

# **The Parish of Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council**

(Registered Charity 1155524)

**for the year ended 31st December 2025**

**Vicar - Rev Jackie Fountain**



### **Bank**

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### **And minutes**

Of the meeting of Parishioners held on 11th May 2025

Of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 11th May 2025

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# Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025

### BACKGROUND

2025 proved a busy year, with a particular focus on our priority to reach out to younger people, children and families. This was achieved through activities such as St Cat's Lite, holiday club, and all age services. Other initiatives included Alpha and Bereavement Journey courses. God richly blessed us, and we have been encouraged by the response which has included new faces in our church membership.

All this has been made possible by the hard work and prayers of our vicar, Jackie Fountain, our many volunteers, and Carol Atkins, who joined us in February during the later part of her curacy.

### WORSHIP

This year we continued with the service structure established in 2024 – one Service on a Sunday for the whole church, with communion included on two Sundays in the month. The numbers attending Sunday services have gradually increased. We have enjoyed the frequent attendance of a few children. A children's song now features in our service, often made more energetic by actions led by the children, after which the children leave for their own separate activities! The services have continued to be theme based such as the themes of Simply Jesus, Colossians, New Beginnings, Ruth and Creation.

Wednesday morning communion service has continued with about a dozen regular attendees.

As in previous years, our Easter services included a family activity on Good Friday, enjoyed by a number of children and families, and a meditation service. The Good Friday family activity was repeated at the Calcot Centre on Easter Saturday. However, it was not as well attended and subsequent reflections concluded that any repeat of the venture in future years would need to take greater account of the difference in the familiarity of the Calcot audience with the Gospel message and its telling.

The practice of holding outdoor services in the summer was repeated, though restricted to fewer services, partly due to some special services (eg baptism) during this period.

Christmas as ever was very busy and followed a similar pattern to previous years. Carols under the Oak Tree again attracted a large number of the community. We also celebrated Jesus' birth through our Christmas services of Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Day communion, a St Cat's Lite Christingle and a Nativity service. All the Christmas services were well attended.

The special services of 2025 included a Shoebox Appeal, a Leprosy Mission service and Harvest Festival followed by a bring and share lunch and bread making competition.

The services introduced during 2024 have thrived in 2025 - St Cat's Lite for children and families on the first Saturday in the month and an informal evening worship, Dwell, on the second Sunday in the month.

The monthly communion service in York House, Calcot came to an end this year as numbers had dwindled. Meanwhile links were established with the newly opened Stoneham Grove Care Home, leading to an extension to our worshipping community through a monthly communion service attended by some twelve to fifteen people.

The PCC thank all those providing faithful service that makes this worship possible.

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## **rites of passage**

Eight baptisms took place during the year, and it was a great joy for the church to welcome children who were regular worshippers into our membership.

The funeral of a person living in our community took place in church during the year. Logistics were a challenge as the numbers were unexpectedly large, overflowing into the church grounds! An additional three funerals were held at the crematorium.

No church members were confirmed this year.

## **Lifegroups, Study Groups & Prayer**

Lifegroups have continued to meet regularly, either weekly or fortnightly and on different days and evenings of the week. Notes from the Sunday sermons are usually used as the basis of the discussion. Those attending Lifegroups find them valuable in providing fellowship, support and learning.

A small Youth group has continued to meet, with the ongoing people changes as youngsters move out of the area for the next stage in their lives.

Prayer is the bedrock of all our activities. Additionally weekly community prayers and the monthly early Saturday morning prayer session has continued. The monthly Calcot prayer walk and litter pick has been discontinued as it came to a natural end.

## **Reaching Further into Our Community**

Outreach to our local schools has continued and strengthened during this year, with ongoing contact with Birch Copse Primary, Springfield and Little Heath Schools. This has included visits to the schools as well as welcoming them into the church. The support of Reach has helped us in this. Birch Copse held their Christmas services at St Catherine's as in previous years and it was a joy for the first time to welcome Springfield into our church for their Christmas service. Additionally Year 6s from both schools came to St Catherine's for 'Easter Cracked' and 'Christmas Unwrapped', as well as a team from St Catherine's visiting the year 6s in school to help with 'It's Your Move'. We have also reached out to Calcot Primary School, but as yet this has not borne fruit.

A 3-day Holiday Club was repeated in August following the success of the previous year's venture. The theme was Rocky's Place and was attended by about 30 children and a large number of enthusiastic helpers.

