

Annual Reports for APCM 2022

Vicar's Report

The Coronavirus pandemic continued to impact our church life through much of 2021. We began the year by making the difficult decision to stop meeting in church for services due to the rising number of covid cases and the heightened restrictions of lockdown. Having installed broadband we then purchased a camera to enable livestreaming of the services. Grateful thanks to Graham Chappell who has developed this to a very professional standard and to Martin and Catherine Hayden who also operate the livestreaming for services. Other meetings continued on zoom. We used zoom for the Churches Together Shrove Tuesday service, the Ash Wednesday service and the North Chilterns Group Lent Course. Stephen Burge organised and led this based on Vincent Donovan's book 'Christianity Rediscovered'. Stephen also created an Easter story video for Dagnall School.

We opened for services in Holy Week with precautions in place. Although there were still restrictions on singing we were able to meet outside on Easter Day and sing a hymn which was very joyous. A number of baptism services were held separately from the main service. This has proved popular with families and we have continued with this practice.

On 22nd April Archdeacon Dave together with members of the North Chilterns Group clergy and some of Stephen's family and friends joined us as he was licensed as Associate Minister in the parish. It is wonderful to have his continuing ministry amongst us. Stephen, together with the Church Wardens Catherine and Angela, oversaw the parish for three months between May and August as I enjoyed my sabbatical leave. Thanks to all of them.

St Mary's Carnival took place on 28th August, later than usual due to the pandemic. It was a wonderful sunny day, and lots of people came along to enjoy all that was on offer. Thanks to the Carnival team and to Mark Kilfoyle who has taken over as Carnival chair.

The pastoral group remained in contact with each other via zoom when we were unable to meet due to the pandemic. We welcomed one new member and in the autumn updated our training together from a Christian perspective which was very valuable. With input from Eileen Bennett, bespoke cards were printed. Members of the pastoral group take home communions, and keep in contact by phone calls or visits. Most importantly we as a church pray for those in need. We are greatly helped by the community of St Mary's in alerting us to those they know who are in need or ill so we can contact them.

By the autumn, many groups had started up again. The Prayer and Praise group now meets monthly in church. The coffee mornings on the first Saturday in the month have proved very popular. Thanks to Marion and her team for organising those. In September, Heritage Open Days were held at St Mary's Edlesborough and for the first time at St Mary's Eaton Bray. People were delighted that the Poppy Prom was able to go ahead and there was a good crowd for the Remembrance Sunday Service at Edlesborough.

The Eco Group has been active in promoting environmental issues. St Mary's achieved the A Rocha Bronze Award and we are working towards the Silver Award. During Creationtide, Canon John Payne-Cook preached on Climate change and the Glasgow summit. Our Harvest Festival focused on environmental issues as we supported the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal. The NCG Annual Service at Studham was also on a similar theme. We made plans for creating a wild area in the churchyard and finding ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

On 26th September we held a Stewardship Sunday and thanks to the amazing generosity of the congregation and those on the Electoral Roll we managed to end the year in the black. This was a great effort considering all the disruption caused by the pandemic.

We were delighted to be able to end the year with all the usual Christmas services in church with hymns and refreshments. I would like to thank you all for your faithfulness and continued support in what has been another challenging year. We thank God that we can encourage and support one another and give praise to the one who cherishes and guides us.

All Saints' Dagnall

Originally an Anglican Chapel of Ease, All Saints' Dagnall has been shared with the Methodists since their chapel was declared unsafe in 1967. In 1982 a Sharing Agreement was entered into by the two congregations and extensive building work was carried out. Over the years, Anglicans and Methodists became closer together and a number of united services were introduced. Sadly, in 2020 due to falling numbers and the effects of the pandemic, the Methodist congregation decided to close and to withdraw from the Sharing Agreement. All the legalities were completed in 2021. The small congregation at Dagnall now consists of members of various denominations and they continue to meet once a month and also for special services and events.

Messy Church

We kept in touch with Messy Church contacts through distributing activity packs for Easter. In the summer Messy Church was held in the church and grounds based on an Eco theme. This was linked to a special Sunday service. Messy Church families were invited to the Harvest Festival service and to a pop up Nativity service in which everyone was invited to participate.

Revd Joy Cousans, May 2022

All Saints Dagnall Report

Although we are a small congregation, we stay positive here in Dagnall. We have had a number of well-attended special services this year and the monthly Holy Communion service, attended regularly by a few committed villagers, has been established successfully. Numbers have held up at special and monthly services to some extent as a result of emails sent and calls made to individuals in and around the village.

Our Harvest Festival was especially well attended and we were pleased to welcome back ex-members who have moved away from Dagnall but like to keep in touch with us. This was also the case at the very successful Remembrance Day service, which, on

Stephen's initiative, was held outdoors for the first time and included a large group who were new to us.

Our Carol Service drew a very pleasing number of people. Similarly our Christmas Day service led skilfully by Stephen in a light hearted and engaging way, which is a particular tradition at Dagnall.

The church was beautifully decorated for both Harvest Festival and Christmas. Thanks to all those who made it happen and particularly to Ed and Debbie Monnington at the Red Lion Dagnall for the gift of two brand new Christmas trees and sets of lights, which enhanced the whole festive effect.

We are grateful to Norma Price who plays the organ for us at all services, and to Liz Coates who has masterminded the establishment of a wildflower meadow around the church and oversees church cleaning. Thanks also to Dorothy Green for returning to her role of sacristan.

We are pleased to report that the church lobby has been re-plastered and redecorated through the excellent work of Mick Bunning. His work here has greatly enhanced the overall appearance of the interior of the building. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Catherine Hayden for making this work happen. We are grateful to Catherine for continuing to take on the essential project of renovation at Dagnall Church.

Dagnall Church continues to be used by Dagnall School for special events; Dagnall Community Choir returned early in the year and continues to meet in the church on Mondays. Dagnall Church is available for church related meetings at all other times.

Thank you to Joy and Stephen for all their hard work keeping us going over the year. They are a great team.

Dagnall is in good spirits and we believe we are ready for the challenges of the coming year and look forward to numbers increasing very soon.

