

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1127647

Details

Other names	FRINTON PARISH CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-01-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Provides space and opportunities for Christian worship, teaching, outreach, pastoral support, and activities for all age groups and the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£201,853	£199,767	-	-
2024-12-31	£234,375	£293,796	-	-
2023-12-31	£233,566	£220,463	-	-
2022-12-31	£188,500	£207,000	-	-
2021-12-31	£184,000	£168,500	-	-
2020-12-31	£225,703	£230,213	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Murphy		2021-05-09
CATE WILBY		
DAVID KIDNEY		2023-11-15
David Wicks		2023-05-21
Dominic Gardner		2019-03-26
Dr Margaret Wilson		2021-01-06
Helen Whybrew		2026-05-17
Ifenna Moneke		2025-05-11
Jean Allen		2024-04-21
John Tudor		2023-05-21
Justin Powles		2025-05-11
Karen Hepworth		2021-05-09
Malcolm Ronald Lord Bryden		2019-04-26
Michael Denny		2024-04-21
Patricia Hamilton		2021-05-09
Peter Wood		2026-05-17
Rev Funmilayo Vaughan		2024-10-23
Susan Sally Perry		2025-05-11

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Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Administrative Address	Old Road Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9BX
Phone	01255 679164
Email	office@stmarysfrinton.org
Website	www.stmarysfrinton.org
Charity Registration Number	1127647
Rector & PCC Chairman	Rev Funmilayo Vaughan
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner
Church Treasurer	Mr David Conley
PCC Secretary	Mrs Helen Whybrew
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE872CA
Solicitors	Sparling, Benham and Brough, 13 Connaught Avenue, Frinton on Sea, Essex CO139HQ
Independent Examiner	Nick Spear Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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The Church of St Mary Magdalene, the Parish Church of Frinton (known as ‘St Mary’s’) is within the Deanery of St Osyth and the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Old Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in Connaught Avenue and is also licensed for services.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) holds bank accounts (current and deposit) together with a higher interest earning Church of England (CCLA) deposit account. Our accountants carried out an independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The approved PCC members who have served in 2025 are:

St Mary’s Parish Church, Frinton, PCC — May 2025/April 2026

Rector	Rev Funmilayo Vaughan	Chairperson
Churchwardens <i>Elected annually</i>	Ms Jean Allen Mr David Kidney	Until APCM 2030 Until APCM 2026
Representatives on St Osyth Deanery Synod	Mrs Eddie McKay Mrs Sally Perry Mr David Wicks Dr Maggie Wilson	Until February 2026 Until APCM 2028 Until APCM 2028 Until APCM 2028
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mr Malcolm Bryden Dr Maggie Wilson	
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner	
Unelected members of the PCC: Treasurer	Mr David Conley	
PCC Secretary	Mrs Helen Whybrew	

***All the above are ex-officio members of PCC**
(and do not count towards a quorum, which is one third of those below)

1	Samantha Beck	Until APCM 2028 or '31 max
2	Mr Mike Denny	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
3	Mrs Wendy Dyne	Until February 2026
4	Mrs Tricia Hamilton	Until APCM or until 2028 max
5	Mrs Karen Hepworth	Until APCM or until 2028 max
6	Mr Ifenna Moneke	Until APCM 2028 or '31 max
7	Mrs Alison Murphy	Until APCM or until 2028 max
8	Mr Justin Powles	Until APCM 2027 or until 2030 max
9	Dr John Tudor	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
10	Mr David Wicks	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
11	Mrs Cate Wilby	Until APCM 2028 or '31 max

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Structure, Governance, and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following registration with the Charity Commission, PCC members serve as trustees of the charity. The day-to-day management of the PCC is with the Chairman and is also delegated to the Churchwardens. The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend the Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are thereby eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met eight times in 2025. Copies of minutes from these meetings are now kept for inspection at the church reception desk. The PCC received reports from the Action Groups and these notes are also available to read in the same file in reception. The Action Groups comprise both members of the PCC and of the congregation, to oversee the work of the church. In normal times, the groups meet with different frequencies, depending on their type of responsibilities, and report back regularly to the PCC. A summary of their 2024 activities follows later.

With over 100 on our Electoral Roll, St Mary's had four representatives on the St Osyth Deanery Synod until December: Eddie McKay; Sally Perry; David Wicks; and Maggie Wilson. Minutes and reports of the Deanery Synod meetings throughout the year were shared through PCC meetings, with representatives clarifying as necessary.

Dominic Gardner keeps the electoral roll, and has sent information that there have been 143 members on the roll at April 2025, compared with 214 in 2024. The average attendance across all services is 147 which has increased from 140 compared with last year, with 4 children attending regularly. Online services were viewed on average each week on over 41 devices within seven days of their premiering. Also, in 2025, there were 16 funerals and 11 burials of ashes (compared with a total of 14 and 11 in 2024), with clergy officiating at 3 crematorium services, 7 weddings in church (4 in 2024), 0 dedications (0 in 2024) and 5 baptisms (4 in 2024).

"The primary object of all PCCs will be the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England." The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." This is the object of our church and shown in the activities of its members, especially through the work of the Action Groups.

Public Benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives, the PCC have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In so doing, the PCC has complied with their duties in this area as set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

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11am All-Age Services AG – *Funmilayo Vaughan*

We have been encouraged to see a number of new people from across different age groups attending this informal service. We have also worked to improve the quality of our live streaming on Facebook and YouTube, recognising the important impact this has for those who are unable to attend church in person.

The service continues to hold space for the Holy Spirit to move and speak freely, as we give people the opportunity to share openly. It is shaped by a deep reverence for the person of the Holy Spirit, both in times of silence and through the spoken word that is given.

We have introduced new elements that highlight what God is doing in people's lives and deepen our sense of fellowship. These include the Good News section and the birthday celebration.

The lay preachers, alongside the Rector, are valued ministerial partners who bring a wealth of knowledge of the Word of God and often use visual aids.

We are blessed with four diverse live worship bands who faithfully lead us in worship, and for this we give thanks to God. We also recognise and deeply appreciate the immense support and technical skill of our sound and technical team, who manage sound, projection, and last-minute changes with grace and dedication.

We are grateful for the many welcomers, vergers, and tea and coffee volunteers who generously give their time, friendship, and warm, friendly smiles to all who attend—whether it is their first visit or their seventieth year with us.

We have reintroduced ministry prayer time at the end of the service, which has been well received by those seeking one-to-one prayer. We are thankful for those who have responded to the call to serve in this listening and praying ministry.

Children, Youth & Families Action Group – *Funmilayo Vaughan*

Sunday Kids has run each Sunday and is led by volunteer Sam Salley. The team supports the lead worker in enabling Bible stories, art and crafts activities, singing, play and a lot of fun. Numbers vary each week but overall, between 4 and 8 children attend. Whilst we are not seeing numerical growth in our Sunday children's work at this time, we are seeing the fruits of this work in how the children are starting to participate in the main service. The pre-school group for families – Smallsorts – continues strongly with between 30 and 40 children attending each week. We have added a sensory area to this ministry to support those with additional needs, and we continue to monitor how this will work going forward.

Communication and Publicity Action Group – *Dominic Gardner*

The Communication and Publicity Action Group has again adapted how it runs advertising throughout the year to be more tailored and targeted. The AG continues to use Facebook, Instagram, Look Magazine and the local Gazette for advertising. Provision of weekly notice sheets (paper and digital) as well as occasional posters, and maintenance of our website, are all ongoing responsibilities and we are mindful to any feedback we receive, and we have experimented with using video invitations on social media over the Christmas period to good effect. We have reached more people this year than in previous years via digital platforms, which is a promising sign that things have evolved in our digital footprint for the Church this year.

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Concerts Action Group – *Duncan Archard (Choirmaster and Organist)*

Our launch Concert in late May, again by Panos Karan was a great success, raising £750, split between St Mary's and Keys of Change. The summer concerts were well attended too and raised £1,100 which was split between St Mary's and St Helena Hospice. In September, was our 3rd young persons' concert arranged by Peter Thorne and Caryll Newman. This was extremely well attended and well received by many visitors.

Fabric Action Group – *David Kidney*

Not what we've done, but what we do. Our action group is very fluid, consisting of a small group of people that changes as the demands of the task in hand changes, keeping both churches and their grounds safe, usable, and maintaining and improving what we can, where we can. We ensure the boilers are serviced, the lightning conductors are inspected and tested, the toilets flush and the taps work, the gutters are clean, the rubbish is disposed of, and the shortbread crumbs are removed from the Nave carpet, plus many more repetitive tasks. Our focus over 2025 has been planning the addition of insulation to the lounge ceiling, gathering quotes and information for the repair of the bells in both churches and improving the chair stock (providing chairs with arms, in rooms 3 & 4 to allow our elderly brothers and sisters the ability to rise from the chairs after lunch or coffee). We are a "doing" group; we mostly discuss and plan as we work, our meetings are where we are standing in fact anywhere from the boiler-room to the roof; we hold virtual and face-to-face meetings with contractors and suppliers.

Homegroups Action Group – *Heather Ursell*

We currently have eleven regular homegroups meeting in people's homes on different days and times, with one of them online. Although the overall number of people attending remains fairly constant, around 90, there have been a number of changes in the actual personnel. Sadly, some members have died, and some have stopped attending for other reasons, but new people have taken their places. Several groups have space for new members. We are very grateful for the commitment of all the group leaders who, week after week through term-time, prepare for and conduct Bible studies, also creating opportunities for sharing personal, or more general, matters for prayer together. We would always encourage members of St Mary's to join a homegroup, enabling relationships and fellowship to be mutually enriching, as well as their understanding of the Word of God deepened.

Missionary AG – *Heather Ursell*

We continue to support the same main missionary organisations: London City Mission, particularly their work amongst people who are homeless in London; Haven in Romania's Day Centre for children with additional needs; and SAT-7, with satellite channels broadcasting across the Middle East and North Africa, primarily in Persian, Arabic, and Turkish. For the first time in many years, we did not collect toys for distribution by LCM. The focus of their ministry has adapted to suit the times, with missionaries often assigned to work supporting evangelism with a specific church. We still had a single service at the end of November, this time with Rob Hooks speaking about the work of LCM, and a large financial donation collected from the congregation. (There was also a tribute to Terry Puttick, remembering his faithful LCM service over 45 years, many of which involved a visit to St Mary's Toy Service.) Maggie W and Kim H visited Haven in Romania in April, to encourage, and work with, the Day Centre staff and children. We made another donation to them through our Christingle service collection. As individuals, we also sent dozens of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes through Samaritan's Purse and, locally, donated significantly to both the foodbank and Jaywick.

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Pastoral Care Action Group – *Malcolm Bryden & Tricia Hamilton*

The Pastoral Care Action Group continued to meet regularly in 2025 so that we could share Jesus' love, care and support to everyone in need of help in St Mary's fellowship. We are a group of about twelve faithful and caring members of our congregation who pray, look out and care for those unwell, bereaved, lonely, suffering. At our meetings we each discuss, in confidence, those we haven't seen lately in church, those suffering, those no longer mobile enough to get to church; we can then make arrangements to help, visit them at home, in hospital, and offer prayer and Holy Communion when requested. Sadly, with our ageing congregation, and indeed community here in Frinton, we have noticed an increase in those needing help, which we are happy to provide but we would gladly welcome more of our fellowship to join the Pastoral Care Group to help. One lady, a regular church attendee and now in a Care Home, celebrated her 100th birthday at the end of this year. We send cards to those bereaved, in hospital, suffering in different ways. We take posies to those at home on Mothering Sunday, and at Christmas everyone helps in taking cards and a Christmas cake to those unable to attend church. We keep in touch with the Smallsorts group and the needs of parents, carers and children. Those in the group complete regular online Safeguarding Training courses.

Prayer AG – *Graham Dallisson*

The Prayer Action Group is made up of Graham Dallisson (Chair) Heather Ursell, Paul Holland, Andrew Rose, Lesley Conley, Andrew Fitch and Stewart and Mary Wilson. During 2025, we met on four occasions. We next meet on 13 January 2026. In January for a week, we had Prayer Stations around the church focusing on aspects of the Christian life, culminating on the closing Sunday in a service, "A New Thing". Stewart and Mary Wilson have taken charge of the prayer chain after Andrew Rose stepped down. Another initiative from our rector was "Digging Wells", meeting on Wednesdays in April. In September, we changed from a monthly prayer meeting to a weekly meeting. This was for a trial period but has proved very successful and continues as a permanent change. We also offer prayer at the end of each Sunday service. We are grateful for the rector's encouragement to have new expressions of prayer as the foundation of the life of the church.

Safeguarding Action Group– *Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)*

The Safeguarding Action Group remains in place should it be required. At this time, there is no reason for the Group to meet, we believe, everything is maintained as far as is reasonably practical. With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Standing Committee – *Rev Funmilayo Vaughan (Chair)*

The Standing Committee has met on three occasions during the year. Its focus remains on the oversight and handling of urgent, confidential, and routine matters related to the life of the church. The meetings are chaired by the Rector and attended by the Churchwardens, the PCC Secretary, the Church Treasurer, the Operations Manager, and three elected members of the PCC. Throughout the year, the Committee has received guidance and updates on church finances, reports concerning occasional offices (funerals, weddings, and baptisms), and Safeguarding matters. The role of the Standing Committee is to ensure continuity of leadership and to help shape and guide the PCC agenda. It has been encouraging to witness the thoughtful engagement and shared wisdom of its members in supporting the life and mission of St Mary's.

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Traditional Services AG – *Malcolm Bryden*

Traditional Services are held on Sundays at 9.30am in the Main Church and 6.30pm in the 'Old' Church, with Holy Communion Services on Wednesdays at 11.00 also in the 'Old' Church. Numbers attending these services do vary, but they are much appreciated by regulars and visitors to Frinton. The liturgy alternates monthly between the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship. Wednesday services are always BCP, but because of a shortage of Ordained Clergy some have to be Services of the Word. The choir provides well-appreciated support in worship. The annual service of Lessons and Carols continues to be the best attended service of the year. We are fortunate to be able to call upon extra singers at times. The annual Frinton Festival Evensong is well attended by many who are not regular church members. Numbers at the Old Church are boosted during August when the more informal 'Sunset Services' are held. The action group appreciates 'joint services' when most of the church community come together. These include Remembrance Day, Safeguarding, LCM services as well as the Carol Service and Christmas Day services.

Training, Outreach & Evangelism AG – *Peter Wood*

Our Action Group continues to thrive and is open to inclusion of the whole congregation. The following are a few examples of what we as a church are involved in: The Jaywick Project seeks to benefit residents in Jaywick, a needy location nearby. Project leader Eleanor and her team of volunteers organise food parcels and gifts for delivery in the summer holidays and at Christmas. This is so well-received by all. St Mary's continues to support and accommodate the free School Uniform Bank, offering year-round good quality second hand uniform to families. A group of six church members attended the Leading your Church into Growth (LYCiG) course, a Diocesan-led initiative that seeks to find ways and ideas of increasing interest in matters of faith. We look forward to their findings. We are especially aware of an encouraging national trend of interest in matters of faith shown by the 18–30-year-old demographic. In June we took a coach group to the 'God Loves You' Tour at London ExCel to hear the gospel from international evangelist Franklin Graham. An amazing 17,000 people attended and 1500 people made a decision to follow Christ that night, encouragingly 44% of whom were under 25 years. As per the last 100+ years, our church participated in Frinton Mission (FM), during which all Frinton churches join together as one team, for its weeklong programme of events and outreach to which the local community readily participate. In September, we again supported the Macmillan Charity National Coffee Morning in church, together with some musical entertainment. A total of £845 was raised for Macmillan. Our regular Friday coffee mornings continue to be an asset towards building community both inside and outside the church. September saw the launch of our latest Alpha Course. We had 30 attendees and it was so encouraging to see many make great strides forward in faith and understanding. Christmas always serves as a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the community with the Good News of Jesus. We again hosted Frinton Rotary Club's inter-schools carol service. Always great to see the church full to capacity with families and children. In the lead-up to Christmas Day, a small group of us went out onto the street to hand out leaflets and chocolates, offering a warm welcome to all from St Mary's; the leaflet drop continued to many homes in the parish.

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Deanery Synod - *Eddie McKay, Sally Perry, David Wicks, Maggie Wilson*

St Mary's deanery synod representatives met with other parish representatives in various churches across the area during 2025, the most recent meeting (November 2025) being hosted at our own church in Frinton. At this meeting Rev. Funmilayo Vaughan welcomed the other local reps and, after a time of worship, discussion of the various deanery issues ensued. The main focus was the apportionment of Parish Share amongst the various member congregations. The Area Dean (Phil Richie) explained how close we were in the deanery to meeting the requested diocesan share for 2025 and emphasised the way in which parishes could offer to make a contribution to other parishes with greater needs than their own. Parish reps also commented on the ways in which innovative ideas, notably on making our services more inclusive (as detailed by synod members on previous occasions), were being implemented across the area.

Financial Review – David Conley (Treasurer) and Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)

We are pleased to report that 2025 performed well against the budget agreed by the PCC. Although finishing the year on a positive note, we are mindful of the fact that generous legacies have contributed favourably to our funds. Our main source of income is from the Parish Giving Scheme. Whilst we thank all those who contribute in this way, we are mindful of the costs in running our church which continue to rise each year. We can advise that the solar panels and heating system works are now complete, providing us with cheaper power in daylight hours and the benefit of selling electricity back to the grid when generation exceeds consumption. The PCC has determined the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £70,000 (which equates to four months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £113,206, and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Quinquennial Inspection - the last quinquennial inspection was February 2024.

Works that have been completed: remove moss; clear gulleys; remove kneelers from altar step; treat woodworm; and redecorate the east boundary gates. All these have been completed.

Employees

Stewart Atkins	- Caretaker
Dominic Gardner	- Operations Manager
Theresa Rhodes	- Admin assistant until July 2025

Self-employed

Duncan Archard	- Organist and choirmaster
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St Mary's Church Bible Text for 2026 — an important focus for each year —
“But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume.” 2 Corinthians 2:14

Review of St Mary's in 2025

St Mary's Church is normally:
1 church of 143 people with
4 different opportunities to worship in
2 buildings with many associated fellowship groups

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Risk Management

Through the Operations Manager, we have continued to increase our compliance with all things GDPR and Safeguarding. The PCC members are aware of their responsibilities to assess and mitigate the risks in every area of activity at St Mary's. The PCC members are confident that they have sufficient systems and controls in place to diminish any hazards identified. The PCC receive a safeguarding update at every PCC Meeting. Our 'Trinitas Insurance' policies cover the premises. Church Warden, David Kidney, continues to have responsibility for Health and Safety matters and ensures that appropriate measures are in place to reduce risk and injury in and around the church premises.

Plans for the Future

Our mission is growing in knowing God so that we may make Him known.

The plans are for greater outreach, to be a church that is looking upwards to God, inwards on how we are doing individually in our discipleship, looking around and serving one another in love and looking outwards to take it out into our communities, whatever that might be for us. There are numerous courses, activities and services to highlight. Activities planned in and around St Mary's this year include: The Bible Course; Pre-marriage Course; Summer Concerts; Six 'bring your own' lunches; Rector's garden parties; Prayer walks; Pet Service; Alpha; FM 2026; Mental Health Sunday; and Safeguarding Sunday.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

Approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf by:


funmilayo Vaughan (Apr 17, 2026 10:30:49 GMT+1)

Rev Funmilayo Vaughan

Date: Apr 17, 2026

TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 on pages 11 to 15 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Nick Spear

Nick Spear (Apr 23, 2026 10:12:53 GMT+1)

Nick Spear

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Date: Apr 23, 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	2025	2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	152,967	1,142	2,718	156,827	168,784
Fundraising income	2(b)	5,205	440	-	5,645	7,524
Church activities	2(c)	34,200	359	70	34,629	34,836
Other income	2(d)	-	-	-	-	13,047
Investment income	2(e)	4,753	-	-	4,753	6,938
		<u>197,124</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>2,788</u>	<u>201,853</u>	<u>231,128</u>
Capital and similar receipts						
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	3,247
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,247</u>
Total receipts		<u>197,124</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>2,788</u>	<u>201,853</u>	<u>234,375</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		80,000	-	-	80,000	72,000
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	44,809	-	-	44,809	61,499
Church running expenses	3(b)	58,299	1,050	5,046	64,395	129,439
		<u>183,108</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>5,046</u>	<u>189,204</u>	<u>262,938</u>
Fundraising expenses	4	1,553	-	-	1,553	2,774
Mission giving and donations	5	5,749	900	2,360	9,009	28,084
Total payments		<u>190,410</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>7,406</u>	<u>199,767</u>	<u>293,796</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		6,714	(9)	(4,619)	2,087	(59,421)
Transfers between funds		1,261	(1,039)	(222)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>7,975</u>	<u>(1,048)</u>	<u>(4,841)</u>	<u>2,087</u>	<u>(59,421)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		99,910	6,369	17,458	123,737	183,158
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>107,885</u>	<u>5,321</u>	<u>12,617</u>	<u>125,823</u>	<u>123,737</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds			2025 £	2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	40,095	-	-	40,095	41,717
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	67,690	5,321	12,617	85,628	81,921
Petty cash	100	-	-	100	100
	<u>107,885</u>	<u>5,321</u>	<u>12,617</u>	<u>125,823</u>	<u>123,737</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	744	-	-	744	1,122
Insurance prepayment	3,206	-	-	3,206	3,142
	<u>3,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>4,264</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Trade creditors	1,589	-	-	1,589	-
Fee for Independent Examination	1,380	-	-	1,380	1,260
Accrued expenses	164	-	-	164	-
	<u>3,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,134</u>	<u>1,260</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Cost £	Current value £
Sound System	44,918	8,928
Piano	19,440	-
Chairs	18,909	-
	<u>83,267</u>	<u>8,928</u>

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets. In 2024, the church incurred expenditure of £79,746 on a new heating system and solar panels, but as they are improvements to a consecrated property, they were not included in the above asset list.