Our outreach to adults was extended by new ventures. An Alpha course was held in the autumn, and it has been a joy to welcome some who attended to our ongoing church community. Earlier in the year, St Catherine's partnered with St Michael's to facilitate the Bereavement Journey Course. This was attended by 15 people who provided encouraging feedback, and our hope is that those attending found it helpful and a comfort.

A Christmas card was delivered to most homes in the parish, which further progressed our aim to make St Catherine's better known.

## **The Centre & Our Activities**

We continue to be blessed with the café and church hall which together with the services of café manager, centre manager, booking manager and volunteers enables us to provide a forum to share

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God's love with our community. Staffing the café has continued to be challenging due to ill health and the need for more volunteers.

The St Catherine's 0-5s toddler groups continued in the church hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout 2025. The heavy demands made on the volunteers running this group led to the difficult decision to discontinue the Thursday group at the end of the year. We welcomed the childminders' decision to continue their Thursday session in the church hall under their own management.

Church hall bookings continued at a high level as we share the space with the community.

A wide range of activities organised by church members takes place in the centre, attended by both church members and those outside the regular worshipping community. The list is long but includes Book Club, Tuesday Get Together, Friday Friends, Mothers Union, Bowls, Eco pursuits, Crafty Space as well as the faithful hardworking gardening team providing the outdoor space we all enjoy. Spearheaded by the eco team, St Catherine's achieved an A Rocha silver eco church award, with the award now displayed!

## **THE BUILDING**

The PCC owe a huge thank you to the few dedicated people who maintain our premises that facilitate the sharing of God's love with our community.

2025 included some major projects. The skylight needed urgent replacement, and this was made possible thanks to a substantial diocesan grant and generous donations. The management of this project was made significantly more complicated by the withdrawal of the contractor on the day before the work was due to start and after the erection of the scaffolding! Despite the challenges, the repair was affected and so far, has held out the rain!

Later in the year, largely financed by a diocesan grant, many of the lights were replaced by more efficient eco-friendly LED lights.

The WIFI stability was improved by a change of provider and the Livestream by upgrades whilst our sound system continues to be improved.

## **HAVING FUN & RAISING FUNDS**

A number of fun events took place to raise funds, though a few less than in previous years. The Spring and Christmas fairs were popular. An autumn quiz was enjoyed by many. A brass band concert was appreciated, though the numbers attending were perhaps a little disappointing.

## **THE FUTURE**

We look forward in excitement to 2026 as we look to where God will take us. We know that we will face challenges, including that of our curate Carol Atkins coming to the end of her curacy and leaving us. But we know we have an all-powerful loving God who will walk with us as we continue to address our priorities of:

- Prayer and worship, connecting and listening to God.
- Raising St Catherine's profile in the community
- Reaching out to younger people, children and families (whilst valuing and caring for the current congregation).

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## PCC Members

The names of the members of the Council who have served since the commencement of the 2025 financial year and until the date this report was approved are:

### Ex officio members

Incumbent	Rev Jackie Fountain
Curate	Rev Carol Atkins
LLM's	Mr Tony Bartlett (also PCC minute-taker) Mr Mike Heather
Deanery Synod rep.	Mr Richard Canning
Churchwardens	Ms Caroline Heron Mrs Lynn Stevens (also Deanery Synod rep)

### Elected Members

Mrs Heather Addison  
Mrs Jean Almond  
Mrs Ella Robles Canning (also Deanery Synod rep)  
Mrs Emma Deacon  
Mrs Sonia Ludford (Centre Manager)  
Mr Stuart Poore (Parish Administrator & PCC Secretary)  
Mrs Hilary Smee (elected at 2025 APCM)  
Mrs Stephanie Walklate (term ended at 2025 APCM)

### Treasurer

Mr Sean East

### Bankers

Nat West Reading Oracle Branch, Unit L11, The Oracle Shopping Centre, Reading, RG1 2AG

### Signed on behalf of the PCC

Vicar  
Rev Jackie Fountain



Churchwarden  
Ms Caroline Heron

C. Heron

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## The Financial Report for 2025

### Receipts

In 2025 the planned giving was slightly lower than 2024. Once again we received some generous donations through the plate and online. Most of our fundraising came from the Summer Fete, Christmas Fair and quiz. More details on these are provided below. We did receive a legacy of £3,000.

