

## Annual Reports for APCM 2023

### Vicar's Report

Following two very challenging years due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, in 2022 we gradually returned to previous patterns of worship and fellowship. The Prayer and Praise group meets monthly in church. The coffee morning on the first Saturday in the month is very popular. Thanks to Marion and her team for organising these. In September, Heritage Open Days were held at St Mary's Edlesborough and at St Mary's Eaton Bray. Although Music at St Mary's recommenced, the response was disappointing. We are pausing concerts, apart from the Poppy Prom. Gordon Gray's enterprise and hard work in raising funds for charity over many years was recognised as he was awarded the British Empire Medal. Congratulations Gordon!

In 2022 the North Chilterns Group celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our Lent Course was a fascinating exploration of the importance of trees in ecology and in Scripture. This was facilitated by Revd Louise Collins based on her research. The NCG Advent service was held at St Mary the Virgin, Kensworth with a joint choir from across the parishes. Bishop Alan preached and the service was followed by a celebration tea.

We have continued to hold baptism services at 12 noon rather than in the 10am service. This is popular with families. During 2022 there were 3 weddings and 2 blessings of civil marriages which had been held during Covid with very restricted numbers. I also conducted marriage blessings for those celebrating 25 years and 40 years of married life. In addition to 20 funeral services and 5 burial of ashes services, we held a Memorial service for Peter Bennett whose funeral was restricted by Covid regulations. The annual Memorial Service continues to be appreciated by bereaved families.

The war in Ukraine deeply affected people and in March I organised an hour of prayer led by members of the 'Prayer matters' group. That was followed by two 24-hour prayer vigils, which began and ended with the bell being tolled and a service of Compline in church. A prayer rota ensured each hour was covered by one person praying at home and I provided material for them to use. These opportunities deepened people's prayer life and were much appreciated as a way of responding to the war.

From January to March 2022 I attended 'Launchpad: Getting your youth work off the ground': The course, facilitated by Youthscape, supports church leaders exploring how to initiate youth work in their churches. It is especially for those with few or no young people in their congregations. This is an area which the PCC are looking to develop alongside building on other areas of work with children. Our links with the 1st Eaton Bray and Edlesborough Beavers continued to flourish. They visited St Mary's in March for various activities including planting sunflower seeds. In June they planted the sunflowers in the church grounds which provided a wonderful show in the summer. In December the Beavers' visit to church included Advent and Christmas activities.

It was good to be able to welcome Eaton Bray Academy to St Mary's for their Christingle service. We are developing closer links with them which is wonderful. Edlesborough School made the journey up the hill to a freezing St Mary's Edlesborough for a Christingle service in December.

The Wednesday communion congregation has increased and we are regularly in double figures. In November I introduced a 'Warm Hub'. Following the service, people were invited to come or stay for coffee. Between 12 and 1pm soup and a roll were served for lunch. A team of 10 people, working in pairs, facilitated this. On 7th December, we held a 'Home made Christmas' craft session and on 21st December, Dave Cousans ran a Christmas Quiz. In March 2022, a community group

began a Book Swap housed in St Mary's, which is open during coffee mornings and Warm Hub. This is proving popular and brings in new people to the church.

In June we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Only three months later, the nation mourned her death. We held a service of prayer and thanksgiving and also established an ecumenical rota so the church had people to welcome those who came to sign the memorial book, light a candle or say a prayer.

The pastoral group has continued to evolve. Members regularly take Home Communion Services, and provide support by phone calls, visits or sending cards. Most importantly we as a church pray for those in need through the Prayer Chain and the prayer board in the North Chapel. People also use the Prayer tree to leave their own prayers. 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.

The Eco Group has undertaken a wildlife survey, planted a native hedge and created a wild area in the churchyard. We've established recycling points in church for used stamps, blister packs and ink cartridges, and are looking at further ways to reduce our carbon footprint. I have written about Eco matters in the Focus magazine and published several interviews with people involved in eco related initiatives.

### All Saints' Dagnall

The Sharing Agreement with the Methodist congregation formally ended on 24th December 2021. The loss of the Methodists, as well as other elderly congregation members, has impacted the life of Dagnall church. We currently hold one service each month (Holy Communion) as well as services on Good Friday, Easter, Harvest, a Carol service and Christmas Day. It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Richard and Dame Helen for a Sunday service in March 2022. Dagnall Church of England School is making more use of the church building since Covid restrictions have lifted. In September 2022, we held a weekend Flower Festival which finished with a joyful Songs of Praise service led by Revd Stephen Burge. It was a wonderful event which raised £800 and involved lots of community groups. Work on the building is ongoing.

I would like to thank all those involved in all aspects of our church life, especially those working in 'behind the scenes' roles. Visitors remark on how clean and welcoming the church is. We now have new moveable banners with information about St Mary's history and the prayer chapel. Thank you to everyone for your faithfulness and continued support. We look forward with hope as we trust in our mighty God to open up new horizons in the coming year. May God bless you all.

