£</b>                    | <b>£</b>      |
| <b>3a Expenditure on raising funds</b>            |                               |                             |                |                               |                             |               |
| Costs of trading and fundraising                  | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Costs of stewardship campaigns / giving envelopes | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
|                                                   | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| <b>3b Expenditure on church activities</b>        |                               |                             |                |                               |                             |               |
| <b><i>Missionary and charitable giving</i></b>    |                               |                             |                |                               |                             |               |
| Church overseas (missionary societies)            | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Relief and development agencies                   | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Home missions and other church societies /org'ns  | 595                           | 0                           | 595            | 504                           | 0                           | 504           |
| Secular charities                                 | 145                           | 0                           | 145            | 162                           | 0                           | 162           |
|                                                   | 740                           | 0                           | 740            | 666                           | 0                           | 666           |
| <b><i>Ministry:</i></b>                           |                               |                             |                |                               |                             |               |
| Diocesan quota (MMF: Mission & Ministry Fund)     | 8,400                         | 0                           | 8,400          | 6,149                         | 0                           | 6,149         |
| Clergy & staffing costs                           | 2,324                         | 0                           | 2,324          | 1,881                         | 0                           | 1,881         |
| Other ministry costs                              | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Reader & organist costs                           | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Church running expenses                           | 8,015                         | 1,557                       | 9,572          | 6,273                         | 0                           | 6,273         |
| Church maintenance                                | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Major repairs                                     | 0                             | 161,161                     | 161,161        | 0                             | 58,505                      | 58,505        |
| Salaries & office running costs                   | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
|                                                   | 19,479                        | 162,718                     | 182,197        | 14,969                        | 58,505                      | 73,474        |
| <b>3c Other expenditure</b>                       |                               |                             |                |                               |                             |               |
| Professional fees                                 | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Costs of PCC meetings / away days etc.            | 2,569                         | 0                           | 2,569          | 1,407                         | 0                           | 1,407         |
| Bank and credit card charges                      | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
| Sundry expenses                                   | 0                             | 0                           | 0              | 0                             | 0                           | 0             |
|                                                   | 2,569                         | 0                           | 2,569          | 1,407                         | 0                           | 1,407         |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                   | <b>22,048</b>                 | <b>162,718</b>              | <b>184,766</b> | <b>16,376</b>                 | <b>58,505</b>               | <b>74,881</b> |

**3d Future Expenditure Commitments**

The PCC has signed a legally binding contract with Devonport Construction Ltd (DCL) for £144,554 + VAT.

DCL is the main contractor for the St Sampson's Unlocked Manaton Chapel Project.

The PCC has instructed Le Page Architects to act as the architect and contract administrator for the St Sampson's Unlocked project.

The agreed cost of Le Page Architects is 12% of the overall project costs.

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**4 DEBTORS**

|                        | <-----2025-----> |               |                            |                 | <-----2024-----> |               |                            |                |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|
|                        | £                |               | £                          | £               | £                | £             | £                          | £              |
|                        | Unrestricted     | Building Fund | St Sampson's Unlocked Fund | Total           | Unrestricted     | Building Fund | St Sampson's Unlocked Fund | Total          |
| Income tax recoverable | -                | -             | -                          | -               | -                | -             | 0                          | -              |
| Prepayments            | -                | -             | -                          | -               | -                | -             | -                          | -              |
| Other debtors          | 3,630            | -             | 123,092                    | <b>126,722</b>  | 3,571            | -             | 46,707                     | <b>50,278</b>  |
|                        | <b>£3,630</b>    | <b>£0</b>     | <b>£123,092</b>            | <b>£126,722</b> | <b>£3,571</b>    | <b>£0</b>     | <b>£46,707</b>             | <b>£50,278</b> |

Unrestricted other debtors includes parochial fees due to the PCC for the quarter to December, gift aid claimed but not received, and part of the grant claimed under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. Other debtors for St Sampson's Unlocked Fund includes interest due on the CCLA deposit account and grants awarded, but not yet received.

**5 CASH AND BANK**

|                           | <-----2025-----> |               |                            |          | <-----2024-----> |               |                            |          |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|
|                           | £                |               | £                          | £        | £                | £             | £                          | £        |
|                           | Unrestricted     | Building Fund | St Sampson's Unlocked Fund | Total    | Unrestricted     | Building Fund | St Sampson's Unlocked Fund | Total    |
| Balance as at 31 December | £2,816           | £7,783        | £218,668                   | £229,267 | £8,197           | £5,839        | £127,627                   | £141,663 |

**6 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|           | <-----2025-----> |               |                            |             | <-----2024-----> |               |                            |             |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|
|           | £                |               | £                          | £           | £                | £             | £                          | £           |
|           | Unrestricted     | Building Fund | St Sampson's Unlocked Fund | Total       | Unrestricted     | Building Fund | St Sampson's Unlocked Fund | Total       |
| Creditors | 362              | 0             | 0                          | 362         | <b>375</b>       | 0             | 0                          | <b>375</b>  |
|           | <b>£362</b>      | <b>£0</b>     | <b>£0</b>                  | <b>£362</b> | <b>£375</b>      | <b>£0</b>     | <b>£0</b>                  | <b>£375</b> |

**7 FUND DETAILS**

The unrestricted fund represents funds at the disposal of the PCC, which may use them in any way that it sees fit, within the church's charitable objectives.  
The buildings fund is a restricted fund and represents donations, fundraising and grants specifically to help with the maintenance of the church building.  
The St Sampson's Unlocked Fund is also a restricted fund and represents donations, fundraising and grants given towards the St Sampson Unlocked project.  
Details of the various fund movements and balances are given in Note 8.