Receipts from centre lettings is still a major part of the Church's income. Thank you to the hard work of all involved in the hall lettings and party bookings. The cost of maintenance and repairs along with hall running costs were almost £2,400 higher in 2025 although this was offset by a grant received for the LED lights.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous giving throughout 2025. If however, you feel you could give on a regular basis, if you don't already, our preferred method is via the Parish Giving Scheme. Please ask for details.

The fairs and fetes raised a total of £3,034. Again, this is slightly down from last year, although we are aware that the Summer Fair was not well attended. The quiz raised £907. Thank you and well done to everyone involved in our fundraising activities. We also had some small sales of items and pop-up events which added a further £80. As stated last year, I am still amazed at how many people give their time willingly to St. Catherine's. This is clearly a great help to the financial part of the church but is also good for the overall church community and for everyone involved.

### Payments

In 2025 costs were higher in many areas. The Parish Share increased and we did not receive a discount as we now have a vicar. We have an employed café manager. The salaries for the café manager and hall cleaner increased in line with the minimum living wage. The cost of repairs along with other maintenance costs are higher.

### Projects and Funding

We had the new "skylight" fitted to the church roof during 2025.

- Donations received = £5,673.19 + Gift Aid of £1,228.49 = £6,901.68
- Grant received from Oxford Diocese £4,230.50
- Cost of works = £9,765.24
- Surplus £1,366.94 (transferred back into the general fund for the work of the church)

Additionally, we had new LED lights fitted to the church and hall at a cost of £3,216.00 for which we received a grant of £2,850 from Oxford Diocese.

### Missions Report

Following PCC approval, we increased our monthly payment to £70 (previously £60) to each of our 4 nominated charities in 2025. These were Novi Most, CCA, The Children's Society and Leprosy Mission until September. The PCC requested that Novi Most were replaced by Ripple Effect from October. In addition to this the PCC agrees to make up the payment to 6% of planned giving.

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Therefore, an extra payment of £140 to each charity is due. This was paid in February 2025 but is noted in the liabilities for 2025 along with the collection from the Scouts carol service which again was sent to CCA in February 2025.

The St. Catherine's Women Group account was transferred into the church account during 2025. This is used mainly for Tear Fund donations. It is being kept in a separate restricted fund.

### **End of Year Thoughts**

Again, this year most of the reports are from our finance package, My Fund Accounting, rather than the several spreadsheets that Joanne used previously. Although this is my second year as treasurer, I am still on a steep learning curve. Many thanks for the continued support from you all but especially Joanne.

Although the balance sheet may look as though we have a healthy surplus of over £6,000 this includes the St Catherine's Women Group Fund and monies for funeral fees that were paid to the diocese in January 2025 along with money collected at the Scout Carol service.

We had a surplus at the end of the year of £1,293. (net income from total funds less restricted funds).

We have been reliant however on the generosity of some large irregular donations and a legacy. The Centre Lettings have been a great source of income. The Parish Share figure has increased again for 2026.

St. Catherine's continues to just about cover its costs and in 2025 we did not need to use our reserves. However, with increased costs we need to be mindful. We would prayerfully ask everyone to consider their monthly contribution and ask anyone with any fundraising ideas, along with the enthusiasm to implement those ideas to come forward.

Sean East  
Treasurer to the PCC  
2nd March 2026

# Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus Church, Tilehurst, Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 13

### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners 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 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 management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s. 130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

