

ALL SAINTS
METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT FOR
2025-2026

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Introduction

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held in the church on Sunday 17th May, following a Bring and Share lunch.

During this year we have said our goodbyes to Deacon Selina Nisbett as she took up her new post in Amesbury and as Keith Underhill retired Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson became the superintendent minister with Presbyter responsibilities for Grove, All Saints and Trinity.

This report contains accounts from a variety of groups, committees and organisations that have met throughout the year. Following the 2025 AGM we are pleased to be able to add reports this year from joint Bible study groups held for Advent and Lent as well as reports on the newly set up WhatsApp prayer group and the Face-to-Face monthly meetings.

Hopefully reading this report will remind us of our 'church family.' We have enjoyed a variety of church services this year including our covenant service in January and our Holy week services, including a Maundy Thursday service and shared evening meal and an Easter morning breakfast before the Easter service. With no parade services held our uniformed organisations used the church for an egg hunt and a scavenger Nativity hunt that included a craft table to make angels to decorate the Christmas tree. We held our Harvest festival, our Church Anniversary, Advent and Christmas worship. Our worshipping numbers on a Sunday have remained stable and we have welcomed several new members into worship this year. We have also welcomed members from Trinity to a combined services and held Local Arrangement services.

With so many new homes being built on the town outskirts of north Abingdon we have again reached out in mission this year to these new neighbours with welcoming leafletting of the homes with flyers detailing our Christmas and Easter services.

May reading of this report bring you joy. All Saints is a busy, mission minded church despite us all growing that little bit older and becoming that little bit slower. We have been grateful for all the work of our serving stewards, Dawn, Sue, Margaret and Helen, and this group have continued to meet monthly. They have diligently prepared a safe and stimulating worship environment along with the help of our band of Welcome stewards who support them on a Sunday morning. We are always grateful for the blessings of those who lead our church and we pray that others may feel called to join them in finding the right direction for All Saints in 2026 and beyond.

Sue Russell

1. Minister's Letter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our annual report is a window to the life of our community – a community that has, as in years gone by, continued to work tirelessly to ensure that the church at the heart of our community thrives. Thanks be to God whose constant presence has guided and directed us and whose love and grace will continue to lead and nurture us in the coming year.

This year has seen further exploration of mission and ministry, with a focus on praying, reflecting and seeking God's direction in how we could grow as a church – missionally, spiritually and numerically. The Lord continues to work his purposes out in the life of All Saints. Before embarking on the Growth Action Plan initiative, we observed shoots of new growth - new members settling down at All Saints; new Advent and Lent Bible Study sessions running alongside our well-established groups; the start of WhatsApp and face to face prayer groups and finding creative ways of doing church with our uniformed organisations.

These are just a few examples of how God continues to work in the life of All Saints as his people respond to his call. The pages that follow detail much more evidence of this as well as what it is to serve God faithfully. The report encourages all of us to think about how we engage with church activity, where we can play our part and how we can enable growth, both personally and communally.

I commend this report to you, with immense gratitude to all those who give of their gifts and graces to enhance our communal life.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

(Ephesians 3: 20-21)

Every blessing,
Georgina

2. In Memoriam

We give grateful thanks for the privilege gifted to us all this year to be able to live and serve our God. None of our members have passed away but we acknowledge that many travel the long road of grief, especially on personal memorable days throughout the year.

Sue Russell

3. Church Stewards

As a Stewarding team as always we are working alongside a range of people as well as dealing with day-to-day queries and jobs that come our way:

The Bookings team of Eluned, Beryl Manners and the Finance team are working together well and we are very grateful for the work that they put in to carry out this vital role for All Saints.

We have been busy working on various policies for the church including the Lone Working policy.

Our grateful thanks to our amazing property team, who continue to ensure our premises are kept up to the highest standards. Also, to our gardeners who do such a wonderful job We have also welcomed our new Property coordinator, Paul Kapswara.

We would like to publicly record our thanks to Derek Pooley for his sterling work at enabling and organising our AV system over many years. We are delighted to welcome Alistair Batey as his successor and would like to thank all our tech buddies on our AV team.

Pastoral – names are brought forward at each steward's meeting and prayers said for those mentioned.

Services and events - We would like to give our grateful thanks to all involved in all our special Services and events over Christmas, New Year and Easter. And in particular those involved in the recent Ash Wednesday Service and Maundy Thursday service and supper. The Good Friday Service was a joint Service at Trinity followed by the CiA walk of witness and service in the market square led by Carol. CFC hosted an Easter Breakfast before our Easter Sunday Service and the Stewards would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work in hosting these events for the Church throughout the year.

Organisation of music rotas – this is ongoing and we very much appreciate all those who fill our church with music Sunday by Sunday.

Increasing the visibility of the Church – Thank you to Helen and Martin for your hard work on this, it has made such a difference to the outside of our church.

The prayer table in the foyer is still being improved and our prayer table in the church is now in use on Sunday mornings.

The stewards continue to meet regularly with Trinity in the Working Together Group to ensure a more cohesive approach and sharing of resource where appropriate.

Easter leaflets were again a joint venture with Trinity, designed this time by Helen with our thanks. Our thanks go to everyone who helps with the delivery of these.

As Stewards we have also agreed that we will have regular joint quarterly services with Trinity which will take place alternately at Trinity and All Saints.

Also most importantly is our thanks to our team of Worship Stewards, our Church officers and all those who enable our Church to run smoothly Sunday by Sunday as well as our amazing pastoral team.

Without you our jobs would be impossible!

Dawn, Sue, Margaret and Helen (Church Stewards)

4. Our Circuit

The new Methodist year started for us with Revd. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson taking up the position of Circuit Superintendent. The Circuit Leadership Team is delighted with this appointment and is already working at pace with her. We are appreciating the combination of the enthusiastic approach which Revd. Georgina brings to the role, and the wise counsel and experience of Revd. Bruce Thompson. Our Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) now consists of Revd. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson, Revd. Bruce Thompson, and the Circuit Steward team of Mary Hancock (Circuit Property), Anne Matthews (Senior Circuit Steward), Gordon Skidmore (Circuit Treasurer) and Neil Oastler. We welcome Richard Foyn and Martin Appleyard to the Circuit Steward Team who now join us. We offer a profound thank you to Libby Hawkness-Smith as our chaplaincy on Great Western Park recently closed, and to Wendy Moorin and June Grunwald, our volunteer chaplains in the circuit, who have both stepped down.

