

ST MARY'S CHURCH
BLOXHAM
APCM
2024

(January - December 2023)



The Parish of St. Mary's Bloxham

Annual Vestry Meeting

And

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

23 April 2024

7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Bloxham

AGENDA

Opening prayer

Appointment of clerk to the meetings

Annual Vestry Meeting

Election of 2 Churchwardens who will be elected for one year

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of APCM 2023
4. Matters arising
5. Electoral Roll – formal reception
6. Election of Lay PCC members 2024/2025
7. Presentation of Financial Statements and Annual Report for 2023
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner
9. Presentation of the Reports of Church Activity
10. BOF – 2024 priorities
11. Date of next full PCC meeting 15th May 2024
12. AOB

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting and Parochial Church Meetings
Wednesday 26th April in St. Mary's Church at 7.30pm**

Rev. Dale Gingrich opened the meeting with prayers.

Annual Vestry Meeting

Chair: Revd Dale Gingrich

Minutes: Sue Perkin-Ball was proposed as clerk by Barbara Walklate and seconded by Jan Ogilvy. All in agreement.

Barbara Walklate was nominated as Churchwarden, proposed by Liz Gordon and seconded by Margaret Griffin.

Jan Ogilvy was nominated as Churchwarden, proposed by Rebecca Horton and seconded by Jax Hegarty.

There was unanimous agreement from the floor.

It was proposed by John Hirons that the Vestry meeting be adjourned, seconded by Liz Gordon. unanimously agreed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Chair: Revd Dale Gingrich

Minutes: Sue Perkin-Ball

1. Present: Revd Dale Gingrich, Sue Perkin-Ball and 19 others.

2. Apologies: Jenny Roberts, Dan Roberts, Pat Smith, Jon Carlton, Marian Stein, Roger Stein, Bee Myson, Alison Smith, Liz Farmer, Lesley, Tim Mills, David Cornwell, Olwen Smith, John Smith, Brenda smith, John Marshall and Sue Barbour.

3. Minutes of the APCM 2022: These were circulated by email prior to this meeting and paper copies were available in church.

It was proposed by Jan Ogilvy and seconded by Lynn Brodey that they be signed as correct. unanimous agreement.

4. Matters Arising: none

5. Electoral Roll: The Electoral Roll, in accordance with church regulations was updated prior to this meeting. It stands at 86. The roll was formally received.

6. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives for the new Triennium.

Jan Ogilvy was proposed by Rebecca Horton and seconded by Jax Hegarty

Jax Hegarty was proposed by Barbara Walklate and seconded by Margaret Griffin.

Both were duly elected. Deanery Synod representatives are ex officio members of the PCC

7. Election of Lay PCC members 2023/2024.

Two members of the present PCC have resigned and John Hirons is retiring. There were three nominations-

Lynn Brodey proposed by Rosemary Watts, seconded by Barbara Walklate,

David Gordon proposed by John Hirons and seconded by Jan Ogilvy,

David Odell proposed by Andrew Whiffin and seconded by Alan Griffin.

All three were elected unanimously.

8. Financial Statements and Annual Report for 2022

These were circulated prior to this meeting by email and paper copies were available in church.

There were no questions concerning these reports. It was proposed by Lynn Brodey that the

Financial Reports be accepted as a true record of church accounts. Seconded by Barbara Walklate.

All in unanimous agreement.

Lynn reported that poster has been produced to show how much it costs to just to keep the church doors open, £220 per day. This will be put up in church and on the website.

Barbara Walklate thanked Lynn Brodey for her hard work with the accounts.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Andrew Wells is to be asked if he is willing to continue to be the Independent Examiner for St. Mary's Church.

10. Presentation of Reports of the Church Activity.

These reports were circulated prior to this meeting by email and paper copies were available in church this evening. There were no questions.

11. BOF Update: Ian Myson gave an update as of today.

- PCC approved the contracting work on 8th March 2023
- Memorials at the West End have been removed and remedial work to the tiled area have been done
- Main Contractor 'Savvy Construction' have removed the choir Vestry and will begin work at the West End on 15th May '23, with an end date of 27th October'2023 (In time for this year's Christmas tree festival).
- Cash Flow - bills will be able to paid as they come in.
- VAT will be able to be reclaimed.
- Savvy will be flexible with the invoices.
- Finances are sound enough to proceed.
- Recent £50K grant from the Mosawi Foundation.
- Fundraising Events are ongoing.

David Gordon reported that he has been working with H&S Consultants, the West End of the Church will be out of bounds while work on the screens is going on . The area will be screened off by the contractors. Bell ringers will access the Bell tower from the West Door. Access to the electricity switches and the sink will still be available. The Millennium Screen will be protected from dust along with the Organs and other items. He is liaising with the contractors.

12. Date of next full PCC Meeting.

Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms

AOB- Brian Fairbank, reported that he will be helping out on two Sundays per month, in the Wykham Benefice due to vacancies.

David Odell - website coordinator - needs information for the site.

Liz Gordon proposed that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jan Ogilvy. The Meeting finished at 8.15pm with the Grace.

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Annual Report and PCC for 2023

Aim and Purpose

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar, Revd. Dale Gingrich, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the oversight of the Parish Rooms situated next to the vicarage. The Parish Rooms have a separate committee but its accounts fall completely within the Parish Accounts.

Membership

The PCC is a charity registered with the charity commission. Members of the PCC are trustees, either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following have served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	The Reverend Dale Gingrich
Wardens: ex officio members of the PCC	Ms Jan Ogilvy Mrs Barbara Walklate
Deanery Synod Representatives: ex officio members of the PCC	Ms Jan Ogilvy, Mrs Jax Hegarty

Elected Council Members

PCC Secretary	Vacant
PCC Treasurer	Mrs. Lynn Brodey
Building Our Future Co-lead	Mr. Jon Carlton
Foundation Governor Bloxham Primary School	Mr. Stephen Craggs
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs. Liz Farmer
Fabric	David Gordon
Minute Secretary	Mrs. Sue Perkin-Ball
Website Manager	Mr. David Odell (resigned 8 Dec.23)

Standing Committee

This committee is required by law and has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings subject to any direction given by the Council. The PCC has decided that the membership shall be the Vicar, two Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary to the PCC (vacant) and one ordinary PCC member.