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## Receipts and Payments Account For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior year Total Funds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Planned giving	46,168	-	-	-	46,168	47,441
Collections and other giving	5,704	-	-	-	5,704	7,525
Other voluntary receipts	9,397	-	14,644	-	24,041	6,877
Gift Aid recovered	10,086	-	1,228	-	11,314	11,237
Other receipts	5,344	-	-	-	5,344	5,519
Receipts from church activities	2,712	44,161	759	-	47,632	50,066
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>79,411</b>	<b>44,161</b>	<b>16,632</b>	-	<b>140,203</b>	<b>128,665</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Missionary and Charitable Giving	4,514	-	1,354	-	5,868	4,130
Parish Share	65,566	-	-	-	65,566	61,782
Clergy and Staffing costs	1,345	-	-	-	1,345	1,466
Church Running Expenses	20,101	478	10,085	-	30,664	33,430
Hall Running Costs	-	13,776	-	-	13,776	11,666
Cafe Running Costs	-	16,500	-	-	16,500	13,549
Church Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building work	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>91,526</b>	<b>30,754</b>	<b>11,439</b>	-	<b>133,719</b>	<b>126,023</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>-12,115</b>	<b>13,407</b>	<b>5,192</b>	-	<b>6,485</b>	<b>2,642</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>						
Gross transfers between funds - in	25,091	-	-	-	25,091	1,198
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-23,724	-1,367	-	-25,091	-1,198
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	12,976	-10,317	3,825	-	6,485	2,642
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>12,976</b>	<b>-10,317</b>	<b>3,825</b>	-	<b>6,485</b>	<b>2,642</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	-3206	30,879	4,062	2,075	33,811	31,170
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	<b>9,770</b>	<b>20,562</b>	<b>7,888</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>40,296</b>	<b>33,811</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
General fund	9,770	-	-	-	9,770	-3206
<b>Designated</b>						
Cafe	-	-	-	-	-	2,706
Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	12,274
Maintenance Reserves	-	16,237	-	-	16,237	14,507
St Catherine's 0 - 5 S	-	4,325	-	-	4,325	1,393
<b>Restricted</b>						
Maintenance Reserves	-	-	2,695	-	2,695	2,400
Missions	-	-	1,561	-	1,561	825
ODBF Fees	-	-	597	-	597	158
Specials	-	-	679	-	679	679
St Catherine's Women Group (Tear Fund)	-	-	2,356	-	2,356	-
<b>Endowment</b>						
Calcot Fund	-	-	-	2,075	2,075	2,075
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,770</b>	<b>20,562</b>	<b>7,888</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>40,296</b>	<b>33,811</b>

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## Statements of Assets and Liabilities

	2025		2024
<b>Assets</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Cash funds</b> (2025 includes St Catherine's Women's group)	40,296		33,811

### Other monetary assets

Parish Share rebate for previous year	4,003		1,730
Gift Aid recoverable for previous year	780		271
Centre rent due for previous year	4,583		4,715
	<b>9,366</b>		<b>6,716</b>

### Liabilities

Electricity and Gas (estimated)	2,028		984
Select Waste Disposal	78		78
Missions giving due for previous year	560		1,092
Ripple Effect	1,065		675
Scouts Carol Service for CCA	119		90
	<b>3,850</b>		<b>2,919</b>

### Notes

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments - Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Receipts					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Planned giving</b>						
0101018 - Parish Giving Scheme	41,548 -	-	-	-	41,548	42,761
0101019 - Standing Orders	4,620 -	-	-	-	4,620	4,680
<b>Planned giving Totals</b>	<b>46,168 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,168</b>	<b>47,441</b>
<b>Collections and other giving</b>						
0104002 - Plate	5,704 -	-	-	-	5,704	7,525
<b>Collections and other giving Totals</b>	<b>5,704 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>7,525</b>
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>						
0105B016 - Donations - Sumup	291 -	-	-	-	291	49
0105B12 - Donations	965 -	-	-	-	965	3,227
0105B13 - Donations Gift Aided	1,525 -	-	-	-	1,525	1,380
0105B18 - Donations to Roof Appeal	-	-	9,904 -	-	9,904 -	-
0203B01 - Coffee Money	599 -	-	-	-	599	564
0203B04 - Donations towards Charities	-	-	4,445 -	-	4,445	1,220
0203B10 - Donations to Project	2,850 -	-	-	-	2,850 -	-
0203B39 - Donations towards Maintenance Reserves	-	-	295 -	-	295	300
0203B46 - Legacy received	3,000 -	-	-	-	3,000 -	-
0203B51 - cafe donation box	167 -	-	-	-	167	137
<b>Other voluntary receipts Totals</b>	<b>9,397 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,44 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,041</b>	<b>6,877</b>
<b>Gift Aid recovered</b>						
0102002 - Tax recovered PGS	9,111 -	-	113 -	-	9,223	9,895
0102003 - Tax recovered Non PGS	975 -	-	1,116 -	-	2,091	1,342
<b>Gift Aid recovered Totals</b>	<b>10,086 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,228 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,314</b>	<b>11,237</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>						
0203A02 - Fetes and Fairs	3,035 -	-	-	-	3,035	3,530
0203A03 - Special Events - quiz / raffles	1,747 -	-	-	-	1,747	1,017
0203A04 - Special Events - Pop up Shops	44 -	-	-	-	44	27
0301001 - Bank & Building Soc Interest	518 -	-	-	-	518	576
0403A06 - credit re photocopying magazine	-	-	-	-	-	71
0403A10 - Magazine Advertising Income	-	-	-	-	-	290
0403A11 - charges re outside use of photocopier	-	-	-	-	-	8
<b>Other receipts Totals</b>	<b>5,344 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>5,519</b>
<b>Receipts from church activities</b>						
0105B10 - Parish Share Deanery rebate	-	1,730 -	-	-	1,730	1,515
0402A00 - Centre lettings	-	22,620 -	-	-	22,620	23,660
0403A05 - Magazine Sales	5 -	-	-	-	5	438
0404000 - Fees for Weddings and Funerals	488 -	-	759 -	-	1,247	2,034
0404002 - Holiday Club	317 -	-	-	-	317	217
0404010 - Friday Friends	1,225 -	-	-	-	1,225	1,410
0404012 - St. Catherine 0 - 5 s	-	3,410 -	-	-	3,410	3,559
040413 - Tuesday Get Together	677 -	-	-	-	677	1,028
0405001 - Cafe sales	-	16,400 -	-	-	16,400	16,205
<b>Receipts from church activities Totals</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>44,161</b>	<b>759 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,632</b>	<b>50,066</b>
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>	<b>79,411</b>	<b>44,161</b>	<b>166,32 -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>140,203</b>	<b>128,665</b>