Philip Lee, Verger

Bell Tower Report

A good year from a ringing perspective with both regular Sunday morning service ringing and a regular practice night - Mondays. We also rang for several weddings and funerals and also to open and close both the 24-hour prayer commitments for Ukraine. We have been pleased to welcome several visiting ringing bands throughout the year. We feel very fortunate to have a team of 8 regular ringers who are very committed to continue to provide bell ringing in the Parish of St. Mary's, Eaton Bray.

Gaye T Soule
Tower Captain

Carnival Report

After one false start when it was still not considered safe to hold the Carnival on its traditional July day, we finally managed to go ahead on Saturday 28th August when we were blest with near perfect weather for the event.

For 2021 the Carnival Committee chair was taken by Mark Kilfoyle, who had been planning to shadow Gordon, but who kindly agreed to step in twelve months earlier than expected. Happily, he survived the near-vertical learning curve very successfully and will be leading us once again in 2022.

Considering the uncertainty regarding the probable success of the 2021 Carnival, the results were most heartening, the day producing a total of £6335 - which, under the circumstances, was amazing and moreover was a day enjoyed by all resulting in an increase to the St Mary's Fabric Fund of £3200. We were also able to hand £1600 to the Dunstable Foodbank as second named recipient, whilst a total of 18 local individuals or organisations also benefitted.

Finally, this meeting should note the immense contribution made by Gordon to the success of the Carnival during his many years of involvement, and especially during his time as Chair.

Thank you, Gordon (and Christine).

Chris Banks Churches Together Report

Churches Together has enjoyed meeting and sharing fellowship with each other over the past year. It is a joy to share news of what is happening at each of the churches in the villages. We are able to report on how each church is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and give thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon us.

Theresa McCloskey stood down as Chair last September. The role was taken up by Revd Joy for the period of one year. Catherine Hayden stood down as secretary in May last year with Angela Dunford taking on the role of minutes secretary. A plan was put in place to share other secretarial roles between committee members. Thanks go to Theresa and Catherine for all the support they have given to Churches Together over past years.

Christian Aid (CA) Week has been hampered by Covid restrictions for two years now with house to house collections no longer in place. Monies from the Pancakes and Prayer fellowship on Shrove Tuesday have been given to CA to help with their work in Africa turning people's hunger into hope. The Salvation Army raised £600 for CA from two village shop bucket collections.

Churches Together received an invitation to join with three open air services led by the Eaton Bray Methodist Church and the Salvation Army.

St. Mary's Village Carnival was held in August last year and Churches Together were represented. Edlesborough Methodist Chapel opened as usual providing a haven where people could take time out from the noise and bustle of Carnival fun on the green. St. Mary's, Northall Baptist Church and the Salvation Army had stalls. Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Methodists hope to resume having a stall at the 2022 Carnival this coming July.

Churches Together produced a **Villages Advent Trail** that was enjoyed by many. Feedback was positive and it is hoped it can be repeated at Easter or Advent in future years. Pictures depicting the Christmas Story were displayed in various houses and businesses. Thanks to Edlesborough Methodist Chapel who held craft workshops to produce some of the pictures. Creativity flourished alongside sociability with refreshments provided.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place from 18th – 25th January. St. Mary's hosted a very enjoyable, reflective service led by Revd Stephen and Ruth Cox (Northall Baptist Church). Major Allison Gaudion preached with reference to content prepared by Christians in the Middle East reflecting on the Story of the Magi.

Villagers had a good time at the **Pancake and Prayers** evening hosted by Eaton Bray Methodist Chapel on Shrove Tuesday. Chriss Hewitt and Dorothy Green performed a sketch featuring dialogue between Jesus and Peter. All present feasted on pancakes cooked by Debbie Dunstan and Angela Dunford. Singing accompanied by an accordion was quite a challenge on a full stomach!

Christmas and Easter cards have been included in Focus inviting villagers to services of worship held by all the churches at these festivals. Thanks to everyone who worked on the design and content of these cards.

Angela Dunford

Churchwardens' Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

We are slowly getting back to normal after the disruption to our lives during the last two years, but it is good to reflect that St Mary's has not stood still during this difficult time.

Maintenance and repairs

Church

Our yearly maintenance programme has been followed, including PAT testing and the servicing of the roof alarm, fire extinguishers, organ and clock; the boiler will be serviced during the summer months.

A Hive remote heating controller was fitted and this makes the task of programming each week's heating schedule very much easier; it also enables greater economy of gas usage. Some additional electrical sockets were installed in the church, and more progress made towards energy efficient lighting.

The gutters were cleared of leaves and debris, and the opportunity taken to reapply Smartwater to the roof lead. An internal noticeboard in memory of Mel Grundy and Peter Bennett, was installed and will be used to advertise church events. Cleaning the church and brasses has resumed on a regular basis.

Health & Safety

The annual Risk & Safety report has been carried out at both St Mary's and All Saints, with no major concerns highlighted. Many thanks to Chris Banks for this, and for his monthly reports to PCC; it is very important that we maintain a safe environment for all.

Churchyard

Following a survey of trees in the churchyard, the Parish Council commissioned a programme of tree maintenance, the major part of which was to reduce in size the chestnuts which were overhanging Church Lane. Two failing trees elsewhere in the churchyard were removed and dead wood pruned from others. At the same time, the PCC agreed to the removal of the overgrown and unsightly Leylandii on the SW boundary and to plant a hedge of mixed native species. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for their support in organising and funding the major part of this expensive work.

Also in the churchyard, noticeboards were repaired and repainted, and the volunteer churchyard maintenance team has continued to keep the paths, gullies and drains clear, as well as carrying out general gardening tasks. All this means that our churchyard remains in good order and is a pleasant amenity for the whole community.

Thanks

Many thanks to all volunteers – your efforts are greatly appreciated and are vital to the upkeep of our lovely and historic church.

Project planned for 2022

We have for some time been aware that our sound system has serious flaws and that sound reproduction from the speakers in both the nave and side chapels is very poor. The speakers were installed in 1989 and replacement is probably well overdue, so permission has been sought from the Diocese to replace them with modern equivalents.

All Saints, Dagnall

Chancel Apse

After a long delay, we were finally informed that listed building consent for repairs to the exterior of the chancel apse is not required. The Management Committee will consider the way forward.