Our previous year was marked by a focus on circuit sustainability, something that is continuing this year. The outcomes of the Circuit Plus consultations and the reduction in our staffing marked a transition towards ensuring support for our circuit staff. The need for a Circuit Administrator was widely supported as an outcome of Circuit Plus, and we are, following the appointment of Jane Hawes as our Circuit Administrator from September 1st last year, already noticing just how much of the administrative burden she is taking away from Revd. Georgina and Revd. Bruce, and in assisting the CLT with a range of issues. For the sustainability of our worship life, the Revd. Bruce has been running workshops for our lay community, offering training in Local Arrangement leadership. We have also appreciated Revd. Bruce's circuit initiatives - the 'In Conversation' series at Wallingford Methodist Church, and the likely prospect of the Methodist Modern Art Collection exhibiting there in 2027.

Regarding wider sustainability issues, we hope to make progress during this connexional year. We are always looking to build links with neighbouring circuits, and attendance by Circuit Stewards and presbyters at the various training and information sharing events at District level, helps with our knowledge base.

Following on from the Circuit Futures initiative, led by Revd. Georgina during the 2025, the CLT is engaging with each of the seven churches in the circuit, asking them to develop a Growth Plan. A two-part questionnaire is currently being shared for completion by each church - the first part to ascertain their current financial position, and the second to define realistic directions in which their church

communities can go. Accompanying the questionnaire are a series of questions to assist churches with their deliberations and discernment. Consultations can take place via Church Councils, Church Meetings, Annual General Meetings and other specially organised events. A circuit-wide Going for Growth Day has been organised for May 9th at Southmoor Village Hall with a buffet lunch provided, and the CLT are looking for strong representation from each church, facilitated by a link person in each church. Attendees will be able to hear from other churches, consider ideas put forward, and gain information about the ways in which the CLT might offer support. The CLT aims to gather the completed Growth Plans from each church by the summer, in order to assist the formulation of a Circuit Growth Plan. A further step will then be for CLT to set the strategic direction, and put forward the most practicable support to strengthen the circuit and its church communities.

Circuit Stewards continue to be very busy regarding our manse. Having made a huge effort to provide a considerably updated and adapted manse at St Amand Drive, we are now involved in the process of selling the Wantage manse at Heywoods Close and the Abingdon manse at Kingston Close. The Kingston Close manse has now been sold, and CLT hopes for the sale of Heywoods Close as soon as possible. Many thanks to Mary Hancock, Gordon Skidmore and Neil Oastler for facilitating these sales. Following the closure of Childrey Methodist Church in October of 2024, the Circuit Meeting has agreed that the CLT should facilitate the sale of the building, first seeking professional guidance on the best 'change of use' proposal to pursue. The CLT expects to progress this matter on the conclusion of the manse sales. We are hugely grateful to Gordon Skidmore who keeps a regular check on the property at Childrey and has conducted an audit of internal items remaining.

Finally, as part of the contribution to growth in our circuit, you – or someone you know - may be considering a contribution. For example, could you, or they, become a Local Arrangement Leader, a Pastoral Visitor, a Local Preacher, or a Church/Circuit Steward? Your church community always needs new faces. If you, or they, would like to find out more, Circuit Staff or your local Church Stewards will always be pleased to talk things through.

Please pray for Methodism across our circuit: for the circuit staff, the CLT, and all who help to sustain our Christian presence in the Wantage and Abingdon Circuit. With prayer, faith and hope, we are sustained.

Anne Matthews, Circuit Steward

5. Church in Abingdon – review of 2024-5

The CiA have again been busy this year enabling the following events to take place:

- Christmas Carol Singing in the Market Place in December
- World Day of Prayer in March
- Good Friday Procession of Witness and Open-Air Service in April led by Carol

Many other events throughout the year are also supported by CiA; details of which are published in the monthly CiA News

Helen Appleyard, May 2026

5.1 The Church in Abingdon Church Twinning Group

Church Twinning is organised by an ecumenical group in Abingdon and is designed to promote friendship and understanding between church members in Abingdon and in our twin towns. This is achieved by hosting visitors and, in turn, being hosted by friends on the Continent.

By staying with families a greater understanding of religious beliefs and culture is gained; something not so well achieved by staying in hotels on the tourist trail.

In June 2025 we hosted visitors from Sint Niklaas, Argentan and Schongau. Our visitors went to Blenheim, Oxford cathedral, worshipped at local churches and learnt about our various denominations. In October six people from Abingdon went to Sint Niklaas, this included visits to Orthodox churches.

In February this year a fund-raising Barn Dance was held to raise money to cover expenses when we host visitors.

It is hoped a small group will visit Schongau soon.

In August 2026 we will host a large contingent from Argentan to celebrate 70 years of twinning.

All Saints members are invited to join in activities when visitors arrive.

Maurice Tubb

6 Church Committees and Action Groups

6.1 Church Family Committee

Members: Members: Anne Matthews (Chair), Becky Batey (Secretary), Kate Jones, Helen Appleyard, Judith Penrose Brown, Maurice Tubb, Rona Quigley, Sue Russell, Georgina Bondzi-Simpson



The Church Family Committee continues to meet three times a year to oversee the social life of the church and receive reports from the many and varied groups that make up the friendships and fellowship at All Saints:

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| Tubb House Group | Just Women |
| Quest | Junior Church |
| Youth Forum | Friday Morning Coffee |
| Crèche | Sunday Music Group |
| Prayer Groups | |

Outlined below are events the Family Committee have been involved in since the last AGM in 2025.

The Family Committee hosted the usual coffee morning on the morning the church was decorated for harvest. It would have been good if more people had been able

to attend other than those who were decorating the church with flowers and greenery, however the refreshments were much appreciated.

At the end of November, the Youth Forum held a coffee morning and scavenger hunt for their groups where the CFC provided a craft table to decorate paper doves to hang on the Christmas Tree and to enjoy refreshments served by members of YF. The regular monthly Friday coffee mornings continue with occasional themes and more people are regularly attending.

A new initiative this year has been to hold a coffee morning once a month for those who attend the Age UK exercise classes on Monday mornings. This has been a good way to connect with those in the community.

On Easter Sunday morning a lovely breakfast was served in the church hall before the morning service. It was a special time of fellowship and was much enjoyed.

The church's AGM will be in May and as usual the CFC will organise a bring-and-share lunch in the church hall. The usual format of having the AGM straight after the service followed by the lunch works well and encourages more people to stay for the meeting.

The Family Committee continues to try and arrange events to include everyone in the All Saints family, to allow for times of companionship and fellowship and more often than not to share food and drink together. If anyone has any ideas for future social events, please speak to one of the committee.

Becky Batey

On behalf of Church Family Committee

6.2 Finance Committee - Charity Registration number 1184115

I must start this report by thanking the members and friends of All Saints Methodist Church for their continued support of our finances and the practical ways in which the life of the church is able to be maintained including responsibility for the use of our premises during the week for the numerous groups who use our building and hopefully appreciate its importance in the community.