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Analysis of Receipts and Payments - Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

<b>Payments</b>					<b>Total</b>	
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
1001002 - Giving to Overseas Mission Societies	1,996 -		156 -		2,152	1,592
1002002 - Giving to Relief & Dev Agencies	312 -		1,108 -		1,420	667
1003002 - Giving to Home Missions	2,206 -		90 -		2,296	1,871
1004002 - Giving to Secular Charities	-		-		-	-
<b>Missionary and Charitable Giving Totals</b>	<b>4,514 -</b>		<b>1,354 -</b>		<b>5,868</b>	<b>4,130</b>
<b>Parish Share</b>						
2001012 - Ministry Parish Share etc	65,566 -				65,566	61,782
<b>Parish Share Totals</b>	<b>65,566 -</b>				<b>65,566</b>	<b>61,782</b>
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs</b>						
2002000 - Working Expenses of the Incumbent	115 -				115	166
2002009 - Visiting Clergy	-				-	47
2002010 - Vergers fees	30 -				30	15
2002011 - Honorarium	1,200 -				1,200	1,200
2002012 - Costs of recruitment of new vicar	-				-	38
<b>Clergy and Staffing costs Totals</b>	<b>1,345 -</b>				<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,466</b>
<b>Church Running Expenses</b>						
2005005 - Church Running Expenses Electricity	3,474 -				3,474	4,286
2005006 - Church Running Expenses Gas	5,101 -				5,101	6,129
2005007 - Church Running Expense Waste Disposal	864 -				864	928
2005008 - Church Running Expenses - wifi / zoom	360 -				360	500
2005015 - Church Running Expenses Insurance	2,167 -				2,167	2,141
2005034 - Stationery	1,113 -				1,113	1,297
2005042 - Hospitality	63 -				63	88
2005052 - Equipment	671 -				671	5,738
2006000 - Church maintenance	2,287 -		9,765 -		12,052	4,301
2007002 - Upkeep of services	1,341 -				1,341	1,936
2007003 - Church Flowers	100 -				100	50
2007005 - Fees to ODBF	-		320 -		320	1,354
2008001 - Upkeep of Church Grounds	216 -				216	219
2009000 - Magazine Expenses	-				-	681
2017000 - Parish Training and Outreach	190 -				190	51
2017002 - Adult Education	471 -				471 -	
2017006 - Holiday Club	56 -				56	6
2017007 - CRB Checks	10 -				10	24
2017010 - St. Catherine's 0 - 5 s	-	478 -			478	2,166
3000004 - Cost of Fetes and other events	409 -				409	114
3000005 - Bank Current A/C Charges	482 -				482	239
4000002 - Independent Examiner	120 -				120	120
4000003 - Administration	607 -				607	1,062
<b>Church Running Expenses Totals</b>	<b>20,101</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>10,085 -</b>		<b>30,664</b>	<b>33,430</b>
<b>Hall Running Costs</b>						
2010015 - Hall Running Cost - Equipment	-	271 -			271 -	
2010020 - Hall Running Cost Maintenance, Repairs i	-	4,763 -			4,763	3,659
2010025 - Hall Rent Refund	-	1,000 -			1,000	562
2010030 - Hall Cleaner	-	6,458 -			6,458	6,225
2010035 - Hall Cleaning Materials	-	1,104 -			1,104	1040
2010040 - Hall Booking Clerk	-	180 -			180	180
<b>Hall Running Costs Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,776 -</b>			<b>13,776</b>	<b>11,666</b>
<b>Cafe Running Costs</b>						
2011001 - Cafe cost of food	-	2,886 -			2,886	3,317
2011002 - Cafe cost of drinks	-	356 -			356	353
2011003 - Cafe cost of other consumables	-	6 -			6	16
2011004 - Cafe Equipment costs	-	459 -			459	594
2011005 - Cafe Cleaner	-	-			-	135
2011010 - Cafe Manager Wages	-	12,628 -			12,628	8,932
2011011 - Repayment of Bakers/Soup makers	-	164 -			164	202
<b>Cafe Running Costs Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,500 -</b>			<b>16,500</b>	<b>13,549</b>
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	<b>91,526</b>	<b>30,754</b>	<b>11,439 -</b>		<b>133,719</b>	<b>126,023</b>