E Investment assets

	Cost £	Current value £
HSBC Holdings plc: 1317 Ordinary US\$0.50 shares	859	15,459
	<u>859</u>	<u>15,459</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Funmilayo Vaughan

Funmilayo Vaughan (Apr 17, 2026 10:30:49 GMT+1)

Rev Funmilayo Vaughan

Date: Apr 17, 2026

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	104,371	670	-	105,041	100,432
Collections	23,631	-	-	23,631	12,336
Other donations	20,235	472	1,718	22,424	30,943
Other grants	-	-	1,000	1,000	20,000
Gift aid recovered	4,730	-	-	4,730	5,072
	<u>152,967</u>	<u>1,142</u>	<u>2,718</u>	<u>156,827</u>	<u>168,784</u>
b) Fundraising income					
Fundraising events	5,205	440	-	5,645	7,524
	<u>5,205</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,645</u>	<u>7,524</u>
c) Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	12,598	-	-	12,598	10,501
Lettings for community use	19,738	-	-	19,738	21,104
Other income	1,864	359	70	2,292	3,231
	<u>34,200</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>34,629</u>	<u>34,836</u>
d) Other income					
Reimbursement for CAP worker	-	-	-	-	13,047
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,047</u>
e) Investment income					
Interest from cash deposits	4,100	-	-	4,100	6,079
Dividends from CBF investment funds	653	-	-	653	859
	<u>4,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,753</u>	<u>6,938</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
3 a) Clergy and staffing costs					
Cost of payroll	41,884	-	-	41,884	57,718
Clergy expenses	1,758	-	-	1,758	722
Staff expenses including training	1,167	-	-	1,167	59
Leaving gift for outgoing Rector	-	-	-	-	3,000
	<u>44,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,809</u>	<u>61,499</u>
The Rev Funmilayo Vaughan received a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of the stipend is not included in the above payroll costs however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipend. Rev Funmilayo Vaughan is provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy. In the prior year, there was a leaving gift for the outgoing Rector paid for by donations from the church family.					
b) Church running costs					
Cost of services	10,630	77	550	11,257	12,093
Children and youth ministry	-	534	-	534	677
Other ministry expenses	1,630	209	-	1,839	154
Independent examiner's fee	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,140
Administration	10,588	-	380	10,968	11,402
Church running costs	34,191	-	-	34,191	23,509
Routine church maintenance	-	230	1,341	1,571	717
Church building projects	-	-	2,775	2,775	79,746
	<u>58,299</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>5,046</u>	<u>64,395</u>	<u>129,439</u>
4 Fundraising expenses					
Fundraising events	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Concerts	553	-	-	553	1,774
	<u>1,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,553</u>	<u>2,774</u>
5 Mission giving and donations					
Mission elsewhere in UK and overseas					
Missionary societies	5,286	500	2,360	8,147	25,702
Home missions	463	400	-	863	2,382
	<u>5,749</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>2,360</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>28,084</u>

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6 Transactions with related parties

Dominic Gardner served as Operations Manager and received payment for serving in this capacity, not for serving as member of the PCC; this payment is permitted by the charity's governing document.

7 Movement on designated, restricted and endowment funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	99,910	197,124	(190,410)	1,261	107,885
Designated funds					
Choir	850	-	-	140	990
Wednesday Group	760	951	(524)	(600)	586
Smallsorts	926	359	(783)	(409)	92
Family & Children	3,025	-	(250)	-	2,774
St Mary's Players	-	582	-	(582)	-
Flower Guild	66	50	(77)	10	49
Uniform Bank	68	-	(85)	17	-
Sound Desk	175	-	(230)	385	330
Rectors Discretionary Fund	500	-	-	-	500
	<u>6,369</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>(1,950)</u>	<u>(1,039)</u>	<u>5,321</u>
Restricted funds					
Old Church	9,484	70	(1,721)	(1,114)	6,719
Organ Fund	350	-	(550)	200	-
Jaywick	378	1,718	(2,360)	692	427
Mission Opportunity	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Going Green Project	7,246	-	(2,775)	-	4,471
	<u>17,458</u>	<u>2,788</u>	<u>(7,406)</u>	<u>(222)</u>	<u>12,617</u>
Total funds	<u>123,737</u>	<u>201,853</u>	<u>(199,767)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,823</u>

The Old Church fund is money given specifically for the Old Church. During the year a transfer was made from this fund to General funds to cover the wages of the caretaker.

The Organ fund is for the maintenance of the church organ.

The Jaywick fund is money donated for the Jaywick Project which supports those in a difficult situation.

The Mission Opportunity fund is money donated to subsidise the participation costs for children and youth camps or events.

The Going Green fund is for the Going Green project and includes money donated in the previous year for Solar Panels.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Administrative Address	Old Road Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9BX
Phone	01255 679164
Email	office@stmarysfrinton.org
Website	www.stmarysfrinton.org
Charity Registration Number	1127647
Rector & PCC Chairman	Rev Funmilayo Vaughan (from October 2024)
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner
Church Treasurer	Mr David Kidney (Churchwarden)
PCC Secretary	Dr Maggie Wilson
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE872CA
Solicitors	Sparling, Benham and Brough, 13, Connaught Avenue, Frinton on Sea, Essex CO139HQ
Independent Examiner	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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The Church of St Mary Magdalene, the Parish Church of Frinton (known as 'St Mary's') is within the Deanery of St Osyth and the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Old Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in Connaught Avenue and is also licensed for services.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) holds bank accounts (current and deposit) together with a higher interest earning Church of England (CCLA) deposit account. Our accountants carried out an independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The approved PCC members who have served in 2024 are:

St Mary's Parish Church, Frinton, PCC — May 2024/April 2025

Rector	Rev Donald Smith Rev Funmilayo Vaughan	Chairperson until January 2024 Chairperson from October 2024
Churchwardens <i>Elected annually</i>	Mr David Kidney Mrs Heather Ursell Mr Peter Wood	From June 2024 Until June 2024 Until April 2024
Representatives on St Osyth Deanery Synod	Mrs Frances Allen Mrs Chris Glasby Mrs Eddie McKay Mrs Cate Wilby	Until APCM 2025 Until APCM 2025 Until APCM 2025 Until APCM 2025
Children's & Families' Workers	Mrs Yoyis Higgins	Until June 2024
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mr Malcolm Bryden Dr Maggie Wilson	
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner	
Treasurer	Mr Dan Higgins Mr David Kidney	Until March 2024 From June 2024
PCC Secretary	Dr Maggie Wilson	

***All the above are ex-officio members of PCC**

(and do not count towards a quorum, which is one third of those below)

1	Ms Jean Allen	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
2	Mrs Lesley Conley	Until APCM 2025 max
3	Mrs Lesley Cook	Until December 2024
4	Mr Mike Denny	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
5	Mrs Wendy Dyne	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
6	Mr Andrew Fitch	Until APCM 2025 max
7	Mrs Tricia Hamilton	Until APCM 2025 or '28 max
8	Mrs Karen Hepworth	Until APCM 2025 or '27max
9	Mrs Alison Murphy	Until APCM 2025 or '28 max
10	Mr Justin Powles	Until APCM 2025 or '28 max
11	Dr John Tudor	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
12	Mr David Wicks	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max

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Structure, Governance, and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following registration with the Charity Commission, PCC members serve as trustees of the charity. The day-to-day management of the PCC is with the Chairman and is also delegated to the Churchwardens. The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend the Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are thereby eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met eight times in 2024. Copies of minutes from these meetings are now kept for inspection at the church reception desk. The PCC received reports from the Action Groups and these notes are also available to read in the same file in reception. The Action Groups comprise both members of the PCC and of the congregation, to oversee the work of the church. In normal times, the groups meet with different frequencies, depending on their type of responsibilities, and report back regularly to the PCC. A summary of their 2024 activities follows later.

With over 200 on our Electoral Roll, St Mary's had four representatives on the St Osyth Deanery Synod until December: Frances Allen; Chris Glasby; Eddie McKay; and Cate Wilby. Minutes and reports of the Deanery Synod meetings throughout the year were shared through PCC meetings, with representatives clarifying as necessary.

Dominic Gardener keeps the electoral roll, and has sent information that there have been 214 members on the roll at April 2024, compared with 224 in 2023. The average attendance across all services is 140 which has decreased from 169 compared with last year, with 4 children attending regularly. Online services were viewed on average each week on over 50 devices within seven days of their premiering. Also, in 2024, there were 14 funerals and 11 burials of ashes (compared with a total of 11 and 6 in 2023), with clergy officiating at 2 crematorium services, 4 weddings in church (4 in 2023), 0 dedications (0 in 2023) and 4 baptisms (2 in 2023).

"The primary object of all PCCs will be the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England." The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." This is the object of our church and shown in the activities of its members, especially through the work of the Action Groups.

Public Benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives, the PCC have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In so doing, the PCC has complied with their duties in this area as set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

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11am All-Age Services AG – Dominic Gardner (Until 31st December 2024)

Numbers attending our more informal morning services have kept up during our rector-less months. This service is shaped to maintain a sense of order and reverence, while including opportunities to speak freely in leading prayers, or sharing a testimony or perhaps a 'word' from the Holy Spirit.

We hope children feel valued in their opportunity to interact with the congregation through a short game or quiz, before they leave the service for their own teaching and activities.

Lay preachers have been invaluable this year, usually with the addition of slides to enhance their message. We particularly give thanks for Graham Dallisson who intentionally took on the lion's share of preaching, to help towards stability during the year.

We have also been blessed with three small worship bands who share leading our singing, in addition to recorded songs shown on the screens. This would be impossible without yet more invaluable people who faithfully operate the sound and projection systems, providing livestream for people watching at home. A warm welcome at the start of our services, and a chat over tea and coffee at the end are all part of our desire to help everyone towards a deepening relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Children, Youth & Families Action Group – Sam Sally / Maggie Wilson

Sunday Kids has run each Sunday; previously under the leadership of the Children and Youth worker; latterly run by Sam Salley. Vince Cross supports the lead worker in enabling Bible stories, art and crafts activities, singing, play and a lot of fun. Numbers vary each week but, overall, between 2 and 5 children attend. The pre-school group for families – Smallsorts – continues strongly with between 30 and 40 children attending each week.

Communication and Publicity Action Group – Dominic Gardner

The Communication and Publicity Action Group has continued to run in cycles for advertising. The Group has again adapted how it runs advertising throughout the year to be more tailored and targeted. The AG continues to use Facebook, Look Magazine and the local Gazette for advertising. Provision of weekly notice sheets (paper and digital) as well as occasional posters, and maintenance of our website, are all ongoing responsibilities. Livestreaming remains in place at the 11am All-Age Service on Sunday and continues to have a regular following online. The AG also introduced the ChurchSuite platform to help advertise and enable digital sign-ups to paid and non-paid events.

Concerts Action Group – Duncan Archard (Choirmaster and Organist)

Our launch Concert in April by Panos Karan was again a success, raising £770, split between St Mary's and *Keys of Change*. The summer concerts were well attended too and raised £1,700 which was split between St Mary's and Alzheimer's. On Sunday 8 September, there were some really fine performances from the best young local classical musicians, ranging from the sublime Tchaikovsky and Chopin, to the light music of Lloyd Webber and Randy Newman. In between there was baroque and jazz, including from the pen of our very own Peter Thorne who is at the forefront of music-making and education in the district. Beatrice Nicholas gave her second recital in October, and this was well received and enjoyed by an audience of over 50 people. Finally *Cantate* gave a free Christmas Celebration concert with retiring collection which raised £600 for *Samaritan's Purse*.

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Fabric Action Group – David Kidney

Not what we've done, but what we do. Our action group is very fluid, consisting of a small group of people that changes as the demands of the task in hand changes, keeping both churches and their grounds safe, usable, and maintaining and improving what we can, where we can. We ensure the boilers are serviced, the lightning conductors are inspected and tested, the toilets flush and the taps work, the gutters are clean, the rubbish is disposed of, and the shortbread crumbs are removed from the Nave carpet, plus many more repetitive tasks. In addition, during 2024 we have fitted solar panels on the hall roof and radiant heaters in the church along with cabling and control gear, thereby further reducing our electricity consumption. We are a "doing" group; we mostly discuss and plan as we work, our meetings are where we are standing in fact anywhere from the boiler-room to the roof; we hold virtual and face-to-face meetings with contractors and suppliers.

Homegroups Action Group – Heather Ursell

St Mary's homegroups are well-supported, and they provide good support to their members, which amount to around a hundred from our congregation. Currently we have eleven groups, mostly meeting weekly in an afternoon, but with two morning and two evening groups as well. We have one group about to 'multiply' into two smaller afternoon groups, plus a third evening group about to be formed. In future, the choir hopes to also meet quarterly for their version of a homegroup, separately from their regular weekly times together when they rehearse for Sundays and special occasions.

Groups choose their own subjects and styles of study, based on the makeup of the group, and their history together. At AG meetings, leaders share any relevant problems or encouragements with other leaders. Most groups include social events, either termly or annually, as well as praying regularly for each other and wider matters.

Missionary AG – Heather Ursell

During the vacancy, our mission support continued, with three visiting speakers in 2024: Owen Thurtle for SAT-7 in June, Tim Clarke for Samaritan's Purse in October, and Mark Fyffe for LCM at our Toy Service, also taking the usual generous amount of donated toys back to London for distribution amongst disadvantaged children. Following a trip by Maggie Wilson and Dee Noble to the Haven in Romania children's centre, Maggie gave an interesting presentation in an 11am service, showing and describing the children, their needs, and the gratitude of the centre staff and church for the crucial financial support they receive from St Mary's. As well as donating to the above agencies, very significant financial and food gifts also went to the Walton Foodbank and the Jaywick Project. Both CPAS (our patron which helped provide our new rector) and the annual local Frinton Mission also received donations. The organisations are prayed for too, some daily by church members, and others monthly through our missionary prayer meeting and published prayer points.

Pastoral Care Action Group – Malcolm Bryden & Tricia Hamilton

The Pastoral Care Action Group met regularly during the year, with our continuing and deep-felt wish to show Jesus' love, care and support to those in need in St Mary's fellowship. The group is kindly and faithfully supported by members of our church's fellowship who attend the meetings to ensure we are - we pray - aware of all those who we have not seen recently in church, those no longer mobile so they cannot get to church, those ill, bereaved, suffering. They visit, phone all those we identify as in need of help, visits, company and prayer.

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Cards are sent to those bereaved, in hospital, or undergoing a difficult situation. On Mothering Sunday we take flowers, prepared by the Men's Flower Guild, to those who cannot join us in church. At Christmas we take a card and small Christmas cake to those in the same position.

Safeguarding is an important part of our work. We would love to encourage more of St Mary's congregation to join the Pastoral Care Action Group so we can be assured we are reaching out to all those in need.

Prayer AG – *Graham Dallisson*

We meet several times a year to review the pastoral prayer life of the church, under the watchful eye of Andrew Rose, and consider whether anything needs to be organised differently. A new monthly prayer meeting began in February focusing on the need for a new Rector. This was well supported and resulted in a new rector in less than twelve months, for which we thank God. The monthly Prayer Meeting and Missionary Prayer Meeting both continue. Andrew has now stood down as link-person for the prayer chain and, under the authority of our new rector, a new link person will be appointed in the new year.

Safeguarding Action Group– *Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)*

This Action Group has not met this year. With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. We recognise safeguarding is mentioned within the annual report, but it is important to refer to the duties under section 5. The group will meet in 2025

Standing Committee – *David Kidney (Lay Chair)*

The Standing Committee comprises of the Rector, two Churchwardens, Operations Manager and two chosen members of the PCC.

The Standing Committee Action Group's responsibilities are to:

1. transact the business of the Parochial Church Council between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
2. oversee all financial matters.
3. prepare agendas for PCC meetings.

2024 has been a challenging year, starting in January with the retirement our previous Rector. Many changes followed during the year: we lost two churchwardens, and the treasurer and welcomed our new Rector Funmilayo in the October.

Balancing church income and expenditure is an important role for this group. We have continued to pay funds to the diocese, albeit at a reduced rate, in addition to meeting all our other financial outgoings. However, we are aware that we are currently overspending each year. We are aware that we cannot continue to do this, as since Covid our income has gone down, and our expenditure has gone up. The installation of a new Energy System to serve the church, hall, and other rooms has already contributed to reducing our energy bill, but this is a small part of the equation.

We continue to meet the needs of maintaining our buildings along with the employment of an Operations Manager, Caretaker, and Admin Assistant and the services of our organist and choirmaster.

Our Operations Manager continues to oversee our compliance with the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, together with compliance with GDPR.

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Traditional Services AG – Maggie Wilson

The traditional services at St Mary's continue to be well attended. We are fortunate to have three traditional services a week: 9.30am and 6.30pm on Sundays and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Old Church. Our traditional services continue to be greatly appreciated by all those who attend.

The service liturgy alternates monthly between the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship. Numbers at the Sunday services and the 11 o'clock Wednesday service can vary, but the congregations are sustained by the traditional worship offered. Both Sunday services are supported very well indeed by the Choirmaster and choir. Further, the annual service of Lessons and Carols attracts our largest congregation, thanks to the hard work of Duncan Archard (Choirmaster) and the choir. Duncan also organises the Frinton Festival evensong – another opportunity for non-church goers to be welcomed to St Mary's.

The less formal, 'Sunset Services' held in the Old Church attract a good congregation (upper 40s) and provide an opportunity for visitors and those new to church to come and join in joyful worship. The Action Group members are keen to promote some services in which the whole church family can participate.

Training, Outreach & Evangelism AG – Peter Wood

This Action Group, commonly referred to as TOE, is open to all church members with an interest in the title. During the early part of the year we've been in Vacancy as a church but now have been reinvigorated by the fact we have a new Rector at the helm. We have held an encouraging "Start" Course (aka Exploring our Faith, part 1) with eighteen attendees. We are planning another follow-up course known as "Moving On" (aka Exploring our Faith, part 2) in the New Year.

We continue to act as the umbrella for other outstanding groups in church e.g. Men's Breakfast and The Jaywick Project. In September we held another Macmillan Coffee Morning with musical entertainment and games raising £1,000 for this amazing charity. In November we held our tenth Guest Dinner with 100 people enjoying an outstanding dinner, raising £1,555. This is a seven-day-a-week church open to all, with a warm welcome holding numerous regular events to interest everyone. It all culminates on Sunday in three regular church services offering both Traditional and All-Age Contemporary worship. It's so encouraging to see friendships nurtured as we all meet together over coffee between and after services, growing together in faith and where there is never a rush to leave.

Deanery Synod — Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Eddie McKay, Cate Wilby

The synod representatives met in various churches in the Deanery, and the last meeting was held in St Mary's. This was an opportunity for Rev. Funmilayo Vaughan to meet all the local reps and take part in the discussions. Over the year, these have included, *Living in Love and Faith*, *Parish Share* and how it is made up, and many of the projects that individual parishes were involved in. The appointments that are necessary for individual parishes to operate and activities they want to share were also discussed. Issues which cropped up repeatedly included: personnel and fundraising.

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Financial Review – David Kidney (Churchwarden/Treasurer)

In 2024 we have worked hard to maintain a balanced budget, in the face of almost every bill rising with inflationary factors beyond our control. Our giving through the Parish Giving Scheme is stable but giving is not increasing for several reasons. In 2024 we spent £79,746.00 of our restricted funds on upgrading the Church energy use by installing 70+ solar panels and installing a new heating system in church as well as the upgrading of our power supply to a new 3-phase incoming supply.

Quinquennial Inspection – This was undertaken on 13th February 2024. Work which needed immediate attention: removal of moss from roofs of chancel, nave and porch; a damp kneeler needed to be moved; the east gates need a recoat; drainage gullies need to be cleared; and the concrete apron and channel which diverts rainwater has some cracks.