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2025.

The standard form of accounts required by the Methodist Church, and Receipts and Payments account, have been approved and signed by our independent examiner and endorsed by the church council together with the annual trustees' report. The standard form of accounts and trustees annual report are available for detailed consideration with the reports sent with the AGM papers.

In short, a surplus of £8,419 was achieved in part attributable to a successful gift day in November 2024 where £7,888 was raised, together with a bequest from the estate of Margaret Long and memorable donations from the family of Bob Smith and Myrtle Hodgkins. Further information is available in the financial review section of the trustees' annual report.

FINANCIAL POSITION AFTER 7 MONTHS OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Collections excluding Gift Aid amounted to £33,052 well ahead of budget by £3000

on a pro rata basis. The church has also received a further legacy from the estate of Brenda Jillard of £995 for which we are very grateful. Lettings income of £11,881 is well ahead of a full budget projection for the year of £13,500. The lettings income for this year has been enhanced by the significant use of the Perry room by the Abingdon and Witney college for up to three days per week, who during the academic year have requested an increased use of our premises. The current surplus over outgoings is £14,235 which is reassuring when noting that during the school summer holidays we shall be incurring the expense of a new boiler as authorised by the church council at its meeting on 5th February 2026. Such costs are likely to be in the region of £9,000 and £750 has been made available through a grant from the circuit authorised at its last meeting.

The effect of inflation is known to us all and whilst gas and electricity as well as water rates are subject to increase, it is anticipated that the level of consumption of gas will be reduced following the installation of the new boiler but it is noted that for example the standing charge for both gas and electricity is due to rise from 13th May 2026. There are also the increased costs of insurance, cleaning and the church administrator.

It is to be noted however that for the next financial year 26/27 following the reduction in the number of presbyters our annual circuit assessment will reduce from £51,500 to £42,960.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM INCOME

This has been carefully considered by the Finance Committee and a lengthy report prepared on behalf of the Finance Committee for the church council who concluded that our commitment of 5% of overall income should be divided into equal contributions for the following 12 charities: -

World Mission fund, Mission in Britain, All We Can, MHA, Action for Children, Methodist Women in Britain, Abingdon food bank, Trinity Learning, Nasio Trust, Future Pillars (Zambia), Karibuni and the Abingdon Bridge.

This is separate from the specific donations made for example at our harvest service, Christmas services or MHA and Action for Children Sundays. MHA also benefit from the regular income provided by donations for coffee or tea after the morning service.

INVOICING OF LETTINGS.

We are very grateful to Mike Brown for setting up the new invoicing system with our liberty accounts package. Having regard to his other important obligations as treasurer of the Abingdon Bridge Mike has asked to be released from his invoicing role and we are pleased that Margaret Ellwood has agreed to step into this vacancy.

Thank you again for your continuing generosity and support of All Saints.

Richard Matthews, Acting Treasurer.

May 2026

6.3 Health & Safety

Following my appointment as Health & Safety Officer at the Church Council Meeting in October 2025 my initial focus has been on reviewing all our existing health and safety arrangements to ensure that current documentation and procedures required by both the Methodist Church and the law are complete and satisfactory, and include the following:

- Insurance Certificate up to date and displayed
- H&S Policy written and published on our Church website.
- Risk Assessments & Fire Risk Assessment reviewed and updated.
- First Aid Box provision reviewed and maintained by monthly audit
- Property Checklist reviewed and maintained by monthly audit
- Electrical and Gas services and inspection dates completed
- Fire Safety arrangements and signage reviewed and updated

The focus for 2026-7 will be on arranging publicity, training and practice for all, but particularly those with responsibilities that directly affect our church members, user groups and members of the public.

Martin Appleyard, Health & Safety Officer

6.4 Pastoral Committee

The Pastoral Committee at All Saints comprises a team of thirteen Pastoral Visitors and the meetings are chaired by Georgina. At meetings each Pastoral Visitor presents on any member or adherent in their group who they are particularly concerned about and possible ways of helping are discussed. Furthermore Pastoral Visitors are encouraged to bring forward any challenges they themselves have faced in carrying out the role.

Meetings in the last year have included discussions on how the present pastoral system can further developed, how the effectiveness of Pastoral Visitors can be increased and most recently conversations took place on a series of questions taken from the 'Growth Action Plan' on lay volunteers.

In recent months we have been blessed to have several new people attending All Saints regularly and although some of these people have been assigned a Pastoral Visitor it would help enormously if one or two more Pastoral Visitors could be found to join the team.

Sue Butler

6.5 Property Report

An initial meeting of the Property Committee was held in February, and we plan to holding these meetings on a quarterly basis.

Property and Health & Safety inspections are being conducted monthly, with reports circulated to the stewards. Following each inspection, necessary maintenance work is identified and carried out across the church building and external spaces.

Examples of maintenance repairs completed include:

1. Securing the main church window winding system
2. Repairing the vestry door, which was binding
3. Repairing kitchen door hinges and replacing broken tiles
4. Repairing the Perry Room heater
5. Repairing the Perry Room kitchen door
6. Replacing the organ heater and light

Future Maintenance Work (Planned for the Year)

- External render and paintwork to the Perry Room require attention
- Guttering on the front elevation of the church is broken and requires refixing and cleaning
- Wooden-framed windows on the foyer side are rotting and need repair or replacement
- The rear main church sanctuary door is rotting externally and requires replacement

Methodist Insurance – Risk Assessment Survey

The insurance risk assessment confirmed that the current sum insured is sufficient.

With the support of the stewards, the loft and upper Perry Room storage areas were cleared, and flammable materials were removed in line with the insurer's recommendations.

Although not mandatory, the installation of a Security Marking System (SmartWater) was recommended to enhance property security.

Projects

- Boiler replacement – pending
- Roof leak inspection – dependent on boiler replacement
- Redesign of the foyer – dependent on boiler replacement
- Creation of an asset register

Paul Kapswara

6.6 Safeguarding

We continue to follow good practice in our Church life with safeguarding and follow Safer Recruitment Practice for those taking on certain responsibilities with the church.

The church Safeguarding policy and various contact telephone numbers are up to date and are displayed on the Safeguarding noticeboard in the foyer.

All Safeguarding training for those in various roles across the church family is up to date.

Helen Appleyard, April 2025

6.7 Youth Forum

After experimenting with an Easter Egg Hunt in March 2025 which was deemed a success, there was a Christmas Scavenger Hunt on Advent Saturday. This coincided (by design) with decorating the Christmas Tree and a craft table in the church. The morning was very successful with around 50 young people taking part, with parents and some grandparents also there and able to meet with church members.