Interior

The redecoration of the south wall and the lobby has been completed and this has greatly improved the internal appearance.

Grounds

Volunteers are developing a wildflower garden to the rear of the church and the Parish Council has kindly agreed to cut the remaining grass.

Archdeacon's inspection

Due to the pandemic, no Archdeacon's inspection was carried out in either 2020 or 2021 and no information has been received about plans for 2022. The Inventory, Logbook and Maintenance log are however, in good order.

Items acquired and disposed of:

Acquired: Hive boiler controller; Sum Up card reader for donations; pop-up information banner; internal noticeboard

Disposed of: None

Catherine Hayden
Angela Dunford

Coffee After Church Report

It was such a joy after all the pandemic restrictions to finally be able to socialise over coffee again after our services! The Sunday rota was relaunched with a few new team members which is fabulous. And as a church family we are very grateful for the wonderful people who support this special ministry and pull together to make it work. We average about £11 each week in donations which is a nice contribution to the church but more importantly it enables fellowship to extend after the services and also provides an opportunity to welcome any newcomers and visitors to the church.

More helpers are always welcome and if you would like to be part of the team please do speak to Diane Goodwin or Marion Higley for more information.

Diane Goodwin and Marion Higley

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery Synod members have met three times over the past year. We are pleased to be able to meet together in person again.

Jill Fountain became St. Mary's Deanery Synod representative at the AGM last year for a three year term and was welcomed by Deanery Synod members at the July '21 meeting.

At each of the meetings with St. Mary's represented by Revd Joy, Jill Fountain and Angela Dunford there has been a presentation:

In July, Christian Cole, the Diocesan Youth Missioner presented on the Faith in Young People report. The report highlighted that many churches may not be addressing the needs of the youth in their communities and making provision for them within the church family. This in turn will impact on the future of the church. The report suggests churches consider how they could engage with young people to provide opportunities to share their faith.

The Diocese ran a five week course during the winter named Launchpad which Revd Joy was invited to attend. The course focussed on how churches could begin to engage with young people and how to create youth programmes. St. Mary's PCC were invited to attend the last session with Revd Joy. If you are interested you could ask Joy how the course went.

In December Charles Burch the Diocesan Vocations Officer updated synod on changes to the selection process for ordained ministry - the Shared Discernment Process - and the lay ministry training framework. For ordinands, assessment continues to cover people's qualities of personality, character, relationships and inner life but also extends to covering matters such as being a disciple, being missional and having leadership qualities to enable others.

In March the Revd Canon Malcolm Grant presented on the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Canon Malcolm shared how the Trust had come into being and the work that they do to support churches with advice and financial grants. Canon Malcolm is very much hoping that St. Mary's will continue to support the annual Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride and Hike which raises valuable funds for the Trust.

Changes to the CofE Safeguarding Framework have been introduced during the last year resulting in some changes to parish safeguarding training. At every Deanery meeting we are reminded that the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone.

All churches in the Deanery have been encouraged to continue engaging with the Eco Church initiative. The Diocesan Environment Officer – Rachel Johnston – issues a bulletin with up-to-date information that churches can sign up to receive. A 'Tree Cathedral' service took place at Whipsnade on 19th September with the theme Climate and Creation.

Canon Peter Adams reports to Deanery Synod on General Synod matters. He informed us that General Synod was dissolved after the meeting in July 2021 before election papers were released to determine the members of a newly elected synod for Autumn '21. Synod was inaugurated at a Eucharist held in Westminster Abbey in the presence of the Duke of Wessex. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York gave a joint address. They confirmed that the Church of England "will be looking at reforms and changes aimed at focusing resources where they are most needed, for enabling support for anywhere and everywhere that shows signs of the blessing of the Holy Spirit." Elections for Diocesan Synod members took place last year. There continues to be vacancies for the Dunstable Deanery on this Synod.

At every meeting we have been able to share with Deanery Synod members news from St. Mary's and All Saints. The meetings ably chaired by Revd Canon Nicola Lenthall are an opportunity to share initiatives and glean ideas from other churches in our Deanery.

Angela Dunford

Eco Church Report

St Mary's has been working towards becoming an Eco-Church since 2019, and in September of last year, we were delighted to reach the first level of achievement which is the Bronze Award.

Since then and in addition to continuing to pray for the Environment and world issues, we have made further progress in the following ways:

- ☐ We have planted a mixed native species hedge which will be of benefit to wildlife.
- ☐ Eco team members have begun a nature survey of the churchyard and participated in the RSPB Birdwatch.
- ☐ We have started to develop a wild area on the NW boundary. We plan to observe what grows there this year and plant further suitable species in the future.

- ☐ We have installed bird boxes in the churchyard, made and donated by a member of the community.
- ☐ We have welcomed the Beavers who are growing plants for the churchyard.
- ☐ We received the donation of a water butt which will be installed to collect rainwater from the boiler house roof.
- ☐ We have become a community collection point for the recycling of medicine blister packs.
- ☐ We now use only eco-friendly cleaning products in church.
- ☐ We have sourced paper hand towels made from recycled materials; they are also unbleached which helps reduce environmental impact.
- ☐ Wherever possible, we continue to make the transition to low energy lighting.

We are pleased with the progress we are making and it is noticeable that suggestions are coming forward from church members and others, which shows we are engaging with people and that our objectives as an Eco-Church are important to them.

Eco Church team

Electoral Roll Report

For the 2022 electoral roll report are four new members on the roll this year. Five members have been removed from the roll, two deceased, three have left the area. This brings the total to 125.

Diane Goodwin

Exploring the Bible Group Report

This Bible study group continued satisfactorily throughout the Lockdowns and other Covid related difficulties by meeting fortnightly via Zoom. However, having returned to actually meeting in person monthly once again we are appreciating the benefits gained, not only to our in depth exploration of the Bible but also to our growing awareness of its relevance in our lives today and the support we find in the text and from each other.

Having got to the end of Luke's Gospel we moved on to the Acts of the Apostles which is proving to be an exciting story as well as transformative to our own journeys of faith.

Diana Barry

Family History Report

I am still receiving requests for information regarding family history, not just individual enquiries but also from Undertakers and the Edlesborough Parish Council as well. Eileen Bennett April 2022.