Employees

Stewart Atkins	- Caretaker
Dominic Gardner	- Operations Manager
Yoyis Higgins	- Children, Youth, and Families Worker until June 2024
Theresa Rhodes	- Admin assistant
Duncan Archard	- Self-employed organist and choirmaster

St Mary's Church Bible Text for 2025 — an important focus for each year —

I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. *Philippians 3:14*

Review of St Mary's in 2024

St Mary's Church is normally:
1 church of 214 people with
4 different opportunities to worship in
2 buildings with many associated fellowship groups

Risk Management

Through the Operations Manager, we have continued to increase our compliance with all things GDPR and Safeguarding. The PCC members are aware of their responsibilities to assess and mitigate the risks in every area of activity at St Mary's. The PCC members are confident that they have sufficient systems and controls in place to diminish any hazards identified. The PCC receive a safeguarding update at every PCC Meeting. Our, 'Trinitas Insurance' policies cover the premises.

David Kidney continues to have responsibility for Health and Safety matters and ensures that appropriate measures are in place to reduce risk and injury in and around the church premises.

Plans for the Future

This year has seen the installation of our new Rector – Rev Funmilayo Vaughan – and we are delighted to welcome her. She has already had a very positive impact on the church family, and we look forward to renewing spiritual growth and learning, as well as welcoming new church members – old and young. The church family members are inspired to support her initiatives in the coming year. All our regular weekly groups are continuing, and we look forward to exciting developments in 2025.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

Approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf by:

Rev Funmilayo Vaughan (Rector)

Funmilayo Vaughan

Funmilayo Vaughan (Mar 18, 2025 11:32 GMT)

Mar 18, 2025

David Kidney (Churchwarden)

S D Kidney

S D Kidney (Mar 18, 2025 10:19 GMT)

Mar 18, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 11 to 15 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Sarah Crispin

Sarah Crispin (Mar 24, 2025 08:21 GMT)

Sarah Crispin ACA

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
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Date: Mar 24, 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			2024 £	2023 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	127,453	3,559	37,771	168,784	187,816
Fundraising income	2(b)	7,069	455	-	7,524	7,465
Church activities	2(c)	34,440	326	70	34,836	34,082
Other income	2(d)	13,047	-	-	13,047	-
Investment income	2(e)	6,412	-	526	6,938	4,203
		<u>188,420</u>	<u>4,340</u>	<u>38,367</u>	<u>231,128</u>	<u>233,566</u>
Capital and similar receipts						
Loan repayments		3,247	-	-	3,247	-
		<u>3,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,247</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receipts		<u>191,667</u>	<u>4,340</u>	<u>38,367</u>	<u>234,375</u>	<u>233,566</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		72,000	-	-	72,000	60,000
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	58,499	3,000	-	61,499	75,204
Church running expenses	3(b)	46,460	1,572	81,406	129,439	77,260
		<u>176,959</u>	<u>4,572</u>	<u>81,406</u>	<u>262,938</u>	<u>212,463</u>
Fundraising expenses	4	2,774	-	-	2,774	2,056
Mission giving and donations	5	6,002	300	21,782	28,084	5,944
		<u>185,735</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>103,188</u>	<u>293,796</u>	<u>220,463</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		5,932	(532)	(64,821)	(59,421)	13,103
Transfers between funds		677	(195)	(482)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>6,609</u>	<u>(727)</u>	<u>(65,303)</u>	<u>(59,421)</u>	<u>13,103</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		93,301	7,096	82,760	183,157	170,055
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>99,910</u>	<u>6,369</u>	<u>17,458</u>	<u>123,737</u>	<u>183,158</u>

The notes on pages 13 - 15 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2024 £	2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	41,717	-	-	41,717	34,248
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	58,094	6,369	17,458	81,921	146,172
Petty cash	100	-	-	100	2,738
	<u>99,910</u>	<u>6,369</u>	<u>17,458</u>	<u>123,737</u>	<u>183,158</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	1,122	-	-	1,122	1,839
Insurance prepayment	3,142	-	-	3,142	2,128
Employee loan	-	-	-	-	3,247
	<u>4,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,264</u>	<u>7,214</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Fee for Independent Examination	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,140
	<u>1,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,140</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use

	Cost £	Current value £
Sound System	44,918	13,420
Piano	19,440	-
Chairs	18,909	1,890
	<u>83,267</u>	<u>15,310</u>

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets. In 2024, the church incurred expenditure of £79,746 on a new heating system and solar panels, but as they are improvements to a consecrated property, they have not been included in the above asset list.

E Investment assets

	Cost £	Current value £
HSBC Holdings plc: 1317 Ordinary US\$0.50 shares	859	10,342
£250 2.5% Consolidated stock	150	150
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>10,492</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Funmilayo Vaughan
Funmilayo Vaughan (Mar 18, 2025 11:32 GMT)
 Rev Funmilayo Vaughan
 Date: Mar 18, 2025

S D Kidney
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 Mar 18, 2025

The notes on pages 13 - 15 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	99,718	714	-	100,432	108,614
Collections	12,336	-	-	12,336	12,106
Other donations	10,328	2,845	17,771	30,943	40,575
Other grants	-	-	20,000	20,000	19,450
Gift aid recovered	5,072	-	-	5,072	7,070
	<u>127,453</u>	<u>3,559</u>	<u>37,771</u>	<u>168,784</u>	<u>187,816</u>
b) Fundraising income					
Fundraising events	7,069	455	-	7,524	7,465
	<u>7,069</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,524</u>	<u>7,465</u>
c) Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	10,501	-	-	10,501	9,399
Lettings for community use	21,104	-	-	21,104	20,466
Other income	2,835	326	70	3,231	4,216
	<u>34,440</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>34,836</u>	<u>34,082</u>
d) Other income					
Reimbursement for CAP worker	13,047	-	-	13,047	-
	<u>13,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,047</u>	<u>-</u>
e) Investment income					
Interest from cash deposits	5,552	-	526	6,079	3,616
Dividends from CBF investment funds	859	-	-	859	587
	<u>6,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>6,938</u>	<u>4,203</u>

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
3 a) Clergy and staffing costs					
Cost of payroll	57,718	-	-	57,718	67,471
Clergy expenses	722	-	-	722	4,408
Staff expenses including training	59	-	-	59	3,325
Leaving gift for outgoing Rector	-	3,000	-	-	-
	<u>58,499</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,499</u>	<u>75,204</u>
<p>The Rev Don Smith & Rev Funmilayo Vaughan (who were at different times the clergy member of the PCC during the year) both received a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of these stipends is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends. Rev Don Smith & Rev Funmilayo Vaughan were provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy and these costs are also disclosed in the above note. In the year, there was a leaving gift for the outgoing Rector paid for by donations from the church family.</p>					
b) Church running costs					
Cost of services	10,254	650	1,188	12,093	12,819
Children and youth ministry	-	677	-	677	965
Other ministry expenses	154	-	-	154	1,619
Independent examiner's fee	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,560
Administration	11,402	-	-	11,402	11,179
Church running costs	23,509	-	-	23,509	30,150
Routine church maintenance	-	245	472	717	4,755
Church building projects	-	-	79,746	79,746	14,214
	<u>46,460</u>	<u>1,572</u>	<u>81,406</u>	<u>129,439</u>	<u>77,260</u>
4 Fundraising expenses					
Fundraising events	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,408
Concerts	1,774	-	-	1,774	647
	<u>2,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,774</u>	<u>2,056</u>
5 Mission giving and donations					
Mission elsewhere in UK and overseas					
Missionary societies	3,920	-	21,782	25,702	3,000
Home missions	2,082	300	-	2,382	1,048
Rectors Discretionary Fund	-	-	-	-	1,896
	<u>6,002</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>21,782</u>	<u>28,084</u>	<u>5,944</u>

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6 Transactions with related parties

Dominic Gardner served as Operations Manager and Yoyis Higgins served as Children's & Families' Worker, and both received payments for serving in these capacities, not for serving as members of the PCC; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

7 Movement on designated, restricted and endowment funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	93,301	191,667	(185,735)	677	99,910
Designated funds					
Choir	920	-	(525)	455	850
Wednesday Group	845	714	(300)	(500)	760
Smallsorts	693	598	(365)	-	926
Church weekend	413	-	-	(413)	-
Family & Children	844	1,574	(312)	919	3,025
Messy Church	10	-	-	(10)	-
St Mary's Players	909	563	-	(1,473)	-
Flower Guild	125	66	(125)	-	66
Uniform Bank	68	-	-	-	68
Sound Desk	-	-	(245)	420	175
Rectors Discretionary Fund	332	-	-	169	500
Don and Karen Leaving Gift	1,937	825	(3,000)	238	-
	<u>7,096</u>	<u>4,340</u>	<u>(4,872)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>6,369</u>
Restricted funds					
Old Church	9,405	1,596	(472)	(1,045)	9,484
Organ Fund	1,538	-	(1,188)	-	350
Jaywick	389	1,771	(1,782)	-	378
Mission Opportunity	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Going Green Project	71,428	15,000	(79,746)	563	7,246
	<u>82,760</u>	<u>38,367</u>	<u>(103,188)</u>	<u>(482)</u>	<u>17,458</u>
Total funds	<u>183,157</u>	<u>234,375</u>	<u>(293,796)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,737</u>

The Old Church fund is money given specifically for the Old Church. During the year a transfer was made from this fund to general to cover the time spent by the caretaker tidying the old church garden.

The Organ fund is for the maintenance of the church organ.

The Jaywick fund is money donated for the Jaywick Project which supports those in a difficult situation.

The Mission Opportunity fund is for income and expenditure relating to the work of St Osyth Deanery.

The Going Green fund is for the Going Green project and includes money donated in the previous year for Solar Panels.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Administrative Address	Old Road Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9BX
Phone	01255 679164
Email	office@stmarysfrinton.org
Website	www.stmarysfrinton.org
Charity Registration Number	1127647
Rector & PCC Chairman	Rev Donald Smith (until 7 th January 2024)
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner
Church Treasurer	Mr Daniel Higgins
PCC Secretary	Mrs Denise Edmonds until December 2023 Dr Maggie Wilson
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE872CA
Solicitors	Sparling, Benham and Brough, 13, Connaught Avenue, Frinton on Sea, Essex CO139HQ
Independent Examiner	Sarah Crispin ACA Stewardship 1 Lambs Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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The Church of St Mary Magdalene, the Parish Church of Frinton (known as 'St Mary's') is within the Deanery of St Osyth and the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Old Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in Connaught Avenue and is also licensed for services.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) holds bank accounts (current and deposit) together with a higher interest earning Church of England (CCLA) deposit account. Our accountants carried out an independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

PCC members who have served since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of April 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

St Mary's Parish Church, Frinton, PCC — May 2023/May 2024

Rector	Rev Don Smith – Chairman	(until 7 th January 2024)
Churchwardens	Mr John Edmonds	April -November 2023 Until APCM 2029
<i>Elected annually</i>	Mrs Heather Ursell	Until APCM 2029
	Mr Peter Wood	December 2023, until APCM 2025
Representatives on St Osyth Deanery Synod <i>if 201+ on Electoral Roll</i>	Mrs Frances Allen Mrs Chris Glasby Mrs Eddie McKay Mrs Cate Wilby	Until APCM 2024 Until APCM 2024 Until APCM 2024 Until APCM 2024
Children's & Families' Workers	Yoyis Higgins	
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mr Malcolm Bryden Dr Maggie Wilson	
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner	
Treasurer	Mr Daniel Higgins	
PCC Secretary	Mrs Denise Edmonds (from 8 th May to November 2023) Dr Maggie Wilson (from December 2023)	

***All the above are ex-officio members of PCC**

(and do not count towards a quorum, which is one third of those below)

1	Mrs Jo Bingham	(Until November 2023)
2	Mrs Lesley Conley	Until APCM 2024 or '25 max
3	Mrs Lesley Cook	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
4	Mrs Wendy Dyne	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
5	Mr John Edmonds	(Until November 2023)
6	Mr Andrew Fitch	Until APCM 2025 max
7	Mrs Tricia Hamilton	Until APCM 2024 or '27 max
8	Mrs Karen Hepworth	Until APCM 2024 or '27 max
9	Mr David Kidney	Until APCM 2024 or '27 max
9	Mrs Alison Murphy	Until APCM 2024 or '27 max
10	Dr John Tudor	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
11	Mr David Wicks	Until APCM 2026 or '29 max
12	Mr David Willis	Until April 2023

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Structure, Governance, and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following registration with the Charity Commission, PCC members serve as trustees of the charity. The day-to-day management of the PCC is with the Chairman and is also delegated to the Churchwardens. The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend the Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are thereby eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met six times in 2023. Copies of minutes from these meetings are now kept for inspection at the church reception desk. The PCC received reports from the Action Groups and these notes are also available to read in the same file in reception. The Action Groups comprise both members of the PCC and of the congregation, to oversee the work of the church. In normal times, the groups meet with different frequencies, depending on their type of responsibilities, and report back regularly to the PCC. A summary of their 2023 activities follows later.

With over 200 on our Electoral Roll, St Mary's had four representatives on the St Osyth Deanery Synod at the end of the year; Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Eddie McKay, and Cate Wilby. Minutes and reports of the Deanery Synod meetings through-out the year were shared through PCC meetings, with Cate Wilby or the Rector clarifying as necessary.

Dominic Gardener keeps the electoral roll and he has sent information that there had been 224 members on the roll at 23rd April 2023, compared with 217 in 2022. The average attendance across all services is 169 which has increased from 124 compared to last year, with 9 children attending regularly. Online services were viewed on average each week on over 42 devices within seven days of their premiering. Also, in 2023, there were 11 funerals and 6 burials of ashes (compared with a total of 9 and 11 in 2022), with clergy officiating at 10 crematorium services, 4 weddings in church (7 in 2022), 0 dedications (2 in 2022) and 2 baptisms (18 in 2022).

"The primary object of all PCCs will be the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England." The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." This is the object of our church and shown in the activities of its members, especially through the work of the Action Groups.

Public Benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives, the PCC have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In so doing, the PCC has complied with their duties in this area as set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

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Action Group Leaders Action Group – *Rev'd Don Smith*

Each Action Group continues to meet and plan its activities for the year, with the aim of seeing the life and outreach of St Mary's prosper. The AG leaders continue to be the 'engine drivers' of St Mary's, keeping everything on track and pursuing our vision to be a church that fulfils the commission to make Jesus known in our community.

Children, Youth & Families Action Group – *Yoyis Higgins (Children and Families Worker)*

Sunday Kids has been running every Sunday and I am very blessed to have Vince's support every week and 3 more amazing people on a rota. We have bought Bibles for each child and we have been reading together on Sundays. We also do art crafts, sing, dance, play and we have a lot of fun. Numbers vary every week but overall, the numbers are between 7-9 kids every week.

We have an amazing and supportive team in Smallsorts: the numbers are at about 40 kids almost every week (plus adults) and we have started a baby group at same time than Smallsorts, but this is just from new born babies up to 6 months - we call it SmallerSorts. Numbers vary each week but Mums are really pleased to have this space.

We had a visit from children in year 1 from Hamford school to learn about what our church does to bring community together, we had 49 children plus teachers and helpers. Maggie Wilson supported me with this activity and it was really nice to see kids and adults have fun while learning about St. Marys church.

Every month we have a Sunday Family Breakfast before the 11am service - families have been enjoying the free meals and getting to know each other better.

Communication and Publicity Action Group – *Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)*

This AG continues to be inventive in how we communicate as a Church. We have technology that allows us to email our contacts from time to time, letting them know of upcoming events. We ran several successful digital campaigns and we returned to newspaper advertising on a couple of occasions to experiment whether this boosted turn out. However, this has proved inconclusive.

The AG ran in 6-month long advertising cycles last year which were effective at raising awareness of our events. Facebook remains our most active platform currently and the use of videos instead of pictures has been successful in boosting posts. Provision of weekly notice sheets (paper and digital) as well as occasional posters, and maintenance of our website, are all ongoing responsibilities. Livestreaming remains in place at the 11am All-Age Service on Sundays and continues to have a core following online.

Fabric Action Group – *David Kidney*

Not what we've done, but what we do. Our action group is very fluid and consists of a small group of people that changes as the demands of the task in hand changes, keeping both churches and their grounds safe, usable and maintaining and improving what we can where we can.

We ensure that boilers are serviced, the lighting conductors are inspected and tested, the gutters are clean, the rubbish is disposed of, and the shortbread crumbs are removed from the Nave carpet, plus many more repetitive tasks. In addition, during 2022, we replaced almost all the old-style light bulbs and fluorescent tubes inside and outside of both churches with LED lamps, thereby reducing our energy consumption.

As you will probably know, we have been working on upgrading the electricity supply, fitting radiant heaters in the church and solar panels on the roof. The work is now in progress and we

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are grateful for the donations of the church family for the funds to vary out this work: unfortunately, we will still need a little more to complete the work.

We are a 'doing' group – we mostly discuss and plan as we work. Our meetings are where we are standing – anywhere from the boiler room to the roof; we hold virtual and face to face meetings with contractors and suppliers: our priority is to get the job done.

Fundraising Action Group – *Rev'd Don Smith*

Fundraising continued with events such as Summer Concerts, two Guest Dinners, other events around food, quizzes, and our annual Christmas Fayre. Significant funds were raised for our Green Energy Project.

Church Growth Action Group – *Rev'd Don Smith*

Following a revision of our 11am church service, we are seeking to ensure it is as user-friendly as possible for non-churched people to attend. We have seen a good response to this initiative with a good many new people attending church.

Homegroups Action Group – *Heather Ursell*

The Homegroups AG comprises leaders of all twelve homegroups. We meet termly to share information about subjects the groups have studied, and any particular encouragements or problems. We are then able to pray for each other, and follow-up on suggestions for studies, or ways of helping group members to grow closer to the Lord Jesus and to each other. There have recently been significant changes in a couple of the groups, which are now working out their way forward.

This is probably the AG with the highest percentage of very active members, as each homegroup leader cares for their 'little flock' throughout the year, facilitating meetings, encouraging spiritual growth, sharing celebrations, and watching out for practical or other needs. Each has a very meaningful role, within the life of the church as well as their own group. We thank them for their commitment.

Missionary Action Group - *Rev'd Don Smith*

During 2023 we continued to receive updates from, and pray for, our three historical mission partners, London City Mission, Open Doors, and Haven in Romania. In April, Open Doors was replaced by us with a new charity, SAT-7, which also ministers to Christians in countries where it's a crime to be Christian. Its ministry is primarily through broadcasting to adults and children across the Middle East and North Africa, as well as providing 1:1 support structures, through social media. As much as possible, three-quarters of our annual giving as a church is divided equally between these three mission partners.

Our fourth quarter of giving is shared across Against Poverty, and Frinton Mission. St Mary's aims to return to tithing a minimum of 10% of its annual income, donating to charitable giving at home and abroad.

Summer Concerts Action Group – *Duncan Archard (Music Director and Choirmaster)*

Summer concerts had average audience of 86 which was up on last year. Many were, quite rightly, full of praise for the standard of performers across the board. The launch concert with canapes etc was again a great success. There was a new initiative, Young People's Concert in September organised by Peter Thorne. Around 80 people attended and were treated to a concert of the highest quality, full of youthful enthusiasm. Great fellowship afterwards with tea and cake.

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Later in September Ruth Young performed with the vocal group, Cantata. Total given to St Mary's in the year was just under £1,500.

Pastoral Care Action Group – *Malcolm Bryden & Tricia Hamilton*

The Pastoral Care Action Group team continued to meet regularly during the year, with our main aim being to show Jesus' love, care and support to those in need in St Mary's fellowship.

We were blessed this year with several new members who have it in their hearts to visit, phone, help others. Our sharing of needs, both of those who attend church and (the majority) of those who are no longer able to do so, is done in regular meetings so that we are hopefully aware of all situations. As well as contact, cards are sent to those who are ill, in hospital, bereaved.

Flowers were taken on Mothering Sunday and a card and Christmas cake in December to those no longer able to attend church.

Safeguarding remains a priority for all members. In a retired area, like Frinton, there is a high number of elderly people who need assistance and company. We pray more of the congregation will feel led to join the Pastoral care Action Group.

Prayer AG – *Graham Dallisson*

The prayer action group is a small one, comprising people who value highly the gift of prayer and encourage more of it. The attendance at the monthly prayer meeting on the third Monday evening of the month remains smaller than we would like – however, the flow of expectant prayer is very encouraging. The missionary prayer meeting continues also.

We review the pastoral prayer life of the church under the watchful eye of Andrew Rose who oversees the prayer chain available for more urgent prayer needs.

Testimonies during the 11.00 a.m. service have been well received and brought encouragement to the fellowship, with more people sharing their stories. We are well served by folk who lead prayers at both services, using a variety of ways to engage the congregation. Discussion has taken place about reusing the DVD course on prayer, but no date has been set for that as yet.

Whilst the church remains in a time of vacancy, prayer becomes even more vital for the unity of the fellowship and the choosing of a new rector for St Mary's.

Safeguarding Action Group– *Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)*

This Action Group meets two or three times a year to identify any issues or Gaps in our approach to Safeguarding. The purpose of this group is to ensure that Safeguarding is alive and at the forefront of what we do here at St Mary's and to raise awareness of safeguarding.

With regard to the PCC's obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults, the members of the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016

Standing Committee – *Rev'd Don Smith*

The Standing Action Group comprises Rector, two Churchwardens, Church Treasurer, PCC Secretary and Operations Manager. Deputy Churchwardens are also included when deemed appropriate.