Georgina told the Christmas Story in a fun way, which went down well.

The Youth Forum has met and decided that an informal and fun get together is the way forward for the Squirrels, Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts to be part of All Saints Methodist Church. Two events have been arranged for 2026:

Saturday 27 June Nature Walk at Youlbury Scout Centre, Boars Hill. 10.30 – 12 noon. This will start with all the young people parading with flags, a short message from Georgina, nature walk with list of things to find and back to site for hot chocolate and biscuits. It is hoped that people from the church will join so that children, young people and their families will feel a part of the church family and not just one of the groups that use the premises each week.

Sunday 6 December 3.30pm Christingle Service. Again, we hope that church members will join us that afternoon.

Judith Penrose Brown, Chair Youth Forum

7. Church Groups & Activities

7.1 All Saints Prayer Groups

Following last year's AGM, feedback highlighted that prayer, a vital element of worship, was missing from our community daily life.

Our white prayer tree was re-established in the foyer with printed cards for written prayer requests. Set prayers for various occasions have been placed with it for church users to take as needed. A prayer table was set up within the church for people to use for personal prayer before each Sunday service. The prayer tree and prayer requests having been placed on the prayer table to use to direct prayers. The prayer labels are added to the Prayer book in the Minister's vestry for the presbyter on that Sunday to use in prayers of intercession.

A monthly face to face prayer meeting, open to all, is now held on the second Friday of each month at 10am. We are grateful to Carol who leads these sessions where time is allowed for anyone who wishes to add to the prayers can pray – or you can pray in silence.

A WhatsApp prayer group was also started and now has 15 members. Prayers are posted daily with the help of Bible verses, hymns, prayers found in Our Story, Our

Song, inspirational thoughts for the day and photos. Many of the group add prayers of their own for all to use or just a prayerful emoji. We all find this a useful medium to direct personal prayer.

Sue Russell

7.2 Card Sales

Thank you to everyone who supports the sale of cards available in the foyer throughout the year. We have raised £30 for All Saints charities. The supplier doesn't appear to change the range very much so I am finding the choices limiting. To that end I will run the stock down and not replenish unless there is a strong feeling that I continue.

Joanne Phipps

7.3 After Service Coffee

At the start of the year we had 14 volunteers providing coffee/refreshments to those who stay after the Sunday services. Sadly, due to illness, Margaret Hoskins has had to stand down. We thank her for her many years of help on the Rota.

We provide a range of hot drinks and biscuits or cake (depending on what events have been on!) each Sunday. I buy Fair Trade products online and in recent years we have used instant rather than fresh ground coffee. This makes life a bit simpler for volunteers and seems to go down well with those who partake. I periodically check with volunteers if they are happy with this arrangement and so far I've had no urgent requests to return to percolated coffee – though this is always an option should people wish.

Voluntary donations pay for coffee purchases with any surplus being donated to Methodist Homes.

We will always need additional volunteers as there are inevitably 'losses of manpower' due to illness or family commitments. So if you feel able to help out please contact me. Many thanks to all who volunteer and partake.

Diane Livesley

7.4 Flower Group

We have been able to provide flower arrangements in church for each Sunday service. To enable this to happen a flower rota is used and a team of ladies (gents - please feel free to volunteer - you won't be excluded!) take it in turns to give of their time to provide the flower arrangement. Very many thanks to these volunteers whose efforts enhance our services each week. Thanks also to those who step up to provide extra help when we have special occasions requiring extra floral decorations.

If anyone would be interested in joining us to ensure the church is looking attractive each Sunday please let me know. You do not need to be an expert flower arranger. Our displays vary from professional looking arrangements to a bunch of flowers arranged attractively in a vase. Normally it works out as one person being

responsible for the flower display once every 3-4 months.

Rona Quigley

7.5 Junior Church and Creche

Junior Church meets during school term times and Crèche facilities are available for younger children. Sessions are prepared to cover a wide age range and although the numbers attending are small the young people who do come attend regularly.

There have been two Junior Church and Crèche Leaders meetings in the past year at which discussions have included items on the resources available for leaders, the structure of the sessions, health and safety, safeguarding, registration forms and whether anything can be done to attract more children and families to All Saints.

Sue Butler

7.6 Joint Bible Studies

In Advent 2025 and Lent 2026 we met together with Trinity to study themes leading up to Christmas and then Jesus' journey to the Cross. Each study was 4 sessions long and we met on Friday afternoons in the Perry Room. The studies were well supported with between 12 and 17 people attending each time, and plenty of lively discussions ensued as we explored the Bible together.

Carol Hamilton-Foyn

7.7 Just Women

Just Women has had another busy year. Three meetings have been Open Meetings for anyone to join us when there have been speakers from outside organisations: Age Concern, Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Domestic Abuse – Reducing the Risk. All these have been well attended, and we have made donations to each of them. We played New Age Kurling again, have had chat evenings with a focus and also evenings with a speaker. All our evenings are very enjoyable; we learn lots about what is going on locally and further afield. We even had one evening when CPR was demonstrated and we all had a go on the dummy. All women are welcome to join us; we meet in the Perry Room on the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

Judith Penrose Brown, on behalf of Just Women

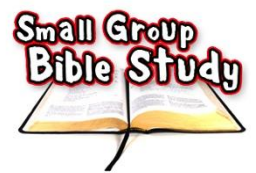
7.8 Music

Thank you very much once again to everyone who has offered their musical talents to our services this past year. It is a joy to have live music with our services each week to enhance the worship, and it is also lovely to hear the solo pieces before and after the service. Thank you to Chris, Louissette and Iain for their organ playing, to Jenny Pooley for the piano, and to Joanne, Alistair, Dawn, Anne and Carol within the music group. You all do a fantastic job and we are blessed to have you accompany us.

Gareth Hawkes

7.9 Quest

The Quest study group continues to flourish with 13 members meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at the home of Valerie and Alan Grist.



This church year we have been studying passages in John's Gospel and from January through Lent we were following a series called *On The Road* where we travelled with Jesus on His journey to the Cross.

The aim of our group is to encourage and support each other in our faith journey.
Alan and Valerie Grist.

7.10 Tubb House Group

We joined with others in Deacon Selina's study on Building the Church, this was followed by discussing the Methodist Church's study on Prayer.



Currently, we are studying St John's Gospel. We have departed from this to join Rev Carol's Lent Course but will continue the Bible study at our next meeting . We hope to continue to have members of Trinity joining us.

The members of the Group take turns in leading and so we gain from the different approaches to leadership.