Eileen Bennett

Finance Report

The formal statement of accounts to December 2021 are attached for information. These have been independently inspected and approved by the PCC. They are in the format required by the Charity Commission and will be submitted to them.

The second page to this report shows a simplified balance sheet at the end of 2021 (attached). It shows our Assets, each physical account, and our Funds, the purpose that it is allocated to. The totals balance but they do not align. The big change in our total funds is due to the inclusion of funds belonging to Dagnall and Focus. Without those our own funds increased by 8% and most of that was due to investment growth in our endowments. These endowment funds are restricted in general to the maintenance of the fabric of the building while the unrestricted and designated funds are allocated as determined by the PCC.

Our income and expenditure statements in the formal accounts show the various sources of our income and how we have spent it. Income has a small surplus over expenditure showing an excellent recovery from the deficit in the previous year. Following a successful stewardship campaign the income from donations has held up very well with the support of our regular congregation and with several individual donations. The large changes in the income and expenditure statements are due to the inclusion of Dagnall and Focus accounts. Without those our own income exceeded our own expenditure by £1,000.

Fundraising was very difficult in 2020 but has recovered in 2021. Some restrictions continued and prevented us from holding some key events, but our fundraising still managed to generate a gross income of £8,500. A summary of contributions from the various fundraising efforts is included below and recognises the efforts of so many people in contributing their energy to creating these fundraising events.

The final page shows the budget for 2022. This was prepared by the finance committee considering a careful control of expenditure to maintain a balanced budget while our income remains under pressure. The challenge for us now is to recognize the changes in patterns of giving and the new channels for donations with card and internet payments and to generate new sources of income and fundraising.

Martin Hayden

Flower Arrangers' Report

We held an extremely successful afternoon tea last June to raise funds for Flowers in church, which raised several hundred pounds. This ensured that we could continue to

provide flowers to enhance our worship in church. Our thanks go to Sally Taylor for the use of her garden and all her hard work on the day.

Our flower arranging team consists of eight regulars. Christine Horn very kindly orders flowers for the major festivals as well as making some beautiful contributions to the arrangements. Our other resident professional florist is Joan Fossey who has been ill this year and so unable to help so much. We hope very much that she will be able to return this year – we miss her and her beautiful arrangements!

We have welcomed a new member, Anna, who comes to help with major festivals. We would love to see some more volunteers come forward to assist, particularly for the major festivals of Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Don't worry if you are inexperienced - with the help of our more able arrangers you will soon progress on to arranging flowers on your own during the year! Please contact me if you would like to come along.

Barbara Morton

Focus Magazine Report

We had a very successful year in 2021 with advertising and editorial content being at a very high standard.

Our new committee has settled in well, each has a nominated job to do, and everything so far is looking good. Sally Siddons remains as editor and Ken Coates has become chairman from the previous job as treasurer. Steve Dunford is our new treasurer, so in safe hands.

After nearly forty years, as chairman and distribution Manager, John Plater retired from the committee and we gave him a gift and small party to extend our thanks for his support over this unbelievable period.

Focus remains a vital source of information for the villages and now we distribute over 2500 magazines, 10 times a year, all funded by our local businesses with advertising.

In total we have around 70 distributors covering all of our villages with Angela and Steve Dunford sorting and counting all the magazines for delivery arrangements. Sally Taylor has taken up the responsibility for advertising and collecting the monies due. Sue Tucker is also on the committee as a member of the PCC. Our artwork is completed by Moren Associates.

Next year we expect to be challenging, as already we are aware of pending price increases from our printers Priory Press, but I anticipate we will manage to resolve this situation.

Ken Coates
Chairman

Four Villages Men's Breakfast Club Report

Despite our activities being severely curtailed by COVID during the early part of the year, we were finally able to resume our quarterly meetings in October when Prof Steve Burnage, one of our members, talked about 'Space.'

During the year, we were of course pleased to be able to fund the provision of a new notice board in church in memory of Mel Grundy and Peter Bennett.

We have a full programme scheduled for the current year – which began with Tony Tucker talking about his 'Life in Boats', and we are currently exploring possible speakers through 2022 and 2023. Numbers attending have however thus far been less than pre-COVID owing undoubtedly to a number of pandemic-related explanations, but we look forward to an improvement through the summer months.

As we move forward we are still looking for a couple more early risers to share the load of opening up Northall Hall and setting up on four Saturday mornings a year as 6.15am starts can be somewhat unappealing, especially during the winter months.

Chris Banks

Fundraising Report

Owing to the Covid-19 lockdown there has once again been little opportunity for fundraising events other than Gordon's Christmas Puzzle in February and the Open Gardens and Poppy Prom.

With restrictions starting to ease we are working on a restricted number of events in 2022, namely:

A number of Treasure Hunts during May

Carnival on 2 July

Open Gardens on 17 July

Music@St Mary's Concerts on 15 August & 12 November

Since his stroke Gordon has had to take a lower than usual profile but has tried to re-establish a programme for Music@St Mary's. Sadly, because of the effects of Covid (people don't seem to be going out as much as they used to), the last four concerts have, of necessity, been cancelled – on two occasions we had sold fewer than 20 tickets. We may have to face up to the fact that Music@St Mary's has run its course.

Finally, can I just mention Open Gardens – an event that has become one of the social occasions of the year in our villages. At this stage we are eager to receive an offer to oversee the organisation of this event; please let Gordon know if you would be willing to do this. Maybe some members of the congregation would be willing to serve refreshments either at church or in one of the gardens.

Gordon Gray

House Groups

Sadly I have to report that the Tuesday afternoon House-group has finished after nearly 40 years, having been started in the early 1980s. I ran it for the last 30 years but unfortunately lack of numbers, Lockdown and the fear of Covid has now finished it.

Eileen Bennett

North Chilterns Group Report

Council Meetings: Since the last APCM, the North Chilterns Group Council, which comprises of clergy and lay representatives of all churches in the Group, has met three times, resuming face to face meetings in October 2021.

Events 2021/22: A joyful and well supported NCG Confirmation Service took place at St Giles, Totternhoe on Sunday 27th June 2021 with Bishop Richard of Bedford. There were several candidates, although unfortunately none from our parish.

