
ST. DAVID OF WALES



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

2026

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

February 8th, 2026

Opening Prayer
Determination of a Quorum
Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting
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Building Committee Report
Endowment Committee Report
Treasurer's Report
Junior Warden's Report
Senior Warden's Report
Rector's Report
Prayer for Departed Members
Admission of Newly Elected Vestrypersons
Closing Prayer



Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Opening Prayer and Introduction

Father Paul opened the annual meeting at 9:18 AM with prayer, and determined a quorum was present. Mark Oliver was appointed as Clerk for the meeting with responsibility to record the meeting minutes.

2024 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Father Paul asked for a motion to accept the minutes from last year's Annual Parish Meeting into the record. The minutes were accepted without dissent. Jolayne LaCour put forth a motion to accept, and Jan Rousey seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Appreciation of Ministry Groups

Father Paul pointed out all the 2024 ministry reports for our edification, and offered thanks to all ministry leaders and members for their work in the past year.

New Vestry Members

Father Paul stated the requirements to serve on the Vestry. Individuals must be at least eighteen years of age, confirmed or received in the Episcopal church, a communicant in good standing with regular church attendance, a giver of financial record, and must adhere to the bylaws of St. David's and the broader Episcopal church.

The nominating committee consisted of Father Paul, Matthew Whitten (Sr. Warden), and outgoing Vestry members Ben Ivey (Treasurer), Karen Smiley, and Mark Oliver (Clerk). Father thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their service and presented parting gifts to them.

Father Paul indicated that three Vestry nominees should be selected to fill open positions. The three individuals with the most votes would be elected to the Vestry for a term of three years (2024-2026). Vestry vote results were as follows:

Marc DeWitt (59), Jolayne LaCour (50), Erica Redgraves (50), with Dustin Thurmond (49) as alternate.

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

A vote was taken for delegates to Diocesan Convention with four seats available.

Diocesan Convention results were as follows:

Step Aument, Jesse Davis, Beverly Ivey, and Jolayne LaCour were elected as delegates, with Dave Mays as alternate.

Building Report – Jesse Davis

Jesse reported that our new church was the first big project like this since the 1980's and probably the most challenging since the original church was built. All told, it is about a \$7MM project when everything is accounted for. We borrowed approximately \$3.6MM, with parishioners and the Diocese making up the balance. Jesse thanked the Vestry for their courage and leadership to cast this vision and move it forward. He thanked each donor and commented that everyone has been part of this project. Special recognition to donors that pledged for three years, starting 5 years ago and continuing donations after the three years, was offered up. While there was a slight cash shortage toward the end of the project, numerous donors helped cover the costs during that time. The building project received a 12-month loan from St. David's Endowment Fund at market rate, and it was paid back within four months. Father Paul thanked Jesse for his time and commitment, vision, and leadership, going above and beyond.

Endowment Committee Report – Dick Wells

Dick mentioned the Endowment message in the prayer books and hymnals about end-of-life giving, and invited parishioners to ensure their legacy includes St. David's. He thanked Ben Ivey for his assistance with the building loan. Dick spoke about buildings having a soul and reminded us that we must continue St. David of Wales so that all future parishioners can feel the presence of all that have worshiped there before them.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Ivey

Ben recognized the financial challenge from the last year and commented that the parish came through. He outlined our planned \$525,000 operating budget for 2025 and noted that received pledges and expected income would help us reach that goal. He informed us that the property insurance was rolled over into the building loan. Also of note; there was a new A/C unit installed for the older church building in 2024, staff salaries would increase for 2025. Outreach funding would also increase.

Junior Warden's Report – Linda Chamberlain

Linda made a joke about being in places in the church she did not know existed. She offered thanks to everyone that helped and encouraged her over the last year. She noted that while performing a church inventory, she experienced a wonderful connection to our past. She named her gratitude for the opportunity to serve St. David's.

Senior Warden's Report – Matthew Whitten

Matthew thanked Father Paul for his leadership. He reminded us that any parishioner can come to a Vestry meeting, and that we are extraordinarily blessed by Father Paul. Being inspired by what Dick Wells said, he noted that we have an extraordinary opportunity now to do the Great Commission, to bring the Word to all, and make disciples of all. He commented that our Outreach budget is a priority, and that the Vestry is committed to smart stewardship of parish funds.

Rector's Report – Father Paul Nesta

Father Paul discussed how we start by shaping our buildings, and soon our buildings begin to shape us. He noted that our average Sunday attendance (ASA) was 173 from Jan-July, then in new building it rose to 191 people. There was a 50% increase in attendance for midnight mass; the highest we have had in 25 years. Projections were that ASA would increase to over two hundred in the coming year. He spoke about our ambitions pledge drive for 2025, increased to \$525K. He shared that two families have committed to donate a new altar window that should be installed by year-end. He spoke about St. David's "riding a wave" that is not of our own making, and that we have responding to the call of God. We are now able to move a bit more slowly and deliberately, to make followers of Jesus. He noted that he will work with our Outreach Committee and Vestry to determine the path forward in the coming years. He encouraged us to commit to daily prayer, the Daily Office, and regularly receiving the Eucharist. He was grateful for our staff and offered thanks, again, to all ministry Chairpersons. He offered special thanks to Marc DeWitt for spending so much time working on our acoustics in the new church over the past year.

Admission of New Vestry Members

New Vestry members were presented, examined, and admitted to their new roles: Erica, Jolayne, and Marc.

Dismissal

Father Paul offered a final blessing to the parish and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee's nominations are listed in yellow below.