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## ACTUALS FOR 2025 AND BUDGETS FOR 2025 & 2026

	Actual 2025	Variance 2025	Budget 2025	Budget 2026
<b>Income</b>				
Cafe Sales	16,400	-1,600	18,000	17,000
Centre Lettings	22,620	2,620	20,000	22,000
Donations - Cafe box	167	-333	500	500
Donations - Coffee Money	599	99	500	500
Donations - general	2,490	-510	3,000	4,000
Donations - Sum Up	291	-209	500	600
Interest from business savings accounts	518	388	130	130
Legacy	3,000	3,000	0	0
magazine sales	5	5	0	0
Non Vol Fetes and Fairs	3,035	-465	3,500	3,500
Non Vol Friday Friends	1,225	-25	1,250	1,250
Non Vol Holiday Club	317	67	250	250
Non Vol Net Fees	488	388	100	300
Non Vol Special Events	1,791	-1,209	3,000	4,000
Non Vol Tuesday Get Together	677	-323	1,000	1,000
Parish Share Rebate	1,730	1,230	500	1,500
Planned Giving Parish Giving Scheme	41,548	1,548	40,000	41,000
Planned Giving Standing Orders	4,620	20	4,600	4,600
Planned Giving Tax Rebate non PGS	975	-525	1,500	1,500
Planned Giving Tax Rebate PGS	9,111	-389	9,500	10,000
Plate	5,704	2,204	3,500	3,500
Project LED lights	2,850	2,850	0	0
St Catherine 0-5 s	3,410	-90	3,500	2,500
Stewardship Campaign	0	-4,000	4,000	5,800
<b>Income - totals</b>	<b>123,572</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>118,830</b>	<b>125,430</b>

### Non-budgeted Income

Donations for Roof skylight	9,904
Tax rebate on donations	1,228
Donation to Maintenance Reserve	295
Collections fo Charities	4,445
Fees collected for ODBF	759
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>140,203</b>

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## ACTUALS FOR 2025 AND BUDGETS FOR 2025 & 2026

	Actual 2025	Variance 2025	Budget 2025	Budget 2026
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Bank Charges	482	218	700	510
Cafe Running Costs	16,500	-2,500	14,000	18,000
Children and Youth Ministry	0	300	300	500
Church Administration	607	-107	500	500
Church Cost of Fund Raising	409	-209	200	200
Church Equipment	671	-271	400	400
Church Flowers	100	0	100	100
Church Hospitality	63	57	120	120
Church Independent Examiner	120	0	120	120
Church Maintenance	2,287	1,713	4,000	3,500
Church Stationery	1,113	-113	1,000	1,000
Church Upkeep of Grounds	216	-216	0	200
Church Upkeep of Services	1,341	59	1,400	1,400
Hall Running Costs	13,776	-5,776	8,000	11,000
Honoraria	1,200	0	1,200	1,200
Minister - Verger fees	30	-30	0	0
Minister Expenses	115	485	600	600
Missions - Home	2,206	-576	1,630	1,680
Missions - Missionary	1,996	-396	1,600	1,680
Missions - Relief	312	-312	0	0
Other - Adult Education	471	-471	0	0
Other DBS checks	10	40	50	50
Other - Holiday Club	56	144	200	100
Parish Share	65,566	634	66,200	69,400
St Catherine's 0-5	478	522	1,000	750
Training and Outreach	190	-90	100	100
Utility - Electricity	3,474	2,226	5,700	4,500
Utility - Gas	5,101	899	6,000	4,250
Utility - Insurance	2,167	-117	2,050	2,170
Utility - Waste Disposal	864	-64	800	800
Utility - Wifi and Zoom	360	0	360	600
Vicars Discretionary	0	500	500	0
<b>Expenditure - totals</b>	122,279	-3449	118,830	125,430
<b>Less income</b>	123,572	4,742	118,830	125,430
<b>Overall - totals</b>	1,292	1,292	0	0

