THE ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

The Trust, set up by the PCC, is responsible for managing and maintaining the St Andrew's Centre. It is a registered charity with a main object of promoting and enabling well-being in our local community through the use of the Centre. The trustees are Malcolm Fry, Carol Muhr, Philippa Probert, Laura Ramsay, Judy Sharman, David Spring, Richard Taylor and Rod Willis.

REPORT TO APCM April 2026

- I am glad to report that there is healthy demand for the use of the hall and the John Summers-Gill Room. The hall is used on a weekly basis by a children's dance school, NHS groups, the table tennis club, a drama class, a support care company working with young adults with a learning difficulty, Toddlers, Chair-based Exercise and a yoga group. Other evening groups include East Herts Speakers, a local Diabetic Society group, Hertford & Ware History Group and Friends of Hertford Museum. The hall is also booked for family parties and occasional business meetings, and one Friday every month members of St Andrew's prepare and serve a meal for about 25 seniors. The John Summers-Gill Room is used regularly by counsellors.
- Income raised in 2025 was £28,858 (£23,287 in 2024) while costs and expenses of maintaining and operating the Centre in 2025 were £18,988 (£17,602 in 2024). See the accompanying financial summary.
- Included in the expenditure figure of £18,988 is a payment to the PCC of £4,900 towards gas, electricity, water, buildings insurance, other shared expenses and a portion of the Church Administrator's salary, as set out in the financial summary.
- The profit will be put towards the cost of maintaining the condition of the Centre including refurbishment of the toilets and laying a new floor. Grant funding will be sought where available.
- The trustees are grateful to the PCC for replacing the aging and unreliable boiler with an air-source heat pump.
- I wish to thank my fellow trustees for their contribution to the management and operation of the Centre, the Centre Administrator, Christine Williams (whose job includes dealing with enquiries, handling all bookings, producing a monthly calendar of hirings and issuing invoices) and Shirley Taylor the Trust's honorary treasurer who attends to bookkeeping, banking and the preparation of accounts.

Richard Taylor
Chairman of Trustees