The Vestry

Term 2023, 2024, 2025

LINDA CHAMBERLAIN

Junior Warden

KATHY DUMOND

MATTHEW WHITTEN

Senior Warden

Term 2025, 2026, 2027

MARC DEWITT

Treasurer

JOLAYNE LACOUR

ERICA REDGRAVES

Term 2024, 2025, 2026

HARPER CARR

TIM JACKSON

Clerk of the vestry

KAREN PIKE

Term 2026, 2027, 2028

3 eligible seats

JO ANN BALLANTINE

ANGELA HEETDERKS

BEN IVEY V

JACOB JEZEK

Convention Delegates

4 eligible seats, plus one alternate

STEPHEN AUMENT

JOLAYNE LACOUR

JESSE DAVIS

DAVE MAYS

BEVERLY IVEY

VESTRY CANDIDATES



JO ANN BALLANTINE



ANGELA HEETDERKS



BEN IVEY V



JACOB JEZEK

RECTOR'S REPORT

The following offers highlights from Fr. Nesta's Report at our Annual Meeting.

Two years ago, Bishop Price, the then Dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas, joined us on St. David's Day to lay and bless the foundation stone for our new building. After the service, Dean Price pulled me aside and said that he could palpably sense God's Spirit at work in our congregation. "St. David's is really punching above its weight class, not just with this building project, but across the board," he told me. If "punching above our weight class" describes St. David's in recent years, then 2025 was the beginning of a new season, a season of St. David's coming into its own.

Worship + Discipleship

Our average attendance grew by 17% last year from 180 to 210 in-person worshippers each Sunday. That's up 22% since our first Sunday in our new church and it is the first full year we have been over 200 since the 1980's. Those percentage numbers are more than a statistic. Each person who has joined us brings with them a story of faith and are here to take the next step in their discipleship journey. Fourteen adults were confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church last year, and over two dozen youth and adults will be confirmed and received this May. One hundred and seventy-three (173) adults, youth, and children participated in some form of Christian education at St. David's last in 2025. That means that most people who worship with us each week also deepen their faith through opportunities like Sunday School or a small group. There is a thickness to our community and a depth of relationship that is formed here, both our relationship with God and our



relationships with one another. St. David's is not just a church that is growing, but a community of people who themselves are growing as disciples of Jesus.

Five hundred and forty-four liturgies took place here at St. David's last year. Most of those liturgies occurred right here in our Chapel as a handful of parishioners gather Monday-Friday for Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. For some who attend, it's their first experience St. David's. Others drive up to 45 minutes to be at a midweek service because their church does not offer midweek liturgies. Still others are faithful parishioners of our congregation whose schedules do not allow them to worship with us on Sundays. In addition to praying Morning Prayer and celebrating Mass each weekday, we've seen marriage vows renewed, adults baptized, confessions heard, and individuals anointed—all before 9:00 am on a Monday morning!

Witness

The most significant way that we came into our own in 2025 had nothing to do with the numerical or financial growth our parish saw last year. A mark of maturity for a congregation and for an individual is how well they look beyond themselves. "Each of you should look not only to your own needs, but also to the needs of others" St. Paul tells the Philippians (2:4). Thanks to our Outreach Committee's discernment and your overwhelming support, we launched our DovePax ministry in October to assist food insecure families in our local neighborhood. This coming year we will expand into additional elementary school and work to develop partnerships with local organizations who can join in this mercy ministry with us.



Scan the QR code for
an overview of our
DovePax ministry

2026: A Year of Celebration and Renewed Vision

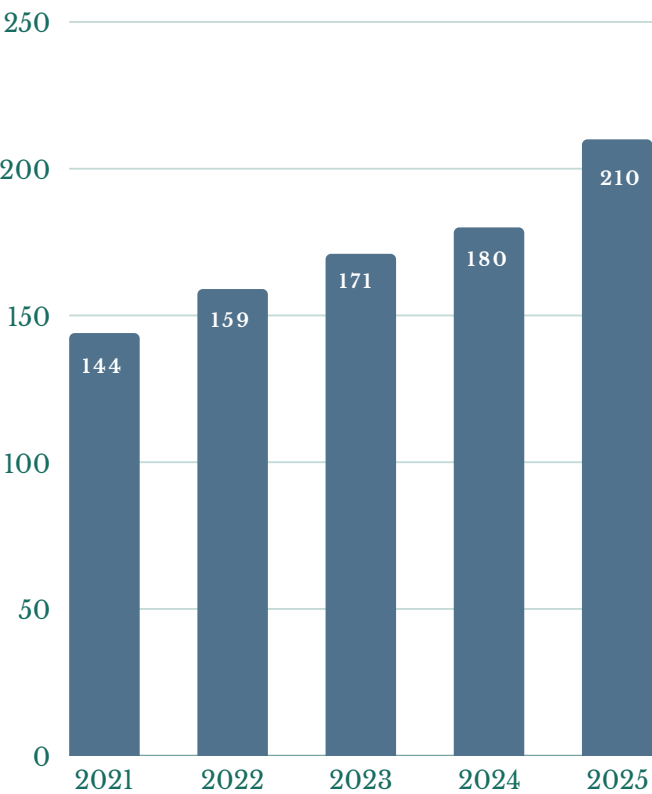
The Scriptures tell us that longevity in life and in vocation come as a blessing from God for those who faithfully follow him. This coming year we will honor Dr. Youngblood's 50th anniversary at St. David's with a festive Evensong on May 3rd, and observe our parish's 75th anniversary at the end of September. On May 31st, Bishop Price will make his first visit as our diocesan Bishop to offer the Sacrament of Confirmation and to bless our altar window. In conjunction with our 75th anniversary celebrations, we will also reveal a Vision 2030 plan that will guide our mission priorities for the coming years.