On behalf of the PCC:

The Revd. Dale Gingrich (Chair).....Date.....

Looking back on 2023, the year that was....

From your vicar's point of view, 2023 was another 12 months of recovery time from the lasting effects of the Covid-19 pandemic with all its lockdowns, precautions and losses that challenged our accepted notions of what it is to be church in the 21st century. I've just seen a quotation from Albert Einstein where he says 'Life is like riding a bicycle. 'To keep balanced you must keep moving' which applies very well to the church.

We have maybe needed some stabilisers to get us up and going again and we are certainly gaining some momentum as we see progress on the Building Our Future project, welcome new people into our community and provide continuity with the past whilst exploring new opportunities to embrace the future. We have the stabilising presence of God and a shared heritage of worship and service which helps define not only who we are, but what we do as church for a world on the road to recovery from injustice, environmental crises and conflict. We are there for those seeking a place to encounter God through prayer, worship, study and service, always keeping in mind our challenge to be contemplative, courageous and compassionate for the sake of God's world in our shared ministry and mission.

Together with our sister churches in this benefice along with those in our Deanery and Diocese, we struggle to make ends meet, yet trust that God will provide, and that we will live and move and have our being within the constraints of the resources that are available to us. Knowing that good work is going on in the church building to improve its flexibility of use, provide modern conveniences and increase accessibility for a wider engagement with our community encourages us to use these assets to share the gospel of Christ's love to sustain us in times of adversity. Therefore, when we willingly contribute to being part of the solution rather than remaining mired in a negative paralysis of problems that impede our progress we demonstrate our reliance on God's gracious providence. Good things are happening in Bloxham for God has blessed us with abundant gifts that we need only to share with others to know the benefit of what God is already doing around us. Going from a year when we had very few baptisms (up from none the year before), we welcomed seven children and one adult into the family of the church this year. We've had four weddings and gave thanks for the lives of eight parishioners at funeral services in church along with another four at local crematoria. With building works from Phase 1 of the BOF project nearing completion, schools are planning to return to church with renewed vigour and appreciation, adding the Bloxham Grove School to the company of Bloxham Primary, Bloxham All Saints, Tudor Hall and the Warriner schools. Other reports for the APCM will describe the positive connections the church has made through Tea & Toast, the Julian Group, Soup Saturday, Friends of St Mary's, Mothers' Union, bellringing, choir and music group and more. We are blessed with many who serve, read and pray as we gather for worship, as well as many others who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep things rolling along. I thank you all for the great work God has begun in us and pray we will see it to completion with more people growing in the love of God and their neighbour.

The Revd Dale Gingrich, Vicar

Safeguarding

Once again I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. This year I have continued to refine the needs and requirements of St. Mary's whilst keeping bureaucracy to the minimum. We are up to date with our statutory policies and we have a Safeguarding Action Plan which was approved by the PCC in February 2024. As Parish Safeguarding Officer I make regular reports to the PCC. Although a report is not needed every month there is usually a report more than the requirement of twice a year. Most people who need to do training have done so and tend to report back that the online training system was nowhere near as difficult as they thought it was going to be. We continue to make use of the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and recently have adopted the Safeguarding Hub which simplifies recruitment and DBS procedures. I would like to thank Diana Thompson again for her work in processing DBS checks - a job she does with great efficiency. Finally, if anyone out there would like to help with Safeguarding at St. Mary's please let me know as the work can be very interesting, is not at all onerous and I would like some company!

Liz Farmer Parish Safeguarding Officer

Fabric, Goods & Ornaments

This year has, for me, has been a steep learning curve of finding out about the building and its issues. The extremes of weather have exacerbated some of the issues related to the building especially water leaks. The new facilities have meant that the response time available to sort out issues have shortened due to risk of potential damage to the new structure. Where required the urgency in repair has been managed by putting temporary repairs in place while the permanent repairs are procured.

Bicester Roofing have been unavailable for permanent repairs, and these will be carried out early in 2024.

It was identified that several of the down pipe were blocked, with the one at high level cleared without additional help. P R Alcocks cleared at least 6 of the main down pipes that were blocked mainly due to a combination of twigs and leaves from the trees together with some birds' nests. This highlights the need for regular inspection and cleaning of the box gutters. The vegetation growth in the area of the down pipes was also removed and some emergency re-pointing to the external face of the west wall of the south Aisle was carried out.

No additional works have been carried out to address the priority 1 requirements of the Quinquennial Report. It is worth while noting that the next report is due in 2025.

I have learnt a great deal about lead works and how to identify potential issues such as cracks, slippage, stress cracks in lead rolls and a fact that squirrels eat lead and make small holes in the roof. I believe we should seriously look at planned repairs to these issues rather than an emergency response which in the long term is more expensive.

As well as cleaning high level gutters we have cleaned the ground level outlets for roof drainage which at times were overflowing when it rained.

We continue to monitor the Chancel Fabric, the repairs of which are the responsibility of Eton College.

The path to the south door, which was very slippery, mainly due to the overhanging lime trees, has been cleaned and I believe this should be done annually to keep it in a safe condition.

A report on remedial works to the Trees in the Churchyard is in progress after an informal survey identified potential risks to adjacent properties.

The use of the north porch as a youth meeting place has reduced mainly due the presence of Savvy and we will see how this develops next year. There has been an incident with a discharged fire extinguisher in the church and more seriously, the cutting of a number of Choir robes in their temporary home the Milcombe chapel. The culprit has not been identified. This has triggered a response to investigate addition security measure for Church. Quotes for CCTV and an alarm system are being sought and will be considered as funding become available.

