



St. Mary's Church
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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chiddingfold

Annual Report 2022

**A Report for the Year
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Introduction

At the start of 2022 we were still working under public health restrictions, but as they lifted we took hold of each opportunity to welcome people back to church and to restore and renew our life together. This Annual Report charts our route out of the limitations that have shaped so much of our lives over the last three years of the pandemic. Reading the stories in this report, I hope you will be reminded of the activities to which you contributed and of many joyful occasions. You might also recall some of the changes made to restart and sustain our activities that have proved beneficial and have become a part of our normal way of worshipping, working and reaching out to serve our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the PCC for all they give to leadership in St. Mary's. I am particularly grateful to Lily Cook for taking up the role of Churchwarden in June. She and Churchwarden Chris Everett form a brilliant team and are as supportive and committed a pair as any rector could wish for. In the summer Dickie Atkinson stepped down from his role on the Finance Group and PCC, and in the autumn, Martin Johnson stepped down as Chair of Fundraising, Gift Aid Officer and PCC member. I want to thank them both for all their service to St. Mary's. Gilly van Oppen has assumed the role of Gift Aid Officer, which is good news indeed. We are looking for a new volunteer to co-ordinate our fundraising efforts, so please do have a word if you'd like to gather folks around for some fundraising activities!

Over the course of the year there have been some big transitions. Roger Crocker retired on Easter Day from the role of Director of Music, a role he held with dedication for over thirty-seven years. We are grateful to Helen Bendall for stepping into the breach to lead the choir and to ensure our music programme has been well supported while the position is advertised. Later in the spring Katherine Hylton handed over the role of Booking Clerk to Elizabeth Ottley, and before the year was out, we welcomed Tracy Verrier as our new Wedding Clerk.

As you read I hope you will get a flavour of how far we have travelled this past year and of the many milestones along the way, and celebrate how many glorious and valuable things we managed to do 'to know Christ better and make Christ better known.' Without you, none of it would be possible. Your time, energy, skills, financial support, faithfulness and dedication are appreciated so much more than I can express here, and they are a true reflection of God at work in this Parish. I thank God for them and for you all continually.

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Administration and Membership

St. Mary's is the Parish Church of Chiddingfold and is part of the Diocese of Guildford within the Church of England. The Church's postal address is:

St. Mary's Church, Petworth Road, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 4TY

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are Trustees of the Charity for the term of their appointment. Members serving on the PCC during 2022 are:

Incumbent: The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Chair

Churchwardens: Chris Everett
Jan Fellingham (until APCM 2022)
Lily Cook (from June 2022)

Deanery Synod: Ken Lindup

PCC Members: Richard Atkinson (until July 2022)
Ollie Bayne
Richard Flenley (until APCM 2022)
Nigel Forman (until APCM 2022)
Katherine Hylton (until APCM 2022)
Martin Johnson (until September 2022)
Chris Ryan (from APCM 2022)
Oli Shepherd (from APCM 2022)
Louise Taylor
Gilly van Oppen
Gerald Williams

Treasurer: Gerald Williams

Secretary: Helen Bendall

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission as The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Chiddingfold and its registered Charity Number is: 1128727.

The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend St. Mary's and who qualify according to those Rules are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Parish, including deciding how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members are given initial training into the workings of the PCC. The PCC meets six times during the year.

The PCC operates through a number of Focus Groups, which meet between full meetings. These groups are constituted to make full use of the professional expertise available within St. Mary's and members are encouraged to attend Diocesan training as appropriate. Each group has at least one representative from the PCC, and the Rector and Churchwardens are *ex officio* members of all these groups. All the Focus Groups are responsible to the PCC and report back regularly at PCC meetings.

Standing Committee:	This statutory committee has a general power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the PCC.
Finance and Stewardship Group:	Oversees expenditure and monitors income and investments. Encourages financial support of the Church through a strategy for Regular Planned Giving (RPG), legacies, occasional parish funding programmes and gift days; prepares the annual budget for outreach support.
Fundraising Group:	Plans an annual programme of fundraising events to generate income for the Church.
Maintenance Group:	Attends to matters relating to the stewardship and maintenance of the Church, its contents, buildings and grounds, such as the Churchyard, the Church Room and the Rectory.
Worship Group:	Co-ordinates the provision and conduct of worship.
Youth and Children's Work Group:	Co-ordinates activities involving children and young people in the Church and the wider community.

In addition, several important links and special interest groups complement the aims and purposes of St. Mary's PCC, as it seeks to benefit everyone in the Church and the community:

- **Baptism Visiting Team**
- **Bell Ringers**
- **Choir and Music**
- **Eco Church**
- **Food for Fellowship**
- **Friends of St. Mary's**
- **Joint Churches in Chiddingfold**
- **Pastoral Visiting Team**
- **St. Mary's C of E Primary School**

Objectives and Activities

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and the Church Room and for some internal decoration of the Rectory. St. Mary's vision is "to know Christ better and to make Christ better known".

In order to achieve these objectives St. Mary's Church offers, among other things:

- regular services of worship
- occasional offices
- pastoral care
- small groups for nurture and discipleship
- social activities
- quiet days and retreats
- concerts and recitals
- programmes and activities for children, young people and those who care for them
- charitable fundraising events
- a monthly parish magazine which has a distribution to many beyond the regular congregation
- a website
- a social media presence on Facebook

We invite you to read on to learn how we have been fulfilling our vision, and what we have undertaken in 2022 to meet the aims of St. Mary's Church for the benefit of our congregation within the Church and of the wider community.



‘The Young Ones’

Youth and Children’s Work

Families @ St. Mary’s

At St. Mary’s we seek to serve people at every stage of life and to include people of all ages – even the very young – in our worship and activities. To that end, we have developed a specially tailored programme designed to engage the imaginations of children and youth and help them grow in faith. The Families @ St. Mary’s Programme is made up of six separate ministries that allow us to serve children, young people, and teens along with their families and carers.

Muddy Church

We held four Muddy Church events this year, and it has gone from strength to strength. Muddy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves wondering, wandering and creative explorations of the beauty and wonder of the natural world that God has made. Muddy Church is for people at all stages of their faith journey, including starting at the very beginning. It is designed to be attractive and accessible for people who are not sure church is for them, and to meet at a time and place that suits people who don't attend church. It includes a welcome and an invitation to wander through an outdoor trail set in St. Mary’s churchyard, with 4-6 stations for prayer, reflection and creative exploration. All elements are for people of all ages, and in practice children take part alongside their parents and grandparents (and their well-behaved dogs!).



Muddy Church autumn trail: making leaf confetti.

Muddy Church has brought new families into the orbit of St. Mary’s Church. This year our Rector has baptised four children and one adult, and married one set of parents, for whom Muddy Church was the first point of contact. This year we also held Muddy Church events in St. Mary’s churchyard for pupils at St. Mary’s Primary School, in which 56 children from two year groups took part in trails. In this way, Muddy Church has been deepening the provision of RE as well as allowing us to reach children, young people and adults who do not yet attend church. We have been approached by our neighbouring parish of All Saints for support setting up Muddy Church in Witley, and our friends at Chiddingfold Baptist and St. Teresa’s would like to get involved in the new year. In December St. Mary’s was awarded a grant from the Deanery Mission Fund for Muddy Church, in recognition of the impact and evangelistic potential of this programme.

Muddy Church is led by our Rector with the help of Julie Flenley and Wendy Johnson, and they are assisted by a number of older children from the Good News Gang. We need two more adult leaders to share in the planning and the outdoor fun, so please do consider joining the Muddy Church team in 2023!



Church Mice story time

Church Mice meets each Thursday in term time from 9:30am-11:30am in the Church Room. The Church Room is often bursting at the seams, and it is wonderful to see everyone making new friendships and enjoying toys, craft activities, snacks and singing together. Church Mice provides a welcoming space for new parents and their babies; a place to chat and share experiences over a hot drink as they get to know each other and get to know St. Mary's. We are grateful to Kirsty Howe and Victoria Howard for leading the group so brilliantly.