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

46%

GROWTH IN AVERAGE SUNDAY
ATTENDANCE

over the past 5 years

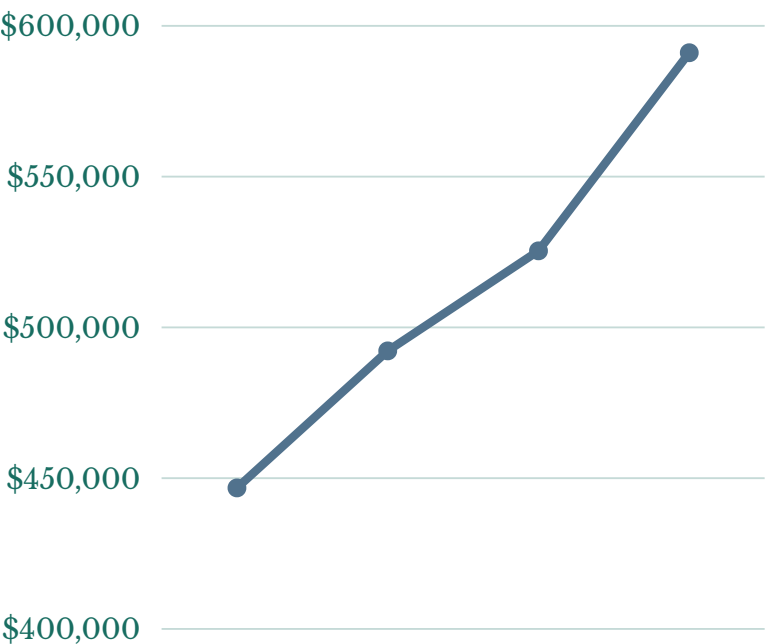


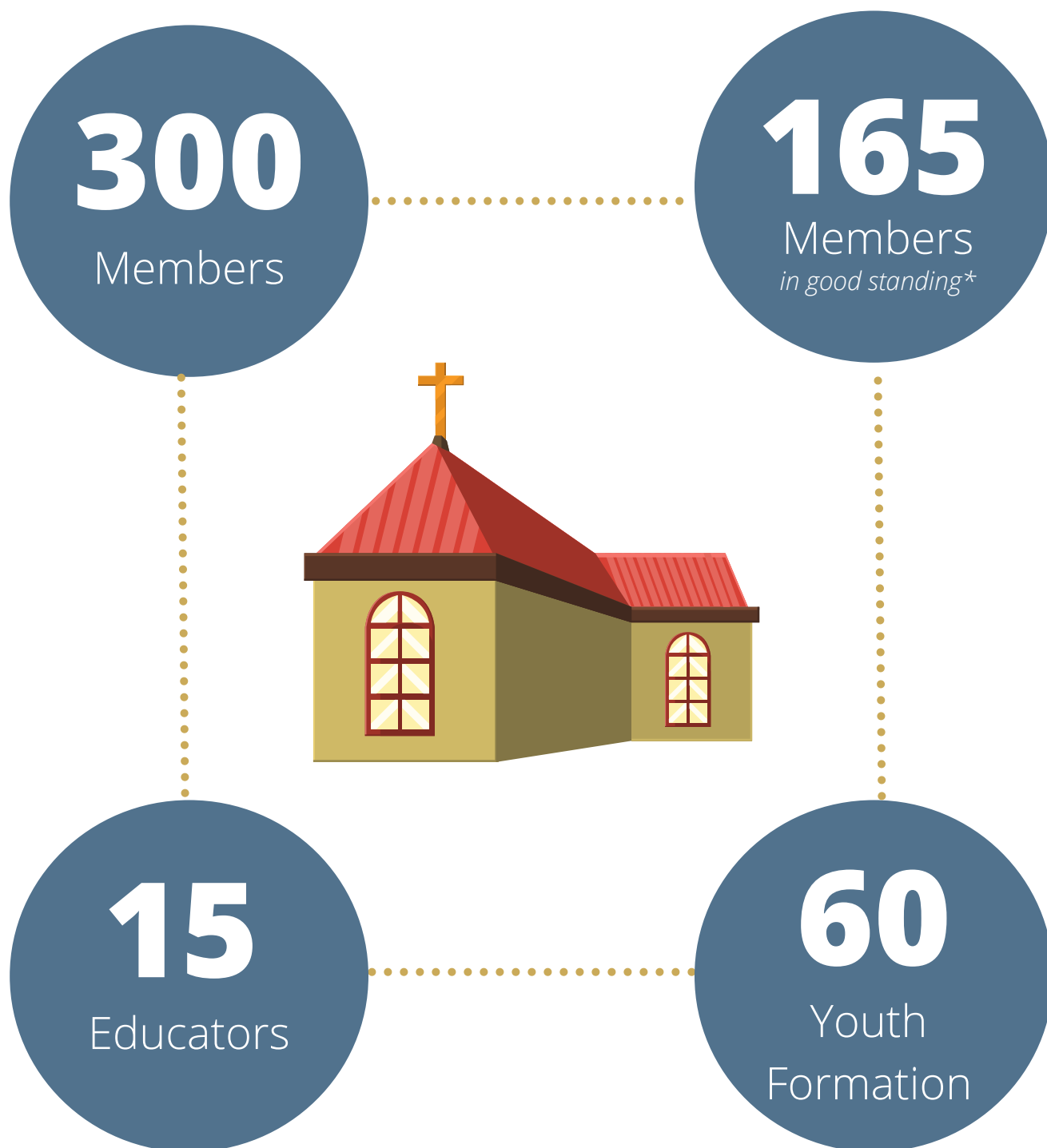
BUDGET

591K

FOR 2026

Growth in our budget reflects the growth of our parish, and the overwhelming faithfulness of our congregation.





