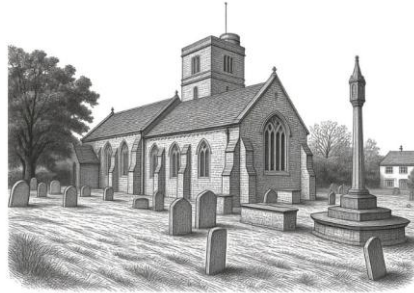


# **The Parish of St Margaret of Antioch, Tintinhull**



**Annual Report  
and  
Financial Statements  
of the Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

Rector:

Vacant Position

Bankers:

Nat West, Yeovil

Independent Examiner:

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# **The Parochial Church Council of St Margaret of Antioch, Tintinhull**

## **Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

### **The aims of St Margaret's church council**

St Margaret's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent (position presently vacant) in promoting, within the ecclesiastical 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 of St Margaret's Tintinhull.

The PCC has continued throughout 2025 to seek to ensure that worship is offered for all in the parish, working with its sister PCCs on increasing the breadth and provision of worship services that can be offered at St Margaret's from the start of 2026. The PCC has also sought to continue to see how the worshipping community might engage with the wider community of the village (in 2025 supporting the fundraising and lobbying work to keep the youth club active) and our school.

When planning our activities in any year, we have consideration for the Charity Commission's guidance on 'public benefit' and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we hold in mind:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Ensuring that the church building is both an accessible and welcoming environment and fit for purpose in people's explorations of the 'possibilities of God'.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Margaret's and have worked in 2025 towards seeing the significant works detailed in the last Architect's inspection addressed in 2026.

### **2025 – Celebrations and Challenges**

We find ourselves in a strange situation, being officially in Vacancy (with no priest formally in post), yet having our Rector Designate, Revd Bruce Faulkner, working alongside us through 2025.

In many ways 2025 has been a year filled with hidden activity. The PCC have looked to address the essential repairs required to the building; the roof, windows, heating and internal décor all need attention. The PCC have worked on 'what' and in which order the works should be carried out and 2026 will see scaffold put up and a lot of the work completed. A celebration associated with this has been the assurance that much of the essential work costs will be covered by the Church Commissioners. This means having some funds to hand through which we will be able to fix the failing heating and undertake other 'non-structural' works we thought difficult, or beyond our means at first glance.

Much of this background work has been looked too by our Wardens and our Treasurer! Mary, John and Ray work with many other volunteers who clean the building, ensure some amazing flowers are on display through the year, who assist in ensuring the worship services occur, and much more, - we celebrate you all!

Unfortunately, our new benefice, 'The Ivemeads Benefice', has still not being legally established by the Church Commissioners continues to give challenges. Despite this we have taken the steps we can towards

integrating our six parishes. We have established a 'Shared Leadership Group' to work with the Rector Designate on those matters which are benefice wide, building relationships, sharing in worship, seeking good communication across the 6 PCCs, and enabling each PCC to focus on their local sense of God's calling and work. We have also established a Benefice Ministry Team who seek to work together to ensure worship is occurring across the 6 churches.

Our services have been well attended, especially at Harvest and Christmas. St Margaret's CEVA primary school continues to hold termly worship services in church and Rev Bruce has begun regular Collective Worship in school.

As well as our regular services, we look to serve and care for our community as they celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2025 we did not celebrate any baptisms or weddings, however we conducted 2 funerals and also 2 services of the interment of ashes.

2026 will see further challenges, for sure, but with them many things to celebrate too.

## **Safeguarding**

*"Safeguarding is a Christian imperative and a responsibility that we all must undertake with thoughtfulness, commitment and care. The gospel affirms that every person is made in the image of God and that everybody is therefore valued and loved by God"*

No concerns of safeguarding were reported in 2025

The Parish is registered on the Diocesan Dashboard (for easy record keeping). The PCC has adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding policy, appointed a Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and implemented the national Safer Recruitment Policy. Safeguarding is a standard agenda item at each PCC meeting.

'Basic Awareness' and 'Foundation' level safeguarding training remain in place to ensure we are a safe environment for folks to come and worship in. The Rector Designate, our Reader Sallyann Batstone and also any retired clergy taking services have to undertake the higher level 'Leadership' training, and be DBS cleared. New training for raising awareness of Domestic Abuse is available for PCC members. All Safeguarding training and DBS are valid for 3 years. All information is displayed in the churches and about how to contact the PSO.

## **Deanery Synod Report**

Have you ever wondered what a Deanery is all about and why the details of its meetings feature here in the Parish annual report?

Deaneries are small geographical divisions of the Diocese, within which parishes are grouped under the care of an Area Dean; Ivelchester Deanery is known to have been in existence since 1242!