Good News Gang

St. Mary's youth group is aimed at 9-14 year olds wanting to get to know a bit more about their faith and have some fun doing it. We meet monthly on Sunday evenings in term-time for games, activities, explorations of the bible and lots of laughter. In March the gang collected last year's palm crosses and burned them to make this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. Then in April, ten members of the gang led St. Mary's Vigil service on Easter Eve, starting outdoors with a new fire and the blessing of the Paschal candle before moving into Church for the first celebration of Easter. It was a well-attended service and a joyous occasion. The gang was not able to meet in September, during the period of national mourning, or in November, when members were pulled in other directions, so we're planning a big relaunch in 2023. This will be an important transition, in recognition that four older members are aging out and as we welcome new members coming of age. The gang is led by Angela Stinson, Chris King, our Young Leader, and the Rector. We need one more adult leader to join the team, so do have a word if you can lend a hand!



Church Mice crafts

All Stars Children's Church

On most Sundays, after lighting the children's candle, children are invited (but not obliged!) to take part in All Stars children's church, a bespoke lectionary-based curriculum that explores the day's theme in age-appropriate ways through bible stories, games and craft activities in the Church Room. Six adults take turns leading the activities and supervising, and this winter they have been assisted by two young leaders, Isabelle Hamlett (Bronze) and William Bayne (Silver), who were volunteering to attain a Duke of Edinburgh award. We want to encourage more adult volunteers – and young leaders! – to get involved in planning and leading All Stars, as we need your help to place this well-loved programme on an even stronger foundation.

Special Events

Children and young people get a warm welcome at all our worship services, but we also hold a number of special Parish Communion services to engage the imaginations of children and young people, in which they take part by reading lessons and leading the prayers of intercession. In 2022 these included festivals at Harvest, Christmas Eve, Candlemas with Christingles and on Mothering Sunday.

This year St. Mary's was able to contribute to the creation of the 2022 Chiddingfold Village Living Advent Calendar. We are so grateful to Kirsty Parton and her team for ensuring this wonderful tradition continued and for designing the window display for 24th December in St. Mary's Church Room.

Preparing Young People to Receive Communion

In 2022 we had the privilege of preparing thirteen young people to receive the bread and wine of communion for the first time – the largest cohort on record. Over the four-week course, we gave them the space to explore and think for themselves, to recognise God working in their lives and to think about how they want to claim that and respond to it. On 9th October, the children were formally admitted to communion and received the bread and wine for the first time. As a result, another six families have asked whether their children could be offered instruction too, so we will likely hold another course of preparation in the spring of 2023.



Children making chalices and thinking about receiving communion as they prepare to receive communion for the first time.

Looking to the Future

The Families @ St. Mary's Programme is only possible with the help of dozens of volunteers, including those on St. Mary's safeguarding team. Going forward we want to include more people who can share in the fun by organising and leading. We still wish to recruit a Children and Youth Leader, so we can welcome more children, young people and their families into the life of St. Mary's, but recognise that there are fewer people working in this sector post-pandemic. We are disappointed that after several rounds of advertisement and adaptation of the job role to make it more attractive, we have not been successful in filling this position. We are advised that there are many such vacancies in the diocese. We encourage anyone interested in the role to have an informal chat with us and continue to pray that the right person will come forward.

Youth & Children's Work Focus Group members: Rector (Chair), Oliver Bayne, Julie Flenley, Nigel Forman, Wendy Johnson and James Quickfall

The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

'In the Beauty of Holiness'

Worship



This year saw the continued return to the regular pattern of worship at St. Mary's. Our planning for each liturgical season is built on our review of previous services and feedback, to ensure ongoing work is done to enable all ages and stages to '*know Christ better*' through the services we offer.

Epiphany to Candlemas

In January we held our first in-person Christingle service since the end of the lockdowns, with 'Christingle Kits' prepared by Gill Welford and Jan Fellingham for the children to make in the pews during the story. A specially chanted Evensong for Candlemas was led by the Revd Dr David Neaum, ably supported by Roger Crocker and David Stinson.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

The two Ash Wednesday services were both held in-person, with the return of the imposition of ashes. The ashing of pebbles, begun in 2021, was repeated and again proved to be very popular, including sending 250 Lent pebbles to the school for pupils and staff. Thanks again go to Thomas Neaum for his help in decorating the pebbles. The beginning of Lent saw the return to four congregational hymns at the 10am service and the change to the setting of the Communion service by John Rutter.



Mothering Sunday was also held in-person and it was wonderful to see so many families back in St. Mary's. Thank you to the wonderful team of flower posy arrangers, led by Gilly van Oppen, for all their work preparing the posies, and to those who opened their gardens and donated flowers.



Garden of Gethsemane

Holy Week began with the traditional Palm Sunday procession at the start of the 10am service, which saw the reintroduction of processions after the pandemic lockdowns. In the evening there was a beautiful special choral service entitled "A reflection for Palm Sunday, St. Luke's Passion in words and music" arranged by Roger Crocker. The Joint Churches in

Chiddingfold Lent Supper took place on Monday 11th April, with Andy Kittow from Elam Ministries as guest speaker. Other Holy Week services included Communion on Maundy Thursday to commemorate the Last Supper, with the reintroduction of the chalice; and the Walk of Witness and Meditations on the Cross on Good Friday. Nearly 20 people took part in Muddy Church on Holy Saturday, and once again the Easter Eve Vigil was wonderfully and ably led by St. Mary's young people and teenagers.



Stripping the Church

The Easter Day service was particularly joyous, from the opening Taizé chant *Surrexit Dominus vere*, to the children ringing bells during the *Gloria*, plus our brilliant team of bell ringers ringing before and after the service, all rounded off with the traditional Easter Egg Hunt! However, Easter Day also marked the retirement of Roger Crocker as Director of Music after nearly 38 years service. St. Mary's is so grateful to him for his dedicated and outstanding service and he will be sorely missed.

Advent and Christmas

Building on the success of 2021, we again began this season with a wonderful Advent Evensong, which combined the framework of the Evensong liturgy with Advent carols. Our Carols by Candlelight service was entitled 'No Room at the Inn' and included choir carols by John Rutter and John Tavener, congregational carols, readings and refreshments. Our thanks go to Jan Fellingham and Ruth Goddard for their work in creating both these services. On Christmas Eve we were able to hold our traditional Crib Service, with children coming dressed as their favourite Nativity character, and we were delighted to welcome so many families to this incredibly popular service.



Photo: Phil Darley

Special Services

In September we commemorated the passing of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, holding a special commemorative service on the eve of the State Funeral. In November we planted a Wild Service tree in the churchyard in commemoration of the long reign and service of our late Queen.

We held a Baptism Welcome Service in July, the first since 2019, and were delighted to invite all the families of children who had been baptised since the beginning of that year back to church.

In November we welcomed many recently bereaved families to our annual Service of Light to remember the departed, and invited uniformed organisations to our annual Remembrance Sunday service. Unfortunately, representatives from HMS Chiddingfold were not able to join us on this occasion; however, they joined us for Parish Communion to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Pentecost. We also came together to celebrate our Patronal Festival, Harvest Festival, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Confirmation / First Communion

On 8th September an adult candidate from St. Mary's was confirmed at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Godalming. St. Mary's also prepared 13 children to receive First Communion, which took place on Sunday 9th October – a truly wonderful sign of faith growing at St. Mary's as the next generation of disciples comes to maturity.



Other Regular Services

The weekly Wednesday service of Communion continued in 2022, as well as our monthly service of Evensong. Morning Prayer has continued to be led over Zoom, a format in which it has grown and flourished. It has been incredible to see this faithful group of parishioners expand (it is not unusual for 20 to attend!) under the nurture and leadership of Gill Beckwith. Evening Prayer is also still said from homes across the parish.