**Confirmed Members in Good Standing are 1) at least eighteen years of age, 2) confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church, 3) faithful in corporate worship and received Communion at least three times in the previous year, and 4) faithful in contributing financially to St. David's.*



Liturgies

544



Baptisms

4



Confirmations

11



Marriages

0



Funerals

6



Parochial Visits

162

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

What is the Vestry? It's a fair question. The Episcopal Church uses unique language to describe itself, and it's only after five years of serving that I think I can answer. I aim to do so here, but my true aim is to encourage you to consider finding out for yourself.

I could give the cold definition: The Vestry is an elected body that, under the leadership of the Rector, meets monthly to prayerfully steward the temporal resources and guide the mission of the parish. But the cold definition lacks warmth without concrete examples. It can't really answer what it is like to serve on the Vestry. I think a better question is, "What does a good Vestry do?"



Matthew Whitten

One of a Vestry's primary roles is to uphold our financial integrity and maintain our property. To that end, last year much of the Vestry's business was oversight of finances, approval of small changes to the property like the gates on the driveway and improvements to the youth room, and management of larger projects like repairs to the education building. This Senior Warden even managed to change some lightbulbs and set out a few sandbags. And as a church grows as St. David's does, it becomes necessary to undertake the mundane like revision of operating policies for ministry funds. The Vestry set about these tasks efficiently and without complaint.

The Vestry – particularly the Senior Warden – plays another critical role by supporting the Rector. During Father Paul's sabbatical, the Vestry ensured that the day-to-day business of running the parish continued. Myself, Junior Warden Linda Chamberlain, and Treasurer Marc DeWitt spoke almost daily. I would like to thank Linda and Marc for their flexibility during that time. Recent improvements around St. David's are largely the fruit of their work. For a Senior Warden, perhaps the most consistent role is acting as a sounding board for the Rector, who I can vouch works tirelessly for the benefit of this parish and its people.

Most importantly, the fundamental role of every vestryperson is commitment to serve the parish. Like others who have served, I've grown accustomed to being approached by parishioners with questions and concerns ranging from ordinary ("Have you noticed that broken sprinkler near the flower bed?") to exciting ("Here's an idea – DovePax!"). I've cherished fielding your concerns and hearing your ideas. You who have come to me with church business have learned by now that you're not signing up for a quick answer but an extended conversation about life and whatever is on your mind. It has been the best part of serving, and I can gratefully observe that from these connections I have gained more than I have sacrificed in my time as Senior Warden.

I hope these examples have kindled some warmth on a cold definition. I hope that you'll consider serving on the Vestry yourself someday. You too will gain more than you sacrifice.



JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It has been a privilege to serve as your Junior Warden this past year. My primary responsibility has been overseeing the care and maintenance of our church buildings and grounds to ensure our facilities support the church's mission.

In addition to focusing on the numerous essential and general building and grounds maintenance needs, which have grown as our facilities have grown, we had several major improvement projects completed this year.

- Roofing, siding, guttering and interior repairs of the education wing
- Repaired ruts in the south parking lot caused by unauthorized heavy equipment vehicular traffic
- Installed gates to prevent said unauthorized usage and further parking lot damage during the week.
- Flooding of the parish office was caused by unusually heavy rains in June. Drainage modifications were made to the curbs in front of the office to prevent future flooding.
- Youth room and parlor relocations and improvements were made.
- Added manual drains to both the inflow and outflow pipes of the backflow prevention setup of the sprinkler system to make winterization of the system more efficient and effective.
- Completely revised and updated a manual with pertinent information for future Junior Wardens



Linda Chamberlain

I extend my sincere gratitude to the church members, Rector, Vestry members, volunteers, and staff for their support this year. The collaborative effort of everyone helps ensure that our facilities continue to serve the mission of the church effectively for many years to come.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2025 was a year to behold at St David's, marking our first Christmastide in the new church that started our first winter and Lent, then Easter with spring in-tow, and lastly our first Pentecost season with summer riding on its heels. 2024 left us with a long list of "known unknowns", and these unknowns did lead to a few challenges with the church's finances through the year; however, we weathered the ups and downs of the period, and landed in a place to celebrate.

While the "known unknowns" led to amendments in the budget that showed a \$10,649 shortfall, and similar factors led us to running over-budget by about \$6,000 in expenses, your generosity and the stewardship of the church's leadership kept the deficit to a manageable \$8,994-\$1,654 better than budgeted. Given that our operating cash accounts sit \$18,000 higher than the beginning of the year, St. David's withstood both the known and unknowns of the year thanks to your bountiful contributions and a faithfully accommodating staff.



Marc DeWitt

We enter 2026 with a budget just shy of \$600,000 that's fully balanced, and takes into account the real values of the "known unknowns" in 2025. It's an increase in-line with increases of the past 4 years, atop being on the heels of our first-ever half-million dollar year. Through your benevolence, the budget balances to the penny, and I'm certain we'll celebrate 2026 the same as we celebrate 2025 today.