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The SAG responsibilities are to:

1. Transact the business of the Parochial Church Council between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
2. Oversee all financial matters.
3. Prepare agendas for PCC meetings.

Balancing church income and expenditure (annual turnover approximately £120k) is an important role for this group. We have continued to pay funds to the diocese, in addition to meeting all our financial outgoings, however, we are aware that we are currently overspending each year to the tune of around £15k. This overspend is currently being met by our church reserve fund, but we know we cannot continue to do this. The installation of a new greener energy system to serve the church, and the hall and other rooms, will be a major factor in reducing our annual expenditure.

We continue to meet the needs in maintaining our buildings along with employment of part-time staff: Children's & Families' Worker, Operations Manager, Caretaker, and Director of Music/ Organist/ Choirmaster.

Our Operations Manager continues to oversee our compliance with the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, together with data-protection.

Traditional Services AG – Rev'd Don Smith

This action group oversees 9.30am and 6.30pm Sunday services and the 11am Wednesday Holy Communion service in the Old Church. Our traditional services continue to be greatly appreciated by all those who attend.

The service liturgy alternates monthly between the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship. The 9.30am service is around 40 people in number and remains very well served by the Choirmaster and choir. The 6.30pm service in the Old Church can rise and fall between 20 and 40 people depending on the seasons. Wednesday's 11am service hosts a regular 8-12 people.

Following PCC discussions about the place of joint services between the 9.30am and 11am service, the number of joint services is now two per year, Remembrance Sunday, and Christmas Day, enabling everyone to regularly attend their preferred style of Sunday service for the rest of the year. There is also the continuous opportunity for everyone to attend 'the other' style of service, in order to help strengthen bonds of friendship across St Mary's church family.

Training, Outreach & Evangelism AG – Peter Wood

Our group is open to every member. During the year we have been involved in the organisation of the two successful Guest Fundraiser Dinners where in excess of 100 guests enjoy a first class meal followed by an inspirational visiting speaker. Funds raised have recently been directed towards our "Going Green Project" plus a proportion of funds goes towards another charity chosen by our speaker.

In August we linked in with The Franklin Graham UK God Loves You Tour. We booked a coach which took us all to London Excel Centre. We joined a large audience of 10,000+ people to listen to the message from Franklin Graham, a stirring occasion we shall never forget! In September we commenced a ten week Alpha Course. It proved to be very encouraging with a consistent attendance of about twenty.

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During the year we also joined in with the Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning, raising £800+ for Macmillan. Additionally, we continue to organise weekly Friday Coffee Mornings that are open to the whole community.

At St Mary's we have monthly men's breakfasts regularly attended by up to 30 chaps. Here we are free to share health news e.g. prostate matters.

Of course the highlight of the week is Sunday mornings. Our 11am All Age Service is livestreamed. It's a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere with modern worship where great friendships are gained. At the end of the service church continues over good coffee and fellowship and where we are never in a rush to go home!

11 O'clock Services AG – Rev'd Don Smith

This AG oversees the 11am Sunday morning service. This service has changed considerably following the Covid pandemic. We now sit in curved seating rows, five deep, with the addition of tables and chairs in the rear half of the nave. Our sung worship begins

with the first three songs delivered with recorded music via the screens. This means that the quality of our sung worship which is broadcast over our Livestream feed is clearly heard by the LS audience, via between 40 and 60 screens. The following three songs of worship are usually led by one of our three worship 'bands.'

Other members of the congregation lead prayers and share testimony, with different preachers each week, including of course the rector. This service is largely free of liturgy with, effectively, sung liturgy taking its place through the songs chosen. Towards the end of this service, there is regularly opportunity to engage more fully in the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Tea and coffee are available in church every week, before, during, and after the 11am service. This means that some members of the 9.30am service stay behind to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat alongside their 11am contemporaries.

We recognise that the church-going habits of people are changing. Some people who used to attend every week, now only attend fortnightly or monthly. Some people come-and-go more casually than prior to the pandemic. We are attempting to respond to these changes with a more relaxed attitude towards church attendance and participation.

Living in Love and Faith – Rev'd Don Smith

We have responded to the diocese initiative of 'Living in Love and Faith' with several discussions at PCC. It remains to be seen how this will work out in practice, including how church members will react to actual instances of people with obviously 'alternative lifestyles' coming to St Mary's.

Deanery Synod — Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Eddie McKay, Cate Wilby

Four representatives from St Mary's attended Deanery Synod throughout the year.

Financial Review – Rev'd Don Smith

In 2023 we have worked hard to maintain a balanced budget, in the face of steeply rising utility costs together with a decline in hall and room hire, due to the Covid pandemic and ongoing health concerns. Our giving-through-bank-donations is stable but must be improved in line with rising costs. The 'big ticket item' for 2023 was our 'Going Green Project' to fit solar panels on

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the church hall roof to provide us with electrical energy throughout the year. We have raised £95k of our £100k target and are confident to proceed with the project from the end of 2023 and into 2024.

Employees

Duncan Archard	- Director of music, Choirmaster and Organist
Stewart Atkins	- Caretaker
Dominic Gardner	- Operations Manager
Yoyis Higgins	- Children, Youth, and Families Workers, from March '23
Theresa Rhodes	- Admin assistant, from May '23

St Mary's Church Bible Text for 2024 — an important focus for each year —

“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” *Ephesians 6, 14-15*

Review of St Mary's in 2023

St Mary's Church is normally:

1 church of
219 people in
5 congregations across
5 different services in
2 buildings with
many associated fellowship groups

Plans for the Future

Following the disruption to church life due to the Covid pandemic, we are very pleased to see the restoration of church community life during 2023. All our regular weekly groups are returning to action, along with some new church hall hirers. We aim to move forward as a church, with exciting developments in our children and youth work, in our services, through our nurture courses and in our church life in general.

Risk Management

Through the Operations Manager, we have continued to increase our compliance to all things GDPR and Safeguarding. The PCC members are aware of their responsibilities to assess and mitigate the risks on every area of activity at St Mary's. The PCC members are confident that they have sufficient systems and controls in place to diminish any hazards identified. Our, 'Trinitas Insurance' policies cover the premises.

PCC member David Kidney continues to have responsibility for Health and Safety matters and ensures that appropriate measures are in place to reduce risk and injury in and around the church premises.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the PCC to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

Approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Wood (Churchwarden)

Heather Ursell (Churchwarden)


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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 12 to 17 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Sarah Crispin
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Date: Apr 11, 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			2023 £	2022 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
Income receipts						
Voluntary receipts	2(a)	129,942	5,606	52,267	187,816	182,826
Fundraising income	2(b)	6,890	575	-	7,465	1,867
Church activities	2(c)	33,488	594	-	34,082	38,184
Investment income	2(d)	4,097	106	-	4,203	1,506
Total receipts		<u>174,416</u>	<u>6,882</u>	<u>52,267</u>	<u>233,566</u>	<u>224,383</u>
Payments						
Church activities						
Parish share		60,000	-	-	60,000	60,000
Clergy and staffing costs	3(a)	59,554	-	15,650	75,204	23,487
Church running expenses	3(b)	55,668	2,142	19,450	77,260	112,318
		<u>175,222</u>	<u>2,142</u>	<u>35,100</u>	<u>212,463</u>	<u>195,805</u>
Fundraising expenses	4	2,056	-	-	2,056	-
Mission giving and donations	5	4,048	1,896	-	5,944	5,744
Total payments		<u>181,326</u>	<u>4,038</u>	<u>35,100</u>	<u>220,463</u>	<u>201,549</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers						
		(6,909)	2,844	17,168	13,103	22,834
Transfers between funds		(8,868)	(5,335)	14,202	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(15,777)</u>	<u>(2,490)</u>	<u>31,370</u>	<u>13,103</u>	<u>22,834</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		109,078	10,258	50,719	170,055	147,221
Cash funds at this year end	A	<u>93,301</u>	<u>7,768</u>	<u>82,089</u>	<u>183,158</u>	<u>170,055</u>

The notes on pages 14 - 17 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds			2023 £	2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
A Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	34,248	-	-	34,248	76,545
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund	56,315	7,768	82,089	146,172	93,185
Petty cash	2,738	-	-	2,738	325
	<u>93,301</u>	<u>7,768</u>	<u>82,089</u>	<u>183,158</u>	<u>170,055</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	1,839	-	-	1,839	2,065
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	1,944
Church weekend paid in advance	-	-	-	-	9,710
Insurance prepayment	2,128	-	-	2,128	1,954
Employee loan	3,247	-	-	3,247	-
	<u>7,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,967</u>	<u>15,673</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year					
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	53
Fee for Independent Examination	1,140	-	-	1,140	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	1,625
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,678</u>

D Assets retained for charity's own use


	Cost £	Current value £
Sound System	44,918	17,912
Piano	19,440	-
Chairs	18,909	3,781
	<u>83,267</u>	<u>21,693</u>

Consecrated property, beneficed property and moveable church furnishings which require a special faculty for disposal are excluded from the above list of charity assets.

E Investment assets

	Cost £	Current value £
HSBC Holdings plc: 1317 Ordinary US\$0.50 shares	859	8,323
£250 2.5% Consolidated stock	150	150
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>8,473</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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 Peter Wood
 Date: Apr 11, 2024

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 Heather Ursell
 Apr 11, 2024

The notes on pages 14 - 17 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

In the previous year the charity opted to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis. As the charity's income is less than £250,000, it has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis and the results reported previously have been restated; further information is given in note 8 below.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
2 a) Voluntary income					
Planned giving	106,236	2,378	-	108,614	96,796
Collections	12,106	-	-	12,106	17,360
Other donations	1,376	3,228	35,971	40,575	50,059
Other grants	3,800	-	15,650	19,450	-
Gift aid recovered	6,424	-	646	7,070	18,611
	<u>129,942</u>	<u>5,606</u>	<u>52,267</u>	<u>187,816</u>	<u>182,826</u>
b) Fundraising income					
Fundraising events	6,890	575	-	7,465	1,867
	<u>6,890</u>	<u>575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,465</u>	<u>1,867</u>
c) Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	9,399	-	-	9,399	6,046
Church weekend	-	-	-	-	6,183
Lettings for community use	20,466	-	-	20,466	25,821
Other income	3,622	594	-	4,216	134
	<u>33,488</u>	<u>594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,082</u>	<u>38,184</u>
d) Investment income					
Interest from cash deposits	3,510	106	-	3,616	1,324
Dividends from CBF investment funds	587	-	-	587	182
	<u>4,097</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,203</u>	<u>1,506</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted Funds £		
3 a) Clergy and staffing costs					
Cost of payroll	51,821	-	15,650	67,471	19,491
Clergy expenses	4,408	-	-	4,408	3,996
Staff expenses including training	3,325	-	-	3,325	-
	<u>59,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,650</u>	<u>75,204</u>	<u>23,487</u>
<p>Rev Don Smith (who was a clergy member of the PCC during the year) received a stipend from the Diocese; the cost of these stipends is not included in the above payroll cost however it should be noted that some of the Parish share is used to help pay the stipends. Rev Don Smith was provided with accommodation (which is customary for clergy) and incurred expenses whilst serving as clergy and these costs are also disclosed in the above note.</p> <p>Cost of payroll comparatives above only include ministry staff with other staff being included in Administration & Church running costs. For 2023 all staff costs have been included in this category.</p>					
b) Church running costs					
Cost of services	11,649	434	736	12,819	5,917
Children and youth ministry	-	965	-	965	-
Other ministry expenses	1,130	488	-	1,619	81
Church weekend away	-	-	-	-	9,710
Independent examiner's fee	1,560	-	-	1,560	2,225
Administration	11,179	-	-	11,179	44,690
Church running costs	30,150	-	-	30,150	48,747
Routine church maintenance	-	255	4,500	4,755	948
Church building projects	-	-	14,214	14,214	-
	<u>55,668</u>	<u>2,142</u>	<u>19,450</u>	<u>77,260</u>	<u>112,318</u>
4 Fundraising expenses					
Fundraising events	1,408	-	-	1,408	-
Concerts	647	-	-	647	-
	<u>2,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,056</u>	<u>-</u>
5 Mission giving and donations					
Mission elsewhere in UK and overseas					
Missionary societies	3,000	-	-	3,000	2,370
Home missions	1,048	-	-	1,048	3,374
Rectors Discretionary Fund	-	1,896	-	1,896	-
	<u>4,048</u>	<u>1,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,944</u>	<u>5,744</u>

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6 Transactions with related parties

Dominic Gardner served as Operations Manager and Yoyis Higgins served as Children's & Families' Worker, and both received payments for serving in these capacities, not for serving as members of the PCC; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

7 Movement on designated, restricted and endowment funds

	Opening balance £	Change of basis (note 8) £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	150,325	(41,247)	174,416	(181,326)	(8,868)	93,301
Designated funds						
Old Church	750	-	176	(255)	-	671
Choir	710	-	-	-	210	920
Wednesday Group	733	-	469	(57)	(300)	845
Smallsorts	1,246	-	524	(77)	(1,000)	693
Church weekend	413	-	-	-	-	413
Church social A/G	4,532	-	-	-	(4,532)	-
Kingdom coffee	500	-	-	-	(500)	-
Family & Children	471	-	1,260	(887)	-	844
Messy Church	10	-	-	-	-	10
St Mary's Players	334	-	575	-	-	909
Flower Guild	559	-	-	(434)	-	125
Uniform Bank	-	-	-	(432)	500	68
Rectors Discretionary Fund	-	-	1,940	(1,896)	288	332
Don and Karen Leaving Gift	-	-	1,937	-	-	1,937
	<u>10,258</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,882</u>	<u>(4,038)</u>	<u>(5,335)</u>	<u>7,768</u>
Restricted funds						
Old Church	9,784	-	-	-	(1,050)	8,734
Organ Fund	2,274	-	-	(736)	-	1,538
Jaywick	124	-	265	-	-	389
Going Green Project	34,037	-	36,353	(14,214)	15,252	71,428
Stained Glass Window	4,500	-	-	(4,500)	-	-
CAP Fund	-	-	15,650	(15,650)	-	-
	<u>50,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,267</u>	<u>(35,100)</u>	<u>14,202</u>	<u>82,089</u>
Total funds	<u>211,302</u>	<u>(41,247)</u>	<u>233,566</u>	<u>(220,463)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,158</u>

The Old Church fund is money given specifically for the Old Church. During the year a transfer was made from this fund to general to cover the time spent by the caretaker tidying the old church garden.

The Organ fund is for the maintenance of the church organ

The Jaywick fund is money donated for the Jaywick Project which supports those in a difficult situation.

The Going Green fund is for the Going Green project and includes money donated in the previous year for Solar Panels

The Stained Glass Window fund is to maintain any damage or repairs to the stained glass windows.

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8 Reconciliation with previously reported funds

As explained in note 1 'Accounting Policies' , in the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the accruals basis; in the current year the charity's income was less than £250,000 and the charity has taken advantage of the option to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The comparatives presented in these accounts have been re-stated using the receipts and payments basis and a reconciliation with the reserves and results reported previously follows:

Reconciliation of reserves

	2022	2021
	£	£
Previously reported reserves, at 31 December	211,302	192,993
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:		
Exclusion of previously included fixed assets	(36,962)	(43,541)
Exclusion of previously included debtors	(5,963)	(4,793)
Exclusion of previously included creditors	1,678	2,562
Re-stated reserves, at 31 December	<u>170,055</u>	<u>147,221</u>

Reconciliation of results

	2022
	£
Previously reported results	18,309
Adjustments arising from use of receipts and payments basis:	
Previously capitalised expenditure, less depreciation, now expensed	8,327
Excluded gain on fixed asset investments	(1,748)
Excluded movements in debtors resulting in the recognition of more / (less) income	(1,170)
Excluded movements in creditors resulting in the recognition of less / (more) expenditure	(884)
Re-stated results	<u>22,834</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1127647

Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 01127647

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Administrative Address	Old Road Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9BX
Phone	01255 679164
Email	office@stmarysfrinton.org
Website	www.stmarysfrinton.org
Charity Registration Number	1127647
Rector & PCC Chairman	Rev Donald Smith BEM
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner
Church Treasurer	Mr Daniel Higgins
Church Secretary	Mrs Heather Ursell (to 31 December 2022)
PCC Secretary	Mrs Denise Edmonds (from 8 May 2022) Mrs Heather Ursell (to 8 May 2022)
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 75 Connaught Avenue Frinton-on-Sea Essex CO13 9BL
Solicitors	Sparling, Benham & Brough 62A Connaught Avenue Frinton-on-Sea Essex CO13 9QH
Independent Examiner	Tim O'Connor ACA FCCA DChA Scrutton Bland LLP Chartered Accountants 820 The Crescent Colchester Business Park Colchester CO4 9YQ

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The Church of St Mary Magdalene, the Parish Church of Frinton (known as 'St Mary's') is within the Deanery of St Osyth and the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Old Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in Connaught Avenue and is also licensed for services.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) holds bank accounts (current and deposit) together with a higher interest earning Church of England (CCLA) deposit account. Our accountants carried out an independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

PCC members who have served since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of April 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

St Mary's Parish Church, Frinton, PCC — May 2022/May 2023

Rector	Rev Don Smith BEM - Chairman	
Churchwardens <i>Elected annually</i>	Mr David Kidney Mr Peter Wood	APCM 2023 max APCM 2025 max
Representatives on St Osyth Deanery Synod <i>if 201+ on Electoral Roll</i>	Mrs Frances Allen Mrs Chris Glasby Mrs Eddie McKay Mrs Cate Wilby	APCM 2024 APCM 2024 APCM 2024 APCM 2024
Children's & Families' Workers	Mrs Lauren Puttick (to 31 October 2022) Mr Samuel Puttick (to 31 October 2022) Mrs Yoyis Higgins (from 1 March 2023)	
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mr Malcolm Bryden Dr Maggie Wilson	
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner	
Treasurer	Mr Daniel Higgins	
Church Secretary	Mrs Heather Ursell (to 31 December 2022)	
PCC Secretary	Mrs Heather Ursell (to 8 May 2022) Mrs Denise Edmonds (from 8 May 2022)	

***All the above are ex-officio members of PCC**

(and do not count towards a quorum, which is one third of those below)

1	Mrs Jo Bingham	APCM 2024 or '27 max
2	Mrs Lesley Conley	APCM 2022 or '25 max
3	Mr John Edmonds	APCM 2023 or '26 max
4	Mr Andrew Fitch	APCM 2022 or '25 max
5	Mrs Tricia Hamilton	APCM 2024 or '27 max
6	Mrs Karen Hepworth	APCM 2024 or '27 max
7	Mrs Margaret Johns	APCM 2022 or '25 max
8	Mrs Shirley Kidney	APCM 2022 or '25 max
9	Mrs Alison Murphy	APCM 2024 or '27 max
10	Mr Garry Walker	APCM 2024 or '27 max (to 24 July 2022)
11	Mrs Susan Walker	APCM 2024 or '27 max (to 1 December 2022)
12	Mr David Willis	APCM 2023 max

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Structure, Governance, and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following registration with the Charity Commission, PCC members serve as trustees of the charity. The day-to-day management of the PCC is with the Chairman and is also delegated to the Churchwardens. The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend the Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are thereby eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met four times in 2022. With the relaxing of Covid restrictions, face-to-face meetings were possible again. Other communications and electronic votes were conducted as and when necessary. Copies of minutes from these meetings are now kept openly for inspection at the church reception desk. The PCC received reports from the Action Groups which were all able to meet face-to-face once more. These are also available to read in the same file in reception. The Action Groups comprise both members of the PCC and of the congregation, to oversee the work of the church. In normal times, the groups meet with different frequencies, depending on their type of responsibilities, and report back regularly to the PCC. A summary of their 2022 activities follows later.

With over 200 on our Electoral Roll, St Mary's had four representatives on the St Osyth Deanery Synod at the end of the year; Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Eddie McKay, and Cate Wilby. Minutes and reports of the Deanery Synod meetings through-out the year were shared through PCC meetings, with Cate Wilby or the Rector clarifying as necessary.

At the 2022 APCM, on 8th May, Mr David Wicks passed the task of Electoral Roll Officer over to Mr Dominic Gardner, who has provided the Electoral Roll for the past year. He has sent information that there had been 217 members on the roll at 23rd April, compared with 221 in 2021. Church services were reinstated in early 2022 with the relaxing of Covid restrictions. The average attendance across all services has increased to an average of 124 each week, with 12 children attending regularly. This compares very favourably with 100 regular attendees in 2021 and illustrates that church attendance is recovering post-pandemic. Online services were viewed on average each week on over 62 devices within seven days of their premiering; this is less than 2021 as parishioners have returned to church in person. Also, in 2022, there were 9 funerals and 11 burials of ashes (compared with a total of 18 in 2021), with clergy officiating at 10 crematorium services, 7 weddings in church (9 in 2021), 2 dedications (0 in 2021) and 18 baptisms (2 in 2021).

"The primary object of all PCCs will be the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England." The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." This is the object of our church and shown in the activities of its members, especially through the work of the Action Groups.