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**8 DETAILS OF FUNDS**

|                                                             | <b>2025</b>    |                     |                      |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                                             | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>General</b>      | <b>Building Fund</b> | <b>St Sampson's Unlocked Fund</b> |
|                                                             |                | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b>    | <b>Restricted</b>                 |
|                                                             | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>             | <b>£</b>                          |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                                   |                |                     |                      |                                   |
| Income from donations and legacies                          | 334,573        | 18,453              | 390                  | 315,730                           |
| Income from church activities                               | 1,392          | 1,392               | 0                    | 0                                 |
| Income from other trading activities                        | 6,633          | 0                   | 0                    | 6,633                             |
| Investment income                                           | 6,229          | 0                   | 97                   | 6,132                             |
| Other income                                                | 0              | 0                   | 0                    | 0                                 |
|                                                             | <b>348,827</b> | <b>19,845</b>       | <b>487</b>           | <b>328,495</b>                    |
| <b>RESOURCES USED</b>                                       |                |                     |                      |                                   |
| Expenditure on raising funds                                | 0              | 0                   | 0                    | 0                                 |
| Expenditure on church activities                            | 182,197        | 19,479              | 1,557                | 161,161                           |
| Other expenditure                                           | 2,569          | 2,569               | 0                    | 0                                 |
|                                                             | <b>184,766</b> | <b>22,048</b>       | <b>1,557</b>         | <b>161,161</b>                    |
| <b>NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b> | <b>164,061</b> | <b>-2,203</b>       | <b>-1,070</b>        | <b>167,334</b>                    |
| <b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>                              |                |                     |                      |                                   |
| Transfer into funds                                         | 3,106          | 0                   | 3,014                | 92                                |
| Transfer out of funds                                       | -3,106         | -3,106              | 0                    | 0                                 |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>                                | <b>164,061</b> | <b>-5,309</b>       | <b>1,944</b>         | <b>167,426</b>                    |
| <b>Opening balances</b>                                     | <b>191,566</b> | <b>11,393</b>       | <b>5,839</b>         | <b>174,334</b>                    |
| <b>BALANCES C/FWD AT 31 December 2025</b>                   | <b>355,627</b> | <b>6,084</b>        | <b>7,783</b>         | <b>341,760</b>                    |

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**9 ANALYSIS OF GRANTS RECEIVED OR AWARDED**

| <b>Funder</b>                               | <b>Project / details</b>                                                                                   | <b>2025</b>     | <b>2024</b>    |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| National Lottery Heritage Fund              | Nave & Manaton Chapel ceiling & roof, bells & digital trail                                                | 201,218         |                |
| Listed Places of Worship Scheme             | Reclaim of VAT                                                                                             | 23,993          | 8,658          |
| Garfield Weston Foundation                  | Bells, tower re-pointing, WC tower & kitchen                                                               | 20,000          |                |
| Anna Maria Gurney Trust                     | Manaton Chapel                                                                                             | 14,911          |                |
| The Headley Trust                           | 2025: Manaton Chapel ceiling & roof, 2024: rainwater goods                                                 | 9,000           | 5,000          |
| National Churches Trust                     | 2025: Manaton Chapel ceiling & roof. 2024: rainwater goods, west door, external masonry & tower repointing | 3,000           | 16,820         |
| Cornwall Historic Churches Trust            | 2025: Manaton Chapel roof. 2024: Tower repointing, external masonry & rainwater goods                      | 5,000           | 17,000         |
| Foyle Foundation                            | Manaton Chapel heating                                                                                     | 4,000           |                |
| Church Care (2025 award)                    | 2025: Bells. 2024: bells & tomb recess                                                                     | 3,000           | 3,000          |
| The Aurelius Trust                          | Bells                                                                                                      | 2,813           |                |
| Truro Diocese Quick Wins                    | 2025: LED lighting. 2024: rainwater goods                                                                  | 2,500           | 2,500          |
| Give to Go Green                            | Downpipes: west end                                                                                        | 1,723           |                |
| Diocese of Truro Rural Churches Repair Fund | 2025: Tower re-pointing. 2024: rainwater goods                                                             | 1,000           | 1,000          |
| Share                                       | Manaton Chapel air source heat pump                                                                        | 1,000           |                |
| Elmgrant Trust                              | Bells                                                                                                      | 600             |                |
| The Choral Evensong Trust                   | Choral evensong                                                                                            | 500             |                |
| Sharpe Trust                                | Bells                                                                                                      | 300             |                |
| Archbishops Council                         | External monuments reports                                                                                 | 300             |                |
| The Congregational and General Trust        | Tower re-pointing, WC tower & kitchen                                                                      |                 | 15,000         |
| Truro Diocese Buldings for mission          | Tower screen doors                                                                                         |                 | 8,000          |
| Beatrice Laing Trust                        | WC tower & kitchen                                                                                         |                 | 5,000          |
| Dr and Mrs Alfred Darlington Trust          | External masonry and west door                                                                             |                 | 5,000          |
| Benefact Trust                              | Tower re-pointing & tomb recess                                                                            |                 | 3,250          |
| St Andrew's Trust                           | Tomb recess                                                                                                |                 | 2,000          |
| Sabina Sutherland Trust                     | External masonry and west door                                                                             |                 | 1,000          |
| The Worshipful Company of Ironmongers       | Tower screen door                                                                                          |                 | 1,000          |
| Diocese of Truro                            | Mission grant for supertots                                                                                |                 | 755            |
|                                             |                                                                                                            | <b>£294,858</b> | <b>£94,983</b> |