The NCG Annual Combined Service was held on 29th August 2021 at St Mary's, Studham. It was well attended, and people enjoyed meeting up with old friends and socialising afterwards in the churchyard.

A Quiet Morning took place on Saturday 18th September 2021 at St Giles. It was attended by around 15 participants including several from our parish, who enjoyed a reflective time in the peaceful surroundings of the churchyard, considering the thoughts raised by Revd Kaushal David in his address.

This year's Advent Service led by Stephen, was held on Sunday 28th November 2021 at St Mary's. It was well attended and greatly appreciated as a reflective start to the Advent season.

A Pulpit Swap took place on 13th March, when we were pleased to welcome Revd Nichola Lenthall.

On Ash Wednesday, a service was held in each benefice at different times of day to enable as many as possible to attend a service on this important day.

The Lent Course 2022 was based on a book by Revd Louise Collins of Borehamwood, entitled 'Trees and the Bible'. The five enjoyable sessions were held at Totternhoe on Tuesday evenings.

As usual, on Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week, NCG services were held at different churches throughout the Group.

Planned events: The AGM for 2022 is scheduled for 17th May, to be held at Dagnall Church with Bring & Share refreshments.

The 2022 NCG Confirmation Service will be on 26th June 2022 at Eaton Bray at 6pm.

The NCG will celebrate its 40th anniversary on 24th November 2022 and the occasion will be marked by a special service on Advent Sunday.

Catherine Hayden

Parish Lunch Club Report

I have organised the Parish Lunch for some time now and with the outbreak of Covid we have been unable to meet. During this time I decided I am unable to carry on and advised the PCC of my resignation.

I was very fortunate in speaking to someone who was keen to know more about my duties. I know she will take on the job admirably and will prove to be an asset to the Lunch.

I would like to thank Chriss Hewitt who has worked with me for a long time, she contacts the members each month and collects the money on the day. All the volunteers - the men arranging the tables and chairs, and Julien, who on his own clears them away. All the cooks who buy the ingredients and prepare them. All the volunteers who help prepare, serve and wash up.

Our members have increased and appreciate the lovely food and company on the day. I am sure with everyone helping, the Lunch will continue to be a success.

I am now very pleased to hand over to Vivienne Grundy, who I am sure will do a fantastic job.

Jennifer Hewitt

PCC Report

The Parochial Church Council is made up of the following:

The Vicar

Churchwardens, Catherine Hayden and Angela Dunford

Lay Reader, Gordon Gray (co-opted)

Associate Priest, Stephen Burge

Six elected members: Barbara Morton (Secretary to the PCC), Catherine Wendeler, Martin Quinn, Iain Stubbs, Chris Banks and Sue Tucker

Treasurer: Martin Hayden (co-opted)

Deanery Synod Representative: Angela Dunford

Dagnall Member: Vacant

There are now 12 members in total. The PCC met 9 times since May 2021. All meetings were well attended with most meetings having between 10 and 12 in attendance. In addition, some members attended the final meeting of the Launchpad series, which Joy had attended, to help us with our Youth work.

The following appointments were in place during the past year:

Lay Vice Chair	Catherine Hayden
Standing Committee members	Joy Cousans/Catherine Hayden/Angela Dunford/ Chris Banks/Sue Tucker /Iain Stubbs
PCC Secretary	Barbara Morton
Electoral Roll Officer	Diane Goodwin
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Martin Hayden
Finance Committee members	Joy Cousans/Martin Hayden/Catherine Hayden/Graham Mockett/Martin Quinn
Stewardship Committee members	Joy Cousans/Catherine Hayden/Angela Dunford/Sally Taylor
Freewill Offering Officer	Graham Mockett
Safeguarding Officer	Gaye Soule
Health and Safety Officer	Chris Banks
Bell Tower Manager	Gaye Soule
Fabric Committee Chair	Graham Chappell
Youth and Education Officer(s)	Sheila Banks/Catherine Wendeler
Fundraising Chair	Gordon Gray
Fundraising Committee members	Gordon Gray/ Barbara Morton/Catherine Hayden/Sharon Stilliard/Kate Freeman/Gary Freeman
Parish Lunch Club Organiser	Jennifer Hewett/ Vivienne Grundy
Representatives on the North Chilterns Group Committee	Stephen Burge/Catherine Hayden
Representatives on Churches Together Committee	Catherine Hayden/Angela Dunford
PCC representative on Dagnall Management Committee	Joy Cousans/Catherine Hayden/Angela Dunford
Representative on Village Hall Committee	Chris Banks
Focus distribution organiser	John Plater
Rota organisers 8am & 10am	Sharon Stilliard/Sally Taylor
Cleaning Rota organiser	Gaye Soule
Flowers organiser	Barbara Morton
Churchyard Maintenance organiser	Iain Stubbs
Publicity group	Sally Taylor/Angela Dunford/Eileen Bennett/Sue Tucker
Eco Church Committee	Catherine Hayden, Joy, Iain, Angela, Sue Walker

Pastoral Visiting Team	Vicar, Catherine Wendeler, Gordon Gray, Chriss Hewitt, Sue Walker, Catherine Hayden, Pamela Richardson, Diane Goodwin, Judy Venn
Focus Magazine	Angela Dunford/Sue Tucker/Ken Coates/Sally Siddons/John Plater/Sally Taylor/Steve Dunford

Barbara Morton, PCC Secretary

Prayer & Praise Group Report

It was good to be able to resume our face-to-face meetings in May 2021 by meeting outside in the churchyard. These continued until the weather became colder, by which time we felt safe to meet inside the church. We have continued to do this up to the present time, our numbers remaining about the same as before lockdown. We were also able to have a Christmas lunch together in the Swan at Northall. At most of our meetings, thanks to Ken, our singing is accompanied by keyboard, and we sing well-known songs as well as some new ones that Ken has introduced to us. As in the past, we have times of prayer at the beginning and at end of our meetings, and in the middle an opportunity for reflection or discussion. We usually meet on Tuesdays at 10.30 am, and dates of meetings are publicised in the pew leaflet. If you would like more information, please do contact us

Chriss Hewitt and Dorothy Green

Prayer Matters Report

Following on from a presentation given to PCC by those who attended the Leading Your Church into Growth conference (February 2020), a small group was formed last June to focus on prayer for our church and community. Our prayers seek clarity on God's desires for our churches' mission. We are able to discuss opportunities to enhance the prayer life of our church family.