The guttering to the Parish Rooms has been re-fixed in the area of the outlet down pipe.

The church building and the Parish Rooms (which are co-owned with the Oxford Diocese) continue to be the principal property assets of St Mary's Church, Bloxham. Their value is recorded in the PCC accounts. The Church's property, contents and ornaments continue to be insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance and are maintained with appropriate care and attention. There is no change to the Vestry alarm, with all valuables being stored in the safe.

The Lightning Conductor and fire extinguishers have had their Annual Certification and David Andrews has completed a "Satisfactory" electrical Installation Condition report in May 2023.

The spire and tower lighting were disrupted over the Christmas period due to the interface with the new works and problems with one of the lights. We apologise for this disruption and especially to all those who have commemorated loved one by sponsoring the lights. Our thanks to Jenny Roberts for highlighting when there have been issues with the lights and her continued work with the Spire light sponsorship.

I acknowledge the continued support and dedication of those who have been volunteered to assist with a variety of tasks such as the Christmas crib installation and working out ways to manage with all the disruption of the building works and the Green Screen. Specific thanks to David Andrews for his invaluable support in the care of the Church electrics. We are also indebted to Trevor Shepherd and Team for his work in the Churchyard - see separate report.

We look forward to the completion of the current building programme, when the church will need to learn how to put it to best use.

David Gordon

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod continues to meet every three months to share problems and concerns as well as to share good news and successes in our church communities. In the last year Jacqui Hegarty has joined Jan Ogilvy as a representative for St Marys Bloxham. Together with The Reverend Dale Gingrich we continue to make sure that this church has a voice at meetings and can bring back news and ideas for good practise, as well as sharing our concerns and good news.

The Deanery website is working very well and is an excellent place to make sure that other communities know about events that are happening throughout the Deanery.

We would like to highlight how good the study mornings organised by The Deanery are. They are held at St Francis' church in Banbury and are designed to cover three topics in a morning in a way that people can drop in to attend one topic or attend all three. These mornings are highlighted in our weekly sheet in church.

This next year we will see a change in Area Dean, and we give thanks for the work of the Reverend Sarah Sharpe and wish her well for the future.

Jan Ogilvy & Jacqui Hegarty

Electoral Roll

During 2023 the Electoral Roll remained at 86

Liz Gordon Electoral Roll Officer

Foundation Governors, Bloxham Primary School

2023 was a transformative year for Bloxham Primary School. With the problems of the previous couple of years where the school had three head teachers (one of them an interim after the sudden departure of the replacement for the previous long-standing head), the school was finally able to appoint Mrs Sarah Marshall to the post starting in January 2023. Sarah is a head teacher with considerable experience but arrived having to address significant challenges that had built up previously. The last quarter of 2022 saw Ofsted inspecting the school and reporting a status of 'requires improvement' which was probably a pretty accurate assessment of the confused situation at the time given the rapid turnover of head teachers, the impact on staff morale and the disconnect between the leadership team and the workforce.

Following the Ofsted report and the preceding difficulties, almost the entire board of governors decided to step down including the previous Chairman. I joined Dale as a Foundation Governor in February and a very experienced new Chairman came on board in April. Suzette Watson joined us in the summer as the third of our three foundation governors and elections were held amongst school parents to appoint new parent governors. The new board agreed to change the operating model of the board to a 'circle' model which is a flatter structure in which all governors have sight of all aspects of the school rather than operating with specialist committees. This appears to have been a successful approach.

The new board has worked closely with the new head teacher to set a strategy and ensure a plan is in place not just to address the failings identified by Ofsted but also to get the school operating to the standard we would all like to see. 2023 saw this new plan agreed by all parties, with subsequent operational decisions and actions aligning directly to starting to deliver on it.

The new school vision is that we make a difference to ourselves and those around us by showing kindness, care and compassion, just as St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, **'Encourage one another and build each other up.'** Thessalonians 5: 11. This ethos underpins the school motto and its six key values. The motto, **Be . Build . Become**, encapsulates the school's belief that its pupils are valued for who they are and that it will support, encourage and nurture them to become who they want to be. The six key values are all bible-based and dictate every aspect of how the school works: be Inclusive, Caring, Ambitious, Trustworthy, Creative and Honest.

Progress has been very impressive given the early stage of this level of change. Staff morale is much more positive and pupil performance is steadily improving. There is greater involvement with parents through such initiatives as open classrooms and assemblies and use of technology to support children's education which has been much appreciated. In addition, a recent Local Authority review to check on the school's progress in addressing the issues identified by Ofsted confirmed the considerable level of progress.

There is still a long way to go of course, but given it is only just over a year since the almost total change in leadership and direction, progress has been remarkable. The challenge now is to continue to focus on the plan and to regain the school's outstanding status at the next Ofsted review.

Stephen Craggs, Foundation Governor

Music – Choir & Music Group – No report submitted.

Bells

I started teaching the four learners mentioned in last year's report. Two of them gave up after a couple of lessons. Two of them had lessons for three months, and could handle a bell and rings rounds, but then, in the same week they both e-mailed me to say they were not going to continue, each giving an excuse.

This was very disappointing because I found it difficult teaching because of my arthritic hip. It is painful standing (and walking).

We have eight ringers in the band, but they cannot always come on Sundays. I am very grateful to Colin Lee who comes from Adderbury most Sundays, so we usually get 6, 7 or 8 ringers to ring the eight bells.

I started having practices again but have had to cancel recently because two of the ringers have been unable to attend, and there weren't enough experienced ringers for a viable practice. I am hoping to start practices again soon.

If you know of anybody who would like to learn to ring Church bells, please encourage them!