For the month of August we have transitioned to a more sustainable worship pattern called 'Summer Sundays'. This means that we have one service of communion at 10.00am and worship together as one congregation. Services of Holy Communion resume in September for the Patronal Festival.

Looking ahead, the Worship Focus Group will be developing our range of Evensong offerings.

Ministry at St. Mary's

Our worship is enriched by the ministry of St. Mary's Lay Preachers, Ken Lindup and Helen Bendall, and by St. Mary's Associate Priests: the Revd Gill Welford, the Revd George Rowe and the Revd Dr David Neaum. Richard Flenley has successfully completed his first year of training for ordained ministry and is now mid-way through his second year.

Life Events at St. Mary's

In 2022, we were delighted that many couples and families continued to choose to celebrate significant life events at St. Mary's. There were 11 Weddings, 14 Baptisms, 3 Funeral Services and 10 Burial of Ashes conducted. We were also pleased to continue to offer services of Holy Communion in people's homes throughout the parish and praise God for all the ways we've been given to offer worship.

Worship Focus Group members: Revd Dr Rachel Greene (Chair), Helen Bendall, Jan Fellingham, David Stinson and Revd Gill Welford.

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Caring for our Possessions

The Fabric and Maintenance Report

The Churchwardens have pleasure in providing our report for the year to December 2022.

General

The year has remained a challenging one for our finances, but fortunately the normal functions of maintenance and care for the Church and churchyard have been carried out; and the logbooks and monthly Churchwardens' inspections have been kept up to date.

Church

There are no urgent items to report. Regrettably there have been some occurrences of anti-social behaviour in the Church – pot smoking and setting fire to candles, but no permanent damage.

Vestry

A faculty has been applied for to carry out modifications to the vestry, including replacing the old metal windows and the west door, which should open outwards as an emergency door.

Churchyard

The Churchyard Working Party is now in a far healthier state than before, as it is now being managed, under the auspices of the Management Focus Group, jointly by a PCC Member (our bookkeeper Gilly van Oppen) and a Chiddingfold resident (Phil Darley) who is very keen and involved in wildlife matters within the village. This has resulted in reasonable attendance at most of the Churchyard Working Party meetings and a lot of valuable work has been done.

In addition, the Bonfire Crew assisted with a further visit, attending primarily to the hedge and to painting of the Lych Gate and all four church doors. We hope to make this a regular village event.

A few disappointing occurrences of anti-social behaviour in the churchyard and graffiti (on the churchyard sign and the main Church door) have taken place. The graffiti was swiftly dealt with and has fortunately not reoccurred.

Churchyard Management Plan

The Churchyard Management Plan originally approved by the PCC in November 2020, which provided for rotational mowing and strimming of various zones at yearly intervals to create a “wilder” habitat, is to be amended to a “tidier” more frequently mown regime.

War Graves

The PCC approved placing a sign in the standard format of the CWGC on the Church Lych gate to indicate that there are Commonwealth War graves in the churchyard. Diocesan approval was granted, and the sign was erected in October.



Barrel Grave Repairs

The firm of Anstey & Stone Ltd has been appointed to repair at least those barrel graves most at risk of collapse. Funding from the Friends of St. Mary's and the Chiddingfold Community Fund is gratefully acknowledged, however there are still many of these historic and rare graves in danger.

Commemorative Tree

A Wild Service tree was planted in the south-east corner of the churchyard after the 10am service on 6th November in commemoration of the long reign and service of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Wild Service Tree



Hedges and Trees

A new mixed native hedge was planted in December along the north-western boundary of the churchyard against the footpath to Ballsdown with the approval of the Archdeacon.

After a check by a qualified arboricultural consultant, it was recommended that a veteran oak tree should be trimmed where it is dying, and a dead ash tree should be felled. Diocesan approval from the Archdeacon was obtained and that from Waverley Borough Council is awaited. Approval will require that a replacement tree is planted.

Volunteers

As with all Parish Churches the efforts of our volunteers are vital to its smooth running. This stalwart group is aging and reducing in number and we must express our concern at this trend and would like to encourage younger members of the congregation to become involved in these activities.

Services and Repairs

- Routine inspections and services have been carried out to the Tower Clock, Lightning Conductor, Fire Extinguishers, Alarm System, Church and Church Room boilers, and all electrical appliances have had a PAT Test completed. Other minor repairs have also been done as necessary.
- Up-to-date plans of utilities – partially completed.

Terrier

This is the written inventory giving details and photographs of all the property, buildings, equipment, monuments, vestments, plate, windows etc. in the Parish owned by the Church. It had not been updated since 2019, but with major assistance from Jane Bell this has now been checked and updated. It was signed off by the Rector, Churchwardens and two PCC members in May 2022.

Church of England Regulations require that a full Terrier inventory should be made out afresh every 10 years, but in the years between, it is only necessary to add an annual update sheet where anything changes.

Arising from this it became clear however that there is no inventory of the many more mundane items that do not belong in the Terrier, such as furniture and equipment in the Tower Room or Church Room. This must now be undertaken.

In addition, a review is necessary of the parish documentation archived by Surrey History Centre, and this must be brought up to date.

Quinquennial Report

The next Quinquennial Inspection is due in November 2024. Progress on the Action Plan to implement the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection that was held in November 2019 is as follows:

- There were no Immediate repairs required.
- All seven items of work to be carried out within 18 months (May 2021) are complete.
- Seven of the nine items of work to be carried out within the Quinquennium (i.e. by November 2024) are complete. O/S items are:
 - Rainwater Goods re-decoration, however they are in fact in very good condition and no work is needed at this stage.
 - Gravestone stability survey – no formal survey has been commissioned, but gravestones that are leaning badly are checked on an occasional basis.
- One of the four items of Desirable work is complete. The rest require fundraising, budgeting and approval by the PCC. O/S items are:
 - Budget for ongoing masonry repairs and repointing – no spare funds available and no immediate problems found.
 - North Chapel redecoration – no funds available at present.
 - Hooped access ladder on the north aisle west wall for access to valley gutter – very low priority.
- Six of the eight items requiring monitoring/maintenance (all of which are routinely checked as part of the Churchwardens' Monthly Checklist) have been attended to. O/S items are:
 - Trip hazards on paving stones in churchyard – one section needs attention.
 - Tree condition survey every five years or so. See above.
- Ten of a further twelve additional items extracted from the report or current discussions which we consider worthy of consideration by the PCC, the Churchwardens or the Churchyard Working Party, have been resolved. Unfortunately, this is an ongoing process and additional items arise all the time. O/S items at present:
 - Contract to clean gutters – gutters are visually checked annually from the tower, and very little material has collected.
 - Redecoration where paint is peeling – minor areas so far.

Thanks

Our thanks are extended to the Intercessors, Readers, Bell Ringers, Sacristan, Church Cleaners, those who wash and iron the Church linen, the Flower Arrangers and the Key Holders who have enabled us to keep the Church open and attractive.

Special thanks also are expressed to the volunteers of the Churchyard Working Party.

It has been especially pleasing that our Eucharist is again enhanced by the Choir, Organist and the processions of Chalice Assistants, Servers and Acolytes.

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March 2023

Budgeting for our Future

Finance and Stewardship

The Finance Focus Group met four times during the year, in May, June (twice) and September. A further meeting was also convened early in January 2023 specifically to consider the draft Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The principal objective of the Group was to provide an opportunity for detailed consideration of various finance related issues prior to consideration by the PCC. Accordingly, after some in depth analysis, the Group recommended that the PCC should consider: (i) increases to the Organists' fees; (ii) reinstatement of the offertory collections at the Parish Communion services; and (iii) a range of charitable organisations to which the Outreach Budget of £5,000 should be distributed at the year end.

Discussion also centred on the need for a Stewardship Campaign to be organised and, in this regard, the Group was advised (at a Zoom meeting in June) by a representative from the Diocese who reminded us about the Theology of Giving and outlined the basis upon which Parish Share is calculated.