Maurice Tubb

7.11 Uniformed Organisations

8th Abingdon Rainbows

Rainbow Guides are aged 4-7 and we meet on Wednesday afternoons in term time. In the previous year we expanded to 20 girls on our register to accommodate the need in the area, following the closure of a unit nearby. We have now been able to go back down to our usual 16 for the summer term 2026, which is much more manageable as we only have one qualified Leader. Last year we completed three Theme badges (one per term) and the girls have enjoyed completing a large number of interest badges, including some from the 12 extra badges which were released for last Autumn. Last term we also completed a special fundraising badge supporting one of our young leaders who is going on a trip to the Girlguiding World Centre in Sangam, India this summer. There are five World Centres: London, Switzerland, Mexico, Africa and India. We have had the pleasure of presenting some of the girls with their Bronze and Silver Awards, with a handful achieving their Rainbow Gold Award (highest award in Rainbows). We have only one qualified Leader (Jackie), one Unit Helper and one occasional Unit Helper in our leadership team. We also have two young leaders and a Duke of Edinburgh award helper completing their volunteer section with us.



Jackie Walker, 8th Abingdon (All Saints) Rainbows

8th Abingdon (All Saints) Brownies

We have had a busy year at Brownies with many girls achieving the Gold Award before they left us. We have raised over £200 for the Donkey Sanctuary by doing a sponsored silence. We have made several visits to Bridge House Care Home to sing and talk to the residents there. We have done many badges this year from Charity Badge to Mechanics Badge. We celebrated the Pack's 65th birthday by going out for a meal and inviting Wendy Glover, previous leader, along. We invited the mums to come and have tea and cake with us for Mothering Sunday. Many trips to parks and still lots more to come.



Laura Stevens, Nicola Wheatcroft. Brownie Leaders

11th Abingdon (All Saints) Scouts



This last year has been a busy and exciting year for the 11th Abingdon Scout Group. We now have about 80 Young People in the group supported by a small dedicated team of volunteers. Our Group at 11th (All Saints) consists of Squirrels (4 & 5); Beavers (6 & 7); Cubs (8-10); Scouts (10-14 year olds). All Sections have been camping locally and further afield and getting involved in activities with others from across Oxfordshire - we look forward to doing more with all Sections in the year ahead. In November, we celebrated a year of having Squirrels meeting at All Saints with special guests the Abingdon Mayor, the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, the County Leader Volunteer for Scouting for a mini-party and celebration. The Cubs had a 'skills sleepover' at All Saints using the hall as a familiar base, particularly useful for several of them that hadn't been on a sleepover before. The camp involved various skill building activities, such as building a tripod and cooking breakfast on a camping stove, resulting in "the best bacon EVER!", said one of the Cubs. In February, young people and volunteers (leaders) from the Group appeared on stage and supported backstage at Radley College for the Oxfordshire Scout and Guide Gangshow, joining young people from across the county to put on a variety show full of singing, dancing and acting. The Group has supported several Church activities, including the Christmas Scavenger Hunt and we're looking forward to bringing the church, Scouts and Guides together for an outdoor gathering at a local Scout site, Youlbury, on 27th June. We will be supporting other events this year and are looking out for other ways that we can support All Saints. We are very thankful for the support offered by All Saints and we hope that we'll be able to continue making a positive impact on the Church community.

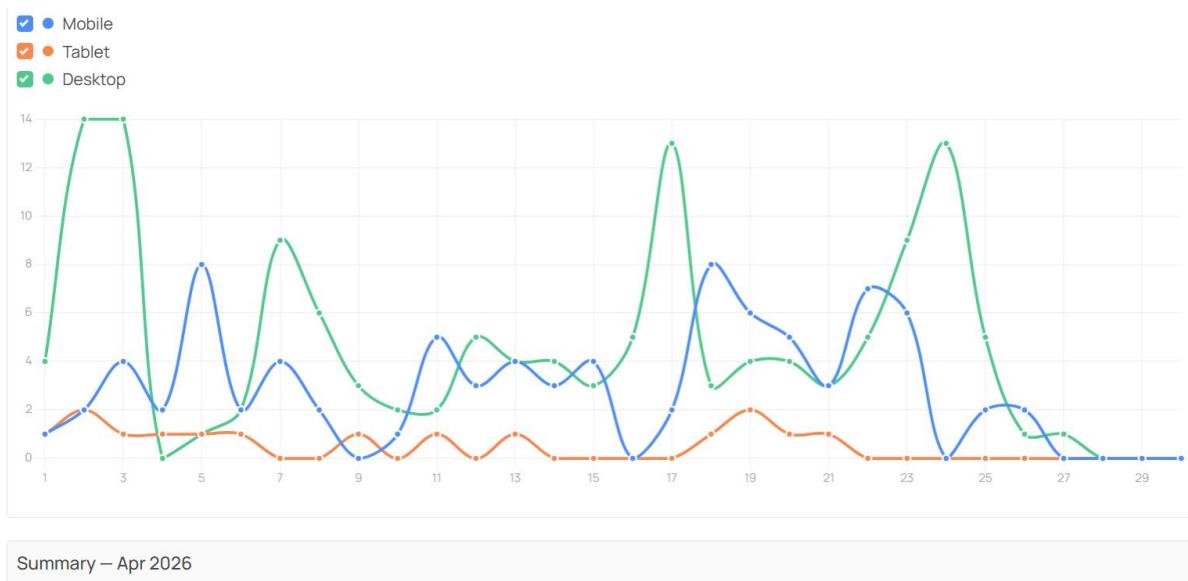
Phil, Eve, Jack - Group Lead Volunteer Team, 11th Abingdon (All Saints) Scout Group

7.12 Church Website

www.allsaintsabingdon/org.uk

The All Saints website is kept up to date, especially the home page slide show which shows upcoming events, in particular the monthly Friday coffee mornings. Up to date News Items to add to the website would be greatly appreciated.

The chart below shows a typical month of usage of the website.



Helen Appleyard

8. Other Church Activities

8.1 Abingdon Foodbank

All Saints has continued to support the Abingdon Foodbank very generously during the past year with donations of food and other items, and also with gifts of money. All this is greatly appreciated.

In March we received a letter from Philip Bingham, Abingdon Foodbank Manager and I can do no better than to quote some of it:

We are most grateful to you for hosting a collection basket in the church which both raises awareness of the Foodbank and encourages people to give to us. We are very grateful for all the gifts of food we have received through the collection basket, which help us greatly to serve the people who come to us. You also generously support us financially, which is very helpful and greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Judith Penrose Brown, All Saints Foodbank Link

8.2 Bold Walking Group

The Bold walks continue, although age and declining health have taken toll of our members. Whereas once we did a five mile walk before lunch and four afterwards, the more able ones do a five ish mile walk before lunch. Others do a shorter 3 mile walk, and some just come for lunch. The after lunch walks have stopped, unless it's a short walk back to the car park. Lunch is usually taken at a pub, but sometimes at a garden centre or other cafes. We continue to meet on the last Wednesday of the month, with the exception of December. Sadly no walk happened in January because no one was able to lead. New walkers continue to be welcome.