We meet around every six weeks and enjoy a short quiet time of prayer and reflection on the Bible at the beginning of each session. Anyone is welcome to join us to share ideas, suggestions etc and to join us in prayer.

Over the last year we have introduced some prayer resources;

- ☐ A monthly Bible verse is displayed in the North Chapel and is repeated in the pew leaflet. There are some free postcards to take away from the North Chapel.
- ☐ Prayers, reflections or poetry are now displayed on the tables at the monthly coffee mornings.
- ☐ The 'Pray for Us' leaflet has been updated and will be circulated to the congregation in the near future.

- Attractive prayer cards for the Pastoral group to send out to people have been designed and printed.
- A Prayer Tree has been reintroduced into the church and discussions had on the feasibility of having one in the porch or churchyard for people to use.

St. Mary's Prayer Chain addresses the prayer requests of people in our church congregation and community. Thank you to those who commit to praying during each week. Prayers are offered for those listed on the 'sick list' in the North Chapel. This list is updated on a monthly basis and you are welcome to add names during the first and fourth weeks of each month. Prayers may also be hung on the Prayer Tree and are regularly offered up to God.

We welcome any suggestions people may have as to how to promote the prayer life of our church and each member of our church family. Our aim is to acknowledge at all times the power of prayer and to maintain prayer at the centre of our own and our churches' life.

Angela Dunford

Publicity Committee

The committee meets mostly on a monthly basis. People on the committee at present are Eileen Bennett, Sue Tucker, Jill Fountain and Angela Dunford. Thanks to Sally Taylor who stepped down from committee during the year. Sally continues to work hard administrating the advertising for Focus magazine which comes under the remit of publicity and is one of the main channels of outreach and communication for the village churches.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for all their dedicated time and efforts over the year. Appreciation also goes to Catherine Hayden and Theo Gray for administration of the websites and to those who regularly post on Facebook helping to spread the word of what is happening at St. Mary's. Please continue to post and comment on our Facebook page as this is also a main channel of communication with the wider community.

Over the year we have supported event organisers who have wished to approach the committee to advertise their event. Information of St. Mary's and other church services at Easter and Christmas have been included in Focus as a centre spread card.

A new noticeboard in memory of Mel Grundy and Peter Bennett was hung by the North Door and dedicated by Joy at the end of a Sunday morning service last October. This board is in a prominent position to catch the attention of people in church and will be invaluable to share information about our worship and outreach over many years to come. The two noticeboards in the churchyard have been refurbished and painted with new text applied to the corner noticeboard. Thanks to Chris Banks for overseeing this project.

Two new banners have been acquired this year for display in the churchyard. One inviting people to worship with us online and one advertising the coffee mornings on the second Saturday of the month.

Last September the committee held a Heritage Open Days (HODS) event at St. Mary's. We shared ideas with St. Mary's, Edlesborough HODS committee. The theme was

'Edible England' and we had a small display featuring the Aylesbury Prune Plum as well as having the Church Records on display. These proved to be very popular and we hope to repeat the exercise in a HODS event this September. It was enjoyable to meet and greet many people from both our community and also people who had travelled from further away. They spent time admiring our beautiful building and socialising with refreshments. Thank you to all who contributed to make this a successful event. We invite all event organisers at St. Mary's to approach the committee if they would like help with the promotion of their event.

Angela Dunford

Reader Ministry

In 2021 my primary Reader related activities have been:

- ☐ Maintaining a good working relationship with Joy
- ☐ Leading services at St Mary's and All Saints, Dagnall
- ☐ Leading worship at churches within the North Chiltern Group
- ☐ Acting as Chair of the Fund-raising Team.

As a consequence of the stroke I suffered in January 2021 I have lost confidence in my ability to speak of-the-cuff but it hasn't affected my ability to read so I have been able to continue to lead services on the 3rd Sunday each month and preach on the 1st Sundays each month. I am most grateful for the feedback I receive from so many members of the congregation.

I led the worship at a Good Friday service at Dagnall and it was back to normal, albeit with fewer in the congregation, on Christmas Eve.

I am enormously grateful for all the support that I get from the parish and try to respond to both positive and negative criticism. I really do enjoy discussing sermon material with those who are interested, so don't be afraid to chat to me after Sunday services. Especially I want to thank Christine, who puts up with so much and without whose support my ministry would not be possible.

Reader Ministry is varied, rewarding and interesting. If you feel drawn to this ministry yourself, or have spotted someone who you think might make a good Reader, and would like to find out more then please talk to Gordon.

Gordon Gray

Safeguarding Report

Under Diocesan direction we continue to be committed to protect our parishioners by following set safeguarding guidelines. This is achieved in the following ways:

- An expectation that all church personnel will complete mandatory safeguarding training.
- Providing an avenue for any raised safeguarding concerns to be assessed and if deemed necessary forwarded to the Diocese for their guidance and follow up.
- Having a Safeguarding Officer whose responsibility is to coordinate an appropriate response to any safeguarding issues raised, as well as to oversee the mandatory training requirements.