In addition, some of the other issues which members of the Group worked on included (i) preparation of role descriptions for the Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Gift Aid Secretary; (ii) preparation of a leaflet about the need for the church to receive donations; (iii) research into raffle prizes for sale at the Ramster Centenary Concert in July; and (iv) investigations regarding the possibility of purchasing alternative hand held card readers – which ultimately were thought to be unnecessary whilst the existing ones continue to work satisfactorily.

As I've stated in my Treasurer's Comments attached to the Accounts, 2022 was a challenging year economically for everyone and it was especially pleasing, therefore, to be able to report that St. Mary's achieved a surplus of £2,301 over the year. This was after contributing £75,000 (increased from £72,000 in 2021) towards the requested amount for Parish Share of £93,519 for which the Diocese were extremely grateful; indeed we received no less than three separate emails expressing their 'deepest thanks' for our 'hard work and encouragement'.

On a personal note, I want to add my thanks to the Group members: Ollie Bayne, Lily Cook, Jan Fellingham, Rachel Greene, Martin Johnson, Chris Ryan, Oli Shepherd and Gilly van Oppen all of whom were a tremendous help and encouragement to me during the year. That said, we were sorry to say goodbye to Jan after she stood down as Churchwarden in the Spring and Martin who resigned in the face of a significantly increased work load. Their contributions are sadly missed but we wish them both well in their 'retirement'!

Going forward, again as I've said in my Treasurer's Comments attached to the Accounts, I am confident that St. Mary's is well placed to face future financial challenges and, although the FFG may include some different faces as members come and go, we will continue to support, and hopefully enhance, the work of the PCC wherever possible.

Finance Focus Group members: Gerald Williams (Chair), Ollie Bayne, Lily Cook, Revd Dr Rachel Greene, Chris Ryan, Oli Shepherd and Gilly van Oppen.

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Raising Money, Having Fun

The Fundraising Team

May we begin by thanking everyone who supported St. Mary's through the last year and helped our fundraising efforts. It was wonderful to be able to resume many of the fundraising activities that formed part of our calendar pre-pandemic and we could not have done it without the help of everyone who took part.



Several Fresh Produce Sales were held which were very successful. Thanks are given to Beverley Draper and her team on their success with organising and running these events.

In May the fundraising team organised the first Jumble Sale since before the pandemic. It raised over £1,000 and our thanks are given to everyone who made it such a success.

Following the successful Jumble Sale, the fundraising group organised the Quintessentially English Sales Stall for the Platinum Jubilee Fête. A huge range of donations were made, providing a good range of stock. Good stock was also key to the success of the Barrow of Bottles. The two stalls raised approximately £2,300 which was fantastic. Thanks are given to Nigel Forman who co-ordinated and sold tickets for the Barrow of Bottles, and Rob Wotherspoon for all his work behind the scenes of the QE stall.

Another very successful Open Gardens Day took place on Sunday 26th June. There were 21 gardens open for viewing, a children's trail, classic cars at Beckhams and a plant sale outside the church. Refreshments included teas, cakes and hot dogs, as well as the Vann Lane Gin distillery. After expenses, the event raised approximately £2,500. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success, including Sally Frederick, Mark Todd, Damien Kirby, the stewards at each garden, the cake makers, ticket sellers and those who ran the plant sale and teas and coffees. We couldn't have done it without you!

In July Ramster Hall and Gardens held a Centenary Concert with the Hart Male Voice Choir. This was a joint fundraising event for the DEC Ukraine Appeal and St. Mary's Church. Thanks are given to Ramster Hall and the Hart Male Voice Choir for a wonderful event.

Also in July, Ted very generously opened his garden, giving everyone the opportunity to see his beautiful garden and model railway. This event raised funds for St. Mary's Church and Macmillan Cancer Support, and a donation was also made to the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal. Thank you to Ted and everyone who helped make the day a success.

Continuing the open garden theme, in September Jack Salway held his Open Garden Day. This was a great opportunity to see Jack's incredible sub-tropical garden which has featured on Gardener's World. Thank you to Jack for his continued support, and to all the volunteers and stewards who helped on the day.

We had some stardust sprinkled on St. Mary's in November, as footage from our church was included in the latest season of The Crown on Netflix. In the second episode (2:24) of Season 5, there's a terrific long shot of St. Mary's and close ups in which the choir screen and the memorials can be clearly seen. We're pleased that St. Mary's is viewed as a film location of choice and grateful to all who assisted the production crew and cast in August 2021.

We are sad to report that Martin Johnson stepped down from the Fundraising Focus Group in the autumn. Huge thanks are given to him for all his time and hard work helping to organise fundraising events for St. Mary's. If you would like to become involved in fundraising at St. Mary's, please get in touch – the more of us there are, the merrier!

Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported us. We have many exciting events planned for 2023 so look out for notices!

Fundraising Focus Group members: Martin Johnson (Chair), Beverley Draper, Susan Hodges, Pauline Kaye, Sue Smith and Melanie Wotherspoon

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Looking after Children and Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding Report

The PCC's Safeguarding role is clearly defined in The Church of England's 'Parish Handbook' and is carried out with the support of the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) validator – Helen Bendall. The House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church: Policy Statement' has been adopted by the PCC and this is displayed in St. Mary's. A copy of the Handbook is available on the Parish website as is a full list of contacts and organisations providing help and advice. Although Safeguarding is on the agenda of all PCC meetings complete confidentiality is maintained where matters are raised with the PSO or the Rector.

The PCC have carried out a Safeguarding Audit and reviewed the Action Plan before writing a new plan which is being taken forward. The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard is being used which is an online tool that helps keep track of safeguarding in the church and keeps us up to date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements.

Louise Taylor, St. Mary's Safeguarding Officer
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He Washes Us Clean...

The Baptism Visiting Team

In 2022, 14 Baptisms took place at St. Mary's of which 6 were at the 10am service and 8 at midday. In July we invited the families of all the children who had been baptised since July 2019 to a Welcome Service, as that was the date of our last Welcome Service because of the pandemic. In all 30 families were invited and 7 families attended, all of whom live within our parish. The low attendance may well have been because many of the children had been baptised up to 2 years earlier and had no further connection with our church, maybe as a result of the pandemic. Several families were also away that particular weekend.



At the end of the year Michelle Quickfall stepped down as a Baptism Visitor as she has taken up full time employment. Michelle has been with the BVT for 10 years and has done tremendous work with our young families. We are sorry to see her go but we wish her well in her new venture.

Baptism Visiting Team: Wendy Johnson, Lily Cook, Helen Gorrod

Wendy Johnson
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Bells at St. Mary's

We have emerged from the pandemic lockdown, when there was no bellringing, back to a form of normality. The ringers are very happy to be able to accompany services and other events with the sound of our wonderful bells ringing out over the village. Our community is also very appreciative of the bells ringing to mark both church and secular events.

Our regular practices on a Wednesday are fun times and are gradually increasing the skills of the ringers to enable more challenging methods to be rung.

We have a small band of local ringers who usually manage to ring for services and weddings and other events and we are grateful for the assistance given by the Dunsfold band in making up our numbers when needed. Our numbers though have reduced, eroded by illnesses, infirmities and other issues resulting in many occasions when we would have wanted to ring but were unable to muster the necessary number of ringers. Any less than four bells ringing is unsatisfactory. We were very disappointed to not be able to ring for many of the Christmas events and services.

Recruitment and training of learners has so far gained us two enthusiastic and promising newcomers. Recruitment initiatives continue as can be seen from the occasional display of the banner outside the church!

Weddings and other special requests during the year for the bells to be rung were met. Several visiting bands have rung our bells and some of them have rung peals. Each visiting band makes a contribution to the church funds.

Work was organised and completed by the ringers to refurbish the clappers and bearings of the bells, also the preservative treatment of the frame and wheels. This work was mainly funded by the Chiddingfold Community Fund and partially by the ringers themselves. This work has ensured the bells will remain in an excellent condition for many years to come.