Alan Griffin, Tower Captain

Building our Future

The early part of 2023 involved intensive work on finalising design details, seemingly endless correspondence with the DAC (Diocesan planning authority), getting the main contractors (Savvy) on board, liaising with quantity surveyors, structural engineers, M&E engineers and of course our architects, JBKS. All this was of course necessary but took an inordinate amount of time and effort. Thus it was with relief that Savvy finally established a presence on site in August 2023. Their arrival had been preceded by Opus Tiling carrying out specialist repairs to the tiling at the rear of the church and Cliveden Restorations relocating key memorials from the church walls.

Of course, even after designs had been finalised, the architect designed curved screens (behind which the kitchen, toilets and vestry are located) had to be manufactured by specialist joiners and this dictated the earliest date for construction to begin.

Apart from the work internally to the church, the prospect of a full-size kitchen and toilets meant connection to the main drains (a novelty for a 14th century church). Here contractors had to penetrate the church walls, lay and backfill drainage runs through the churchyard and connect to the road drains in the middle of Church Street. Apart from avoiding disturbance of graves in the churchyard, agreement had to be reached with OCC Highways for traffic control using traffic lights while the main roadway trenching was done. It is a credit to our contractors that this was achieved smoothly over the planned two week period, with the reinstated road surface arguably better than what existed before.

In parallel with the planning there had been intensive work to secure grants from a range of funding bodies, not least the Friends of St Marys, private individuals and an extended payment facility from Savvy which allows us to continue fundraising and make final payment beyond the planned completion date of the works.

As I write this, the kitchen, toilets and choir vestry are complete and have been handed over by the main contractors. Preparation has now begun to ensure we are able to use, maintain and promote use of the facilities for the benefit of the Community. A “launch event” to which the congregation, village folk and all significant contributors to the project is planned for 12th April. I’d like to commend the work of our main contractors both for the quality of their work, but also for the professional way in which they have engaged with all of our stakeholders. Finally, a big thankyou to my co-project lead and partner in crime, Ian Myson, for his tireless efforts to get us where we are today.

Jon Carlton – Joint lead Building our Future Project

Church Flowers

We continue to have a dedicated team of people providing flower arrangements for the church throughout the year. Positive feedback from members of the congregation and many visitors is testimony to how much the team’s work is appreciated.

The team enjoy the opportunity to come together to decorate the church for the major festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. We would like to thank Jenny Roberts for the beautiful flowers kindly grown over the past year to help decorate the church for Harvest festival and Christmastide.

Thank you to the Flower Team for their dedication and service to the church over the past year. We are always pleased to welcome new people to the team. If anyone is interested in joining, please do contact Lesley or Becky.

Lesley Mills and Becky Horton.

Churchyard

Work maintaining the Churchyard continued through 2023, mostly on Wednesday mornings, but on other days if the weather had been wet.

This year the smaller team of volunteers comprised of Andrew Whiffin, Graham Higgins, and Chris Field. Paul Emery mowed the paths in the nature area for part of the year and further assistance was provided by David Carr.

The concept of maintaining certain areas of the Churchyard in different ways continued, but due to the shortage of volunteers this was determined by workload rather than choice and more grass areas had to be left to grow longer.

We need more help in the Churchyard, especially during the Summer, so if you would like to join the volunteers either on a regular basis, or occasionally, then please get in touch.

Fallen leaves in the autumn and winter were again raked up to create heaps to produce leaf mould. Some of the 2021 leaf mould remains available for anyone who would like it. The remainder of the arisings from the Churchyard were placed into brown wheeled bins and collected by Cherwell District Council for recycling into compost, much of it being grass cuttings, hedge and tree prunings and fallen twigs and small branches which come from the many trees in the Churchyard.

Andrew continued to trim back the brambles/hedge on the south side, Graham planted more areas with groups of teasel plants grown from last years seed and in March transplanted dozens of snowdrops along the south side of the Churchyard along the line of the railings. Chris again pruned and shaped the shrubs and bushes inside the front wall and planted bulbs in the wooden tub.

The display of seasonal flowers from January to June starting with Snowdrops followed by primroses, crocuses, cyclamen, daffodils, tulips, bluebells etc. is always worth a visit to the Churchyard whether when walking or to just sit and relax/reflect in a mostly quiet place.

We need more help in the Churchyard, especially during the Summer, so if you would like to join the volunteers either on a regular basis, or occasionally, then please get in touch.

For matters relating to the upkeep of the Churchyard please contact Trevor Shepherd on 01295 720640 or email a.trevor.shepherd@btinternet.com

Trevor Shepherd

Eco Church

Eco Church is a project run by a Christian charity, A Rocha UK, in partnership with The Church of England, Christian Aid, The Methodist Church, Tearfund, The United Reformed Church and Allchurches Trust Limited. The Eco Church project started in 2016 and has been picked up by a large number of churches since.

It provides a framework to support churches and their leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It includes a toolkit of resources, an online award survey and additional resources. The Eco Church survey helps you 'go green' in all areas of your church life, and counts towards an award - which can be Bronze, Silver or Gold.

St Mary's Activities and Progress

The Survey and Award



Following on from the extensive work by John Hirons, we were able to complete the online survey in May 2023, and for our efforts we were rewarded with a Bronze Award.

There are 5 categories of questions in the assessment survey, and for a bronze award you must score at least a bronze in each.

Similarly, to get Silver you need a silver in each.

St Mary's did extremely well - achieving Gold in one, Silver in three and Bronze in just one.

This success has not been achieved by just luck or chance - it is the result of the efforts made by the many contributors to the pastoral and physical care of the church. I don't believe there are any personal contributions to the Parish community that do

not move our Eco Church efforts a little bit further along their path!