	2025 Budget Amt	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget	% Inc
<u>Summary</u>				
Total Income	\$ 521,741.00	\$ 529,356.23	\$ 591,088.00	13%
Total Expenses	\$ 532,390.00	\$ 538,350.48	\$ 591,088.00	11%
Variance	\$ (10,649.00)	\$ (8,994.25)	\$ -	

<u>Income</u>				
Regular Income	\$ 502,491.00	\$ 506,170.27	\$ 553,338.00	10%
Plate	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 14,489.09	\$ 15,000.00	36%
Flowers	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,482.48	\$ 6,000.00	33%
Other	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,214.39	\$ 16,750.00	347%
Total Income	\$ 521,741.00	\$ 529,356.23	\$ 591,088.00	13%

<u>Expenses</u>				
Formation Expense	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 7,650.25	\$ 7,000.00	-14%
Worship Expense	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 7,581.53	\$ 7,050.00	27%
Flower Expense	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,425.34	\$ 8,250.00	83%
Parish Outreach & Hospitality	\$ 23,280.00	\$ 25,869.65	\$ 28,450.00	22%
Marketing Expense	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,590.08	\$ 3,600.00	-5%
Office Expense	\$ 23,950.00	\$ 22,361.02	\$ 23,025.00	-4%
Building Expense	\$ 64,495.00	\$ 64,488.20	\$ 84,845.00	32%
Salary Expense	\$ 350,918.00	\$ 349,679.65	\$ 382,988.00	9%
Diocesan Expense	\$ 47,747.00	\$ 47,704.76	\$ 45,880.00	-4%
Total Expenses	\$ 532,390.00	\$ 538,350.48	\$ 591,088.00	11%

	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
<u>Cash Account Summaries (Excluding Designated Fund Accounts)</u>		
Operating Accounts		
First State Bank	\$ 14,178.19	\$ 22,036.36
Great Plains Bank	\$ 74,979.42	\$ 85,591.07
Certificates of Deposit		
2599	\$ 10,446.22	\$ 10,849.14
7167	\$ 10,310.97	\$ 10,701.60
Building/Construction Accounts		
Construction Account	\$ 75.83	\$ 75.83
Capital Campaign Account	\$ 328,510.16	\$ 361,262.35
Building Repayment Account	\$ 476,930.13	\$ 271,603.99
Total, Cash Accounts	\$ 915,430.92	\$ 762,120.34
<u>Long-Term Liability Accounts</u>		
Building Loan	\$ 3,496,375.81	\$ 3,420,571.06

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

At the beginning of 2025, the Outreach Committee, with the assistance of the Vestry, began the process of discerning a new focus for our social witness in Denton. We also asked for your input in a survey that we made available in our weekly e-news and Sunday announcements. Responses overwhelmingly indicated that care for needy families with children and care for the hungry were top priorities for our parish.

We interviewed more than a dozen teachers, clergy, counselors, doctors, first responders, and city officials. Almost every community leader we interviewed mentioned the void that Love Packs left when it shut down its operation in Denton at the end of May 2025.



Bob Fisher

As a result of these activities, we formed a program called Dove Pax that will serve to bridge the gap in food security for families in our neighborhood during extended school breaks. In 2025, Dove Pax distributed 198 food packs to Newton Rayzor Elementary School and Calhoun Middle School for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The goal is to expand to other schools in 2026 and establish community partnerships to further promote Dove Pax throughout Denton.

In other Outreach activities, St. David's has distributed Snack Packs to those experiencing homelessness on Sundays after our 10:30 am service. This year, we handed out our 20,000th snack pack! We also support The Kellermann Foundation by providing tuition for nursing students in Uganda each year. In recent years, we have supported Nashotah House Theological Seminary in their effort to train orthodox ordinands in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Also, in 2025, there was a one-time donation to Gateway of Grace to assist with an urgent need for refugee resettlement.

Outreach Distributions 2025

Nashotah House	\$2,000.00	Outreach 2025 Budget	\$18,830.00
Gateway of Grace	\$3,000.00	Donations (Lessons and Carols Offering)	\$804.30
Kellerman Foundation	\$5,000.00		
Snack Packs	\$2,000.00		
Supplies and Food for DovePax	\$7,620.53		
	\$19,620.53		\$19,634.30



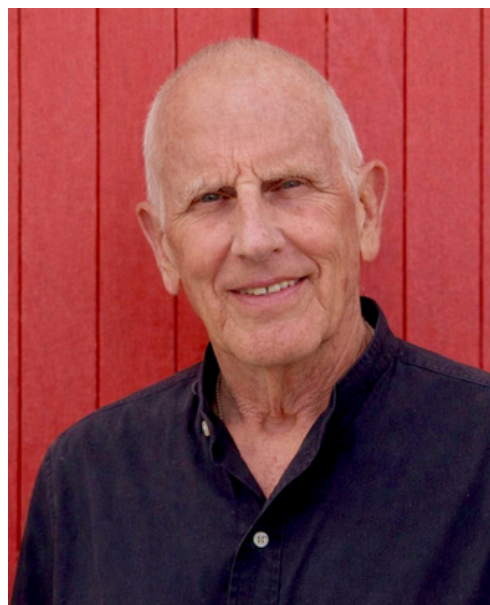
ENDOWMENT FUND

The purpose of our Endowment Fund is to help strengthen the future of Saint David's through planned end-of-life giving. Endowment Fund assets usually come from our bequests (i.e., to Saint David's in a will or trust) of cash, securities or real estate. These gifts are typically from assets accumulated over the donor's lifetime. However, some of these gifts, for instance by having a trust, can continue to provide income to the giver during their lifetime, after which, the specific asset will pass to Saint David's.

In turn, our Parish Endowment Fund financially supports Saint David's. For example, the Endowment Fund purchased new prayer books and hymnals to use in our new building.

Additionally, the Endowment Fund Committee loaned the Saint David's Building Fund money to help complete the new building and all the furnishings. That loan was fully repaid to the Fund by the end of 2024. The Endowment Fund continues supporting our Parish in that way.