Gaye Soule

ST MARY'S EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No 1129952

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year ending 31 December 2021

Hon Treasurer: Mr Martin Hayden
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31 December 2021

		2021				2020
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and Legacies	2a	68,464				66,602
Charitable Activities	2b	11,650	130	47,327		14,731
Other Activities	2c					
Investments	2d	2,517				2,895
Other	2e	0				413
TOTAL		82,631	130	47,327	0	130,088
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	3a	666	129	48,124		4,053
Charitable Activities	3b	80,889				87,929
Other	3c	0				1,310
TOTAL		81,555	129	48,124	0	93,292
Net Income (Expenditure)		1,076	1	(797)	0	(8,651)
Transfers between Funds	9a	0	0	0	0	
Other Recognised gains/(losses):						
Inclusion of Dagnall & Focus Funds	9b			55,573		55,573
Gains/(losses) on investments	5b				9,743	4,653
Net Movement in Funds		1,076	1	54,776	9,743	(3,998)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)		9,565	19,494	79,676	70,549	179,284
Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)		10,641	19,495	134,452	80,292	179,284

Approved by the PCC on *8th April 2022* and signed on their behalf by *J E Cousans* PCC Chair

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021
BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Total 2021		Total 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5a	1,005		2,010	
Social Investments	5b	1,954		1,950	
Investments	5b	80,292		70,549	
			83,251		74,509
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	1,226		1,449	
Short Term Deposits	6	76,207		75,919	
Church Bank Balances	6	30,712		23,047	
Focus Bank Balance	6	59,596			
Dagnall Bank Balances	6	12,840			
Associates Bank Balances	6	6,004		6,609	
Cash	6	514		699	
		187,099		107,723	
Liabilities due in one year					
Creditors due in one year	7	(25,470)		(2,948)	
Net Current Assets			161,629		104,775
Total Net Assets	8		244,880		179,284
Represented by:					
Parish Funds					
Unrestricted Funds					
General			10,641		9,565
Designated			19,495		19,494
Restricted Funds			134,452		79,676
Endowment Funds			80,292		70,549
Total Funds	9		244,880		179,284

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They have been prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standard. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment fund capital must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion.

Endowment fund income may be restricted or unrestricted depending on the purpose for which the fund was established.

Restricted funds are income from endowments or donations or grants for specific purposes intended by the donor.

General funds are *unrestricted* and may be *designated* by the PCC for a particular purpose.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid declarations is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable under Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Bequests to the PCC are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by the Carnival, Concerts and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of flowers, books and other items are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

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

Resources expended

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when awarded by the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan quota is accounted for when payable.

Provisions

Amounts are set aside each year to provide for the estimated future cost of stonework restoration and roof repairs. The adequacy of these provisions is reviewed at appropriate intervals.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Fixed Assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, are listed in the church inventory which can be inspected on request. No accounting value is placed on the organ, which was gifted to the church in 1993. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice property, moveable church furnishings and the organ, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church with value exceeding £500 is depreciated on a straight line basis over 3 years.

Investments

Investments representing funds held in trust are valued at their market value at 31 December, as certified by the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rent or other income, are shown as debtors less provision for amounts which may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the Hampshire Trust Bank the HSBC Bank and the Shared Interest Charity.

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Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2021

Note 2 Income and Endowments from:

	Notes	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL	
	2a	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
Donations and Legacies		£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income/Receipts							
Tax efficient planned giving							
GA Envelopes		597				597	2182
GA Bankers Orders		41441				41441	45733
GA Donations		4872				4872	3616
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme							
FWO & Open Plate		1880				1880	954
Donation not Gift Aided		5541				5541	270
Other planned giving not Gift Aided		962				962	0
Receipts including special appeals		1070				1070	1020
Gift Aid Recovered		12101				12101	12827
Grants & Legacies Received		0				0	0
		68464	0	0	0	68464	66602
Charitable Activities	2b						
Church Activities							
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)		3097				3097	4020
Fund Raising		8553				8553	7361
Coffee Fund			130			130	126
Restricted Fabric Fund				3200		3200	100
Linen Fund				0		0	29
100 club				2300		2300	2214
Tower Fund				0		0	15
Dagnall Management Fund				165		165	
Dagnall Fabric Fund				1		1	
Focus Magazine				29801		29801	0
Carnival				10583		10583	0
Front Row				0		0	59
Breakfast Club				532		532	5
Ladies Guild				0		0	354
Parish Lunch				745		745	448
		11650	130	47327	0	59107	14731
Investments							
Rental Income		853				853	981
Dividend and Deposit Interest		1664				1664	1914
	2d	2517	0	0	0	2517	2895
Other Income	2e	0	0	0	0	0	413
Total		82631	130	47327	0	130088	84641

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Note 3 Expenditure on:	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2021	2020
	3	£	£	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds							
Costs of Generating Income	3a						
Fund Raising		666				666	642
Stewardship Costs		0				0	0
Coffee Fund			114			114	160
Designated Fabric Fund			0			0	180
Memorial Fund			15			15	
100 Club				896		896	1,410
Tower Fund				8		8	
Dagnall Management Fund				1,476		1,476	
Dagnall Fabric Fund				0		0	
Focus Magazine				33,749		33,749	
Carnival				10,504		10,504	60
Front Row				33		33	578
Breakfast Club				632		632	558
Ladies Guild				22		22	129
Parish Lunch				804		804	337
		666	129	48,124	0	48,919	4,053
Charitable Activities	3b						
Church Activities							
Charitable Giving		125				125	809
Diocesan parish share		65,505				65,505	67,072
North Chilterns Group and Deanery		0				0	262
Salaries and Wages	4	780				780	845
Clergy and Staff Expenses		957				957	2,439
Clerical cover expenses		210				210	0
Sundry Donations		0				0	0
Church Expenses							
Mission and Evangelism		152				152	112
Church Running Expenses		8,646				8,646	10,558
Church Utility Bills		3,209				3,209	2,100
Depreciation		1,005				1,005	3,431
Major Capital Expenditure							
Major Repairs to the Church		0				0	0
PCC Governance Costs		300				300	300
		80,889	0	0	0	80,889	87,929
Dagnall Church Precept							1,310
Total		81,555	129	48,124	0	129,808	93,292

4 Notes on Salaries and Wages

One PCC member Mrs Jill Fountain was employed as a part time Verger at a salary of £65 per month. The role includes opening and closing the church, preparation for services, and care of frontals. No other member of the PCC received remuneration or benefit.