The question categories, and our scoring:-

<u>Question Category</u>	<u>Award Level</u>
● Worship and Teaching	Gold
<i>This section looks at how caring for God's earth and environmental messages are woven into church services and practices</i>	
● Buildings	Silver
<i>This section looks at how we manage the energy, utility and environmental issues of all the church buildings</i>	
● Land	Silver
<i>This section look at how well we manage the church lands with respect to flora, fauna, wildlife and sustainability.</i>	
● Community and Global Engagement	Silver
<i>This section looks at how we engage with a wide range of local programs and initiatives, our commitment to initiatives such as Fairtrade, and our active engagement on relevant national and global issues.</i>	
● Lifestyle	Bronze
<i>This section looks at how, as a community, the church is encouraging us to work both together and individually, to reduce our community and personal environmental impact</i>	

Actions since receiving the Award

These have been focused on developing regular communications on relevant topics and on setting up an Eco Church webpage on the St Mary's website. Most of the communications have been done through the Weekly sheet, but in addition there was a very well attended talk at the Parish breakfast in October.

These communications have been mainly aimed at improving our position in the Lifestyle section of the questionnaire, trying to inform the church community about "Eco-awareness" and then advise them of actions they can take to reduce their Eco impact.

While the suggested actions follow recognised good practice, they have been supplemented by additional resources such as the Personal Lifestyle Questionnaire, which has been borrowed from the Quaker community, which gives a very broad assessment of our personal impacts on the planet.

Future path and goals

We are focused on progressing through Silver to Gold, but there will be a lot of steps on this path. During the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2024 we should start to see and feel the impact of the new facilities made possible by the BOF project. They will have a major impact on the "Buildings and Land" and the "Community and Global Engagement" categories. So I will be looking at doing an update to the survey probably in the 3rd quarter of this year after the new facilities have an established pattern of use. As part of this I will be looking at the carbon footprint of the church in its new arrangement.

It is clear that many of the decisions made during the BOF project as well as in the "everyday" ongoing maintenance and care for the facilities, are driving us in the direction of progress towards our goal.

Neil Hegarty

Friends of St. Mary's

As major funders of the BOF project, the Friends are delighted that the West End facilities are now completed. The Friends very much share the project's vision of a church building being used by more people, more of the time, with community activities operating alongside worship and the church more strongly rooted at the heart of the community, and financially sustainable. The Friends provided cash for the professional fees to get the project going, and have made substantial contributions to the new heating system and the West End facilities. All told, the Friends have made BOF-related grants to the PCC of just under £110,000 up to the end of 2023.

With the West End of the church building closed off during the works, we decided to postpone the Christmas Tree Festival that was to have taken place in 2023. Instead we organised an alternative programme of Christmas events – quiz, concert and online auction – which between them generated a surplus of some £2,200. The next Christmas Tree Festival will now be 6-8 December 2024, planning has started, and we are looking forward to the additional amenity the new facilities will bring. Being able to serve refreshments in the building during the Festival should be a great improvement, helping to make the event even more sociable, and encouraging visitors to stay longer and – possibly - spending/donating more as a result!

Since our founding in 2002 the Friends have (at end 2023), with the generous support of so many supporters, now raised just under £350,000 and made grants to the PCC for capital projects related to the building of almost £255,000.

Draft 2023 accounts indicate a net surplus in the year of over £13,000. In 2023 we made grants to St Mary's PCC of £29,500. This comprised a further £4,500 contribution to maintenance and insurance costs related to the church building and £25,000 in support of the Building Our Future project.

The Friends continue to benefit from a committed and enthusiastic Committee, and a stable and loyal membership base, which includes our generous 200 Club members. The 200 Club had another very strong year, generating net just over £7,200.

One of the hidden benefits of the Friends over the years has been that we have been able to help a number of neighbouring churches in setting up their own Friends' organisations: for example, Adderbury and Chipping Norton, and most recently, towards the end of 2023, at a public meeting held to start the process of establishing a Friends' organisation for St Mary's, Banbury.

Many thanks to all our members and supporters, for all that you've helped us achieve for our community! The West End facilities are the biggest project we've supported to date, and we're committed to working with the PCC and others to make them a success!

Ian Myson. Chair – Friends of St Mary's Bloxham

Mothers' Union

Mothers Union remains one of four branches in the north of the Diocese, sadly elsewhere branches have closed. This year's Quiet Afternoon is in Bodicote and the Deanery Festival will be in Bloxham. There have been no enrolments in the year 2023/2024. We continue to be blessed by two Diocesan members who regularly attend our meetings, making valuable contributions to the life of the branch and other regular 'visitors' to our meetings, some expressing interest in joining. One member has left the area, another became too frail to continue as a member although we were delighted to welcome her to our Christmas social. Another member has moved into a care home where links continue. Sadly, two members have died.

The last year's programme began very well, hearing about and taking part in Julian Meditation. This was very well placed in the Annual Meeting when keeping Christ at the centre of our business is so important. Unfortunately, two speakers were unable to attend at short notice, thankfully Mothers Union resources helped fill the gaps. We heard of Advent in Austria and how it is marked in the Roman Catholic tradition. Members shared their own Advent experiences and interesting discussion followed. A meeting about Anna Chaplaincy was inspiring, offering great suggestions for service when the new facilities in church are available. Local projects 'Standing in the Gap' and

'Transforming Lives for Good', both working in Bloxham schools, have kept us informed of their prayer needs.

'Rising Up' has become the new theme, emphasising the importance that activism against gender-based violence is not just for 16 Days in November/December. A speaker from Reducing the Risk will help us understand how we might be supportive in situations of domestic abuse and we hope to develop a link with a refuge. We have recently heard from the Chaplain to the Arts in Banbury and look forward to hearing from the Social Justice Advisor from Oxford Diocese. Still to be confirmed is a support worker from Christians Against Poverty. Neil Hegarty will be updating and encouraging us in our support of Eco Church.

Fundraising has a new shape with two very successful Beetle Drives, not only raising funds from non-members, but also providing community social events with lots of excitement and laughter. 'Away From IT All' holidays benefited in October and January's proceeds will provide toiletries for parents in the Ronald MacDonald House at the John Radcliffe. We look forward to the next one after Easter. We continued through the last year a committee of four. I am very pleased to say that Alison Smith is still willing to continue as Treasurer and Michael and Gwynneth to remain as Committee members. We are having to look carefully at the way we work as a branch with more 'jobs' being devolved to members. Everyone plays a part but if our branch is to continue, we need to have fresh ideas too.