The Saint David of Wales Legacy Society is a way to recognize those among us who commit to making a planned gift to Saint David's and to share in the joy of Christian giving. Some parishioners may believe that they are not wealthy enough to make an end-of-life gift to Saint David's. Or, they do not know how much will be in their estate and do not feel comfortable setting a specific dollar amount. There is no minimum required. No gift is too small. Also, to avoid the worry of determining an exact dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, a 10% tithe for example, can be gifted. There is no requirement of proof to be a member of the Legacy Society. All a parishioner needs to do is make known their intention of making such a bequest to Saint David's. Just tell Fr. Paul or one of us on the Endowment Committee (Ben Ivey, Robert Chafin, Dick Wells or Jan Rousey).



Dick Wells

Legacy gifts to our Endowment Fund are a way we can say that we believe our Parish should continue to be an expression of what has been meaningful in our lives and as our blessing upon future generations. It is a way for us to ensure that Saint David's of Denton can carry on; as said in Psalm 78, "... we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might, and the wonders that he has done."

The Book of Common Prayer tells us that it is our Christian duty to make prudent provision for the well-being of our families by arranging for the disposal of our worldly goods. So, each of us should (1.) have a will, and (2.) not neglect, if able, to leave bequests for religious uses. Remember, our Parish family is perhaps the most visible part of "...the blessed company of all faithful people" for many of us.

Funds	2025 Starting Balance	Cash Inflow	Cash Outflow	Fund Transfer	Dec 31 2025 Ending Balance
Undesignated Fund	119,059.11	10,196.74			129,255.85
Designated Fund - Clergy	<u>45,989.87</u>	<u>3,287.25</u>	<u>24,582.00</u>		<u>24,695.12</u>
	165,048.98	13,483.99	24,582.00	0.00	153,950.97

Deposit Account Balances as of 12/31/2025

SouthState Bank Checking Account 9,257.60

Vanguard Investment Accounts:

Money Market 86,453.19

Stock/Bond Mutual Funds 58,240.18

153,950.97

* Market value as of 12/31/2025 = \$65,123.04

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Wait a minute, a report from the Building Committee? Isn't the new church finished? For that matter, why do we call them "buildings" when they are already built?! Well, our new worship space is certainly *built*, but our *Building* work is far from finished.

We've been in the new building for over a year now. We've celebrated Easter, two beautiful Christmases, baptisms, funerals, confirmations, the dedication mass, and more than a year's worth of feasts, festivals, and Sunday Eucharists under its roof. Throughout 2025, we received several additional adornments and liturgical items. Already in 2026, through the generosity of donors, we have received and blessed wonderful new candlesticks, an altar cross, and a processional cross custom made for this new worship space. In Eastertide, also through the generosity of donors, we expect to install a magnificent new stained glass window above the altar.



Jesse Davis

Certainly our new church is a beautiful testament to the Glory of God and the work the Holy Spirit is doing at St. David's. But just as certainly, our work is not finished. Just like a new house, the new building has had a few unexpected maintenance or repair items (almost all of which were covered by warranty). We are in regular communication with Fr. Paul and the Vestry about the building and its use now and into the future.

The Building Committee's work primarily continues because of our ongoing financial obligations. Many of you have continued making payments to the Building Fund over and above your original pledge amounts. This is especially helpful as we make our monthly payments toward the construction loan with Great Plains Bank. This loan matures in July 2027. So, in 2026 we will conduct a capital campaign in preparation for refinancing into a longer-term loan. Not just to raise money for the mortgage, but also to engage the many new families who have joined St. David's since the groundbreaking. And, along the way, to provide a few things that were just out of reach in our pre-construction budgets. For example, a successful capital campaign might enable us to build a new playground, or install flooring over the concrete in the Sacristy and Vestry. Of course you can also expect new memorial and dedication opportunities.

As expected, the new building has proven to be a wonderful instrument for ministry, worship, and growth at St. David's. We offer our sincere thanks for your steadfast support in making it a reality, and we ask you to prayerfully consider what continued support might look like for your family into the future.



MUSIC AND CHOIR

2025 was another remarkable year for our choir. In addition to providing music every Sunday (except for the month of July), the choir presented music for our annual Lessons and Carols service on December 14, our joint Epiphany service with St. Barnabas, the Feast of the Presentation, the Feast of the Holy Cross, and Evensong for St. David's Day. It was also our first Holy Week in our beautiful new nave, a space that continues to inspire and excite us.

2026 is going to be a fabulous year for the choir. In addition to the Epiphany service on January 6, we will present music for other special services, including the Feast of the Presentation on February 1, and St. David's Day on March 1.

May is going to be an especially exciting month with the dedication of the new window on May 31 and Evensong on Sunday, May 3, to celebrate my 50 years as your organist and choir director at St. David's. Although the math is correct, it is still hard for me to comprehend how much time has passed! And in September we will celebrate the 75th anniversary of our parish!

One of the greatest joys of my life is making music with other people. We have recently added several new choir members and are always ready to welcome more! We rehearse every Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

I am always grateful that God called me to serve in this place, and I am beyond excited at how far we have come! I deeply appreciate Father Paul's support and vision for music at St. David's, and he is an absolute joy to work with! To Father Paul, my fellow staff members, the Vestry and the entire congregation, I extend my deepest thanks for all that you do to support the musical life of the parish. And to all of our wonderful choir members, thank you for making music with me week after week.



Dr. Pamela Youngblood

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries exist to support our youngest parishioners from birth through high school, and their families to know, love, and follow Jesus.

In 2025, this ministry continued to grow in participation and attendance, and I have seen our young people and their families becoming more engaged in the life of our parish. We built a reliable team of nursery staff and formation volunteers who help make our Sunday mornings flourish.