Our thanks go to the church and its officers for the continuing good will and support for our ringers and ringing.

John Cowburn, Tower captain
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Sing to the Lord a New Song *Choir and Music*



Choir and Music

The purpose of the choir is to enhance and support the worship in St. Mary's Church. We enjoy singing different styles of music that reflect the significance of the season and the focus of the services.



Membership and attendance

The most significant change was the retirement of Roger Crocker as Director of Music at Easter, after nearly 38 years in post, and we are all so grateful to him for his dedicated and outstanding service to St. Mary's. We are also delighted that he has continued to support music at St. Mary's, by playing the organ or singing with the choir. Roger was presented with a Nicholson award at the RSCM Celebration Day on 8th October in Winchester Cathedral and we cheered him on in the Cathedral and from the alternative viewing location in the Church Room in Chiddingfold.

We welcomed David Stinson to the organ bench, and eight year old Ben, our youngest organist in training! The choir has also welcomed new junior members who will be admitted as full members of the choir in 2023. Additionally, the Arthur Barnett Choristers Cup and other roles in the choir will be awarded in 2023, there having been no real continuity to establish them in the last three years.



Festivals and Highlights

We marked Easter, the Patronal Festival, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas, each with special anthems by a range of composers, including Tallis, Schubert, Parry, Rutter and Graham Kendrick.

For Palm Sunday Roger compiled a special service of Reflection with a dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. Luke, which included beautiful hymns, anthems and chorales from the Bach St. Matthew Passion.

Easter Sunday marked Roger's last day as Director of Music and the service began with the singing of the *Surrexit Dominus Vere* (Taizé). Evensong for Advent was held at the beginning of December, which was very well received, followed two weeks later by Carols by Candlelight at which the choir sang two anthems, including *The Lamb* by John Tavener.

Finally, we welcomed the increase in congregational singing to four hymns from March 2022, and were delighted to be engaged to sing at two weddings during the year.

Leadership

In the summer Roger retired from leading singing assemblies at St. Mary's School, handing the baton to Helen who continued this important work from September. The children have shared some of the music they learn in school at Sunday services, including the Harvest Samba. The choir decided not to take part in the Diocesan Festival in October 2022 but will review this again in 2023.

Future developments

Choir social events will be planned for 2023 and the choir looks forward to learning new music as well as singing well-known works.

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John Doig, Choir Treasurer, johndoig65@gmail.com

Part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church **Deanery Synod Report**

I currently serve on the Deanery and Diocesan Synods. The Church of England has four levels of Governance, viz. PCC, Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod and General Synod. The actual decisions are really taken by various committees and councils and of course the PCCs. Serving on Synods is an important way for St. Mary's to demonstrate our commitment to the democratic life of the Church. The Synods get to vote on decisions being taken by a Synod and of course to ask questions.

Guildford is a young Diocese compared with say Winchester; which means that it does not have historical funds at its disposal. It relies on the money that we remit as the Parish Share. They are looking at ways to build such a fund by seeking to identify any properties, primarily vicarages, that might be sold and replaced by smaller buildings that are cheaper and more energy efficient.

Ken Lindup, Godalming Deanery Synod Representative
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Eco Church

“The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it.” Psalm 24.1

The Eco Church group at St. Mary’s aims to help our Church play its part in renewing the earth by using resources responsibly, creatively and unselfishly. Our goal is to empower individuals, the church congregation and the wider community to model good stewardship by reducing our environmental footprint, increasing awareness of environmental sustainability and encouraging the appreciation of God’s creation.

Since 2020 we’ve been supporting the maintenance team to ensure the churchyard is managed with wildlife in mind. At the same time, we’ve been welcoming surveys of the flora and fauna in the churchyard. This year those efforts have really come into fruition.

In August 2022, St. Mary’s was featured in the Autumn edition of Butterfly Conservation magazine, as the only known churchyard in the UK which supports a breeding colony of Wood Whites – the smallest and daintiest of the British white butterflies and one of the most threatened. The article by Paul Cawsey commended efforts in Chiddingfold to manage Wood White nectar sources and habitat. It included photos of the churchyard and of the Eco Group at St. Mary’s primary school planting butterfly food plants along the edge of the fence that leads to Ballsdown. Phil Darley wasn’t



thanked by name in Cawsey’s article, which is a shame, but she deserves special acknowledgment for all her hard work for this project. In November 2022, St. Mary’s was recognised as having ‘A Beautiful Burial Ground to Inspire’ and included on the new National Atlas database. This is a big accolade!

We have not rested on our laurels, however, and recognise that there is more that can be done. After following our first Churchyard Management Plan for nearly three years, it is clear there are areas in which modifying the approach to management could ensure our churchyard is both a haven for wildlife and a haven of heritage – a beautiful tranquil site of remembrance for the whole community. To that end, the PCC will be seeking guidance about the best way to enable this through grassland management that will improve access to monuments and graves and create a tidier appearance.

While the review of the management plan is taking place, we have continued to spread the good news about what has been achieved so far. We have been sharing the brilliant resources and webinars produced by the charity Caring For God’s Acre to raise awareness and increase engagement. In December we also hosted a seminar with Phil Darley to learn more about the wildflower and biodiversity projects underway. Her talk “Wild About Chiddingfold” brought together people from the congregation, from the wider community and from other parishes who are just beginning the Eco Church journey.



“Wild About Chiddingfold” Talk on December 10, 2022

We are working towards a prestigious A Rocha Gold Eco Church Award now, and we’d like your help to get there. We’ve got ideas for eco swaps (rebranded jumble sales!), for

partnering with Rotarians and Chiddingfold Baptist Church to support a repair café, for increasing recycling points, and for some more wildlife surveys so come and join us!

Further information about the work of St. Mary's Eco Church is available on the Church's website or email: stmarysecochurch@gmail.com

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Food for Fellowship

It was great to re-start the lovely tradition of Parish Breakfast between Holy Communion and Parish Communion on the first Sunday of the month, once restrictions were lifted. Thanks go to Irving and Wendy Johnson and Sue Smith for hosting the first two. By February, however, it was becoming a struggle to recruit more volunteers to continue, and it was felt that some of our loyal volunteers were being asked to do too much. This was a good provocation to begin exploring other ways we bring people together by providing food and drink.

We've been delighted to see new traditions created whereby we can enjoy food and fellowship. Thanks go to David Neaum for showing us that the Lychgate makes a great place from which to serve refreshments after carol services. Thanks also go to Chrissie Cuming Walters for making King Cakes for us to enjoy after Parish Communion on the last Sunday before Lent and for sharing this lovely tradition with us.



Patronal Festival BBQ in the Rectory Garden

The tradition of enjoying a BBQ in the Rectory Garden on the Patronal Festival in September continues from strength to strength. And here we thank Jules Cook, James Quickfall and their grilling team. We've also enjoyed coming together over mulled wine and mince pies at Choral Evensong in Advent, followed by more mulled wine and mince pies at the Carols by Candlelight service! And of course, we are utterly grateful to our wonderful team who make coffee and tea after Parish Communion week in and week out.

At St. Mary's we aspire to be a welcoming community, and we relish opportunities to get to know one another better – especially over good food and drink! We'd love to create more opportunities for fellowship and would really value more helpers to enable this. If you enjoy good company, catering, or can pour a cup of tea, please get in touch!

Lily Cook, Churchwarden
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With a Little Help from our Friends

The Friends of St. Mary's

In the year of "The Friends of St. Mary's Church" our year was marked by the huge sadness and loss of our committee member Sue Wright. Sue joined us as a committee member a few years ago, and her contribution to the committee was huge. She always said she was not a front of house person, but a back room person, but as we all know without her help on several events we would have been sorely lacking in that department. She was always willing, especially with her tea towel or washing up our numerous cups of tea that we served at various events. We will miss her so much and wish her family all the best in the future.