The Bold walks are one of the best things All Saints have done and have given much enjoyment of the countryside over the years and good fellowship.~

Margaret Ellwood

8.3 Future Pillars, Zambia



Future Pillars Zambia

I want to thank All Saints for all its support again this year. It is very much appreciated by us, the staff and children in Kabwe.

- Another busy and successful year thanks to a dedicated staff and eager children. All our children are vulnerable, being referred by 'Social Services'. They appreciate the blessing that they have been given when otherwise they would receive no education at all, coming from the three poverty-stricken shanty compounds surrounding our campus.
- All Grade 12 years are now running well in the new buildings.
- Feeding – Everyone eats a nourishing meal, 5 days a week. Extra is cooked on Mondays, as some children will not have food at weekends. Our children learn well because they have food in their stomachs. Zambeef continue to provide bags of bones on Thursdays so that the cooks can serve broth, as well, on Fridays.
- Skills – now running 9 courses with 10 students per course, and a 95% pass rate at national level. Work Aid UK – introduced by a member at this church – provides much equipment and has funded training for the Tailoring tutor to repair and maintain sewing machines, thus saving time and money.
- Learning Resources Centre – the 4 containers that we have packed and sent (thanks largely to Barry and Becky Gransden) have, amazingly, been turned into a LRC. This includes the library, so freeing space for Preschool to move into so that the dining/examinations/conference room can return to its original size.
- I have retired as a Trustee, but continue to be very much involved and keeping in touch with our tertiary sponsored students.
- Fundraising – many smaller activities go on to help us. The larger ones include
 - a) Bourne2Sing (Bournemouth Male Voice Choir),
 - b) The Zoom January Quiz (Can AS raise a team for the next quiz?) and
 - c) the WALK – Dart up the Dart - our 5th sponsored walk, 39 walkers (walking between 3 and 33 kms).
- Peter, our treasurer, a runner, last week ran from Ilfracombe to Plymouth over three days, the justgiving page is still open!

Sadly, our Headteacher's wife, Giveny, died very suddenly a few weeks ago. He is left with 4 of his own children and 9 other dependants to care for.

Our 2026 visit has been cancelled due to flight problems around Dubai airport. We plan a major visit next year as it will be FPZ's 10 anniversary.

The next newsletter will be out shortly. Much more information at futurepillarszambia.org.uk

Thank you. Rosemary Stanbury.

8.4 The Nasio Trust

The Nasio Trust is very grateful for the continued support given by the community at All Saints, both financially: supporting the ongoing work of 364 children through access to food, education and healthcare, and practically by knitting red jumpers, fish & chip tops and baby cardigans that were taken out and delivered to Godfrey, Head of Medical Department.

Having said 'Goodbye' to Rajab and Eunice in June 2025 after their visit to the UK to receive the Egmont Trust award in London for the BEST ORGANISATION in respect of the Peer Education work we do in the local community on HIV AIDs awareness, drink and drug abuse, mental health, sexually transmitted diseases and period poverty, much has happened.

The new library building is now complete – and is HUGE! It needs shelving and stocking with books ready to be opened later this year. Every Friday a midday meal is served on the veranda to all staff working on the St Irene's site.



2026 saw the start of NASIO's 25th birthday year with an aim to raise £25,000 to sustain free maternal care at our health centre, promote girls' inclusion through our Peer Education SHE LEADS programme and strengthen vocational pathways for students in our Child Sponsorship programme. Some of the money raised will support medical costs following the government's change of recognition of private health care centres. With each inpatient costing £13 and each maternity delivery £7 costs will mount until the new Level 4 hospital, a huge extension to the service we now provide opens in 2027.



Having gained funding for all building work, theatres, kitchen, morgue, laundry and apartments for staff the first stone was laid by the bishop in November 2025. Now at the foundation footing stage it will provide services such as imaging diagnostics and higher inpatient capacity.



Throughout 2025 Nasio saw many firsts! In the summer the 1st cohort of students from Maastricht University in the Netherlands completed research projects ranging

from climate change, landscape in farming, HIV and AIDs, women's mental health. Interviews with beneficiaries informed their dissertations and recommendations have been incorporated into Nasio's operations to improve healthcare in the community.

A successful partnership was launched with Gua Africa based in the Kakuma refugee camp to deliver our Peer Education programme to the young people they support. 60 youths were trained by Nasio's peer educators to sensitise vulnerable young people in sexual reproductive healthcare.

We promoted broader community engagement in sport with our first ever cycling tour with the route passing through Sabatia and Mumias, covering a distance of 60 miles. 25 participants were involved.

In September 2025 Musanda was Twinned with Kennington in a joint service.

Despite the growth, as a charity we remain committed to our education and health programmes. Nasio is proud that all of our programmes showed progress and development too.

In our Nasio-run schools we had 97% attendance. 97% of the farmers we supported are now food secure with 70% reporting an increase in agricultural income. Through our table banking system 73% of Nasio's Entrepreneurship programmes have access to group loans. 60 % of the malnourished toddlers attending the Porridge Kitchen have achieved a healthy weight and no longer need support.

In February I was able to take another four of my grandchildren to volunteer at the projects. We attended both ECD schools, with Macey organising art competitions for them and older primary children. Ruby planned and delivered a geography lesson to 63 13/14yr olds at Deb Muslim school and handed over a boxful of bras and period bags, Max and Toby enjoyed working on the farms, milking the cows, coaching the 'She Leads' girl's football team and supporting the spirulina team.



We all participated in a Day in the Life of Emily, doing market shopping, fetching water, cleaning and cooking a meal of ugali and Omena. All cooking was done on an open fire in the bedroom- it was so smoky!



We all attended a community jiggers' event along with smearing the house. The house for 6 people contained only a double bed with a mosquito net.

Comments from the group as they left ranged from, 'how green the area was' to how privileged they were when they saw how very little the children were in the Musanda community, it was trip they will never forget. Zoe, my daughter-in-law's comment was – 'you know about poverty, you see it on the TV, BUT when you see a crumbling mud hut with only a bed as furniture, then you understand'. She said she felt very choked up! Ruby is returning to help in the UK office after her GCSEs and has decided to sponsor one of the little St Irene girls she attached herself to!

As a trustee of this charity, I can only thank you all for the support and encouragement that you have shown to me personally as I endeavour to work alongside NASIO.