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5a Tangible Fixed Assets	1/1/21	Equipment Added	Depreciation	31/12/21	2020
Capital Equipment	2,010	0	(1,005)	1,005	2,010

5b Investments	1/1/21	Interest	Disposals	Transfers	Changes in Mkt Value	31/12/21	2020
Unrestricted Funds							
Shared Interest Society	1,950	4				1,954	1,950
Endowment Funds							
C of E Investment Fund	70,549				9,743	80,292	70,549
Total	72,499	4	0	0	9,743	82,246	72,499

6 Current Asset		31/12/21	2020
Debtors	Gift Aid reclaims	1,226	1,041
	Other debtors	0	408
		1,226	1,449
Short term invest.	Hampshire Trust Bank	76,207	75,919
Bank Accounts	Church	30,712	23,047
	Focus	59,596	
	Dagnall	12,840	
	Other Associates	6,004	6,609
Cash		514	699
		187,099	107,723

7 Liabilities - amounts falling due in one year			
	Carnival received in advance	(260)	(353)
	Focus received in advance	(22,121)	
	Other creditors	(3,089)	(2,595)
		(25,470)	(2,948)

Total Net Assets	244,880	179,284
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8 Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	31/12/2021 Total	2,020
Fixed Assets	1,005				1,005	2,010
Investment Assets	1,954			80,292	82,246	72,500
Current Assets	33,152	19,495	134,452		187,099	107,722
Current Liabilities	(25,470)				(25,470)	(2,948)
	10,641	19,495	134,452	80,292	244,880	179,284

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Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2021

9a Funds Reconciliation

		Notes	Reserves At 1 Jan	Opening Transfers	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Investment Gains/(Loss)	Reserves At 31 Dec
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	General Fund		9,565		82,631	(81,555)			10,641
Designated	Coffee Fund	10	0		130	(114)			16
	Designated Fabric		9,830						9,830
	Memorial		722			(15)			707
	Designated Roof Reps.		3,834						3,834
	Stonework Restrtn.		5,108						5,108
			19,494						19,495
Restricted	Benevolent		143						143
	Restricted Fabric		63,119		3,200		1,404		67,723
	Linen		275						275
	Restricted Roof Reps.		9,343						9,343
	100 Club	11	0		2,300	(896)	(1,404)		0
	Tower	12	444			(8)			436
(Associates)	Dagnall Mgt Cttee	13		8,140	165	(1,476)			6,829
	Dagnall Fabric	14		6,010	1	0			6,011
	Focus Magazine	15		41,423	29,801	(33,749)			37,475
	Carnival	16	1,176		10,583	(10,504)			1,255
	Front Row	17	3,375		0	(33)			3,342
	Breakfast Club	18	954		532	(632)			854
	Ladies Guild	19	522		0	(22)			500
	Parish Lunch	20	325		745	(804)			266
			79,676						134,452
Endowment Funds									
Restricted	Chancel Fund Income		5,030					723	5,753
	Chancel Fund Deposit		1,578					147	1,725
	Fabric (Miss Gray's)		19,874					2,858	22,732
	Church Lands Income		2,045					358	2,403
	Church Lands Deposit		25					0	25
Unrestricted	Brandom Income		9,957					1,432	11,389
	Brandom Deposit		4,683					292	4,975
	Wallace Bequest		27,112					3,898	31,010
	Edlesborough Mem.		245					35	280
			70,549						80,292
Total Funds			179,284	55,573	130,088	(129,808)	0	9,743	244,880

9b Inclusion of New Funds

Dagnall Mgt Committee is now wholly responsible for the day to day running and maintenance of Dagnall Church within the Parish. It is now a sub committee of the PCC and will in future be reported as an associated fund in St Mary's accounts. Funds at 1st January 2021 are presented as Opening Transfers. Focus Parish Magazine is now managed as a sub committee of the PCC and will in future be reported as an associated fund in St Mary's accounts. Funds at 1st January 2021 are presented as Opening Transfers.

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Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
10 Coffee Fund				
Income	130		126	
Expenditure	114		160	
Surplus/(Deficit)		16		(34)
11 100 Club				
Income	2,300		2,214	
Expenditure	896		1,410	
Surplus/(Deficit)		1,404		804
12 Tower				
Income	0		15	
Expenditure	8		0	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(8)		15
13 Dagnall Management Committee				
Income	165			
Expenditure	1,476			
Surplus/ (Deficit)		(1,311)		
14 Dagnall Fabric				
Income	1			
Expenditure	0			
Surplus/ (Deficit)		1		
15 Focus Magazine				
Income	29,801			
Expenditure	26,949			
Donations	6,800			
Surplus/(Deficit)		(3,948)		

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	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
16 Carnival				
Income				
Advertising, Sponsors & Donation	206		0	
Stall Fees	3,062		0	
Church Stalls	7,284		0	
Gift Aid Recovery	31		0	
Gross Receipts		10,583		0
Expenditure				
Programmes	0		0	
Church Stalls	1,233		0	
Administration	2,221		60	
Entertainers	650		0	
		4,104		60
Profit on Carnival		6,479		(60)
Less Donations		6,400		
Surplus/(Deficit)		79		(60)
17 Front Row				
Income	0		58	
Expenditure	33		578	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(33)		(520)
18 Breakfast Club				
Income	532		354	
Expenditure	632		558	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(100)		(204)
19 Ladies Guild				
Income	0		5	
Expenditure	22		129	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(22)		(124)
20 Parish Lunch				
Income	745		448	
Expenditure	804		337	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(59)		111

21 Commitments

There are no other commitments, not otherwise recognised in these financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2021

19 SOFA Comparatives

(previous year)

Income and Endowments from:

Donations and Legacies

Charitable Activities

Other Activities

Investments

Other

TOTAL

Expenditure on:

Raising Funds

Charitable Activities

Other

TOTAL

Net Income/(Expenditure)

Transfers between Funds

Other Recognised gains/(losses)

On investments

Net Movement in Funds

Reconcillation of Funds

Total Funds brought forward (1 Jan)

Total Funds carried forward (31 Dec)

2020

Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
£	£	£	£	£
66,602				66,602
11,507		3,224		14,731
				0
2,895				2,895
413				413
81,417	0	3,224	0	84,641
801		3,252		4,053
87,929				87,929
1,310				1,310
90,040	0	3,252	0	93,292
(8,623)	0	(28)	0	(8,651)
8,956		(8,956)		0
			4,653	4,653
333	0	(8,984)	4,653	(3,998)
9,232	19,494	88,660	65,896	183,282
9,565	19,494	79,676	70,549	179,284

Independent Examiners Report

To the Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's, Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 12, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner.

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the regulations.

Basis of this report

The examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with the examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Independent Examiners Report

To the Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's, Eaton Bray with Edlesborough

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