The "Friends" were responsible for serving the teas on the Green over the Platinum Jubilee celebrations during June 2022. The weather was good and so many people enjoyed tea and cakes, served and washed up by our many helpers. A fantastic array of cakes and cookies was provided by a vast number of people, but also so enjoyed by numerous families.

At the end of June the "Friends" again provided the teas at the very successful open gardens event, which were served with the kind permission of Wendy and Irving Johnson at their home in Ballsdown. Many thanks to all the people involved in organising and helping with this popular event.

The "Friends" still need your support in raising funds for St. Mary's Church, this old building requires constant care and maintenance, so your donations are much appreciated.

Keep well and safe in 2023.

Rosemary Gorringer (Chairperson of the Friends)
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Many Members, One Body

The Joint Churches in Chiddingfold

The three Churches have continued to meet regularly during 2022.

In January, Joao Bolzan, Minister of the Baptist Church, took over the reins as Chairman from Revd Rachel.

The Easter Card and Christmas Card were produced, as usual, with the tremendous support of the pupils of St. Mary's who take part in an art competition to design the front cover. The Easter Card was the final one to be printed and distributed via the Good Neighbours group as the change of structure of the Group led to a decision to cease the distribution. The Christmas Card was distributed electronically and also via the three Churches in a reduced print form. As yet there is no way of assessing the impact of this change on the village community.

The Lent Supper was held on Monday 11th April with Andrew Kittow from Elan Ministries as the after-dinner speaker. It was again a very successful evening, continuing the tradition set many years ago!

A Coffee Morning was held on The Green in support of Christian Aid Week; it went well with a steady stream of attendees and raised nearly £430! We also came together on 9th July to celebrate as Joao Bolzan was ordained and inducted as pastor of Chiddingfold Baptist Church. Unfortunately, the Service on the Green was not able to happen due to organisational difficulties.

A Memorial Service for her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was jointly held at St. Mary's on the eve of the State Funeral. Also in September, St. Teresa's welcomed their new Parish Priest, with Fr Raj taking over from Fr Irek.

A Welcome Tea Party, now under the direction of the Good Neighbours Group was held Sunday 2nd October, to welcome new residents to the village. It was a wonderful occasion and our thanks are given to Helen Gorrod, Sue and Charles Dickenson, and all our Good Neighbours for hosting the event.



A Service of Wholeness and Wellbeing took place at the Baptist Church on Sunday 20th November which was well attended and really appreciated by those who took part.

Finally, in December, the Joint Churches came together at St. Mary's to welcome the Peace Light from Bethlehem.

As you can see, it was a year of continued 'Working Together'!

Mike Danson

Parish Link with St Paul's Church, Hook

St. Paul's and St. Mary's have shared a friendship link for many years, established by Revd Stephen Bell when on placement during his training, but we have no formal representative at St. Paul's. We exchange Parish Magazines, weekly pew sheets and Christmas/Easter cards. There have been no shared services or events during the past year. Although there has been much goodwill between the priests and people of both churches, it has been difficult to nurture this link following the periods of lockdown.

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You Visited Me... ***The Pastoral Visiting Team***

Caring for our Community

St. Mary's offers pastoral support to all parishioners regardless of their religious beliefs. St. Mary's is also committed to caring for those who are unable to attend Church due to sickness or age. The Rector celebrates communion with them in their homes and in hospital and visits all who request it. In this she is assisted by St. Mary's Associate Priests and by the Pastoral Visiting Team.

While the task is to visit everyone and know everyone, research shows a single pastor can manage about 153 people. (Interestingly, that's the number in the miraculous catch of fish described in the bible in John 20.) Pastoral Visitors are trained so that they can share in that ministry with the clergy. They help by extending that number, working to bring in their 153, so that no one's needs are overlooked.

The ministry of the Pastoral Visiting Team is primarily one of listening, though some of the Team are also commissioned to bring Holy Communion to those who are no longer able to attend Church. Visitors are trained in specific areas of pastoral care, including bereavement, stress, depression, suicide, dementia and age-related issues. Confidentiality is paramount and Visitors do not divulge the personal problems of those they visit.

In recent years many on the Pastoral Visiting Team have stepped down due to advanced age or because of moving away from the village, reducing the Team to two members. We would welcome the help of new volunteers in this vital work, and hope you will consider what role you can play to ensure all in our parish are cared for.

Lay Pastoral Visiting Team: Faith Reynolds and Margaret McComish.

The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Work in St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, Chiddingfold

St. Mary's Church has a special relationship with our village school, as St. Mary's Primary is a Church of England school and part of the Good Shepherd Trust. That means the Rector is a foundation governor and has responsibilities not only for governance but also for the pastoral care of teachers and staff. In that role, I also bring elements of the RE curriculum to life, offer an act of collective worship weekly and lead services for the whole school. Many of those responsibilities are best shared and made ever more enjoyable through combined efforts. St. Mary's Church has a small but talented pool of volunteers who enrich collective worship by taking turns to lead assemblies on a Tuesday; and we are keen to see more volunteers come forward to share in this ministry.



In addition, our Organist leads a weekly music assembly on Wednesdays. This creates an important pathway from the school to the church, and as a result we have seen pupils joining the junior choir and their families coming along on a Sunday to hear them sing.

St. Mary's Church coordinates the "Open the Book" Team of Storytellers, who are drawn from all three Churches and who contribute by leading assemblies twice a term. The "Open the Book" assemblies are incredibly popular with the children and teachers alike, and exceptionally good fun for all involved. We could use a few more Storytellers on the team, so please let us know if you're interested – no special acting skills are required!

We also support pupils, staff and learning in other ways. We were pleased to lead a Pause Day in March in which children were encouraged to reflect and craft as they explored a range of prayer stations in school. And it was an absolute delight to welcome two classes to St. Mary's churchyard for a Muddy Church Trail about the meaning of Easter.



St Mary's Primary School pupils taking part in Muddy Church trail in St. Mary's churchyard in May

Other highlights of the year including leading a Harvest Festival Service and a Service of Remembrance for pupils in school, and also getting to welcome pupils back to St. Mary's for a New Beginnings Service, an Easter Service and a Leavers' Service with parents, grandparents and siblings in attendance. On behalf of the three village Churches, we presented each leaver with a Bible, and wished them Godspeed as they moved up to secondary school.

Whether we are together in the Church or the churchyard, in the school hall or amphitheatre, there is so much fun to be had learning together. We count it a privilege to contribute to the flourishing of the village school and treasure the relationship we have with it.

Tuesday Assembly Team: Beverley Draper, Helen Bendall, Rachel Greene.

Open the Book Assembly Team: Faith Reynolds, Ken Lindup, Wendy and Irving Johnson, Christine Tebbot, Gill Welford and Rachel Greene.

The Reverend Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Chiddingfold Cares

Chiddingfold has a special connection to Ukraine. In 1949, it looked likely that many of the disabled Ukrainians in Britain, who'd been invited here after World War II, might be repatriated to Russia. To prevent this from happening, Ukrainians in Britain contributed one shilling of their weekly wage (equivalent to about one quarter of their salaries) to purchase and maintain a house where they could live without fear of deportation. With the money they raised, they bought Sydenhurst on Mill Lane in Chiddingfold.



St Mary's lit up in solidarity with the colours of Ukraine, March 2022
Our thanks to Rich Gorrod for his work with the lighting

For more than 60 years, Sydenhurst was their home. In that time, the residents of Sydenhurst got to know villagers, the villagers got to know the residents, and friendships were formed. Ukrainian children in London started coming to Sydenhurst for Scout camps, strengthening Ukrainian ties to Chiddingfold. As the residents of Sydenhurst grew older and died many of them were buried in St. Mary's churchyard, where there is a special Ukrainian section. Ukrainian Scout leaders from London regularly visit Chiddingfold to show their scouts, to tend the graves and read their inscriptions.