*IMPORTANT - Only Transactions against budgets are included above.*

Thus the totals may not represent the overall income / expenditure

### Non-budgeted expenditure

Sanctuary skylight & re-pointing	9,766
Missions donations paid out	1,354
Fees collected for ODBF	320
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>133,719</b>

## Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus Minutes of Meeting of Parishioners – 11th May 2025

The meeting was held in St Catherine's Church at 11.15am

Present 39 parishioners and 2 children.

1. Rev Jackie Fountain opened the meeting in prayer.
2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from Heather & Chris Addison, John & Gillian Atkinson, Moira Bristow, Michael & Carol Charles, Emma Deacon, Sean East, Doreen Farmer, Alan Holbeche, Mary Hudson, Hayley Phillips, & Susan Smythe.
3. **The minutes of the Parish Meeting** on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were approved, proposed Richard Canning, seconded Sonia Ludford. There were no matters arising.
4. **Election of Churchwardens.** Lynn Stevens and Caroline Heron had been nominated and seconded, there were no other nominations and they were elected, all in favour.
5. **There was no other business** Jackie concluded the meeting with prayer, and we moved on to the Annual Parochial Church meeting

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## Parochial Church Council Tilehurst St Catherine and Calcot St Birinus Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 11th May 2025

The meeting was held in St Catherine's Church immediately after the meeting for Parishioners

Present 39 parishioners and 2 children

1. **Caroline Heron opened the meeting in Prayer**
2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from Heather & Chris Addison, John & Gillian Atkinson, Moira Bristow, Michael & Carol Charles, Emma Deacon, Sean East, Doreen Farmer, Alan Holbeche, Mary Hudson, Hayley Phillips, & Susan Smythe.
3. **Minutes of the APCM held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
Were approved, proposed Pauline Lane, seconded Sheila Bryant.

#### 4. **Matters arising**

None.

#### 5. **Vicar's address,**

Looking back over 2024 reminds us of God's faithfulness. It has been very encouraging to look back and see the ways God has been at work. A lot has happened. Last year I encouraged us to think about what time and season are we in now. "How is God at work and how is He leading us?"

We have seen God's leading in several new initiatives during 2024 as well as the continued, faithful serving of the community through the many ways we reach out at St Catherines during the week, where we invite people from the community in to experience God's and our welcome and care.

This ministry involves huge numbers of you, faithful, committed volunteers and I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of you who help in so many ways- some which are obvious and noticed, and others who serve behind the scenes and yet are crucial to the running of everything - the maintenance and upkeep of our buildings and grounds, serving in the kitchen, the faithful outreach in loving and serving our community, helping each other to grow in our faith and providing opportunities for us to worship together.

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The church is the body of Christ and each member plays its part. We all need each other for the body to function properly.

I mention a few of the new initiatives and encouragements from this year. There are many others, and you might have different encouragements to share with each other.

Last year everyone was very aware of the need for us to reach out to children and younger families and God has been at work in that.

The holiday club in the summer was a huge encouragement and success. 30 children from the local community attended and had a great time. We had a huge and lovely team of helpers who welcomed, led small groups, did fun activities, sang, entertained, cleaned up and helped the children to learn about our wonderful world and the amazing God who created it. We had very positive feedback about the holiday club and another one is planned for this August. Thank you to Emma for being willing to head this up again. We pray that God will bring along the children He wants to be here for that.

The move of the Toddler Groups from Cornwell Centre to St Catherine's went very smoothly, and it is wonderful having the toddlers and their families meeting here in our building on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. That is building bridges, and a few of our Toddler families have come along to St Cat's Lite and other events. We pray that we will continue to build good relationships and links.