Another year is ahead of us, with new things to learn about, opportunities to make a difference, support to be given and to be received. Mothers Union does make a positive difference locally, nationally and around the world, we can and will play our part, beginning with and continuing with prayer.

Pat Smith, Branch Leader.

Parish Breakfast

Sausages, croissants and coffee continue to be a popular choice after Church on the second Sunday of the month. The friendly, chatty attendees are amazingly generous in supporting our variety of charities including Christian Aid, BYHP, the Farming Community Network and, most recently Toilet Twinning our new toilets. We really appreciate your support.

(We aren't thinking of moving into Church to use the new kitchen in the near future as the logistics are bit difficult.)

Huge thanks to Anne for all her washing up! If anyone wants to help, or even host a Breakfast, do please come and have a chat.

Once again, thank you for making it all worthwhile.

Pat Angel and Liz Gordon

Renew Wellbeing Bloxham

Renew Wellbeing Bloxham has been running since 2021, set up by a group from this church and The Bloxham Baptist Church. Renew Wellbeing is a national charity which supports churches across The British Isles to set up and run a space where it is ok not to be ok....a space where people can come and be welcomed. We were really needed in 2021 as people found their way out of so many restrictions. We are still needed today, and we still meet 1.30 – 4 pm on Tuesdays. We have quiet places for those who need one, craft, games and jigsaws and a prayer space for those who want to be there. Above all we have plenty of Tea Coffee and biscuits on offer, no one is pressured to attend weekly, we don't solve problems or give advice, but we can signpost help where it is wanted.

This last year has been a strong one and we have enjoyed meeting and walking with some really brave and inspiring people. Our organising group meets regularly to discuss suggestions for improvement to our Tuesdays and share everything we need to discuss moving forward. We look to 2024 with a very positive smile and prayer.

Janet Ogilvy

St. Mary's Parish Rooms

The Accounts for 2023 show a shortfall in income from the previous year of £1,200.00, but a further £1,500.00 was received in early January to match 2022 balances. The income in 2023 came solely from letting fees. St Mary's Thursday Club and the Bloxham Bridge Club continue to be the main contributors with smaller sums from the Soup Saturday team and the Tuesday Quilters. This income illustrates the significance of the hiring charges to the financial health of the building allowing the hall to be available to the groups affiliated to St Mary's. The main items of expenditure are the insurance premium and heating and lighting costs. In 2023 there were no significant maintenance costs, but the need to refurbish the exterior of the building remains.

Reverend Dale Gingrich, Liz Farmer, Becky Horton and Jan Ogilvy – Parish Rooms Committee

Pat Angel

Soup Saturday

Soup Saturday is a Church outreach event, launched in January 2000 and normally held in the Parish Rooms on the first Saturday of each month from September until May.

Before the pandemic, between thirty and forty people attended each session, enjoying the variety of homemade soups and desserts as well as the social interaction. Numbers have been down a little since then but are slowly recovering.

The current charge of £5 per person more than covers the costs incurred on the day, including an annual donation towards heating and lighting in the Parish Rooms. Consequently, the surplus builds up over the course of the year and is then donated to various charities, most of which are local. The sessions in both January and February 2023 were cancelled because of a shortage of helpers, and in May because of the Coronation on the first Saturday. The surplus from March and April (£150) was divided between Driving for Ukraine, a local charity supplying humanitarian aid to Ukraine, and Dogs for Good which is based just outside Banbury.

The £340 surplus from September to December was divided between Katharine House Hospice, Driving for Ukraine and the Lawrence Home Nursing Team which is based in Chipping Norton but which covers the Bloxham area.

A new team of helpers took over in September and kindly provide the home-cooked soups and desserts. Many thanks to each one of them - Angela Morris, Becky Horton, Mel Rayner, Helen and Hannah Auld, Marcia Cooper, and Ingrid Robey.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attends each month and makes it such an enjoyable occasion.

Judy Marshall

Tea & Toast

Another year of fellowship and fun in Bloxham served up every Friday morning with hot drinks toast and the occasional tea cake. Tea and Toast has enjoyed another good year. Although most weeks at present, we are visited mainly by more senior citizens with only an occasional young family visiting, we are a vibrant group ready to welcome all ages. During school holidays our numbers increase and the toybox opens again. We have a good group of volunteers running our Friday mornings and we are very grateful for their contributions. You will see Tea and Toast advertised online and in the Broad sheet. We would like to ask everyone in the village to mention our group to anyone new to Bloxham.

Jan Ogilvy & Pat Smith

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EXAMINER


A.I.L. WELLS

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31/3/2024

St Mary's Church Bloxham

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Incoming resources						
138,802	Voluntary income	3	61,647		150,763	212,409
2,169	Activities for generating funds	3	2,285		2,541	4,826
12,118	Church activities	3	8,614	2,421		11,035
414	Investment income	3	325		189	514
14,406	Other incoming resources	3	4,049	46	44,947	49,042
<u>167,910</u>	<i>Total Incoming resources</i>		<u>76,919</u>	<u>2,467</u>	<u>198,440</u>	<u>277,826</u>
Resources expended						
-	Cost of generating funds	4	161	-	225	386
57,856	Church activities	4	57,355		1,083	58,438
22,215	Running Exps incl Governance Costs	4	21,201	3,728	1,202	26,131
28,421	Major Capital Expenditure	4	136	1,040	330,898	332,074
<u>108,492</u>	<i>Total resources expended</i>		<u>78,853</u>	<u>4,768</u>	<u>333,408</u>	<u>417,029</u>
59,417	<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</i>		(1,934)	(2,301)	(134,968)	(139,203)
59,417	<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</i>		(1,934)	(2,301)	(134,968)	(139,203)
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
(376)	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	7	-	-	494	494
<u>59,041</u>	<i>Net movement in funds</i>		<u>(1,934)</u>	<u>(2,301)</u>	<u>(134,473)</u>	<u>(138,709)</u>
319,597	Total funds brought forward from previous year		204,965	8,247	165,426	378,638
<u>378,638</u>	<i>Total funds carried forward</i>		<u>203,031</u>	<u>5,946</u>	<u>30,952</u>	<u>239,929</u>
For Information Only						
	Take out Value of Parish Rooms		(167,778)			
	True value of general funds available to use		<u>35,253</u>			