The people of Chiddingfold haven't forgotten those friendships. In February people from the three Churches in the village, from the school, the Parish Council and from village organisations joined together to show the people of Ukraine that they are not alone in their

time of need and that they still have friends who care – right here in Chiddingfold. We named our joined efforts “Chiddingfold Cares.” Together we’ve undertaken projects to raise money for the special British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal through bake sales, coffee mornings and a number of fundraising activities in St. Mary’s Primary School.

At St. Mary’s Church, we put on display a book of icons of Jesus’ mother Mary from Ukraine, that was gifted to a member of St. Mary’s Church by a Ukrainian friend from Sydenhurst. Revd Gill Welford was interviewed by BBC South Today in Church, and Sue Dickenson spoke about our efforts on BBC Radio Surrey. Both did us proud.



We've been heartened by the number of people who came forward to host Ukrainians temporarily resettled in the UK, and we have been encouraged by the care evidenced in so many people's readiness to raise money, to pray for peace, to take thoughtful action and to not look away. We're still here to provide assistance to those who are looking for ways to offer help but need some direction and believe that together we can make a world of difference and show ourselves to be true friends.

Membership of St. Mary's

Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll is the Church membership list. Anyone is eligible to join the Electoral Roll if they have been baptised and live within the parish, or if they are baptised and have regularly attended worship at St. Mary's during the previous six months.

Membership of St. Mary's implies:

- that you are committed to grow in faith through prayer, Bible reading and regular worship;
- that you take an active interest in the life and purposes of this Church;
- that you are willing to use your time and talents to help build up the Church and its ministry;
- that you undertake proportional regular planned giving to financially support this Church (which is entirely self-funded).

The Electoral Roll Officer reported that a revision of the Parish Electoral Roll had been completed on Tuesday 19th April 2022 in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During this process, 2 applications for inclusion had been received and there was one deletion in respect of those who had died or moved away. The total number on the Parish Electoral Roll now stood at 121 members. The figures were presented at the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held on Sunday 8th May 2022 and were duly notified to the Secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Synod and the Godalming Deanery Synod.

Since the 2022 APCM there have been no further additions to the Electoral Roll and one deletion in respect of someone who has died or moved away. The total number on the St. Mary's Electoral Roll, as of 31st December 2022, was 120.

Helen Bendall, Electoral Roll Officer
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Other St. Mary's Church Links

Individuals, groups and organisations linked to St. Mary's Church are listed below.

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**To know Christ better,
to make Christ better known**

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

Approved by the Members and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

The Revd Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Dated: 23rd April 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022



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CHIDDINGFOLD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TREASURER'S COMMENTS

2022 was my first year as the Treasurer of St Mary's; a role I took over from Gilly van Oppen who generously agreed to continue as the Bookkeeper. Together, we informally refer to ourselves as St Mary's Treasury Team but it must be said at the outset that, without Gilly's widespread knowledge of the village and dedicated commitment to ensuring accuracy in everything related to the accounting function, I most definitely would not have been able to take on the job.

2022 was a challenging year economically for everyone and it is very good, therefore, to be able to report that St Mary's achieved a surplus (ie more income than expenditure) of **£2,301** and the PCC was able to authorise a further increase in the amount given to the Diocese as 'Parish Share', up from £72,000 in 2021 to £75,000 in 2022. In recognition of this it is pleasing to note that both the Archdeacon Paul Davies, and the Acting Diocesan Secretary Steve Collins, have expressed their deep appreciation to St Mary's for all our efforts in this respect even though, for the third year running, we were unable to meet the full amount requested of £93,519. The PCC continue to monitor this aspect very closely and it is still hoped that, in time, we may be able to make up at least part of the shortfall.

Turning now to the Incoming Resources which totalled £124,495 as compared with £123,250 in 2021 it is worth noting that, although the Regular Planned Giving (RPG) and Gift Aid receipts both fell marginally (circa 3%) the revenue received from Collections increased by 67% from £5,855 in 2021 to £9,784 in 2022. This tremendous uplift resulted from a combination of some especially generous giving at several weddings and funerals and a decision by the PCC in to reintroduce the so called 'Bag Collections' at the weekly Sunday services. Interestingly, this latter development does not appear to have had any material effect on the average weekly receipts via the automated card reader which continue to be approximately £25. Clearly though it is producing a valuable source of additional income.

For a combination of reasons the net amount derived from Fundraising Activities during the year fell back from its 4 year high of almost £12,000 in 2021 to the pre-pandemic level of £8,337. Prior to his departure in the summer (because of work pressures) Martin Johnson worked incredibly hard as Chairman of the Fundraising Focus Group and, without his and his colleagues' efforts, this result would have been significantly lower. Because of the importance of this work it is vital that a replacement person is appointed to carry on Martin's excellent work at the earliest opportunity.

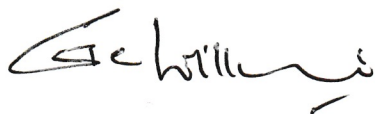
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CHURCH ROOM EXPENSES	-		124	
PARISH SHARE	12,000		10,000	
AGENCY FUNDS	855		-	
UTILITIES	1,000		-	
STAFF, MINISTERIAL AND OTHER EXPENSES	1,786	16,195	785	14,805
4 INCOMING RESOURCES				
REGULAR PLANNED GIVING (RPG)	55,469		57,229	
COLLECTIONS	9,784		5,855	
GIFT AID	13,758		14,341	
WEDDING & FUNERAL FEES	5,176		7,022	
GENERAL DONATIONS	7,248		8,130	
SPECIFIC DONATIONS (Note 6)	812		40	
LEGACIES	500		-	
CHURCHYARD GRANTS	2,512		2,512	
INTEREST	639		21	
MAGAZINE INCOME	16,565		13,939	
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (Note 5)	8,337		11,863	
CHURCH ROOM RENTALS	3,235		2,258	
YOUTH EVENTS	-		23	
VERGER FUND INCOME	460	124,495	17	123,250
5 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES				
INCOMING FUNDS	10,052		18,519	
LESS: COST OF GENERATING FUNDS	(1,715)	8,337	(6,656)	11,863
6 SPECIFIC DONATIONS				
ECO CHURCH PLAQUE	-		40	
CHIDDFEST GRANT FOR CHURCH MICE	600		-	
ALTAR FUND	212	812	-	40

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7 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
MINISTRY				
CLERGY FEES	-		58	
PARISH SHARE	75,000		72,000	
MINISTERIAL EXPENSES	<u>3,178</u>	78,178	<u>2,498</u>	74,556
SERVICES				
WORSHIP MATERIALS	1,548		1,714	
ORGANIST & CHOIR	2,970		3,214	
YOUTH	<u>1,858</u>	6,376	<u>757</u>	5,685
CHURCH BUILDING				
INSURANCE ((Note 9)	2,119		3,421	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,533		1,580	
UTILITIES (Net)	2,695		2,556	
FLOWER FUND	352		100	
CHURCHYARD	<u>3,221</u>	9,920	<u>3,689</u>	11,346
CHURCH ROOM RUNNING EXPENSES	<u>1,542</u>	1,542	<u>2,220</u>	2,220
ADMINISTRATION & SUNDRIES				
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	789		1,520	
STATIONERY & PRINTING INKS ETC	778		1,139	
ONLINE EXPENSES	1,985		856	
CHURCH CLEANING	-		748	
CLERGY TRAINING COSTS	1,155		1,168	
STAFF COSTS	6,321		1,501	
AUDIO & IT	150		150	
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP COSTS (Net)	<u>471</u>	11,649	<u>-</u>	7,082
MAGAZINE EXPENSES	<u>9,529</u>	9,529	<u>8,657</u>	8,657
OUTREACH SUPPORT (Note 8)	<u>5,000</u>	5,000	<u>4,893</u>	4,893
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		122,194		114,439