Jessica Aument

Our middle and high school ministry, the Youth of Saint David's (YOSD), gathered twice a month following the 10:30 service for fellowship and scripture. We began the year working through hymns and worship songs that have spoken to our hearts and how they connect with the Bible. And ended the year with a series titled "One of a Kind" about being created in God's image. Special events this year included our end-of-school celebration at Andy B's, a youth vs. staff kickball game and tailgate, and a festive Christmas party at Slick City. Two of our youth and one parent joined the diocesan youth mission trip to North Carolina to support hurricane relief efforts.



On Sunday mornings during the school year, formation continued to anchor our ministry. Godly Play invited children ages 4–8 into imaginative encounters with scripture, while those ages 9–11 explored lectionary lessons that connected directly with worship. Youth in grades 6–12 worked through an overview of the Old Testament using Bible Project videos and discussion. During the 10:30 a.m. service, Rite-K offered a developmentally appropriate children’s church experience that helped our younger members engage more deeply in the Eucharist. Nursery care remained available throughout Sunday mornings and during Wednesday choir rehearsals, supported by a capable and caring team. This year, the team also provided a lectionary-based Bible story for the children in the nursery during the 8 am service.

The year was also rich with intergenerational events that drew our parish family together: the Epiphany Pageant, VBS’s “True North” Alaskan adventure, Back-to-School Blessing, All Saints’ Day procession, St. David’s Day celebration, Lenten Family Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff, Advent Family Day with St. Nicholas, and our Christmas Parents’ Night Out. Each of these moments reminded us that formation is not only taught but lived together. I am deeply grateful for the volunteers, chaperones, nursery workers, and parents who make these and all our events possible.

Looking ahead, my hope for 2026 is to deepen formation for all ages, see our youth continue to build meaningful relationships together as they grow in their walks with Jesus, strengthen our volunteers, and support parents and caregivers in their vital work of discipleship at home.

Serving as your Director of Children and Family Ministries continues to be a blessing. I cannot wait to see how God leads our children, youth, and families in the year to come.



COMMUNICATIONS & CONNECTIONS

St. David's maintains a robust communication strategy that combines digital and traditional channels to keep our congregation informed, engaged, and spiritually nourished while extending a welcoming invitation to newcomers. Our program is anchored by four components:

- **Livestream services** make worship accessible to everyone, regardless of location or circumstances. Whether someone is homebound, traveling, ill, or simply exploring faith from afar, they can participate in real time or watch recordings later. This removes physical barriers, allowing people to experience the church's teaching, music, and community remotely, which often becomes a first step toward deeper involvement.
- **Photography** captures authentic moments of church life—smiling faces during fellowship, baptisms, small group gatherings, outreach events, and everyday interactions. High-quality images shared across platforms (website, social media, and the Shield) tell visual stories of our vibrant community.
- **Printed bulletins** serve as a tangible guide for in-person attendees each Sunday. They outline the order of service, share announcements, and highlight important moments in parishioners' lives, like birthdays and anniversaries. For visitors, the bulletin offers an immediate sense of belonging and clarity about what's happening, helping them follow along and feel included.
- Our **weekly newsletter**, the Shield, delivers timely updates beyond Sunday mornings. This ongoing touchpoint keeps our community connected throughout the week, and provides important information about what's coming up next.



Wendy Martinez

By blending accessibility, authenticity, and regular connection, our program creates pathways for deeper relationships, spiritual growth, and meaningful involvement in the church's life and mission.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Acolytes

Joe Holland



Young people in this age range sometimes find serving God in his Church difficult, and the acolyte ministry can be an accessible way for kids to participate. The acolyte ministry answers a real need by assisting the priest at the altar. Our Acolyte Corp is made up of boys and girls ages 10 through high school graduation. Acolytes are scheduled one Sunday service per month, with Senior Acolytes forming a fifth Sunday team four times per year. We recognize many of our youth are active in school and community events. If a scheduled Sunday service conflicts with another activity, our non-scheduled acolytes and crucifers are always available to stand in.

Altar Guild

Sheri Sager

Altar Guild members serve in one of four teams to prepare the altar for all liturgies: Sundays, weekdays, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and other special days. The Altar Guild ministry is dedicated to preparing and maintaining the altar, vestments, vessels, and linens for worship. The Altar Guild works closely with our clergy to ensure the altar is prepared and ready for observing a holy and reverent worship liturgy.

In 2025, the Altar Guild worked with Fr. Nesta to enact liturgical change designed to enhance worship in our new church. He led us faithfully and patiently through each new design.

The Altar Guild is always looking for new team members. The ministry offers a way for us to be directly involved in the liturgy. We experience rich fellowship in our work as we grow together in our faith. If you would like to find a new way to serve God and His church, we would love to welcome you into our ministry.

Daughters of the King

Karen Pike

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an order of women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church and churches in communion with it. We have 39 members who have gone through a three-month period of study and discernment. As Daughters, we vow to follow a Rule of Life based on a life-long commitment of prayer, study, service, and evangelism.

Our chapter meets monthly on the second Saturday. At our 2025 meetings we became more focused on strengthening our fellowship and commitment to our Rule of Life. Some meetings were open to the parish and featured guest speakers, offering outreach and engagement with our church community and other DOK chapters. In 2026, we will continue to focus on growing and supporting each other, our church, and our community. We have members of our church who are currently going through the study and discernment process.

Each year we support local ministries. In 2025 we supported Hearts for Homes and Gateway of Grace. In 2026 we will continue our outreach to local ministries.

As prayer is central to every Daughter's daily life, we keep a confidential, regularly updated prayer list that is only distributed to our members. If you have a prayer request, please contact any DOK member.