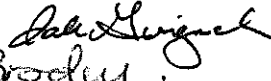
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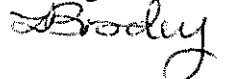
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

2022 £		Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Fixed assets						
167,778	Tangible assets (Parish Rooms)	6	167,778	-	-	167,778
4,098	Investments	7	-	-	4,592	4,592
<u>171,876</u>	Total fixed assets		<u>167,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,592</u>	<u>172,370</u>
Current assets						
5,848	Debtors (Incl Gift Aid Due)		2,786	-	727	3,513
202,859	Cash in hand and at bank	10	32,467	5,946	109,316	147,730
<u>208,707</u>	Total current assets		<u>35,254</u>	<u>5,946</u>	<u>110,043</u>	<u>151,243</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year						
(1,944)	Accruals		-	-	(3,683)	(3,683)
	Loan received for Building Our Future Appeal (BOF)				(80,000)	(80,000)
<u>206,763</u>	Net current assets		<u>35,254</u>	<u>5,946</u>	<u>26,361</u>	<u>67,560</u>
<u>378,639</u>	Net assets		<u>203,031</u>	<u>5,946</u>	<u>30,952</u>	<u>239,929</u>
Funds of the church						
Unrestricted funds						
204,965	General fund		203,031	-	-	203,031
8,247	Designated fund	9	-	5,946	-	5,946
<u>213,212</u>			<u>203,031</u>	<u>5,946</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,977</u>
165,427	Restricted funds	8	-	-	30,952	30,952
<u>378,639</u>	Total funds of the church		<u>203,031</u>	<u>5,946</u>	<u>30,952</u>	<u>239,929</u>
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st February 2024

Rev'd Dale Gingrich  Chairman

Lynn Brodey  Treasurer

St Mary's Church Bloxham

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Notes to the accounts

1 Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Accounts are drawn up under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investment assets at market value. The Accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. These Accounts 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.

2 Accounting policies

Funds

Unrestricted funds are general funds available for the general objectives of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the PCC for particular purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purposes for which they have been given, within the objectives of the church. The cost of raising and administering such funds is charged against those specific funds. The aim and use of each fund is explained later in the Notes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA (Statement of Financial Accounts) when the church becomes legally entitled to the income and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving is recognised only when received. Grants & legacies are recognised as soon as the PCC becomes aware of its legal entitlement and the amount due is quantifiable with reasonable certainty.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is accounted for when the gift is received, not when the tax refund is received.

When incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income) the incoming resources and the related resources expended are accounted for gross in the SOFA.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the church or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for use by the church are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Rental income from letting the Parish Rooms is accounted for when it falls due.

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable and includes any recoverable tax.

Realised gains are accounted for on assets held for the church's own use and are taken into account at the time of sale.

Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis & is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for goods or services.

All costs have been directly attributed to the various categories within the SOFA.

Any general support costs have been allocated across activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources based on an allocation of actual costs.

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all expenditure is shown inclusive of VAT.

Governance costs include the cost of the preparation of the Annual Accounts, the cost of PCC meetings and the legal cost of advice on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants and charitable giving are accounted for when paid over or when awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation on the PCC, provided that there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the church.

Parish Share is accounted for when paid except that any Parish Share unpaid at the end of the financial year is provided for in the accounts as a constructive obligation, although not a liability, and is included in the balance sheet as a liability.

Investments

Investments are shown on 31 December at market value.

Both realised and unrealised gains are shown under 'other recognised gains/(losses)' section of the SOFA.

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2022		2023			
Total funds £	3 Analysis of Incoming Resources	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
	Voluntary income				
35,909	Tax - efficient planned giving (excl. tax)	33,498	-	2,400	35,898
3,922	Collections at Services incl White Envelopes	3,776	-	-	3,776
310	Service Collections & Donations in aid of other Charities	280	-	-	280
1,305	Spire Lighting Donations	1,150	-	-	1,150
27,262	All other Giving & Voluntary Income	4,959	-	3,763	8,722
14,007	Gift Aid Tax Recovered / Due	10,119	-	1,000	11,118
56,065	* Grants Received (see analysis below)	6,500	-	142,600	149,100
23	Legacies	1,366	-	1,000	2,366
138,803		61,647	-	150,763	212,409
	Activities for generating funds				
1,914	Fund Raising Activities (Winter Fayre/Smartie Tubes/BOF Fundraising)	2,285	-	2,087	4,372
255	Church Heritage Tours (in aid of BOF)	-	-	454	454
2,169		2,285	-	2,541	4,826
	Church Activities				
8,918	Fees - weddings, funerals etc	8,114	-	-	8,114
	Hiring out Church Facilities	500	-	-	500
3,200	Parish Rooms	-	2,421	-	2,421
12,118		8,614	2,421	-	11,035
	Investment Income				
414	Bank/HMRC Interest/Dividends etc	325	-	189	514
414		325	-	189	514
	Other Incoming resources				
457	Income from Mission Activities (Tea&Toast/Bumps&Babies/Puzzlers)	849	-	-	849
602	Income from Mission Activities (Parish Breakfast/Soup Saturday)	-	-	1,083	1,083
260	Others (incl Bell Ringing & Flower Fund)	-	-	350	350
13,087	DCMS Scheme (VAT Rebate on BOF Capital Works)	-	-	43,514	43,514
-	Other general	3,200	46	-	3,246
14,406		4,049	46	44,947	49,042
167,910	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	76,919	2,467	198,440	277,826