Public Benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives, the PCC have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In so doing, the PCC has complied with their duties in this area as set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

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Action Group Reports - *Don Smith BEM (Rector)*

Each Action Group continues to meet and plan its activities for the year. The AG leaders liaise with each other to see the work of St Mary's prosper. During 2022 the AG leaders continued to redevelop their work in the wake of the Covid pandemic, paying close attention to the need to some distancing, particularly for elderly people.

The AG leaders continue to be the 'engine drivers' of St Mary's Church, keeping everything on track and pursuing the vision of St Mary's to be a Church that fulfils the commission to make Jesus known in our community.

Children, Youth & Families AG – *Karen Hepworth & Don Smith BEM*

Lauren Puttick ran the children's work in the church, heading up the Sunday work and St Mary's mother and toddler group (Smallsorts) on Thursday mornings. Sundays have gone well with Lauren Puttick being supported by Vince Cross plus another member of the children's work team. The children had a variety of teaching and fun activities, craft etc. Numbers vary week to week but overall, the numbers are increasing as new families join the 11.00am service. This work has continued since Lauren Puttick left on 31st October 2022 with three people from the Sunday children's work team. We look forward to a new leader for the team.

A strong team support the Smallsorts' mornings. The number of children attending with their parents/carers is usually between 30 and 35. The children enjoy craft and general play, ending with singing nursery rhymes and Christian children's songs. This work has continued since Lauren Puttick left as we await the recruitment of a new Children's and Families worker to head up the team.

Sam Puttick worked with the Youth both on Sunday mornings and in a mid-week house group. He had started to train up some young people in Projection, Livestreaming and Sound. He also worked in schools alongside Claire Thurston from The Free Church running Good News club at St. Philomena's and Hamford Primary Schools. At the present time we do not have any youth attending church. The school's work has continued, run by Claire Thurston who has helpers from The Free Church.

It is hoped that the employment of a new Children & Families worker (who commenced on 1st March 2023) will see the continuation of the work on Sunday mornings and Thursday mornings. The rector will rekindle his links to the various schools in the area to take school assemblies.

Communication and Publicity AG – *Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)*

The Action Group continues to look at new ways of advertising, and we have acquired software to help advertise on multiple platforms and still allow us to print posters. This new software means that less time is spent on converting items into a usable format for each place individually. We can now advertise simultaneously with a quick migration onto social media, screens in church, notice sheets or posters and no longer suffer quality issues and vast amounts of time trying to make it better. Facebook remains our most active platform currently and the use of videos instead of pictures has been successful in boosting posts. Livestreaming remains in place at the 11a.m. service on Sundays and has a steady weekly following.

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Fabric Action Group – David Kidney (Church Warden)

The Fabrics Action Group is not so much about what we've done, but about what we do! The group is very fluid, and the people involved changes as the demands of the task in hand changes. We keep both churches and their grounds safe, and usable, maintaining and improving what we can, where we can. We ensure that boilers are serviced, lightning conductors are inspected and tested, that toilets flush and taps work, that gutters are clean, the rubbish disposed of, shortbread crumbs removed from the Nave carpet, plus many more repetitive tasks.

During 2022 we have replaced almost all the old-style light bulbs and florescent tubes with LED lamps inside and outside both churches, thereby reducing our electricity consumption. We have also been working towards upgrading the electricity supply, fitting radiant heaters in the church and solar panels on the roof. We are a "doing" group, holding our meetings where we happen to be standing at the time, whether that is the boiler-room or the roof! We also hold virtual and face-to-face meetings with contractors and suppliers. Our priority is always to get the job done!

Fundraising – Don Smith BEM (Rector)

During 2022 we held an Autumn Fundraising Season comprising a concert by The Hatstand Opera Company, a Church Quiz Night, a Guest Dinner and a Grand Christmas Fayre. Funds were raised for our Energy Project. We raised around £2k with these events. We plan our 2023 fundraising events to be spread out across the year with a target of around £9k.

Church Growth AG – Don Smith BEM (Rector)

Following an attendance of 21 people from St Mary's at the 'Church Growth' conference in January 2022, we embarked on a revision of our 11 a.m. church service, seeking to ensure it is as user-friendly as possible for non-churched people to attend. We have seen a good response to this initiative with many new people attending church. We have introduced the 'God of mission' prayer at the end of every church service and every church meeting.

Homegroups AG – Heather Ursell

Over the past year, three of our homegroups have disbanded, for different reasons, and one new one has formed. We now have twelve groups, mostly meeting weekly during term-time. In this way, about a hundred St Mary's folk, plus a few who attend other local churches, meet together for fellowship and Bible study, as well as mutual support when times get tough. Most meet in private homes, but one meets in a small room at church, and another meets exclusively online.

There is an ongoing need for daytime groups, although we do have three evening groups whose members prefer that time of day. This need is one reason we have been pleased to start a new homegroup which happens to include members from both our Sunday morning congregations.

The Homegroups AG is made up of the leaders of all the different homegroups. We meet termly to share information about subjects we have studied as a group, and any particular encouragements or problems. We are then able to pray for each other, and follow-up on suggestions for good group studies, or ways of helping group members to grow closer to the Lord Jesus and to each other.

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Missionary AG - Don Smith BEM (Rector)

During 2022 we continued to host visiting speakers from our mission partners. Three quarters of our annual giving as a church is divided between these partners. Our fourth quarter of giving is divided between: The Jaywick Project, CPAS, CAP and Frinton Mission. St Mary's aims to tithe a minimum of 10% of its income each year to charitable giving at home and abroad. We are planning to review and change one or two of our main mission partners during 2023.

Pastoral Care AG – Malcolm Bryden & Tricia Hamilton

With the easing of COVID restrictions, regular, well supported, Pastoral Care Action Group meetings were held in 2022. Our main aim continues to be show Jesus' love, care and support for St Mary's fellowship.

With each of our members, and all the church's teams (Tuesday Fellowship, Wednesday Group, Home Groups, Choir etc), responsible for keeping in touch with members of the congregation, St Mary's is able to provide help and contact where needed. However, several people are still anxious about returning to church after COVID.

With the Operations Manager's assistance, the required Safeguarding Training was provided either individually or with one of the leaders of the Action Group. It has to be said that this training is seen as a complicated condition by some of our congregation and sadly means they cannot serve on the Pastoral Care Action Group. Consequently, there is a need for more members to step forward.

Colchester Hospital are restarting Chaplaincy training this year and it would be wonderful if a member of St Mary's could consider this valuable help to those in hospital.

The Action Group has been discussing the LYCIG suggestions, particularly Presence and the need to reach out to encourage others to church, but also to be very welcoming to new (and not so new!) people.

Prayer AG – Graham Dallisson

The Prayer Action Group has four members and were able to meet three times during 2022 following the easing of COVID restrictions. The Leading your church into Growth course has brought fresh enthusiasm for prayer. Prayer requests are received from both churches and used in the mid-week communion service and in the prayer chain as appropriate.

The monthly prayer meeting is continuing in church rooms if with slightly smaller numbers. During the past year we have been seeking to encourage those at the 11 o'clock service to give a testimony to answered prayer and this has been good.

Evangelism, pastoral care, prayer and so on need to underpin all that happens in church life. Releasing people to lead prayers in the Sunday livestream services has worked well.

We thank God for the Zoom prayer meeting for Frinton Mission on the first Saturday of each month. Much to thank God for!

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Safeguarding – *Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)*

This Action Group has recently been launched with the intention of making Safeguarding integral and alive within every area of the Church, and not just “something we have to do”. Safeguarding is paramount to everything we do at St Mary’s, and we want everyone to know how important it is to us as a Church.

Standing Committee - *Don Smith BEM (Rector)*

The Standing Committee comprises of the Rector, two Churchwardens, Church Treasurer, PCC Secretary and Operations Manager.

The SAG responsibilities are to:

1. transact the business of the Parochial Church Council between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
2. oversee all financial matters.
3. prepare agendas for PCC meetings.

Balancing church income and expenditure (2022 income is £225k) is an important role for this group. We have continued to pay funds to the diocese, in addition to meeting all our financial outgoings. However, we are aware that we are currently overspending each year on unrestricted funds to the tune of £18k in 2022. This overspend is currently being met by our general funds. We are aware that we cannot continue to do this. The installation of a new Energy System to serve the church, hall and other rooms, will be a major factor in reducing our annual expenditure.

We continue to meet the needs in maintaining our buildings along with the employment of an Operations Manager, Caretaker, and Choirmaster. Employment of a new, part-time Children’s & Families’ Worker took place on 1 March 2023.

Our Operations Manager continues to oversee our compliance with the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults, together with compliance on Data Protection.

Traditional Services AG - *Don Smith BEM (Rector)*

This AG oversees 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sunday services and the 11a.m. Wednesday Holy Communion service. Our traditional services continue to be greatly appreciated by all those who attend.

The liturgy alternates monthly between the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship. The 9.30 a.m. service is around 40 people in number and remains very well served by the Choirmaster and choir. Attendance at the 6.30 p.m. service in the Old Church can rise and fall between 20 and 40 people depending on the seasons. Wednesday’s 11 a.m. service hosts a regular congregation of 8-12 people.

There have been discussions during 2022 about the place of joint services between the 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. service. There used to be around six joint services per year which were largely traditional in style. The rector and other church leaders believe that the time has come to make joint services contemporary in style. Discussions around this have been ongoing. The Rector continues to negotiate the challenges surrounding this area of church life.

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Training, Outreach & Evangelism AG – Peter Wood

The Group is open to all church members. We act as an “umbrella” action group for all other groups that have an interest in outreach to the community we serve. The new Men’s’ Breakfast Club is one such group that is now gaining in popularity. Its emphasis, apart from a jolly good, cooked breakfast, being to support those going through problems with the Prostate and other health issues.

With the onset of the cost-of-living crisis we have now introduced a “Warm Welcome Hub” open to all on a Tuesday and Friday morning. This aims to make use of the church’s already warm lounge during the week by providing a venue that is friendly, free and warm with a hot drink. During the year we have put on two “Exploring our Faith” courses, parts 1 and 2. These have been well attended and much appreciated. They followed on from each other and were aimed to assist us all to grow and discover what it means to be a Christian in this day and age. In October we hosted another Antiques Roadshow in liaison with the auctioneers Reeman Dansie of Colchester. It’s always good to see events such as this in the church where the community can come together to have their special possessions valued in a “safe place”. November saw our very popular Fundraiser Dinner, open to everyone. This was a great success with a hall packed with guests. A three-course meal was provided with very smart volunteer waiters. Our splendid after dinner speaker was a well-known local man who is now a senior prison chaplain. We were also able to raise a good sum towards our St Mary’s Green Energy Fund.

Sunday Services continue to be livestreamed. Post pandemic we are starting to see numbers slowly grow again after what has been a very difficult period for everyone. As always, we major on making everyone welcome. It’s so encouraging to see genuine friendships nurtured at St Mary’s as we grow together in faith.

11 O’clock Services AG - Don Smith BEM (Rector)

This AG oversees the 11 a.m. Sunday morning service. This service has changed considerably following the Covid pandemic. We now sit in curved seating rows, five deep, with the addition of tables and chairs in the second half of the nave. Our sung worship begins with the first three songs being delivered with recorded music via the screens. This means that the sung worship that is broadcast over our Livestream feed is clearly heard by the Livestream audience. The following three songs of worship are led by one of our three worship ‘bands’. This service is largely free of liturgy with appropriate song words taking its place.

We now have tea and coffee available in church every week. This is available before, during and after the 11 a.m. service. This means that some members of the 9.30 a.m. service stay behind to enjoy a cup of coffee with their 11 a.m. contemporaries.

Our 11 a.m. service offers the opportunity to engage more fully in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, towards the end of the service.

We recognise that the church-going habits of people are changing. Some people who used to attend every week, now only attend fortnightly or monthly. Some people come-and-go more casually than prior to the pandemic. We are attempting to respond to these changes with a heightened, relaxed attitude towards church attendance and participation.

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Living in Love and Faith – Don Smith BEM (Rector)

We have responded to the diocese initiative of 'Living in Love and Faith' with the rector producing a paper entitled '**That Ship Has Sailed**' in which he addresses the question of the attitudes we as members of a local parish church might have towards those people who profess an alternative sexuality to that we have been used to. This has been generally well accepted. It remains to be seen how, in practice, church members will react to actual instances of people with 'alternative lifestyles' presenting themselves to St Mary's Church.

Deanery Synod — Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Eddie McKay, Cate Wilby

During 2022, Deanery Synod meetings were able to resume face-to-face with the relaxing of Covid Restrictions. Apart from the usual Church business, we had a very interesting meeting with the Bishop of Chelmsford, who spoke about her life growing up in Iran and her plans and vision going forward for our Diocese. Rev Laurie Bond, Area Dean and CAP debt coach, Alice Uwizera, have continued in their roles.

Financial Review - Don Smith BEM (Rector)

In 2022 we have worked hard to maintain a balanced budget, in the face of steeply rising utility costs together with a decline in hall and room hire, due to ongoing health concerns.

Our giving-through-bank-donations is stable but must be improved in line with rising costs.

The 'big ticket item' for 2022 / 2023 is our 'Going Green Project'. We are planning to raise £90k to fit solar panels on the church hall roof to provide us with electrical energy throughout the year. During 2022 we said goodbye to Sam and Lauren Puttick our Children's and Families Workers. We have replaced them with a new part-time worker during 2023.

Reserves Policy

Shares are still held in HSBC which have been kept in reserve against emergencies. These shares have a current market value of £6,942 as set out on page 23 in the Financial Report. We review our reserves policy through the Standing Committee, who report to the PCC.

Employees

Duncan Archard	- Choirmaster and Organist
Stewart Atkins	- Caretaker
Dominic Gardner	- Operations Manager
Samuel and Lauren Puttick	- Children, Youth, and Families Workers (to 31 October 2022)
Yoyis Higgins	- Children, Youth, and Families Worker (from 1 March 2023)
Heather Ursell	- Church Secretary (to 31 December 2022)

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St Mary's Church Bible Text for 2022 — an important focus for each year —
“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times
what was sown.”

Matthew 13:8

Review of St Mary's in 2022 - The Rector, Revd Don Smith BEM

St Mary's Church is normally:

1 church of
217 people in
5 congregations across
5 different services in
2 buildings with
many associated fellowship groups.

Plans for the Future

(i) 'Going Green'

The project install solar panels to provide energy at negative cost to the church is well underway. We are fundraising towards this with ten different events during 2023.

(ii) Conference

In April 2023, thirty church members are attending the 'Spring Harvest' conference. This is a very exciting period for St Mary's with so many people interested in developing their faith.

(iii) Coronation

In May we will be holding a Coronation Service inviting Frinton townfolk to join us in celebrating our new King Charles III.

(iv) School uniforms

A new venture has seen the establishing of a School Uniform Bank at the church. This is proving to be highly successful in supplying school uniforms to many children in the area at no cost to them.

(v) General Synod

The big talking point for many has been General Synod of the CofE's decision to allow the blessing of same-sex unions in church. We are discussing this as a church over the coming months before coming to any decisions about it for ourselves.

Risk Management

Through our Operations Manager we have continued to increase our compliance to all things GDPR and Safeguarding. The PCC are aware of their responsibilities to assess and mitigate the risks in every area of activity at St Mary's. The PCC are confident that they have sufficient systems and control in place to diminish any hazards identified. Our 'Trinitas Insurance' policies cover the premises.

Churchwarden David Kidney continues to have responsibility for Health and Safety matters and ensures appropriate measures are in place to reduce risk and injury in and around the church premises.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council on and signed on their behalf by

The Reverend Donald Edgar Smith BEM

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to members of the Parochial Church Council (as Trustees, see page 3) as a body, in accordance with the section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Parochial Church Council those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities and basis of the report

As the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all of the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

TIM O'CONNOR ACA FCCA DChA

SCRUTTON BLAND LLP
Chartered Accountants
820 The Crescent
Colchester Business Park
Colchester
CO4 9YQ

Dated:

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	3(a)	136,721	36,537	173,258	139,053
Other voluntary income	3(b)	16,780	-	16,780	24,663
Other trading activities	3(c)	33,945	-	33,945	24,219
Investments	3(d)	1,506	-	1,506	255
Total income and endowments		188,952	36,537	225,489	188,190
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	208,928	-	208,928	175,709
Total expenditure		208,928	-	208,928	175,709
Net gains on investments		1,748	-	1,748	46
Net (expenditure)/income		(18,228)	36,537	18,309	12,527
Transfers between funds		(2,000)	2,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(20,228)	38,537	18,309	12,527
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		180,811	12,182	192,993	180,466
Total funds carried forward		£ 160,583	£ 50,719	£ 211,302	£ 192,993

An analysis between funds of the 2021 year end Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 13 to these financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed assets	6	30,020	38,347
Investments	7	6,942	5,194
		<u>36,962</u>	<u>43,541</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,963	4,793
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund		93,185	91,975
Barclays Bank		76,545	54,921
Cash at bank and in hand		325	325
		<u>176,018</u>	<u>152,014</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(1,678)</u>	<u>(2,562)</u>
Net current assets		<u>174,340</u>	<u>149,452</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>211,302</u>	<u>192,993</u>
Net assets		<u>£ 211,302</u>	<u>£ 192,993</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	2(a)	150,325	168,681
Designated funds	2(a)	10,258	12,130
Restricted funds	2(b)	50,719	12,182
		<u>£ 211,302</u>	<u>£ 192,993</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

2022 and signed on its behalf by

The Reverend Donald Edgar Smith BEM
Rector and PCC Chairman

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as applicable from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, as updated in October 2018, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at mid-market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in Law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant areas of adjustment and key assumptions that affect items in the accounts are to do with estimating the liability from multi-year grant commitments (see note 1(f) and note 4(a)).

The Charity qualifies as a small charity as defined in the Charities SORP (FRS102) and as such is exempt from preparing a Statement of Cash Flows.

Funds

1(a) General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Further unrestricted funds are designated on a discretionary basis. Restricted funds are accounted for with the monies being applied in accordance with the terms of the initial receipt.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - *(Continued)* YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *(continued)*

Incoming resources and resources expended

1(b) Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the certain amount due. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

1(c) Other charitable trading

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

1(d) Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

1(e) Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December, annually.

1(f) Grants funding expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

1(g) Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The Diocesan quota is accounted for when payable and is allocated to the Parish Church and the Old Church in the ratio of the number of communicants at each Church. This has resulted in a deficit on the Old Church Fund, which has been covered by a transfer from unrestricted and undesignated Funds. Expenditure relating to the Old Church can continue to be borne by undesignated Funds until further income arises which is specifically designated or restricted to the Old Church.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - *(Continued)* YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *(continued)*

1(h) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation.

Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over ten years and are reviewed on an annual basis for impairment by the Trustees.

1(i) Investments

Investments are valued at mid-market value at 31 December.

1(j) Deposits

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England funds or at the bank.

1(k) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1(l) Pension

Defined contribution pension plan

The PCC operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the PCC pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the PCC has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the PCC independently administered funds.

1(m) Going concern

The PCC have a reasonable expectation that the entity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

2(a) General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Further unrestricted funds are designated on a discretionary basis; designated accounts were operated during the year, as follows:

	Balances at 1.1.22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balances at 31.12.22 £
General Funds	168,681	188,824	207,180	-	150,325
Designated Funds:					
Old Church	2,750	-	-	(2,000)	750
Choir	710	-	-	-	710
Wednesday Group	733	-	-	-	733
Small Sorts Mother and Toddler	1,118	128	-	-	1,246
Church Weekend	413	-	-	-	413
Church Social A/G	4,532	-	-	-	4,532
Kingdom Coffee	500	-	-	-	500
Family and Children	471	-	-	-	471
MESSY	10	-	-	-	10
Players	334	-	-	-	334
Flower Guild	559	-	-	-	559
	<u>£ 180,811</u>	<u>£ 188,952</u>	<u>£ 207,180</u>	<u>£ (2,000)</u>	<u>£ 160,583</u>

Expenditure above includes the movement on investments during the year.

The transfer above relates to a reclassification of a prior year receipt that has now been moved to restricted funds.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 FUND ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

2(b) Restricted funds are accounted for with the monies being applied in accordance with the terms of the initial receipt; five restricted funds were operated during the year, as follows:

	Balances at 1.1.22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balances at 31.12.22 £
Old Church	9,784	-	-	-	9,784
Organ Fund	2,274	-	-	-	2,274
Jaywick	124	-	-	-	124
Solar Panels	-	34,037	-	-	34,037
Stained Glass Window	-	2,500	-	2,000	4,500
	<u>£ 12,182</u>	<u>36,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 2,000</u>	<u>£ 50,719</u>

- Old Church** - This fund is money given specifically to the Old Church.
- Organ Fund** - This fund is for the maintenance of the church organ.
- Jaywick Fund** - Money donated for the Jaywick Project.
- Solar Panels** - Money donated for the Solar Panels.
- Stained Glass Window** - Money donated for the Stained Glass Window.