Sue Russell, Nasio Trustee

8.5 Trinity Learning Update (to August 2025)



The school year 2024 – 2025 was a busy and productive year for Trinity Learning. We are always aware that our local school communities face ongoing pressures and challenges and we are proud to work alongside our amazing volunteers to provide practical support to children, young people and teaching staff.

We want to ensure that every child and young person we work with feels valued and supported as they take part in our projects and workshops, so our key focus over this school year was to adapt and develop our offers to schools to make them as accessible as possible.

Kingfisher Christmas Workshops

In December 2024, we supported the Kingfisher School Christmas Workshops - sensory Christmas services led by Deacon Selina and supported by our wonderful Kingfisher Singing Group.

The workshops took place in Trinity Church as well as at Kingfisher School. The service consisted of a simple retelling of the Christmas Story with songs adapted from nursery rhymes as well as some traditional Christmas favourites such as Little Donkey and Away in a Manger.

This year we introduced larger versions of the resources we usually use with the children such as feathers and small pieces of fleece. The larger resources were very popular with children wrapping themselves up in the fleecy blankets to pretend to be sheep or the baby Jesus. Providing two different sizes of resources means we could allow for different sensory preferences and engagement levels.

Workshops were run more frequently to allow for smaller group sizes and this meant there was a calmer and more supportive environment for the children taking part. The sessions that ran in Kingfisher took place in classrooms rather than the larger hall setting, helping pupils feel comfortable and secure. In total we ran the workshops nine times to pupils from 11 different classes and the fantastic singing -

particularly in the church workshops - and the interaction and involvement of all the groups were real highlights.



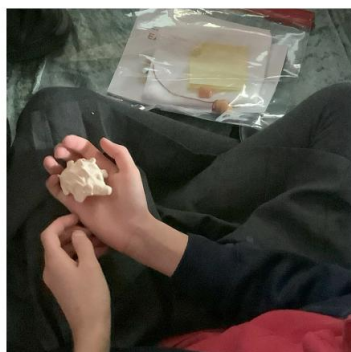
'Universally, staff have been incredibly thankful for the fantastic experiences that you have offered our young people. Staff fed back that the services were engaging and child friendly as well as extremely well pitched and with relevant resources. We really appreciate how welcoming you were.'

Experience Easter 2025

Experience Easter was held in Trinity Church in spring 2025. Although the number of children attending in person was lower than in the previous year, the smaller groups attending meant we were able to refine workshops and could combine interactive storytelling, creative reflection, and discussion-based learning, ensuring that children were able to engage meaningfully with the Easter story. Once again, a hybrid approach of offering live sessions at Trinity Church and online participation meant we could reach a wider audience and fit in better with school schedules.

Some children visiting the live workshops walked for up to half an hour from their school to reach the venue. As the children entered the church, they paused in the entrance area to listen to an introduction to the story and to receive their individual packs for the journey. The doors were then opened to reveal the church, which had been specially decorated for the event. Many of the children had little prior experience of being inside a church, and it was wonderful to hear the little gasps of surprise as the doors were opened.

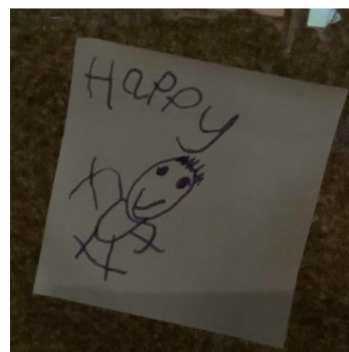
We welcomed children from two Beaver Packs and four Kingfisher school classes as well as our regular school communities. In total, approximately 360 children took part, either online or in person at Trinity Church. Feedback from teachers and group leaders was positive, especially concerning the thoughtful presentation of TrinityLearning volunteer storytellers and the benefits in terms of interaction and inclusivity that the smaller group sizes had.



"Engaging and interactive. Inclusive and adapted to meet children's needs."

"Amazing informative Easter experience. Lovely resources and volunteers were patient and kind."

TEACHER FEEDBACK



Volunteer Celebrations 2025

Our 2025 Volunteer Celebration gave us a valuable opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the many volunteers who generously contribute their time, skills, and experience to support our work. In addition to our volunteers, the event was attended by staff from local schools, funders, as well as friends and supporters from local church communities. It was also a chance to create a welcoming environment in which attendees could connect and share experiences. It was great to see volunteers meeting others involved in different aspects of our work and forming new connections.



Toolkit for Happiness project

Eighteen 6th form students from Larkmead School volunteered for our Toolkit for Happiness project in the summer of 2025 and gave between two and five days each of their time to deliver wellbeing workshops to around 180 year 7 pupils.

Following training from TrinityLearning each morning the students then led wellbeing workshops in two teams, with each team leading workshops for three Year 7 classes over the rest of the day.



"The best bits for me were making friendships and creating a bond with the younger years."

"The best bit for me was seeing that the year 7s trust you and like you for who you are."

"We like the way the 6th formers interact with us."

Feedback from Year 12s and Year 7s

This year, we refined our journaling sheets to help students make simple observations about their own feelings and reflect on different aspects of the workshops throughout the week. This proved a popular adjustment with students enthusiastically talking about and writing down their thoughts and feelings.

We are amazed every year when we run these workshops at the dedication, professionalism and hard work of the 6th form volunteers involved.

Thank you to All Saints volunteers

We want to say a very special thank you to volunteers from All Saints for their fantastic support for many of our projects – from preparing Experience Easter resources to knitting and crocheting tiny teddies for our Bereavement Packs.

Experience Easter packs – we make up hundreds of packs every year for school children taking part in the event and thanks to a fantastic group of volunteers in All Saints church who met a number of times plasticine was sliced, beads were threaded and resource packs were made up by the dozen in 2025!



Teddies – a tiny teddy is included in every one of our Bereavement Packs designed for adults working with a child who has suffered a bereavement. The child keeps the teddy and we know they are a very treasured item. Our teddy supply has been topped up regularly by All Saints volunteers and we are extremely thankful to all those who give up their time and skills to knit and crochet for us.