* Sources of Grant Funding

The Friends of St Mary's raises funds for the beautification, preservation and restoration of the church
The organisation is a registered charity, not under the control of the PCC

Grants received by the PCC during the course of the year:

The Friends of St Mary's (Annual Grant)	£ 4,500
Bloxham Feoffees	£ 2,000
Bloxham Parish Council (Churchyard Maintenance)	£ 1,800
Mosawi Foundation (BOF Grant)	£ 50,000
Gladiator Trust (BOF Grant)	£ 15,000
Beatrice Laing Trust (BOF Grant)	£ 7,500
Doris Field Charitable Trust (BOF Grant)	£ 1,000
Bartlett Taylor Charitable Trust (BOF Grant)	£ 300
The Friends of St Mary's (BOF Grant)	£ 25,000
Oxford Historical Charitable Trust (BOF Grant)	£ 25,000
Janet & Bryan Moore Charitable Trust (BOF Grant)	£ 2,000
Tibbetts Group (BOF Donation)	£ 10,000
Bloxham Baptist Church (BOF Donation for Audio/Visual/Internet Stage)	£ 5,000
	£ 149,100

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2022 Total funds £		2023			Total Funds £
		Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	
4	4 Analysis of resources expended				
	Cost of generating funds				
-	Costs of Fundraising Activities	161	-	225	386
-		161	-	225	386
	Church activities				
1,402	* Mission Giving & Donations (see analysis below)	1,000	-	1,083	2,083
310	Service Collections/Donations paid to other Charities (Middle East Crisis Appeal)	280	-	-	280
51,975	Parish Share	51,975	-	-	51,975
4,170	Organists & Music Director Fees / Ministry Exps	4,100	-	-	4,100
57,857		57,355	-	1,083	58,438
	Church Running Expenses (Incl Governance)				
578	Mission & Evangelism Costs	754	-	169	924
1,146	General Maint Repairs/Contracts + Churchyard	1,524	-	503	2,027
7,398	Insurance	8,138	-	-	8,138
484	Organ, Choir / Church Music	527	-	-	527
757	Church requisites	510	-	529	1,040
672	Printing, Stationery, Postage, Web, Books	572	-	-	572
2,497	Photocopier Rental / Exps (incl Benefice allocation)	1,708	-	-	1,708
620	BT contract	696	-	-	696
0	Miscellaneous	-	46	-	46
5,551	Utility Bills - Heating, Lighting & Water	6,771	-	-	6,771
2,516	Parish Rooms	-	3,682	-	3,682
22,215		21,201	3,728	1,202	26,131
	Major Capital Expenditure				
-		-	-	-	-
2,741	Fabric costs	136	1,040	893	2,069
25,680	Building our Future Project (BOF)	-	-	330,014	330,014
28,421		136	1,040	330,898	332,074
108,493	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	78,853	4,768	333,408	417,029

* Mission Giving & Donations Analysis:

From the PCC:

Thames Valley Air Ambulance	250.00
Banbury Young Homeless Project	250.00
St Mary's Thursday Club	250.00
Bloxham Boys Brigade	250.00

From Soup Saturday:

Driving to Ukraine	188.00
Katharine House Hospice	115.00
Lawrence House Nursing Team	110.00
Dogs for Good	75.00

From Parish Breakfast:

DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal	160.00
Transform Trade	45.00
Christian Aid	50.00
Bloxham Boys Brigade (In memory of Dan Roberts)	100.00
Farming Community Network	45.00
The Royal British Legion	80.00
Banbury Food Bank	60.00
MU (Away from It All Charity)	55.00
£ 2,083.00	

5 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No members of the PCC received any remuneration for their work on the PCC. The clergy, who is an ex officio member receives a stipend but is not remunerated for his service on the PCC.

6 Tangible fixed assets

Total £		Freehold Land & Buildings £
167,778	64.53% equity share in the Parish Rooms	167,778
167,778	At 31 December 2023	167,778

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7 Investments

	Value at 31 December 2022	Value at 31 December 2023	Gain/(Loss)
	£	£	£
The Bellringers Fund - CCLA	3,832	4,314	482
Listed on London Stock Exchange -Lloyds TSB (Bells)	266	278	13
	4,098	4,592	494

8 Restricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward	Transfers & Incoming resources	Resources expended / transferred	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Outreach (Bloxham Puzzlers)	0	105	(33)	0	72
Bell Fund	3,652	189	0	0	3,841
Bell Fund (Investments)	4,098	0	0	494	4,592
BOF (Incl 2023 GAid not yet rec'd & Accruals)	156,596	193,102	(330,239)	0	19,459
Parish Breakfast	0	595	(595)	0	0
Communion Service Materials	0	1,000	(138)	0	862
Churchyard	0	1,800	(503)	0	1,297
Fabric Fund	0	1,000	(883)	0	117
Flowers	1,080	161	(527)	0	714
Soup Saturday	0	488	(488)	0	0
	165,426	198,440	(333,408)	494	30,952

9 Designated funds

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended or transferred	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£		£
Parish Rooms	7,207	2,421	(3,682)		5,946
Fabric Fund	994	46	(1,040)		0
Children's Ministry/Outreach	46	0	(46)		0
	8,247	2,467	(4,768)		5,946

10 Cash funds and location

	Unrestricted fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	Total
General Funds	32,467			32,467
Bell fund			3,841	3,841
Communion Service Materials			862	862
Outreach (Bloxham Puzzlers)			72	72
Fabric fund			117	117
Building Our Future (BOF)			102,414	102,414
Flower fund			714	714
Churchyard			1,297	1,297
Parish rooms *		5,946		5,946
	32,467	5,946	109,316	147,730

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