We stepped out in obedience to what we felt that God was calling us to do in setting up St Cat's Lite, (our 'messy church' service). We have regularly had around 35 people (including 12-15 children) at these services, even on months when we weren't sure how many people would turn up because it was the school holidays. The children and the adults have enjoyed the crafts, the songs, interactive Bible stories and talks and prayer times, as well as the sandwiches and cake afterwards.

The team have been doing a great job; providing materials for and helping with the crafts, sorting the refreshments, welcoming and chatting with people as well as the music and talks.

There have been many good conversations and people are now getting used to the format and building friendships with each other. We pray that St Cat's Lite will continue to be a welcoming and fun place where people can hear good news, encounter God and get to know Him better.

We also pray that there will be more chances for interaction between our morning congregation and the St Cat's Lite congregation.

We have also enjoyed being able to build stronger links with the primary schools and the secondary school in our parish. I have been into the schools for assemblies and lessons and the children and young people have been into St Catherine's to learn about Easter and Christmas. It has been good to work with REACH on several occasions, and we are very thankful for their team.

In our Sunday morning services it has been great to reach a point where we needed to put on a children's group for the children who come along. It is a joy to see them learning about Jesus and enjoying crafts and activities there. We pray that more families with children will come along so the children can have friends at the group.

Let's continue working on being a welcoming church where new people are noticed and welcomed, where we don't just talk to people in our own groups but we look out for folk who are new, or sitting on their own. Let's make sure that everyone has someone to talk to at coffee time and that we can all get to know each other better. We want St Catherine's to be a welcoming place to people of all ages, ethnicities and abilities, where everyone can know that they are loved and valued by God.

Our monthly prayer and worship evenings have offered the space for people to gather and worship in a more informal setting.

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In November there was a special evening at St Barnabas, Emmer Green where two of our young people and two adults in our congregation declared their commitment to following Jesus through confirmation. If anyone is interested in getting confirmed or baptised then please speak to Jackie.

The three young people in our congregation have been meeting regularly on Tuesdays. We did a Youth Alpha course followed by the Wellbeing Journey Course.

We can also be very thankful to God for His faithfulness and your generosity in finances. God has, and is providing for everything he is inviting us to do- all our ministries and expenses, even unplanned ones like the skylight.

Talk to a person next to you about one thing which you have found encouraging during this last year.

As part of a PCC Away Day, we thought about our vision and priorities for the coming year and came out with three priorities. 1. Reaching out to children and young people, 2. raising St Catherine's profile in the community, 3. deepening our prayer and worship.

We continue to pray about and seek God for these areas as we move forward in 2025. We are thankful that Carol and Chris are here with us for a while, and we are excited to see what God will do amongst us as we walk with Him.

Let's think about how we can encourage each other and support each other as we seek to move forward in God's direction. A couple of verses to finish with:

Ephesians 4:1–3

*"I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*

Hebrews 10:24-25

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

### **6. Reports booklet**

Richard Canning added to the buildings report: New hall cupboards thanks to Chris Addison & Neil Jones, Graham Cleghorn decorating. Skylight appeal, thanks for donations & grant will be replaced in July. Another grant for LED replacements that could save £1,000 a year. Boilers may have another 10 years of life, consider 'Green' replacements.

### **7. Treasurer's report**

Joanne Freeman presented the report in the absence of treasurer Sean East. There were no question on the written report, thanks were expressed to Joanne and Sean.

### **8. Electoral roll**

Stuart explained the electoral roll and that it had to be re-set and everyone who qualifies needed to complete an application form. The roll had, as a consequence reduced from 121 to 101, of these 22 were non-resident in the parish and 8 (that's nearly 10%) were new names. Anyone eligible who hasn't signed up is encouraged to do so.

### **9. Election of PCC members.**

Hilary Smee had been proposed & seconded, there were no other nominations so was elected. Members of the PCC were asked to stand so that everyone could see who they were. Thanks were expressed to them and to Steph Walklate who is stepping down.

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### **10. Election of Deanery Synod members.**

Currently serving a 3-year term are Richard Canning (also Deanery Synod Secretary), Ella Canning & Lynn Stevens. All will continue their term

### **11. Appointment of Independent examiner**

David Marett is willing to continue; Proposed that he be appointed, all in favour.

### **12. Any other business.**

None

Lynn Stevens closed the meeting in prayer at 11.48am.