Keep up to date with our work - Our Facebook page is updated regularly so is a great place to keep up to date with our news – you can find us at

www.facebook.com/TrinityLearning-108933674177652

Thinking of calling into the office? TrinityLearning staff and volunteers are now working a mix of both home and office-based hours so please do email before popping in to see us at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Nicola Williams, Education Development Officer

APPENDIX A: MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

Information as at the date of this report

Church Stewards

Helen Appleyard
Sue Butler
Margaret Ellwood
Dawn Tyrrell

Communion Stewards

Colin Bartlett Marian Orchard Larissa Richards

Church Council

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Minister | Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson |
| Acting Treasurer | Richard Matthews |
| Stewards | Helen Appleyard Sue Butler Dawn Tyrrell Margaret Ellwood |
| Secretary | Sue Russell |
| Family Committee / Youth Forum | Judith Penrose Brown |
| Pastoral Committee Secretary | Sue Butler |
| Circuit Steward | Anne Matthews |
| Church in Abingdon | Helen Appleyard |
| Junior Church | |
| Finance Committee | Richard Matthews |
| Safeguarding | Helen Appleyard |
| Communion Steward | |

Annual Church Meeting Representatives (6 to 15 allowed)

| | |
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| Alistair Batey | Jenny Pooley |
| Margaret Ellwood | Joanne Phipps |
| Paul Williams | Derek Pooley |

Representatives to Circuit Meeting

Sue Butler
Paul Williams

Church Family Committee

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Chair | Anne Matthews |
| Secretary & Crèche Organiser | Becky Batey |
| Steward Rep | Dawn Tyrell |
| Members: | |
| Helen Appleyard | Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson |
| Kate Jones | Judith Penrose Brown |
| Sue Russell | Rona Quigley |
| Maurice Tubb | |

Finance Committee

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Chair | Richard Matthews |
| Acting Treasurer | Richard Matthews |
| Secretary | Gillian Griffiths |
| Steward | |
| Members | |
| Pam Guthrie | Larissa Richards |
| David Gray | Margaret Ellwood |
| Mike Brown | |

Pastoral Committee

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Chair | Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson |
| Secretary | Sue Butler |
| Visitors | |
| Helen & Martin Appleyard | Anne and Richard Matthews |
| Sue Butler | John Orchard |
| Trisha Evans | Joanne Phipps |
| Kate Jones | Jenny Pooley |
| Carol Hamilton-Foyn | Maurice Tubb |
| Beryl Manners | |

Junior Church Council

Co-ordinator

Mike Pearl

Secretary

Leaders

Sue Butler

Menna Hull

Anne Matthews

Crèche

Helen Appleyard

Beryl Manners

Becky Batey

Kate Jones

Rona Quigley

APPENDIX B: FINANCE

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON

Charity Commission Number 1184115

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st August, 2025

| | <u>Notes</u> | 2024/ 25 £ | 2023/ 24 £ |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | |
| Collections | | 55,183.00 | 51,948.12 |
| Tax recoveries | | 11,943.39 | 12,692.46 |
| | 2 | <u>67,126.39</u> | <u>64,640.58</u> |
| Lettings | | 13,824.21 | 14,512.91 |
| Interest | | 2,452.70 | 1,818.43 |
| Bequests | 3 | 5,000.00 | 14,663.02 |
| Other income (includes gift day) | 3 | 9,381.50 | 809.66 |
| Unrestricted income | | <u>97,784.80</u> | <u>96,444.60</u> |
| Restricted | | | |
| Memorable donation-interest | 3 | 583.99 | 701.24 |
| Special events and appeals | 6 | 2,273.30 | 1,924.86 |
| Men's Group - member donations | 10 | - | - |
| Just Women - member donations, events and gift aid | 10 | 234.80 | 115.00 |
| Friendship - interest | 10 | - | - |
| Restricted income | | <u>3,092.09</u> | <u>2,741.10</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | | <u>100,876.89</u> | <u>99,185.70</u> |
| PAYMENTS | | | |
| Unrestricted | | | |
| Circuit assessment | | 50,759.00 | 50,512.00 |
| Donations to Methodist Funds | 4 | 2,945.56 | 4,195.96 |
| Other donations | 5 | 3,660.34 | 2,052.12 |
| All Saints costs - | | | |
| Operational costs | 7 | 7,277.16 | 7,943.84 |
| Property costs | 8 | 24,706.55 | 26,857.36 |
| Expenditure out of unrestricted income | | <u>89,348.61</u> | <u>91,561.28</u> |
| Restricted | | | |
| Memorable donations (organist fees) | 7 | 600.00 | 550.00 |
| Special events and appeals | 6 | 2,282.39 | 1,854.86 |
| Just Women - donations and other payments | 10 | 58.70 | 143.25 |
| Friendship | 10 | - | - |
| Expenditure out of restricted income | | <u>2,941.09</u> | <u>2,548.11</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | <u>92,289.70</u> | <u>94,109.39</u> |
| SURPLUS or NET DEFICIT for the year | | 8,587.19 | 5,076.31 |

These accounts were approved by the Church Council on 5 February 2026

APPENDIX B: FINANCE
ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH ABINGDON
Charity Commission Number 1184115
Balance Sheet

Opening balances at beginning of year -

| | 01-Sep-24 £ | 01-Sep-23 £ |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds - | | |
| General fund | 60,945.89 | 65,283.88 |
| Richard Cox bequest (Trust 21871) | 9,298.81 | 8,846.06 |
| Memorable donations | 10,088.90 | 1,318.07 |
| Coffee fund | 226.71 | 228.98 |
| | <u>80,560.31</u> | <u>75,676.99</u> |
| Restricted funds - | | |
| Memorable donation | 13,166.03 | 13,014.79 |
| Appeals fund | 409.37 | 339.37 |
| Thursday Friendship | 24.79 | 24.79 |
| Men's Group | 45.50 | 45.50 |
| Just Women | 42.46 | 70.71 |
| | <u>13,688.15</u> | <u>13,495.16</u> |
| | <u>94,248.46</u> | <u>89,172.15</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS at 31st August 2025 | <u>102,835.65</u> | <u>94,248.46</u> |

Summary of assets & liabilities as at 31st August 2025

| | 31-Aug-25 £ | 31-Aug-24 £ |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | |
| General fund including property fund | 71,769.55 | 60,945.89 |
| Richard Cox bequest (Trust 21871) | 9,712.12 | 9,298.81 |
| Memorable donations | 7,368.07 | 10,088.90 |
| Coffee fund | 146.76 | 226.71 |
| | <u>88,996.50</u> | <u>80,560.31</u> |
| Restricted funds | | |
| Memorable donation | 13,150.02 | 13,166.03 |
| Appeals fund | 400.28 | 409.37 |
| Thursday Friendship | 24.79 | 24.79 |
| Men's Group | 45.50 | 45.50 |
| Just Women | 218.56 | 42.46 |
| | <u>13,839.15</u> | <u>13,688.15</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>102,835.65</u> | <u>94,248.46</u> |

Represented by:

| | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Cash at hand | 67.00 | - |
| Cash (Just Women) | 218.56 | 42.46 |
| Current bank account (Nat West) | 29,634.87 | 29,327.47 |
| Central Finance Board Deposit Fund | 63,203.10 | 55,579.72 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes | 9,712.12 | 9,298.81 |
| | <u>102,835.65</u> | <u>94,248.46</u> |