3 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2021 £
3(a) Donations and planned giving				
Covenants/gift aid	94,296	2,500	96,796	98,315
Income tax recoverable on covenants/gift aid	17,773	-	17,773	18,249
Collections at all services	17,360	-	17,360	7,158
Sundry donations	7,292	-	7,292	15,331
Solar Panels	-	34,037	34,037	-
	<u>£ 136,721</u>	<u>£ 36,537</u>	<u>£ 173,258</u>	<u>£ 139,053</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

3 INCOME - (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2021 £
3(b) Other voluntary income				
Appeals	8,444	-	8,444	4,843
Legacies	-	-	-	8,000
Fund raising events	1,867	-	1,867	1,819
Organisations	286	-	286	17
Grants	-	-	-	350
Government grant - JRS	-	-	-	9,634
Church Weekend	6,183	-	6,183	-
	<u>£ 16,780</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 16,780</u>	<u>£ 24,663</u>
 3(c) Receipts from charitable and ancillary trading				
Publications including				
Bible study notes	25	-	25	298
Church hall lettings	27,765	-	27,765	10,017
Fees	6,046	-	6,046	13,783
Photocopying	109	-	109	121
	<u>£ 33,945</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 33,945</u>	<u>£ 24,219</u>
 3(d) Income from investments, dividends and interest	<u>£ 1,506</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 1,506</u>	<u>£ 255</u>
 Total income	<u>£ 188,952</u>	<u>£ 36,537</u>	<u>£ 225,489</u>	<u>£ 188,190</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2021 £
4(a) Grants funding activities				
Missionary and charitable giving:				
Missionary societies	2,370	-	2,370	850
Home missions	3,374	-	3,374	1,331
	<u>£ 5,744</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 5,744</u>	<u>£ 2,181</u>
4(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry: Diocesan quota	60,000	-	60,000	60,000
Clergy expenses	3,996	-	3,996	4,016
Church running expenses	48,747	-	48,747	33,392
Church maintenance	1,145	-	1,145	6,269
Publication and Bible study notes	182	-	182	155
Other parish activities (including church w/e)	9,341	-	9,341	(528)
Salary and expense of organist	5,917	-	5,917	3,138
Sound System	268	-	268	4,738
Depreciation	8,327	-	8,327	8,327
	<u>£ 137,923</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 137,923</u>	<u>£ 119,507</u>
4(c) Support cost and administration				
Administration	43,545	-	43,545	29,166
Children and Families' Worker	19,491	-	19,491	23,427
Independent examiner fees	2,225	-	2,225	1,428
	<u>£ 65,261</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 65,261</u>	<u>£ 54,021</u>
Total expenditure	<u>£ 208,928</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 208,928</u>	<u>£ 175,709</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 STAFF COSTS

During the year, the Church employed a caretaker, a cleaner, an administrator, a church secretary, a hall bookings manager, a "Children's and Families' Worker," and paid visiting speakers.

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	73,740	58,349
Pension	1,115	934
	<u>£ 74,855</u>	<u>£ 59,283</u>

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Sound System £	Piano £	Chairs £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022 and at 31 December 2022	<u>44,918</u>	<u>19,440</u>	<u>18,909</u>	<u>83,267</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	18,022	15,552	11,346	44,920
Charge for year	4,492	1,944	1,891	8,327
At 31 December 2022	<u>22,514</u>	<u>17,496</u>	<u>13,237</u>	<u>53,247</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	<u>£ 22,404</u>	<u>£ 1,944</u>	<u>£ 5,672</u>	<u>£ 30,020</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>£ 26,896</u>	<u>£ 3,888</u>	<u>£ 7,563</u>	<u>£ 38,347</u>

7 INVESTMENTS

	Cost £	Mid Market Value 2022 £	2021 £
HSBC Holdings plc: 1,317 Ordinary US\$0.50 shares	859	6,792	5,044
£250 2.5% Consolidated stock	150	150	150
	<u>£ 1,009</u>	<u>£ 6,942</u>	<u>£ 5,194</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8 DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Insurance paid in advance	1,954	1,890
Other debtors	1,944	-
Gift aid debtors	2,065	2,903
	<u>£ 5,963</u>	<u>£ 4,793</u>

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	1,625	1,428
Other creditors	53	1,134
	<u>£ 1,678</u>	<u>£ 2,562</u>

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Fixed assets	36,962	-
Current assets	125,299	50,719
Current liabilities	(1,678)	-
	<u>160,583</u>	<u>50,719</u>

11 CONTROL

The Trustees, as a body control the charity. No Trustee received any remuneration or was reimbursed for any expenses during the year (2021: £Nil).

12 RELATED PARTIES

There have been no related party transactions which require disclosure.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

13 PRIOR YEAR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations	134,813	4,240	139,053
Other voluntary income	24,663	-	24,663
Other trading activities	24,219	-	24,219
Investments	255	-	255
Total income and endowments	<u>183,950</u>	<u>4,240</u>	<u>188,190</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	168,570	7,139	175,709
Total expenditure	<u>168,570</u>	<u>7,139</u>	<u>175,709</u>
Net gains on investments	46	-	46
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>15,426</u>	<u>(2,899)</u>	<u>12,527</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>15,426</u>	<u>(2,899)</u>	<u>12,527</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	165,385	15,081	180,466
Total funds carried forward	<u>£ 180,811</u>	<u>£ 12,182</u>	<u>£ 192,993</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

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Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 01127647

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Administrative Address	Old Road Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9BX
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Email	office@stmarysfrinton.org
Website	www.stmarysfrinton.org
Charity Registration Number	1127647
Rector & PCC Chairman	Rev Donald Smith
Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner
Church Treasurer	Mr Daniel Higgins (from 29 November 2021) Mr Peter Brierley (to 29 November 2021)
Church & PCC Secretary	Mrs Heather Ursell
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 75 Connaught Avenue Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9BL
Solicitors	Sparling, Benham & Brough 62A Connaught Avenue Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9QH
Independent Examiner	Tim O'Connor ACA FCCA DChA Scrutton Bland LLP Chartered Accountants 820 The Crescent Colchester Business Park Colchester C04 9YQ

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

The Church of St Mary Magdalene, the Parish Church of Frinton (known as 'St Mary's') is within the Deanery of St Osyth and the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Old Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in Connaught Avenue and is also licensed for services.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) holds bank accounts (current and deposit) together with a higher interest earning Church of England (CCLA) deposit account. Our accountants carried out an independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

PCC members who have served since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of April 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

St Mary's Parish Church, Frinton, PCC — May 2021/May 2022

Rector	Rev Don Smith - Chairman	
Churchwardens <i>Elected annually</i>	* Mr David Kidney * Mr Peter Wood	APCM 2023 max APCM 2025 max
Representatives on St Osyth Deanery Synod <i>if 201+ on Electoral Roll</i>	* Mrs Frances Allen * Mrs Chris Glasby * Mrs Eddie McKay * Mrs Cate Wilby	APCM 2024 APCM 2024 APCM 2024 APCM 2024
Children's & Families' Workers	* Mrs Lauren Puttick * Mr Samuel Puttick	
Licensed Lay Ministers	* Mr Malcolm Bryden * Dr Maggie Wilson	
Operations Manager	* Mr Dominic Gardner	
Treasurer	* Mr Dan Higgins (from 29 November 2021) * Mr Peter Brierley (to 29 November 2021)	
PCC & Church Secretary	* Mrs Heather Ursell	

***All the above are ex-officio members of PCC**

(and do not count towards a quorum, which is one third of those below)

1	Mrs Jo Bingham	APCM 2024 or '27 max
2	Mrs Lesley Conley	APCM 2022 or '25 max
3	Mr John Edmonds	APCM 2023 or '26 max
4	Mr Andrew Fitch	APCM 2022 or '25 max
5	Mrs Tricia Hamilton	APCM 2024 or '27 max
6	Mrs Karen Hepworth	APCM 2024 or '27 max
7	Mrs Margaret Johns	APCM 2022 or '25 max
8	Mrs Shirley Kidney	APCM 2022 or '25 max
9	Mrs Alison Murphy	APCM 2024 or '27 max
10	Mr Garry Walker	APCM 2024 or '27 max
11	Mrs Susan Walker	APCM 2024 or '27 max
12	Mr David Willis	APCM 2023 max

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Structure, Governance, and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following registration with the Charity Commission, PCC members serve as trustees of the charity. The day-to-day management of the PCC is with the Chairman and is also delegated to the Churchwardens. The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend the Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are thereby eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met seven times in 2021, four times face-to-face and three times online (mostly Zoom platform) and communicated and voted electronically between times, as necessary. Copies of minutes from these meetings are now kept openly for inspection at the church reception desk. Amongst other things, the PCC received reports from a very limited number of Action Groups meetings, due to so many activities being suspended during the covid years, and restrictions on meeting face-to-face. These are also available to read in the same file in reception. The Action Groups comprise both members of the PCC and of the congregation, to oversee the work of the church. In normal times, the groups meet with different frequencies, depending on their type of responsibilities, and report back regularly to PCC. A summary of their 2021 activities follows later.

With over 200 on our Electoral Roll, St Mary's had four representatives on the St Osyth Deanery Synod at the end of the year; Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Eddie McKay, and Cate Wilby. Minutes and reports of the Deanery Synod meetings through-out the year were shared through PCC meetings, with Cate Wilby or the Rector clarifying as necessary.

At the 2021 APCM, on 9th May, Mr David Wicks was reappointed as Electoral Roll Officer. Providing the Electoral Roll report for the past year, he had sent information that there had been 221 members on the roll at 26 April, compared with 226 in 2020. The average attendance at the reduced number of Sunday morning services was around 100, compared with 167 average per Sunday over the limited number of months church was able to meet in 2020. Online services were viewed on average each week on over 200 devices, within seven days of their premiering. Also, in 2021 there were 11 funerals and scattering of ashes (compared with 27 in 2020), with clergy officiating at 26 other crematorium or cemetery services and 7 committal or ashes burial only, 9 marriages in church (4 in 2020), and 2 baptisms (0 in 2020).

"The primary object of all PCCs will be the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England." The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." This is the object of our church and shown in the activities of its members, especially through the work of the Action Groups.

Public Benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives, the PCC have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In so doing, the PCC has complied with their duties in this area as set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

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Action Group Reports - *Don Smith (Rector)*

During 2021, through the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, church activities have been severely limited, and thus some Action Groups have not even met. Their limited activity is reported below. Under normal circumstances, the AG leaders are like the 'engine drivers' of St Mary's Church, keeping things on track and pursuing the vision of St Mary's, to be a church that fulfils the commission to make Jesus known in our community. The AGs also serve to recruit and include church members in participating in the life of The Church.

Children, Youth & Families AG – *Samuel & Lauren Puttick (Youth and Children's Workers)*

Our 'Pumpkin Party' in October was very successful! We had 42 children and their families attend. We think more than 100 people in total. Sunday Kids is going well, with an average of 7 children each week; we have a Bible story, craft, songs, and a lot of fun! Sunday Youth continues with a short Bible study and some hang-out time, with music and playing table-tennis or pool. We are still doing some school assemblies and run Good News Clubs in several local schools.

Smallsorts for preschool age children and babies is going well, with about 35 children (plus parents/guardians) each week. The team are brilliant, and we are so grateful for them all. It's an incredibly important service that we provide in our community, including during covid, within the restrictions! We continue to run Youth Bible Study as a mid-week meet-up with the youth, keeping up the connection with them and praying for them. We are also filming, editing, and uploading some promo videos for social media, inviting people to church, services, and events.

Communication and Publicity AG – *Dominic Gardner (Operations Manager)*

The church operated with a virtual office from January to July, and then again in December, due to COVID-19. However, the weekly notice sheet was still produced and sent electronically to 86 email addresses. The Action Group was only able to meet twice during 2021, but it began by looking at new ways of advertising, particularly using social media. Together we were able to promote Christmas services in a new way, without the normal time and cost, and without the need for large amounts of volunteers to deliver invitations. This new way of promoting St Mary's Church in December meant that our Facebook page had ten times more people visiting than normal. In a normal month we average around 800 engagements. Before our AG meeting in September, the church had started to livestream the 11am service, and no longer pre-record services. This change meant less time was needed to prepare Sunday's online services and that we could maintain our commitment to members (and others) watching from home, and who would otherwise be unable to join us.

Contemporary Services AG - *Don Smith (Rector)*

2021 brought significant changes, with the August return to two church services each Sunday, and a shift in seating format for both traditional and contemporary congregations. While the former remained in several straight rows of chairs, facing the east window as normal, the latter regrouped with chair-rows in an arched curve around the Rector, as continual service-leader, towards the back of the church on the north aisle. Numbers attending both services have been slowly increasing towards pre-covid levels, but with smaller numbers it was ideal to reduce the available seating, encouraging people to sit closer together. To commence livestreaming services in August, a rotating camera was fixed opposite to where the Rector stood, enabling services conducted at the front of the church to also be livestreamed. Statistics of the weekly viewings of the streamed service, added to the weekly numbers attending the contemporary service in church gave an encouraging average of 172 (higher if more than one person viewed any screen).

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The first 'youth-inspired service' also took place, with the expectation they happen regularly every three or four months. Youth-workers Sam and Lauren take the service, entirely originating in the minds of the young people.

Homegroups AG – Heather Ursell

During the time of COVID-19, for many people their homegroup has been a welcome lifeline. We now have fourteen groups, involving over a hundred people, mostly meeting weekly during termtime, though four meet fortnightly. Seven meet at some time on Wednesdays with the other seven spread across the week, meaning most people can find a group convenient for them.

Over the past two years, while restrictions have prohibited or limited face-to-face meetings, group members have mostly kept in touch and shared prayer needs through technology, including WhatsApp groups and Zoom meetings. Others have used phone calls and doorstep visits to contact and encourage each other, and one a joint scrapbook. About half managed to use Zoom to continue Bible study in some form.

Perhaps this is the AG with the highest number of very active members, as each homegroup leader cares for their 'little flock' throughout the year, facilitating meetings, encouraging spiritual growth, and watching out for practical or other needs. Each one has a very significant role, within the life of the church as well as their group, for which we thank them all.

Missionary AG - Don Smith (Rector)

As promised in 2019, following our 2021 Gift Day, our annual donation to each of our three main charities - London City Mission, Haven in Romania, and Open Doors – was reviewed and increased back to £1,000, with a fourth £1,000 allocated to primarily cover donations to smaller, regular charities. Due to the unpredictability of church services, the only planned missionary Sunday was LCM's when Terry and Liz Puttick produced a delightful wallpaper scroll of illustrations to accompany Terry's talk. Toy donations again went to Bermondsey families. During the summer, while working towards livestream changes, we repeated the online Open Doors' service from November 2019, including Dan G preaching.

The three main charity reps, Lesley Holland, Maggie Wilson, and Jill Cullen, provide information and prayer items for the weekly church notice sheet, while another six charities each have the same opportunity several times a year. Thanks to Helen Whybrew and Eleanor Young's organisation, Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes, and food and financial support for Jaywick children in this time of great need, have also continued, along with significant Harvest donations for the Walton Food Bank this year.

Pastoral Care AG – Malcolm Bryden & Tricia Hamilton

During the varying levels of Covid restrictions in 2021, members of the Pastoral Care Action Group visited or phoned those lonely or suffering. They also helped with shopping, lifts to vaccine centres etc to show Jesus' love at all times, to all people. It was uplifting to see how our community came together to help others.

The first AG meeting after lockdown was held in October. Our aim was to ensure that everyone in our congregation was being 'befriended' by someone, either through a Homegroup, Tuesday Fellowship, Wednesday Group, or someone on the Pastoral Care Group, whilst accepting there are people who do not wish for contact. Cards are sent on the anniversary of bereavement. Holy Communion at home was resumed.

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The 'supervision' documentation required was introduced but, it has to be acknowledged, is a deterrent to some who give pastoral care. We thank God that there was a time in 2021 when we could all come together, and we look forward to that blessing once more in the near future.

Prayer AG – *Graham Dallisson*

During the last twelve months we have only been able to meet once as an AG. At that meeting we decided we would share testimonies during the 11am service each month, to encourage prayer and testimony in the life of the church. This seems to be working. We also planned to meet as an AG every three months, two meetings each year would be open, the other two for members of the AG only. Bookmarks are planned to be created, to be distributed to the congregation as required.

Our monthly prayer meeting has been on Zoom, although briefly back to meeting face to face in the autumn, returning to Zoom as we went back into covid restrictions under 'Plan B,' however this will hopefully soon be lifted again. All of this has weakened attendance but there remains a commitment to meet for prayer together. Our prayer chain continues to be effective in praying confidentially for critical needs within the fellowship, and we thank the small group committed to praying in this way.

Standing Committee - *Don Smith (Rector)*

Throughout 2021, the reduced interim 'Standing Committee' (known as COBRA) continued to meet regularly, usually fortnightly but dependent on the current situation. From time to time, matters requiring PCC approval were emailed to all members, with votes being assessed in the normal manner, and details recorded in subsequent PCC minutes. There were more PCC meetings than usual over the year, three via Zoom, four in-person when allowed.

Sadly, Treasurer Peter had to step down in the autumn, for health reasons, and amazingly a new member of St Mary's congregation, Dan, proved to be a perfect fit as our new treasurer, for which we are very grateful. He quickly familiarised himself with our accounts, which for the second year remained remarkably stable, with covid restrictions severely limiting both outgoings and income.

Traditional Services AG - *Don Smith (Rector)*

Over the past year, there have been several changes to our services in church, including in timing and seating format, but on every Sunday, we provided services both in church and online. Before August 2021, a general service was held in church at 10.30 each Sunday morning, with a mixture of 'live' liturgy and pre-recorded songs, prayers, readings, poems, and sermons. Since August, traditional services have taken place at 9.30 and 6.30 although it *had* been agreed at PCC to hold 9.30 at 9am, and 6.30 just once a month for the winter months. Responding to people's negative reactions to these decisions, the Rector rescinded these plans. Also, since August, three special traditional services have been held: a memorial service particularly in memory of deaths during the covid years, and the usual Harvest and Remembrance services.

As well as the Wednesday Old Church 'said' communions, there have been different services of holy communion (Celtic, BCP and CW) each Sunday, with the organ and choir leading sung worship, and the Rector and others leading and preaching. Communion has been with one element only, as sharing the common cup was prohibited for some time, due to covid infection risk.

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Training, Outreach & Evangelism AG – Peter Wood

We always encourage new members. We are a lively group whose main aim is to equip and encourage the church with the resources and inspiration to reach out into the community with the love of Jesus. We are a good cross-section of our church family with representatives from other outreach groups such as Children's, Families and Youth, Drama and Women of Worth (WOW).

It's not a surprise that our movements and actions have been severely curtailed in 2021 by the continuing Covid 19 pandemic. Even so we managed to meet on two occasions. We discuss and when feasible implement initiatives that seek to include everyone in the church membership but importantly those who are not regular members.

We have reinstated the Friday coffee mornings again, open to all. In October we hosted our popular Invitational Guest Dinner. The after-dinner speaker was The Operations Manager at Walton and Frinton RNLI. Our Rector has led two training courses, open to the whole church, entitled "Becoming a Contagious Christian." Sunday services, now live-streamed, are always special, and where we major on making everyone welcome, and where great friendships are nurtured and encouraged.

Deanery Synod — Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Eddie McKay, Cate Wilby

During 2021, most Deanery Synod meetings took place using Zoom. Rev Laurie Bond, Area Dean and CAP debt coach, Alice Uwizera, have continued in their roles.

Financial Review - Don Smith (Rector)

Again, in 2021 we gave hearty thanks to God and his people that our finances remained remarkably stable, thanks to outgoings also being limited, helping balance the lack of hall hire income. As previously, the number of church members who give regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme, and those who give through the contactless card-machine or the website donate button, have helped sustain other income streams. Added to this, the delayed maintenance work and reduced expenditure on heating, lighting, and admin, all helped conserve funds.

Reserves Policy

Shares are still held in HSBC which have been kept in reserve against emergencies. These shares have a current market value of £5,194 as set out on page 21 in the Financial Report. We review our reserves policy through the Standing Committee, who report to the PCC.

Employees

Duncan Archard	- Choirmaster and Organist
Stewart Atkins	- Caretaker
Dominic Gardner	- Operations Manager
Samuel and Lauren Puttick	- Children, Youth, and Families Workers
Heather Ursell	- Church Secretary

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St Mary's Church Bible Text for 2021 — an important focus for each year —
'Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.'
Psalm 66:1-2

Review of St Mary's in 2021 - *The Rector, Revd Don Smith*

St Mary's Church is normally:

1 church of
220 people in
4 congregations across
4 different services in
2 buildings with
many associated fellowship groups.

Plans for the Future

A primary aim in 2022 will be the re-forming of the church community after two years of enforced fragmentation. We will reassess priorities and decide where to re-establish, and where to adjust, rather than simply pick up where we left off in March 2020. That would be an opportunity wasted. Part of the rebuilding will be to help heal wounds of isolation and bereavement, and part will be moving forward with exciting developments in our children and youth work and in our services.