## St Sampson's Parochial Church Council

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#### 10 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

|                                                                                                                          |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| The 2025 transfers between the various funds, with their reasons, were:                                                  | £             |
| Transfer from the unrestricted fund to the Building Account (restricted) to cover potential building upkeep costs.       | £3,014        |
| Transfer from unrestricted fund to St Sampson's Unlocked Account (restricted) to correct a duplicate transaction in 2024 | £92           |
|                                                                                                                          | <hr/>         |
|                                                                                                                          | <b>£3,106</b> |

#### 11 SIGNIFICANT FUTURE EXPENDITURE

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#### 12 TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCC DURING THE YEAR

The following note discloses the transactions throughout the year relating to individuals who were members of the PCC at any time during the year. PCC members often buy things on behalf of the PCC and reclaim the costs later. The note includes payments made to family members as well as the PCC members themselves, and include salaries and expenses paid to family members.

| PCC Member            | Description of transactions         | Amount        |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Judith Ayers          | Reimbursement of PCC costs incurred | £188          |
| Miranda Lawrance-Owen | Reimbursement of PCC costs incurred | £204          |
| Sue Tunnicliffe       | Reimbursement of PCC costs incurred | £165          |
| David Young           | Reimbursement of PCC costs incurred | £987          |
| Elaine Young          | Reimbursement of PCC costs incurred | £250          |
|                       |                                     | <hr/>         |
|                       |                                     | <b>£1,794</b> |

**St Sampson's Parochial Church Council**  
**Summary Financial Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**What is our church really worth?**

|                                                                            | <b>2025</b> |                   | <b>2024</b> |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                                                                            | £           | £                 | £           | £                 |
| <b>Total 'worth' of the church (according to the accounts)</b>             |             | 355,627           |             | 191,566           |
| <b>Less: assets that we can only spend on specific projects</b>            |             |                   |             |                   |
| Cash and other assets for spending on St Sampson's Unlocked                | 341,760     |                   | 174,334     |                   |
| Cash and other assets for spending on the Building Fund                    | 7,783       |                   | 5,839       |                   |
|                                                                            |             | <u>349,543</u>    |             | <u>180,173</u>    |
| <b>Total money and other assets that the PCC may do with as it chooses</b> |             | <b>6,084</b>      |             | <b>11,393</b>     |
|                                                                            |             | <u>          </u> |             | <u>          </u> |

**Which consists of:**

|                                      |              |                   |              |                   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Money owed to the church by others   | 3,630        |                   | 3,571        |                   |
| Cash at the bank and petty cash held | <u>2,816</u> |                   | <u>8,197</u> |                   |
|                                      | 6,446        |                   | 11,768       |                   |
| Money that the church owes to others | <u>-362</u>  |                   | <u>-375</u>  |                   |
|                                      |              | <u>6,084</u>      |              | <u>11,393</u>     |
|                                      |              | <u>          </u> |              | <u>          </u> |

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) OF**  
**ST. SAMPSON'S CHURCH, SOUTH HILL**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 12.

**Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Independent Examiner**

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers 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 needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

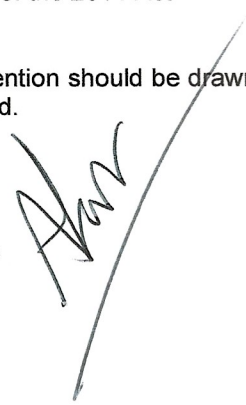
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures 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 next statement.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.

A.M. Farr, F.C.C.A.  
**DAWE, HAWKEN & DODD**  
Chartered Certified Accountants



9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the production of this report