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LOCAL				
ST MARY'S SCHOOL	700		400	
CROSSWAYS	500		500	
HASLEMERE FOODBANK	200		-	
GODALMING FOODBANK	200		-	
MIDHURST MACMILLAN NURSES	500		-	
GUILDFORD STREET ANGELS	200		-	
HASLEMERE YOUTH FUND	200		-	
MILFORD VILLAGES DAY CENTRE	-	2,500	400	1,300
UK				
CANCER RESEARCH	500		-	
CHRISTIAN AID	300		303	
BRIAN DRAPER	-		90	
HALOW TRUST (Christmas Ball)	-		1,500	
THE TRUSSELL TRUST	250		-	
INCLUSIVE CHURCH	240		-	
CHURCH URBAN FUND	200	1,490	200	2,093
OVERSEAS				
AFGHANISTAN APPEAL (Christmas Ball)	-		500	
UNHCR (Christmas Ball)	-		500	
UNICEF (Christmas Ball)	-		500	
UNICEF (Somalia Famine Appeal)	250		-	
BRITISH RED CROSS (Ukraine Appeal)	250		-	
DEC (Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal)	250	750	-	1,500
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	260	260	-	-
OUTREACH SUPPORT AS PER THE ACCOUNTS		5,000		4,893
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS				
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	300		180	
BISHOP'S FOUNDATION	-		184	
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	-		85	
UNICEF (Covax)	-		325	
UN REFUGEE WEEK	-		100	
BRITISH RED CROSS (Ukraine Appeal)	1,100		-	
CHRISTIAN AID (Joint Churches)	330	1,730	-	874
TOTAL OUTREACH SUPPORT		6,730		5,767

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Approved by the Members and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

The Revd Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Dated: 23rd April 2023

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TREASURER'S COMMENTS

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2022 was a challenging year economically for everyone and it is very good, therefore, to be able to report that St Mary's achieved a surplus (ie more income than expenditure) of **£2,301** and the PCC was able to authorise a further increase in the amount given to the Diocese as 'Parish Share', up from £72,000 in 2021 to £75,000 in 2022. In recognition of this it is pleasing to note that both the Archdeacon Paul Davies, and the Acting Diocesan Secretary Steve Collins, have expressed their deep appreciation to St Mary's for all our efforts in this respect even though, for the third year running, we were unable to meet the full amount requested of £93,519. The PCC continue to monitor this aspect very closely and it is still hoped that, in time, we may be able to make up at least part of the shortfall.

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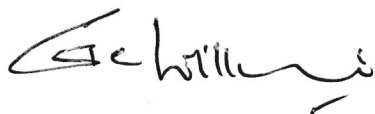
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AGENCY FUNDS	855		-	
UTILITIES	1,000		-	
STAFF, MINISTERIAL AND OTHER EXPENSES	1,786	16,195	785	14,805
4 INCOMING RESOURCES				
REGULAR PLANNED GIVING (RPG)	55,469		57,229	
COLLECTIONS	9,784		5,855	
GIFT AID	13,758		14,341	
WEDDING & FUNERAL FEES	5,176		7,022	
GENERAL DONATIONS	7,248		8,130	
SPECIFIC DONATIONS (Note 6)	812		40	
LEGACIES	500		-	
CHURCHYARD GRANTS	2,512		2,512	
INTEREST	639		21	
MAGAZINE INCOME	16,565		13,939	
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES (Note 5)	8,337		11,863	
CHURCH ROOM RENTALS	3,235		2,258	
YOUTH EVENTS	-		23	
VERGER FUND INCOME	460	124,495	17	123,250
5 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES				
INCOMING FUNDS	10,052		18,519	
LESS: COST OF GENERATING FUNDS	(1,715)	8,337	(6,656)	11,863
6 SPECIFIC DONATIONS				
ECO CHURCH PLAQUE	-		40	
CHIDDFEST GRANT FOR CHURCH MICE	600		-	
ALTAR FUND	212	812	-	40

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<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>
7 RESOURCES EXPENDED				
MINISTRY				
CLERGY FEES	-		58	
PARISH SHARE	75,000		72,000	
MINISTERIAL EXPENSES	<u>3,178</u>	78,178	<u>2,498</u>	74,556
SERVICES				
WORSHIP MATERIALS	1,548		1,714	
ORGANIST & CHOIR	2,970		3,214	
YOUTH	<u>1,858</u>	6,376	<u>757</u>	5,685
CHURCH BUILDING				
INSURANCE ((Note 9)	2,119		3,421	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,533		1,580	
UTILITIES (Net)	2,695		2,556	
FLOWER FUND	352		100	
CHURCHYARD	<u>3,221</u>	9,920	<u>3,689</u>	11,346
CHURCH ROOM RUNNING EXPENSES	<u>1,542</u>	1,542	<u>2,220</u>	2,220
ADMINISTRATION & SUNDRIES				
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	789		1,520	
STATIONERY & PRINTING INKS ETC	778		1,139	
ONLINE EXPENSES	1,985		856	
CHURCH CLEANING	-		748	
CLERGY TRAINING COSTS	1,155		1,168	
STAFF COSTS	6,321		1,501	
AUDIO & IT	150		150	
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP COSTS (Net)	<u>471</u>	11,649	<u>-</u>	7,082
MAGAZINE EXPENSES	<u>9,529</u>	9,529	<u>8,657</u>	8,657
OUTREACH SUPPORT (Note 8)	<u>5,000</u>	5,000	<u>4,893</u>	4,893
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		122,194		114,439

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<u>Notes</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
8 OUTREACH GIVING AND SUPPORT FUNDING				
LOCAL				
ST MARY'S SCHOOL	700		400	
CROSSWAYS	500		500	
HASLEMERE FOODBANK	200		-	
GODALMING FOODBANK	200		-	
MIDHURST MACMILLAN NURSES	500		-	
GUILDFORD STREET ANGELS	200		-	
HASLEMERE YOUTH FUND	200		-	
MILFORD VILLAGES DAY CENTRE	-	2,500	400	1,300
UK				
CANCER RESEARCH	500		-	
CHRISTIAN AID	300		303	
BRIAN DRAPER	-		90	
HALOW TRUST (Christmas Ball)	-		1,500	
THE TRUSSELL TRUST	250		-	
INCLUSIVE CHURCH	240		-	
CHURCH URBAN FUND	200	1,490	200	2,093
OVERSEAS				
AFGHANISTAN APPEAL (Christmas Ball)	-		500	
UNHCR (Christmas Ball)	-		500	
UNICEF (Christmas Ball)	-		500	
UNICEF (Somalia Famine Appeal)	250		-	
BRITISH RED CROSS (Ukraine Appeal)	250		-	
DEC (Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal)	250	750	-	1,500
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	260	260	-	-
OUTREACH SUPPORT AS PER THE ACCOUNTS		5,000		4,893
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS				
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	300		180	
BISHOP'S FOUNDATION	-		184	
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY	-		85	
UNICEF (Covax)	-		325	
UN REFUGEE WEEK	-		100	
BRITISH RED CROSS (Ukraine Appeal)	1,100		-	
CHRISTIAN AID (Joint Churches)	330	1,730	-	874
TOTAL OUTREACH SUPPORT		6,730		5,767

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- 9** AS THE INSURANCE PREMIUM IS PAID IN MONTHLY INSTALMENTS THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT AT THE END OF THE YEAR HAS BEEN TREATED AS A CREDITOR IN PAST YEARS.
GOING FORWARD IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE FULL COST OF THE PREMIUM WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ACCOUNTS WITHOUT ANY CREDITOR BEING CARRIED FORWARD.
CONSEQUENTLY, FOR THIS YEAR ONLY, THE AMOUNT APPEARING IN THE ACCOUNTS (£2119) IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN USUAL.
- 10** CHIDDINGFOLD FETE NOW HAS ITS OWN BANK ACCOUNT INTO WHICH THE INCOME FROM THE FETE IS PAID AND FROM WHICH ALL FETE RELATED EXPENSES ARE PAID.
CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR THE CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE FETE ACTIVITIES.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

Approved by the Members and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

The Revd Dr Rachel Greene, Rector

Dated: 23rd April 2023