Risk Management

Through our Operations Manager we have continued to increase our compliance to all things GDPR and Safeguarding. The PCC are aware of their responsibilities to assess and mitigate the risks in every area of activity at St Mary's. The PCC are confident that they have sufficient systems and control in place to diminish any hazards identified. Our 'Trinitas Insurance' policies cover the premises.

Churchwarden David Kidney continues to have responsibility for Health and Safety matters and ensures appropriate measures are in place to reduce risk and injury in and around the church premises.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

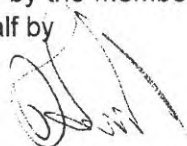
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council on 9/5/22..... and signed on their behalf by



The Reverend Donald Edgar Smith

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to members of the Parochial Church Council (as Trustees, see page 3) as a body, in accordance with the section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Parochial Church Council those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities and basis of the report

As the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all of the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



TIM O'CONNOR ACA FCCA DChA

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Dated: 12/5/22

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	3(a)	134,813	4,240	139,053	121,548
Other voluntary income	3(b)	24,663	-	24,663	26,946
Other trading activities	3(c)	24,219	-	24,219	13,814
Investments	3(d)	255	-	255	407
Total income and endowments		183,950	4,240	188,190	162,715
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	168,570	7,139	175,709	177,349
Total expenditure		168,570	7,139	175,709	177,349
Net gains/(losses) on investments		46	-	46	(2,802)
Net income/(expenditure)		15,426	(2,899)	12,527	(17,436)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		15,426	(2,899)	12,527	(17,436)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		165,385	15,081	180,466	197,902
Total funds carried forward		£ 180,811	£ 12,182	£ 192,993	£ 180,466

An analysis between funds of the 2020 year end Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 13 to these financial statements.

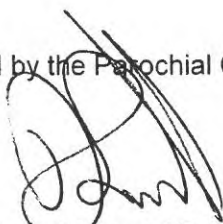
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed assets	6	38,347	46,674
Investments	7	5,194	5,148
		<u>43,541</u>	<u>51,822</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	4,793	2,155
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund		91,975	91,928
Barclays Bank		54,921	37,276
FWO Account		-	250
Cash at bank and in hand		325	325
		<u>152,014</u>	<u>131,934</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,562)	(3,290)
Net current assets		<u>149,452</u>	<u>128,644</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>192,993</u>	<u>180,466</u>
Net assets		<u>£ 192,993</u>	<u>£ 180,466</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	2(a)	168,681	153,741
Designated funds	2(a)	12,130	11,644
Restricted funds	2(b)	12,182	15,081
		<u>£ 192,993</u>	<u>£ 180,466</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 9/5/22

and signed on its behalf by



The Reverend Donald Edgar Smith
Rector and PCC Chairman

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as applicable from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, as updated in October 2018, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at mid-market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in Law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant areas of adjustment and key assumptions that affect items in the accounts are to do with estimating the liability from multi-year grant commitments (see note 1(f) and note 4(a)).

The Charity qualifies as a small charity as defined in the Charities SORP (FRS102) and as such is exempt from preparing a Statement of Cash Flows.

Funds

- 1(a) General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Further unrestricted funds are designated on a discretionary basis. Restricted funds are accounted for with the monies being applied in accordance with the terms of the initial receipt.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - *(Continued)*
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *(continued)*

Incoming resources and resources expended

1(b) Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the certain amount due. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

1(c) Other charitable trading

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

1(d) Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

1(e) Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December, annually.

1(f) Grants funding expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

1(g) Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The Diocesan quota is accounted for when payable and is allocated to the Parish Church and the Old Church in the ratio of the number of communicants at each Church. This has resulted in a deficit on the Old Church Fund, which has been covered by a transfer from unrestricted and undesignated Funds. Expenditure relating to the Old Church can continue to be borne by undesignated Funds until further income arises which is specifically designated or restricted to the Old Church.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - *(Continued)* YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *(continued)*

1(h) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation.

Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over ten years and are reviewed on an annual basis for impairment by the Trustees.

1(i) Investments

Investments are valued at mid-market value at 31 December.

Current assets

1(j) Deposits

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England funds or at the bank.

1(k) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1(l) Pension

Defined contribution pension plan

The PCC operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the PCC pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the PCC has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the PCC independently administered funds.

1(m) Going concern

The PCC have a reasonable expectation that the entity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

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2 FUND ACCOUNTING

2(a) General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Further unrestricted funds are designated on a discretionary basis; designated accounts were operated during the year, as follows:

	Balances at 1.1.21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balances at 31.12.21 £
General Funds	153,741	182,765	168,389	564	168,681
Designated Funds:					
Old Church	2,499	251	-	-	2,750
Choir	1,117	-	542	135	710
Wednesday Group	689	44	-	-	733
Small Sorts Mother and Toddler	1,118	-	-	-	1,118
Church Weekend	-	313	(799)	(699)	413
Church Social A/G	4,532	-	-	-	4,532
Kingdom Coffee	818	74	392	-	500
Family and Children	(32)	503	-	-	471
MESSY	10	-	-	-	10
Players	334	-	-	-	334
Flower Guild	559	-	-	-	559
	<u>£165,385</u>	<u>£ 183,950</u>	<u>£ 168,524</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 180,811</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)
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2 FUND ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

2(b) Restricted funds are accounted for with the monies being applied in accordance with the terms of the initial receipt; three restricted funds were operated during the year, as follows:

	Balances at 1.1.21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balances at 31.12.21
	£	£	£	£	£
Old Church	12,683	4,240	7,139	-	9,784
Organ Fund	2,274	-	-	-	2,274
Jaywick	124	-	-	-	124
	<u>£ 15,081</u>	<u>£ 4,240</u>	<u>£ 7,139</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 12,182</u>

- Old Church** - This fund is money given specifically to the Old Church.
Organ Fund - This fund is for the maintenance of the church organ.
Jaywick Fund - Money donated for the Jaywick Project.

3 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020
	£	£	£	£
3(a) Donations and planned giving				
Covenants/gift aid	98,315	-	98,315	94,151
Income tax recoverable on covenants/gift aid	18,249	-	18,249	21,888
Collections at all services	7,158	-	7,158	3,897
Sundry donations	11,091	4,240	15,331	1,612
	<u>£ 134,813</u>	<u>£ 4,240</u>	<u>£ 139,053</u>	<u>£ 121,548</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - *(Continued)*
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3 INCOME - *(Continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 £
3(b) Other voluntary income				
Appeals	4,843	-	4,843	9,424
Legacies	8,000	-	8,000	10,001
Fund raising events	1,819	-	1,819	618
Organisations	17	-	17	1,130
Grants	350	-	350	70
Government grant - JRS	9,634	-	9,634	5,703
	<u>£ 24,663</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 24,663</u>	<u>£ 26,946</u>
 3(c) Receipts from charitable and ancillary trading				
Publications including				
Bible study notes	298	-	298	466
Church hall lettings	10,017	-	10,017	5,068
Fees	13,783	-	13,783	8,132
Photocopying	121	-	121	148
	<u>£ 24,219</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 24,219</u>	<u>£ 13,814</u>
 3(d) Income from investments, dividends and interest				
	<u>£ 255</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 255</u>	<u>£ 407</u>
 Total income	<u>£ 183,950</u>	<u>£ 4,240</u>	<u>£ 188,190</u>	<u>£ 162,715</u>

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4 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2020 £
4(a) Grants funding activities				
Missionary and charitable giving:				
Missionary societies	850	-	850	1,500
Home missions	1,331	-	1,331	200
	<u>£ 2,181</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 2,181</u>	<u>£ 1,700</u>
4(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry: Diocesan quota	60,000	-	60,000	70,000
Clergy expenses	4,016	-	4,016	4,158
Church running expenses	30,493	2,899	33,392	31,336
Church maintenance	2,029	4,240	6,269	5,287
Publication and Bible study notes	155	-	155	548
Other parish activities (including church w/e)	(528)	-	(528)	371
Salary and expense of organist	3,138	-	3,138	3,712
Music Group	-	-	-	39
Sound System	4,738	-	4,738	872
Depreciation	8,327	-	8,327	8,327
	<u>£ 112,368</u>	<u>£ 7,139</u>	<u>£ 119,507</u>	<u>£ 124,650</u>
4(c) Support cost and administration				
Administration	29,166	-	29,166	25,626
Children and Families' Worker	23,427	-	23,427	24,113
Independent examiner fees	1,428	-	1,428	1,260
	<u>£ 54,021</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 54,021</u>	<u>£ 50,999</u>
Total expenditure	<u>£ 168,570</u>	<u>£ 7,139</u>	<u>£ 175,709</u>	<u>£ 177,349</u>

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5 STAFF COSTS

During the year, the Church employed a caretaker, a cleaner, an administrator, a church secretary, a hall bookings manager, a "Children's and Families' Worker," and paid visiting speakers.

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	58,349	56,265
Pension	934	920
	<u>£ 59,283</u>	<u>£ 57,185</u>

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Sound System £	Piano £	Chairs £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2021 and at 31 December 2021	<u>44,918</u>	<u>19,440</u>	<u>18,909</u>	<u>83,267</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	13,530	13,608	9,455	36,593
Charge for year	4,492	1,944	1,891	8,327
At 31 December 2021	<u>18,022</u>	<u>15,552</u>	<u>11,346</u>	<u>44,920</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2021	<u>£ 26,896</u>	<u>£ 3,888</u>	<u>£ 7,563</u>	<u>£ 38,347</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>£ 31,388</u>	<u>£ 5,832</u>	<u>£ 9,454</u>	<u>£ 46,674</u>

7 INVESTMENTS

	Cost £	Mid Market Value	
		2021 £	2020 £
HSBC Holdings plc:			
1,317 Ordinary US\$0.50 shares	859	5,044	4,998
£250 2.5% Consolidated stock	150	150	150
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>£ 5,194</u>	<u>£ 5,148</u>

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8 DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Insurance paid in advance	1,890	1,765
Other debtors	-	390
Gift aid debtors	2,903	-
	<u>£ 4,793</u>	<u>£ 2,155</u>

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	1,428	3,290
Other creditors	1,134	-
	<u>£ 2,562</u>	<u>£ 3,290</u>

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Fixed assets	43,541	-
Current assets	139,832	12,182
Current liabilities	(2,562)	-
	<u>£ 180,811</u>	<u>£ 12,182</u>

11 CONTROL

The Trustees, as a body control the charity. No Trustee received any remuneration or was reimbursed for any expenses during the year (2020: £Nil).

12 RELATED PARTIES

There have been no related party transactions which require disclosure.

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13 PRIOR YEAR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations	120,965	583	121,548
Other voluntary income	26,946	-	26,946
Other trading activities	13,814	-	13,814
Investments	407	-	407
Total income and endowments	<u>162,132</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>162,715</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	168,107	9,242	177,349
Total expenditure	<u>168,107</u>	<u>9,242</u>	<u>177,349</u>
Net losses on investments	(2,802)	-	(2,802)
Net expenditure	<u>(8,777)</u>	<u>(8,659)</u>	<u>(17,436)</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(8,777)</u>	<u>(8,659)</u>	<u>(17,436)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	174,162	23,740	197,902
Total funds carried forward	<u>£ 165,385</u>	<u>£ 15,081</u>	<u>£ 180,466</u>

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Operations Manager	Mr Dominic Gardner
Church Treasurer	Mr Peter Brierley
Church & PCC Secretary	Mrs Heather Ursell
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 75 Connaught Avenue Frinton-on-Sea Essex C013 9BL
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The Church of St Mary Magdalene, the Parish Church of Frinton (known as 'St Mary's') is within the Deanery of St Osyth and the Diocese of Chelmsford. The Old Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin is situated in Connaught Avenue and is also licensed for services.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) holds bank accounts (current and deposit) together with a higher interest earning Church of England (CCLA) deposit account. Our accountants carried out an independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 for presentation by our Treasurer at the APCM in May 2021.

PCC members who have served since the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of October 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

St Mary's Parish Church, Frinton, PCC — April 2020/May 2021

Rector	Rev Don Smith - Chairman	
Churchwardens <i>Elected annually</i>	* Mr David Kidney * Mr Peter Wood	APCM 2023 max APCM 2025 max
Representatives on St Osyth Deanery Synod <i>4 if 201+ on Electoral Roll</i>	* Mrs Frances Allen * Mrs Chris Glasby * Mrs Cate Wilby	APCM 2021 APCM 2021 APCM 2021
Operations Manager	* Mr Dominic Gardner	
Treasurer	* Mr Peter Brierley	
Secretary	* Mrs Heather Ursell	
Children's & Families' Worker	* Mr Samuel Puttick	
Licensed Lay Ministers	* Mr Malcolm Bryden * Dr Maggie Wilson	

***All the above are ex-officio members of PCC**
(and do not count towards a quorum, one third of those below)

PCC elected members	1 Mr Matt Bingham	until APCM 2021 max
	2 Mrs Lesley Conley	until APCM 2022 or '25 max
	3 Mr Mike Denny	until APCM 2021 or '24 max
	4 Mr John Edmonds	until APCM 2023 or '26 max
	5 Mr Andrew Fitch	until APCM 2022 or '25 max
	6 Mr Paul Holland	until APCM 2021 max
	7 Mrs Margaret Johns	until APCM 2022 or '25 max
	8 Mrs Shirley Kidney	until APCM 2022 or '25 max
	9 Mr Graham Marshall	until APCM 2020 or '23 max
	10 Mr David Wicks	until APCM 2021 max
	11 Mr David Willis	until APCM 2020 or '23 max

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Structure, Governance, and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. Following registration with the Charity Commission, PCC members serve as trustees of the charity. The day-to-day management of the PCC is with the Chairman and is also delegated to the Churchwardens. The method of election of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All who attend the Church are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are thereby eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met four times in 2020, twice face-to-face and twice online (Zoom platform) and communicated and voted electronically between times, as necessary. Copies of minutes from these meetings are normally kept openly for inspection at the back of the church. Amongst other things, the PCC received reports from the church's thirteen Action Groups, where possible, and matters arising were discussed. These are also available to read in a file at the back of the church. The Action Groups comprise both members of the PCC and of the congregation, to oversee the work of the church. The groups meet with different frequency, depending on their type of responsibilities, and report back regularly to PCC. A summary of their activities follows.

St Mary's had three representatives on the St Osyth Deanery Synod at the end of the year; Mrs Frances Allen, Mrs Chris Glasby, and Mrs Cate Wilby. Minutes and reports of the Deanery Synod meetings through-out the year were shared through PCC meetings, with Cate Wilby or the Rector clarifying as necessary. Sally Perry was our fourth representative until 2020 APCM.

At the 2020 APCM, delayed by coronavirus, from 26 April to 25 October, Mr David Wicks was re-appointed as Electoral Roll Officer. Providing the Electoral Roll report for the past year, he had sent information that there had been 226 members on the roll at 26 April, compared with 233 in 2019. From January to March, the average attendance at our three Sunday morning services combined was 167, compared with 206 average per Sunday over the whole of 2019. From March to December, online services were viewed on average each week on 213 devices, within seven days of their premiering. Also in 2020 there were 27 funerals or scattering of ashes (compared with 34 in 2019), 4 marriages in church with 2 postponed (3 in 2019), and 0 baptisms (9 in 2019). All the planned baptisms were postponed to 2021.

"The primary object of all PCCs will be the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England." The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical." This is the object of our Church and shown in the activities of its members, especially through the work of the Action Groups.

Public Benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives, the PCC have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In so doing, the PCC has complied with their duties in this area as set out in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

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Action Group Reports - Don Smith (Rector)

Over 2020, during the coronavirus pandemic, most church activities have been attributed to the AG, rather than actually organised by the AG, due to the different way of doing life under lockdown and other restrictions. Under normal circumstances, the AG leaders continue to be the 'engine drivers' of St Mary's Church, keeping things on track and pursuing the vision of St Mary's, to be a church that fulfils the commission to make Jesus known in our community. The AGs also serve to recruit and include church members in participating in the life of The Church.

1. Communication & Publicity - Dominic Gardner

Throughout lockdown, the need for communication across the congregations has become even more essential than usual, with a continual flow of information and instructions needing to be interpreted and passed on, partly from the government and CofE, and partly from St Mary's leadership. The weekly notice sheet has been maintained, by email and the website, but with no printed copies. The website has also been a vital means of communication, maintained by David Wicks.

Dominic worked from home for much of the year, as per government instructions, maintaining a virtual office and facilitating Zoom then Microsoft Teams online meetings. As the church buildings were closed, with no one authorised to enter without specific permission, hand-sanitising, and signing-in, there was no necessity for anyone to be in the actual church office.

The only publicity we produced requiring distribution was immediately before the beginning of lockdown, when the cards inviting the community to our Easter services and the children's holiday club were quickly altered with a label announcing that our services would be online-only for the foreseeable future, and the children's club postponed to an unknown future date. We also included a card offering a 'delivery scheme,' reaching out to those unable to shop for basics or collect prescriptions, manned by local Frinton and Walton Church members.

2. Traditional Services - Don Smith

During the year of coronavirus restrictions, there have been just four months when we have been able to hold services in church. These have been strictly shaped around 'social-distancing' and other regulations, including use of hand-sanitiser and face-masks, no singing, and no paper notice sheets or hymn-books. Apart from the service-leader (almost always the rector) everything has been on the screens, using four different liturgies and adapted around that week's online service videos. Don Smith and Malcolm Bryden have preached 'live,' while the online videos of the other three preachers have been used, Graham Dallisson, Mike Denny and Heather Ursell. Although these services have been extremely different from 'normal,' they have been valued as a small opportunity to see other people. The average attendance was relatively low, only 55, although there was space for 100. This compares with an average of 78 watching at the same time online, rising to 213 by the end of the week. All songs were simply watched (maybe hummed) and included audio tracks with lyrics, specially recorded by our own musicians as well as others available online. Communion could only be taken by the president, the Rector in the parish church, along with Andrew Rose and Brian Kyriacou for the ten Wednesday communions in the Old Church, where there was an average attendance of 13.

3. Fundraising – Don Smith

This AG has been unable to function this year, but the addition of a 'donate button' on the church website has facilitated raising funds, from both intentional and random visitors to the website.

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4. Fabric – David Kidney

(Full Fabric Report available separately)

2020 has been both challenging and frustrating, with the majority of the congregation prevented from using the church for worship for most of the year. We found new ways to come together to worship the Lord, but still have to maintain our buildings, which deteriorate and fall into disrepair if we don't. Some work had to be done in line with Covid-19 regulations, including fitting of auto-dispensing hand-sanitisers and a Perspex screen between the sound and vision operators at the back of the church. The porch on the north door was cleared out, the door-lock rebuilt, and an access ramp for wheelchairs installed, to allow alternative points of access and egress. General maintenance has included repairs to the Old Church raised floor and to the main church boiler. Also, windows in the north aisle have been cleaned and the opening lights serviced.

Some maintenance jobs have to be put on hold for the time being as work during the pandemic has faced certain difficulties, not least a lack of funds due to reduced church income. It's hoped the rotting Old Church gates will be replaced during 2021. Three additional jobs will be grouped together to reduce scaffolding costs: repairs to the eroded stone mullions in the south-facing windows of the upper nave; re-painting the nave ceiling; installation of destratification fans in the nave ceiling (subject to DAC approval). These are targeted for 2022. Repairs to the Old Church wall adjoining 1 Holland Road, and the reduction of the large Scots Pine, are being carried out by the owner of the property.

5. Missionary – Don Smith

As agreed in 2019, our annual giving to our three main charities – London City Mission, Haven in Romania, and Open Doors – has been reduced to £500 each. Despite our significantly reduced 2020 income (due to our premises not being let and our congregations not coming into our buildings and being prompted to give financially) we have maintained this level of giving. During the year we also welcomed video sermons from speakers from Open Doors (Dan on 1 Nov) and London City Mission (Terry Puttick on 6 Dec), as part of two online services focusing on their particular ministries. As usual we facilitated children's gifts being donated to LCM for distribution amongst families in need (this year in Bermondsey, SE London) as well as the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Another lockdown delayed their collection, but in due course the boxes were taken to Belarus; many others from St Mary's were filled and sent via their website. Support for the Jaywick Project has also continued throughout the year, a time when the need has been greater than ever. Each month, our three main charities have opportunity to mention information and points for prayer in the notice sheet, as do other (mostly) local charities we support, two or three times a year.

6. Training, Outreach, & Evangelism - Peter Wood

This AG has been unable to function normally this year, however, the effect of the online services can be seen as corresponding to the aims of the group. Training in presenting and in various aspects of recording sermons, prayers, poems, and hymns has taken place, all adapted to known *and* unknown audiences. Outreach has also occurred as the videos have been watched by many people far beyond the local area, as well as closer to home, accessible to people who would not consider visiting our church. The Gospel message and how to live a life honouring to Christ are embedded within the services, offering evangelism to our regular congregations and to any online visitors. Added to this, the outreach and evangelism conveyed through our Rector's 'Daily Thoughts' have also reached an audience far beyond the boundaries of the parish. It's known to be watched by people around the country, even internationally, thanks to the Internet.

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7. Pastoral Care - *Malcolm Bryden & Tricia Hamilton*

Having taken over the Pastoral Action Group in 2019, setting up systems and meetings in order that we were aware of our fellowship's needs and situations, everything changed with the sudden arrival of Covid 19 and the pandemic, early in 2020.