Junior Daughters of the King

Lenora Brown

Junior Daughters of the King is the youth arm of The Daughters of the King. All girls ages 7 - 21 are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd and/or 4th Sunday of each month. Our girls engage in activities that enhance their Spiritual Development with a Bible based theme focus each meeting. We share prayer requests and a special prayer time at each meeting.

Our service projects included collecting "Winter Coats of Love" for children in our local community and items for Operation Christmas Child. Both Service Projects earned 100% participation by our Juniors. This past year we have increased in number by 3 more girls attending meetings regularly. The Service Spotlight welcomed our Senior Daughters to spend time engaging the Juniors in presentations and discussions about how they serve God, highlighting which service work they render to others at church, within the community and globally.



Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Jesse Davis



Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) offer a unique and meaningful service to the parish by assisting the clergy in the liturgy. In addition to serving as Chalice Bearer during the Eucharist, we also serve as Lector (reader of the Lessons and Psalms) and Intercessor (reader of the Prayers) for most liturgies. On major feast days and special occasions, we may also vest as Subdeacon. LEMs serve during all Sunday liturgies, special Advent and Lenten services, morning and evening prayers, weddings, funerals, and any other service as needed. Our parish is blessed to have a passionate and faithful group of LEMs, and we are grateful to serve at the Lord's altar in this way. We welcome anyone wishing to serve with us.

Men of St. David's

The Men of St. David's meets on the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 am for Morning Prayer and breakfast. We are always open to new members. The mission of the MOSD is to spiritually empower the men of the Parish through fellowship, prayer, and sharing the Gospel. They also do various service projects.

Starting Balance: 12/31/2024		\$4,247.25
Revenue		
General Donations	1,212.00	
Homeless Snack Pack Project Donations	<u>1,291.00</u>	
Total Revenue	2,503.00	
Expense		
General	950.42	
Homeless Snack Pack Project	<u>2,300.24</u>	
Total Expense	3,250.66	
Ending Balance: 12/31/2025		\$3,499.59

Order of St. Luke

Dave Mays

With the induction of four new members to the International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) in December 2024, the healing ministry at St. David was restored to service. The Order is a world-wide, inter-denominational, Christian healing ministry dedicated to continuing the healing ministry of Jesus Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit. We are a network of individual believers, clergy and lay, who come together in local and online Healing Communities to pray and to learn more about God's healing love and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and bring wholeness.

The OSL offers Healing Prayers in the church in front of the eagle lectern every Sunday after both the 8:00 and 10:30 Mass. In addition, we have visited a non-parishioner for healing prayers at the request of a parishioner, and with the Rector's approval.

Prayers are offered for both physical and inner healing as well as intercessory prayers as requested.

St. David's Stitchers

Betsy Kensinger

The St. David's Stitchers make knitted or crocheted prayer shawls for the parish members to take freely. If you have a friend or family member in need of spiritual comfort, please take a shawl from the ladder near the door to the Parish Hall. We also make baby hats and blankets for the Presbyterian Hospital natal nursery. We pray over all the items and then they are blessed by a priest prior to being distributed. We meet from 1:00-3:00 every Wednesday in the parish hall parlor. Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour or two or for just 15 minutes if you can. We hope to encourage prayerful crafting and sharing.

Ushers

Dave Mays

The Usher Ministry fills an important role in parish life. We are privileged to be the first to greet worshipers to each liturgy, and give them a bulletin with our welcome. If needed, we help seat people and find out if they need to receive communion in their pew rather than at the Altar, then pass that information on to the Celebrant.

We deliver the gifts to the Altar (10:30), take up the offering, direct traffic flow to the Altar for the Eucharist, collect unwanted bulletins after the liturgy, and clean up the pews.



Women of St. David's

Loree Jackson

The Women of St. David's (WOSD) connects the women of our parish through fellowship, and, with the help of various events, plus support from the Nook, charitable outreach. In 2025, WOSD enjoyed a year full of both meaningful connections with new socials and new members. We hosted several well-attended social gatherings, including Bingo on Bastille, Fall by the Fire, and our annual Christmas celebration at Steve's Wine Bar. In addition to these events, WOSD coordinated a Shred Day and a used book sale, services that allowed us to donate back to our parish and community. To support the continued growth of our parish and enhance future gatherings, WOSD approved the purchase of new table linens and stemless wine and champagne glasses, which will be introduced beginning in 2026. Charitable giving remained a central focus throughout the year. As an organization, WOSD made financial donations to St. David's DovePax and Hearts for Homes. Beyond these formal contributions, the generosity of individual members allowed us to support additional programs, including Woman 2 Woman Pregnancy Resource Center, and funeral receptions.

Looking ahead to 2026, WOSD is excited to continue building community and welcoming new faces. We look forward to celebrating new babies in our parish with a spring Sip & See, hosting our second Bingo on Bastille, and our other annual socials. As always, we remain committed to serving our parish and supporting organizations that care for the most vulnerable.

The Nook

Delie Fisher

Every candle, book, food treat, gift, or piece of jewelry purchased at the Nook supports our parish. Total gross sales for 2025 were approximately \$6,800. In the last couple of years, we've moved away from focusing on jewelry and are concentrating on books, home décor, food items, candles, and gifts. We will continue to carry some sterling silver jewelry, contemporary jewelry, and baby gifts.

We ask everyone to follow us on Facebook at "The Nook – St. David's". Our hope is to post more regularly so everyone can see new merchandise and special sales. All proceeds the Nook donates to the WOSD are voted on by email or in person by the WOSD membership – which includes all women of the parish, so everyone is a part of deciding where the money the Nook earns goes.

We are grateful for the generous help of Linda Touraine, who keeps the books, inventory, and banking current.



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