Each deanery is governed by a Deanery Synod. The deanery synod is a statutory body, yes as it sounds they are set up and enabled by Parliament (The CofE is Parliament's church for the nation) and operate through the Synodical Government Measure 1969. Deanery Synods have a significant role in the synodical system. They are located between PCCs at parish level, and the higher the synodical levels of Diocesan Synod and The General Synod. The task of the deanery synod, as set out in the Measure is as follows:

- to consider matters concerning the Church of England, to make provision for such matters locally, and to consider and express their opinion on any other matters of religious or public interest;

- to bring together the views of parishes on common problems, to discuss and formulate common policies on those problems, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the deanery the whole mission of the Church;
- to make known and so far as appropriate put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;
- to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod, and particularly any matters referred to that synod by the General Synod;
- to raise matters, as the deanery synod consider appropriate, with the Diocesan Synod.

Each parish is able, every 3 years to elect a number of representatives to sit on Deanery Synod and can find themselves to consider and vote on matters of national importance.

Part of the work of becoming the 'Ivelmeads Benefice' will see Tintinhull move from Yeovil (Merston) Deanery into Ivelchester Deanery and the 2026 Annual Meeting will see the parish return 1 representative to Ivelchester Deanery.

## **Pastoral care**

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. It is the calling of the entire church community to 'take the love of God in Christ' to all and, often quietly and un-noticed members of the worshipping community have visited and assisted those who have requested it.

## **Mission and evangelism**

The church is called to mission, to take the good news and the love of God in Christ in word and action. This year, the Harvest Festival once more saw the church donate to charity and at Christmas raise monies for the work of the Children's Society.

## **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the community what it is. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens John Gower and Mary Ostler. Thank you also to Ray Cozens, the PCC's Treasurer for an admirable job of budget forecasting and watching the pennies through the year. Also, the many people who have helped keep the churchyard in fantastic order and ring the bells at festivals. With them thanks are due to the flower team and the cleaners – thank you to all!

## **Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Margaret's the membership of the PCC consists of the churchwardens and members elected by those on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation 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 deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 5 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 95%.

*Thank you to all the PCC members, for meeting, prayers and practical assistance in the Lord's name.*

## **Administrative information**

St Margaret's Church is situated in Church St Margaret's Street, Tintinhull. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Mr P Horsington, The PCC Secretary, Broadleeze Farm, Tintinhull, BA22 8PF.

PCC members who have served from the annual meeting in April 2025 until the date of this report:

### **Ex Officio members:**

Incumbent: Vacant

Wardens: Dr John Gower; Mrs Mary Ostler

Deanery Synod: Mr Phillip Horsington

**Elected members:** Mr Ray Cozens (treasurer), Mrs Carol Perry, Mrs Lucy Horsington. There remain 3 vacancies on PCC!

**Safeguarding Officer:** Mrs Carol Perry

## **St Margaret's Tintinhull PCC**

### **Financial review and Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025**

#### **Review of 2025**

Total receipts were £15,445 (a decrease on 2024 of £9,554, due in large part to reduced investment returns). General Collections at services dropped in 2025 by £480. Our 'planned giving' remained similar in 2025 to that of 2024 with £6,195.46 given – thank you to all our 'givers'!

Insurance thankfully remained about the same as 2024 at £1183.47. Heating and lighting costs decreased significantly on 2024 being £521 less at £748.46. Statutory Fees for weddings, funerals, and memorial stones totalled £3,253 with the PCC retaining £2,270 towards our general fund.

Parish share contribution requested towards the Common Fund of the Diocese (through which clergy stipends, pension contributions, housing costs, and shared admin and training are provided for all parishes across Somerset) for 2025 was £13,077, the PCC managed to contribute £6,956 as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

#### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets). This is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

The PCC had Restricted Funds (as 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025) of £8,844

The PCC had Unrestricted funds (as 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025) of £91,577

Whilst not formally restricted a proportion of these 'unrestricted' funds are 'designated' and will be used for the major building works to be undertaken through 2026 and 2027. Otherwise the monies held can be applied by the PCC to any of its necessary expenditure.

It is our policy to invest the fund balances with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund or the CCLA Church of England Investment Fund, whichever is appropriate at any time.

## Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

### Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:  **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended:  Charity Number (if applicable):

Set out on pages

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

# St Margaret's Tintinhull: Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

## Tintinhull's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and Legacies:						
Planned giving		5,145	-	1,050	<b>6,195</b>	6,593
Collections, donations & other giving		1,455	-	70	<b>1,525</b>	4,549
Income tax recovered		2,415	-	-	<b>2,415</b>	2,089
Legacies		-	-	-	-	-
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		-	-	-	-	-
Income from other Properties		-	-	-	-	-
Annual Fete/events		2,180	-	200	<b>2,380</b>	3,548
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest & dividends		640	-	-	<b>640</b>	4,741
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		2,270	-	-	<b>2,270</b>	2,626
Other Receipts						
Insurance claims		-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
Other		20	-	-	<b>20</b>	853
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>14,125</b>	-	<b>1,320</b>	<b>15,445</b>	<b>24,999</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Charitable activities:						
Donations/Grants to charities		(182)	-	-	<b>(182)</b>	(200)
Mission & Evangelism		(107)	-	-	<b>(107)</b>	(1,052)
Parish Share		(6,956)	-	-	<b>(6,956)</b>	(8,135)
Clergy expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Church running expenses		(1,242)	-	(1,886)	<b>(3,128)</b>	(3,081)
Churchyard maintenance		(4,894)	-	-	<b>(4,894)</b>	(7,914)
Cost of raising funds		(150)	-	-	<b>(150)</b>	(526)
Support costs		(322)	-	-	<b>(322)</b>	(598)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(20)	-	-	<b>(20)</b>	(99)
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other		(1,349)	-	-	<b>(1,349)</b>	(1,113)
Major expenditure						
Repairs to church buildings		-	-	-	-	-
Repairs to other property		-	-	-	-	-

Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>(15,222)</b>	-	<b>(1,886)</b>	<b>(17,108)</b>	<b>(22,718)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments</b>	<b>(1,097)</b>	-	<b>(566)</b>	<b>(1,663)</b>	<b>2,281</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>(1,097)</b>	-	<b>(566)</b>	<b>(1,663)</b>	<b>2,281</b>
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)	7,132	-	9,410	16,542	17,857
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	6,035	-	8,844	14,879	20,138

\*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

*R. G. Young* Treasurer  
14-01-2026

*Fred Roberts*  
23.1.26

#### Parochial Fees Note

The PCC received parochial fees as detailed below during the year. Part is made up of statutory fees due to the PCC or the DBF, as prepared by the Archbishops' Council under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986. The balance relates to charges as fixed by the PCC, for extras such as bells, flowers and special heating, or paid to visiting ministers, Readers or Non-Stipendiary Ministers as set out in the DBF's Parochial Fees policy

Of these fees only the amount due to the PCC (statutory & non-statutory) is shown above as legally the amount due to the DBF and other ministers (as set out in the DBF policy) should not be treated as PCC income

During the year, the PCC received parochial fees totalling	£3,253.00
Statutory Fees due to the PCC totalled	£2,270.00
Statutory Fees due to the DBF totalled	£886.00
Statutory Fees received on behalf of a third party	£97.00
Non-Statutory Extras due to the PCC totalled	£0.00
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The PCC also received Deposits for the following year totalling	£0.00

In total the PCC repaid the following Fees during the year	<b>Balance owed at year-end (inc. in Creditors)</b>	
Payment to DBF of Statutory Fees	£1,034.00	£0.00
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£97.00	
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs	£0.00	
Payment to visiting ministers/Readers/NSMs (This excludes fees for Sunday Services)	£0.00	£0.00

# Parish Finance Return

The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted using their webportal at:

<http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>



## Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2025

Parish code: (6 digits)	510182	if the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Deanery:	Yeovil
Parish name:	Tintinhull		Diocese:	Bath and Wells

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
<b>Voluntary income/ receipts</b>							
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 5,115	£ 1,050	17	Costs of generating income		
2	Other planned giving	£ 30	£ -	17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£ 150	£ -
3	Collections at services	£ 520	£ -	<b>Church activities</b>			
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 920	£ 70	18	Mission giving and donations	£ 182	£ -
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 2,415	£ -	19	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 6,956	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ -	£ -	20	Salaries, wages and honoraria	£ -	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 15	£ -	21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 322	£ -
<b>TOTAL Voluntary income:</b>		<b>£ 9,015</b>	<b>£ 1,120</b>	<b>Church expenses</b>			
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>							
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 2,180	£ 200	22	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	£ 107	£ -
<b>Income from investments</b>							
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 640	£ -	23	Church running expenses	£ 6,591	£ 1,886
<b>Church activities</b>							
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 2,270	£ -	24	Church utility bills	£ 748	£ -
12	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ -	£ -	25	Cost of trading	£ -	£ -
<b>Other incoming resources</b>							
13	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£ 20	£ -	<b>Major capital expenditure</b>			
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)</b>				27	Major repairs to the church building	£ -	£ -
A	Unrestricted	£ 14,125		Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration			
B	Restricted	£ 1,320		28		£ -	£ -
C	TOTAL	£ 15,445		29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ -	£ -
<b>PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES</b>							
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	16		<b>SUB-TOTAL for Church activities &amp; expenses</b>			
15	Number of other planned givers	0		26	Governance costs	£ -	£ -
16	Number of new legacies received	0		99	Other outgoing resources/ payments	£ 166	£ -
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)</b>							
				D	Unrestricted	£ 15,222	
				E	Restricted	£ 1,886	
				F	TOTAL	£ 17,108	
<b>Cash and Investment Balances</b>							
				31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31 Dec 2025	£ 5,868	£ 8,844
				32	Investments as at 31 Dec 2025	£ 85,689	£ -

This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook

Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (indicate ONE)  
30 Receipts and payments [ X ] /

\*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

Please refer to the notes on the following pages to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in PCC Accountability, 2013.	Date:	14th January 2026
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	Position:	PCC Treasurer
	Telephone or email:	01935 824220 rgcozens@gmail.com