We thought what Jesus would do would be to show his love by visiting, helping, and speaking regularly to people, many of whom in our congregation were alone at home during lockdown. It was over-whelming to see how churches, people, organisations in our community got together to visit, shop, drive people to appointments, set up IT, Facebook connections etc. Thank you, to so many.

We, and others, phoned our fellowship often, especially those alone and elderly. It was a joy to speak with them and hear of their hope, trust, and faith in God. Some, of course, totally alone, and unable to leave home, struggled, and it was uplifting to see how others responded to make contact, when asked.

In December, we agreed to show God's constant care for those who were suffering or alone, with a Christmas gift from the church. Deliveries to over 60 of our congregation were made by 4 volunteers, of a Christmas card with a personal note from the Rector, a small Christmas cake and a CD of Lessons and Carols sung by the choir, kindly and painstakingly produced by choirmaster Duncan Archard.

With continuing restrictions, we now mainly contact people by phone. We look forward to the time when we can all come together and thank God for his loving care. We feel blessed to be part of such a caring, loving and kind fellowship.

8. Standing Committee – *Don Smith*

During the time of coronavirus limitations, a St Mary's leadership group met regularly on Zoom, weekly for the first two months, then fortnightly since mid-May. It comprised of rector, wardens, operations manager, treasurer, children's worker, and church secretary. Although not intentionally seen as Standing Committee, that is effectively what it was. Various incidental matters which needed decisions or opinions were discussed, most particularly about how best to implement the raft of government and CofE coronavirus regulations. Aspects of budget planning and keeping were also overseen, including gratitude for the significant number of St Mary's folk who maintained their giving through the Parish Giving Scheme, resulting in less of a shortfall than feared. Details of some decisions which needed a wider base of response were emailed to PCC members for online votes, which was legally approved by the CofE as a method of voting, during the course of the year. The process of staff going on and off furlough was also facilitated, as was the introduction of a church website 'donate button' which has proved very worthwhile. Church canon law requires PCCs to approve any 'dispensation of services,' so that too came under the group's oversight. Having missed the planned 26 April APCM 2020, as there was a ban on groups of people meeting together, a new date had to be decided once the Anglican Church extended the relevant deadline to 31 October. By the new date, 25 October, it was possible to extend the meeting beyond the number socially-distanced in the church (57) by using Zoom for those unable to be present for any reason (12).

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9. Children, Youth & Families – *Samuel Puttick*

2020 has been a year of challenge. We had to rethink how to reach our young people and engage with them by using the government guidance in the most effective and safe way. At times we were only able to meet online, but there were also times when we could meet together, observing guidelines to maintain 2 metre distance between people and limiting numbers who could attend in some circumstances.

We have also been able to share widely by creating videos! These videos have impacted schools, church members and families on a large scale. Being a support to our church families has remained a priority throughout the year and has helped them to both bond with each other and with us as leaders.

Despite this hard year, we used the time to review and plan ahead for our CYF. We have three exciting new ventures we are looking forward to starting, which are:

EXPLORE (previously Messy Church) which will be developed and rebranded. It will be a weekly group which engages with young people and parents in a more consistent way. Messy Church was an excellent progression for our church's outreach and growth. Through Explore, we hope to build stronger connections with families and children who would have previously attended Messy Church.

SUNDAY YOUTH is targeting the youth of our church (secondary school age) and making their Sunday service more about them and at their level. It meets at a more convenient time for them. It has been encouraging to see them committing their time and really wanting to attend.

FOREST CHURCH is a brilliant concept for young people, getting outside and exploring, through God's natural creation. We will be using the wild spaces local to us, to give a sense of adventure and excitement in learning new skills and forming, growing, and developing their faith together.

10. Prayer – *Graham Dallisson*

The group is made up of Graham Dallisson (chair) Jill Cullen, Heather Ursell, Paul Holland, and Andrew Rose. We first met on 2 March 2020 and were planning to meet again on 17 April 2020, however because of government restrictions with the coronavirus pandemic this was not able to happen. However, many aspects of prayer life, both corporate and individual, have been continuing. The monthly prayer meeting is continuing via Zoom, if with slightly smaller numbers. Some of the homegroups continue and prayer life is part of this. Those who have stopped meeting still have a support system of prayer through phone calls. When we are free to meet face to face it would be good to encourage our people to develop new ways of praying without being restrained by systems, but open to the Holy Spirit. Prayer needs to underpin all that happens in church life: evangelism, pastoral care and so on. Releasing people to lead prayers in the Sunday services that have been put on You Tube has worked well, along with the introduction of a thought-provoking poem. The church took part in the Day of Prayer for the Nation on Friday 22 January 2021 including using Zoom. At a local level St Mary's also continues to be represented in the Zoom prayer meeting for Frinton Mission on the first Saturday of each month. Much to thank God for!

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11. Homegroups – Heather Ursell

We currently have 15 groups, most of which have found a way that suits them, to keep in touch with each other throughout 2020. For some, the leader coordinates contact via phone and/or email or WhatsApp; some, when allowed, have met in socially-distanced small groups in gardens; at least six groups have continued weekly meetings using Zoom (or Microsoft Teams) with extra preparation material to compensate for the lack of time available on Zoom; one has used a regular scrapbook style publication, with all group members contributing. Most leaders feel they are managing to keep in touch with their group members, although everyone looks forward longingly to the day when we can meet together 'properly' again.

Prayer for each other, as well as various particular needs, has maintained a very high profile in most groups. It has been an invaluable way of helping preserve the bond of fellowship between members. Although the AG hasn't been able to meet, several times during the year leaders were invited to provide feedback on how they were managing our shared 'unprecedented' experience of separation and lockdown. Most communicated news of their triumphs and struggles. The unpredicted need for special pastoral care has been an extension of normal group dynamics which has undoubtedly been a lifeline for some group members, and an unexpected extra challenge for homegroup leaders. During the year, Mike Denny stepped down from leadership of the AG, and Heather Ursell, as deputy, took on the role, at least for the time being. We thank Mike heartily for the many years over which he has guided and supported his team of 'shepherds of their little flocks,' as he used to say.

12. Contemporary Services – Don Smith

When the first lockdown started for us on 22 March 2020, we were ready with a recorded Mothering Sunday service. That was the only service where all contributors recorded together, in the church. After that, each contributor had to learn how to record themselves at home and send their own short video to Sam Puttick who edited all the small videos together to create one longer service video which could then be 'premiered' on Sunday morning, and also watched later on YouTube or Facebook, via the church website. These online services, each between 20 and 30 minutes long, have continued throughout the year, with last Sunday's service being number 45. The services are organised by Heather Ursell, under the direction of the Rector, using about twenty different contributors recording themselves, and songs and hymns either recorded by our own musicians and choir, or ones available on the Internet. We know we will never please everyone all the time, but for the most part people have been appreciative of what has been provided. We learned as we went along, working with a limited number of contributors, as twenty was complex enough to organise, reducing and streamlining content to simplify Sam's editing role when he was also back to active youth and children's work. Sam and Lauren also provided children's stories from March to September, available to watch separately from the online service, but also used within some of the services held in church. A month into lockdown, the Rector started 'Thursday Church' on Zoom, where news could be shared, with opportunity for prayer. Attendance there has averaged 33. He also provided his daily 4-minute 'facecasts,' a short thought on a different verse each day, also available online, amounting to 276 days' worth by the end of 2020.

13. Concert - Duncan Archard

The programme planned for 2020 was put on hold due to Covid-19. We expect to use the same programme for 2021 and eagerly anticipate having live music again in St. Mary's. It is important to be able to share the gift that God has given to us, and how we look forward to again being able to be part of an outreach to the community.

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Deanery Synod — Frances Allen, Chris Glasby, Cate Wilby

During 2020, most Deanery Synod meetings took place using Zoom. Laurie Bond's involvement as Area Dean has been helpful and refreshing. A new CAP debt coach, Alice Uwizera, has been appointed, to take over from Roni Dickeson as she ends her three years' contract in the role. Bishop Roger spoke recently, bringing an encouraging perspective on the problem of finances for the Anglican Church, not just the local churches. Realistically, the situation calls for wisdom and drastic change; it will not be possible to maintain everything as it has been.

Financial Review —The Rector, Revd Don Smith

We are thankful to God that our finances are not in a worse state than they are, after a year of reduced income regarding premises hire, fundraising, and very few services with people in church. However, having previously encouraged church members to formalise their giving using the Parish Giving Scheme, a good percentage of regular giving was maintained, with the creation of a website donate button providing another income stream. Added to this, some maintenance work has been put on hold, and furloughing staff through the government scheme and reduced expenditure on heating, lighting, and admin, have all helped to conserve funds.

Reserves Policy

Shares are still held in HSBC which have been kept in reserve against emergencies. These shares have a current market value of £5,148 as set out on page 22 in the Financial Report. We review our reserves policy through the Standing Committee, who report to the PCC.

Employees

Operations Manager – Dominic Gardner; Church Secretary – Heather Ursell; Sam Puttick – Children and Families Worker; Duncan Archard – Choirmaster & Organist; Stewart Atkins – Caretaker; Glen Bishop – Gardener

St Mary's Church Bible Text for 2020 — an important focus for each year — 1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace.

Review of St Mary's in 2020 - The Rector, Revd Don Smith

St Mary's Church is normally:

1 Church of

250 people in

4 congregations across

7 different services in

3 buildings with

dozens of associated fellowship groups

Plans for the Future

A primary aim in 2021 will be the re-forming of the church community after a year of enforced fragmentation. We will reassess priorities and decide where to re-establish, and where to adjust, rather than simply pick up where we left off in March 2020. That would be an opportunity wasted. Part of the rebuilding will be to help heal wounds of isolation and bereavement, and part will be moving forward with exciting developments in our children and youth work.

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Risk Management

Through our Operations Manager we have continued to increase our compliance to all things GDPR and Safeguarding. The PCC are aware of their responsibilities to assess and mitigate the risks in every area of activity at St Mary's. The PCC are confident that they have sufficient systems and control in place to diminish any hazards identified. Our 'Trinitas Insurance' policies cover the premises.

Churchwarden David Kidney continues to have responsibility for Health and Safety matters and ensures appropriate measures are in place to reduce risk and injury in and around the church premises.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

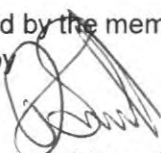
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the members of the Parochial Church Council on 20 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by



The Reverend Donald Edgar Smith

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the financial statements of Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to members of the Parochial Church Council (as Trustees, see page 3) as a body, in accordance with the section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Parochial Church Council those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities and basis of the report

As the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Frinton, you are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all of the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



TIM O'CONNOR ACA FCCA DChA

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Dated: 5 May 2021

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations	3(a)	120,965	583	121,548	147,632
Other voluntary income	3(b)	26,946	-	26,946	48,309
Other trading activities	3(c)	13,814	-	13,814	28,549
Investments	3(d)	407	-	407	1,213
Total income and endowments		162,132	583	162,715	225,703
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	168,107	9,242	177,349	230,213
Total expenditure		168,107	9,242	177,349	230,213
Net (losses) on investments		(2,802)	-	(2,802)	(720)
Net (expenditure)		(8,777)	(8,659)	(17,436)	(5,230)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,777)	(8,659)	(17,436)	(5,230)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		174,162	23,740	197,902	203,132
Total funds carried forward		£ 165,385	£ 15,081	£ 180,466	£ 197,902

Analysis between funds of the 2019 Statement of Financial Activities is shown in note 13 to the accounts.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed assets	6	46,674	55,001
Investments	7	5,148	7,950
		<u>51,822</u>	<u>62,951</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	2,155	3,238
CCLA Charities Deposit Fund		91,928	91,539
Barclays Bank		37,276	40,694
FWO Account		250	415
Cash at bank and in hand		325	325
		<u>131,934</u>	<u>136,211</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(3,290)</u>	<u>(1,260)</u>
Net current assets		<u>128,644</u>	<u>134,951</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>180,466</u>	<u>197,902</u>
Net assets		<u><u>£ 180,466</u></u>	<u><u>£ 197,902</u></u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	2(a)	153,741	153,679
Designated funds	2(a)	11,644	20,483
Restricted funds	2(b)	15,081	23,740
		<u>£ 180,466</u>	<u>£ 197,902</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by



The Reverend Donald Edgar Smith
Rector and PCC Chairman

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, as updated in October 2018, rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at mid-market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in Law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant areas of adjustment and key assumptions that affect items in the accounts are to do with estimating the liability from multi-year grant commitments (see note 1(f) and note 4(a)).

The Charity qualifies as a small charity as defined in the Charities SORP (FRS102) and as such is exempt from preparing a Statement of Cash Flows.

Funds

- 1(a)** General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Further unrestricted funds are designated on a discretionary basis. Restricted funds are accounted for with the monies being applied in accordance with the terms of the initial receipt.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - *(Continued)*
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *(continued)*

Incoming resources and resources expended

1(b) Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Government grants, other grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the certain amount due. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

1(c) Other charitable trading

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

1(d) Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

1(e) Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December, annually.

1(f) Grants funding expenditure

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

1(g) Activities directly relating to the work of the church

The Diocesan quota is accounted for when payable and is allocated to the Parish Church and the Old Church in the ratio of the number of communicants at each Church. This has resulted in a deficit on the Old Church Fund, which has been covered by a transfer from unrestricted and undesignated Funds. Expenditure relating to the Old Church can continue to be borne by undesignated Funds until further income arises which is specifically designated or restricted to the Old Church.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF FRINTON

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – *(continued)*

1(h) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation.

Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over ten years and are reviewed on an annual basis for impairment by the Trustees.

1(i) Investments

Investments are valued at mid-market value at 31 December.

Current assets

1(j) Deposits

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England funds or at the bank.

1(k) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1(l) Pension

Defined contribution pension plan

The PCC operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the PCC pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the PCC has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the statement of financial activities when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the PCC independently administered funds.

1(m) Going concern

Following the restrictions but in place on 23 March 2020 in respect of the Covid 19 pandemic and revising the entity's forecasts and projections, the Charity have a reasonable expectation that the entity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The entity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

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2 FUND ACCOUNTING

2(a) General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Further unrestricted funds are designated on a discretionary basis; fourteen designated accounts were operated during the year, as follows:

	Balances at 1.1.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balances at 31.12.20 £
General Funds	153,679	160,402	145,989	(14,351)	153,741
Designated Funds:					
Old Church	2,319	180	-	-	2,499
Choir	1,047	-	-	70	1,117
Afternoon Fellowship	44	162	40	(166)	-
Wednesday Group	555	134	-	-	689
Small Sorts Mother and Toddler	948	170	-	-	1,118
Church Weekend	-	200	-	(200)	-
Carpet Bowls	1,006	-	-	(1,006)	-
Church Social A/G	4,532	-	-	-	4,532
Kingdom Coffee	822	154	158	-	818
Family and Children	8,807	65	24,722	15,818	(32)
MESSY	10	-	-	-	10
WOW	-	-	-	-	-
Players	334	665	-	(665)	334
Flower Guild	59	-	-	500	559
	<u>£ 174,162</u>	<u>£162,132</u>	<u>£170,909</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£165,385</u>

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2 FUND ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

2(b) Restricted funds are accounted for with the monies being applied in accordance with the terms of the initial receipt; three restricted funds were operated during the year, as follows:

	Balances at 1.1.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balances at 31.12.20 £
Old Church	21,388	-	8,705	-	12,683
Organ Fund	2,274	-	-	-	2,274
Jaywick	78	583	537	-	124
	<u>£ 23,740</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>£ 9,242</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 15,081</u>

- Old Church** - This fund is money given specifically to the Old Church.
Organ Fund - This fund is for the maintenance of the church organ.
Jaywick Fund - Money donated for the Jaywick Project

3 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
3(a) Donations and planned giving				
Covenants/gift aid	94,151	-	94,151	93,534
Income tax recoverable on covenants/gift aid	21,888	-	21,888	25,002
Collections at all services	3,897	-	3,897	15,183
Sundry donations	1,029	583	1,612	13,913
	<u>£ 120,965</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>£ 121,548</u>	<u>£ 147,632</u>

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3 INCOME - (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
3(b) Other voluntary income				
Appeals	9,424	-	9,424	10,103
Legacies	10,001	-	10,001	32,128
Fund raising events	618	-	618	1,945
Organisations	1,130	-	1,130	4,063
Grants	70	-	70	70
Government grant – JRS	5,703	-	5,703	-
	<u>£ 26,946</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 26,946</u>	<u>£ 48,309</u>
 3(c) Receipts from charitable and ancillary trading				
Publications including				
Bible study notes	466	-	466	492
Church hall lettings	5,068	-	5,068	15,079
Fees	8,132	-	8,132	12,653
Photocopying	148	-	148	325
	<u>£ 13,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 13,814</u>	<u>£ 28,549</u>
 3(d) Income from investments, dividends and interest	<u>£ 407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 407</u>	<u>£ 1,213</u>
 Total income	<u>£ 162,132</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>£ 162,715</u>	<u>£ 225,703</u>

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4 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
4(a) Grants funding activities				
Missionary and charitable giving:				
Missionary societies	1,500	-	1,500	2,850
Relief and development agencies	-	-	-	4,600
Home missions	200	-	200	1,751
	<u>£ 1,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 1,700</u>	<u>£ 9,201</u>
4(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church				
Ministry: Diocesan quota	70,000	-	70,000	89,453
Clergy expenses	4,158	-	4,158	4,505
Church running expenses	25,064	6,272	31,336	46,591
Church maintenance	2,317	2,970	5,287	2,636
Publication and Bible study notes	548	-	548	403
Other parish activities (including church w/e)	371	-	371	3,273
Salary and expense of organist	3,712	-	3,712	4,305
Music Group	39	-	39	142
Sound System	872	-	872	554
Depreciation	8,327	-	8,327	8,327
	<u>£ 115,408</u>	<u>£ 9,242</u>	<u>£ 124,650</u>	<u>£ 160,189</u>
4(c) Support cost and administration				
Administration	25,626	-	25,626	35,369
Children and Families' Worker	24,113	-	24,113	24,194
Independent examiner fees	1,260	-	1,260	1,260
	<u>£ 50,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£ 50,999</u>	<u>£ 60,823</u>
Total expenditure	<u>£ 168,107</u>	<u>£ 9,242</u>	<u>£ 177,349</u>	<u>£ 230,213</u>

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5 STAFF COSTS

During the year, the Church employed a caretaker, a cleaner, an administrator, a church secretary, a hall bookings manager, a "Children's and Families' Worker," and paid visiting speakers.

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	56,265	56,883
Pension	920	816
	<u>£ 57,185</u>	<u>£ 57,699</u>

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Sound System £	Piano £	Chairs £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2020 and at 31 December 2020	<u>44,918</u>	<u>19,440</u>	<u>18,909</u>	<u>83,267</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2020	9,038	11,664	7,564	28,266
Charge for year	4,492	1,944	1,891	8,327
At 31 December 2020	<u>13,530</u>	<u>13,608</u>	<u>9,455</u>	<u>36,593</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2020	<u>£ 31,388</u>	<u>£ 5,832</u>	<u>£ 9,454</u>	<u>£ 46,674</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>£ 35,880</u>	<u>£ 7,776</u>	<u>£ 11,345</u>	<u>£ 55,001</u>

7 INVESTMENTS

	Cost £	Mid Market Value	
		2020 £	2019 £
HSBC Holdings plc: 1,317 Ordinary US\$0.50 shares	859	4,998	7,800
£250 2.5% Consolidated stock	150	150	150
	<u>£ 1,009</u>	<u>£ 5,148</u>	<u>£ 7,950</u>

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8 DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Insurance paid in advance	1,765	1,748
Other debtors	390	1,490
	<u>£ 2,155</u>	<u>£ 3,238</u>

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	<u>£ 3,290</u>	<u>£ 1,260</u>

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Fixed assets	51,822	-
Current assets	116,853	15,081
Current liabilities	(3,290)	-
	<u>£ 165,385</u>	<u>£ 15,081</u>

11 CONTROL

The Trustees, as a body control the charity. No Trustee received any remuneration or was reimbursed for any expenses during the year (2019: £Nil).

12 RELATED PARTIES

There have been no related party transactions which require disclosure.

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13 PRIOR YEAR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations	141,612	6,020	147,632
Other voluntary income	48,309	-	48,309
Other trading activities	28,549	-	28,549
Investments	1,213	-	1,213
Total income and endowments	<u>219,683</u>	<u>6,020</u>	<u>225,703</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	222,239	7,974	230,213
Total expenditure	<u>222,239</u>	<u>7,974</u>	<u>230,213</u>
Net (losses) on investments	(720)	-	(720)
Net (expenditure)	<u>(3,276)</u>	<u>(1,954)</u>	<u>(5,230)</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(3,276)</u>	<u>(1,954)</u>	<u>(5,230)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	177,438	25,694	203,132
Total funds carried forward	<u>£ 174,162</u>	<u>£ 23,740</u>	<u>£ 197,902</u>