**Revd Joy Cousans, May 2023**

### **All Saints Dagnall Report**

We at Dagnall, although few in numbers at present, are in good heart and feeling positive about the future of our little Church. The "regulars" are a good team, each playing our own part to the best of our ability. Thanks are due to Norma Price, who plays the organ for us at most of our services. We are grateful also to Liz Coates, who does many practical tasks, including taking responsibility for the cleaning of the church. She is also making valiant attempts to grow a wildflower meadow at the back of the church, not helped by the very dry weather last summer. Thanks are due also to Sally Thorne, who has continued and enhanced her significant role as Treasurer, as we've gone through the recent changes. We, Philip and Dorothy, as District Churchwardens, work together well, each of us having particular strengths that complement each other. Last, but far from least, we must, of course, convey our thanks to Joy and Stephen, who also complement each other well and, among other things, lead our monthly celebration of Holy Communion and additional services for festivals.

Both our Carol Service and our Christmas Day service went well and were well-attended. We were also pleased to welcome members of other churches to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service in January. A big success of the year was the Flower/Harvest Festival, held in September, and thanks go to Barbara Morton and Catherine Hayden for the part they played in organising this. The recent Easter Coffee Morning, which was organised by Liz and Norma, most ably assisted by Jenny Foale, proved to be a happy and successful event.

At present we are exploring the possibility of having an informal afternoon service, perhaps on fifth Sundays, as we did in the past. This was one of the things that we talked about at a successful and enjoyable evening get-together that we held recently, when we enjoyed fellowship and refreshments together. It was felt that we would like to have more such get-togethers in the future. In this respect we must mention with thanks those who contribute so generously when refreshments are required.

During the past year some excellent work on the exterior of the apse has been carried out by Mick Bunning, an expert in the renovation of churches. A major task for the future is a restoration of the interior of the apse. We are grateful to Catherine Hayden for her continued involvement in the renovation of our building. A good deal of electrical work has been carried out recently and the church and hall are now very well heated. We are also in the process of having some of our furniture restored.

The Choir continue to meet weekly in the church and the building is used regularly by the school. We are hoping that in future the hall may be hired out appropriately to groups who might like to use it.

**Dorothy Green and Philip Lee, District Churchwardens**

## **Bell Tower Report**

Throughout the past year our seven regular Eaton Bray bell ringers have enjoyed participating in weekly, Sunday service ringing as well as weekly, Monday evening practices. In addition we have been called upon to ring for several special occasions - weddings, funerals, the Queen's Jubilee, as well as honouring the death of Her Majesty and celebrating her long and dedicated reign. Plans are now in place to ring to celebrate the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III. We have also welcomed several, visiting, bell ringing bands who have requested the use of our bell ringing facilities during their outings or for association practices/meetings.

My sincere thanks go out to John Plater, Adrian Roberts, Bryan Daniels, Sharon Stilliard, Richard Stroud and Sarah Edwards for helping me keep this wonderful bell ringing tradition alive in our parish. I would also like to express our sincere thanks to Chris Banks - Parish Health & Safety Manager - for his extensive efforts to improve the overall safety of our bell tower, which was no easy task given the limited access and space issues. Very much appreciated.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any related questions or perhaps have an interest in joining our ringing band.

Gaye Soule  
BELL TOWER CAPTAIN

## **Carnival Report**

The Carnival, or the St Mary's Village Carnival – to be more accurate – remains the largest, best-attended event in the parish, and continues to represent the most important fund raising event for St Mary's.

The 2022 did not disappoint in any way, raising a total of £13,200 Of which £6,600 benefitted the fabric fund in accordance with an agreed formula, and the remainder split 50/50 between the four village halls and the pavilion and other local charities and fund raisers.

We are therefore heavily dependent upon the event, both to replenish our fund for the repair of the building and as an opportunity for outreach into the whole of the local community. In achieving these objectives, we receive enormous support from the organizing committee, chaired by Mark Kilfoyle, who all work tirelessly from January onwards to plan and to chase people and over the weekend of the event to move mountains of equipment onto and off the site.

2023 promises to be no different. The date, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, is in the diary; the venue, Edlesborough Green has been made available by Edlesborough Parish Council; and the need for volunteers before, during, and after the big day doesn't get any less.

If you do feel that you might be able to assist in any way, please let myself or Bob or Sharon Stilliard know. Thank you.

**Chris Banks**

## **Churches Together Report**

Churches Together in the villages meet together three times in the year to share news and support each other.

Christian Aid (CA) week last May was supported by raising funds at coffee morning events and a Hunger Lunch prepared by the Salvation Army. The monies donated at the Pancakes and Prayer evening on Shrove Tuesday in 2022 was included in the £765 sent to Christian Aid for their mission work.

Churches Together took a stall at St. Mary's Village Carnival last July and members of Northall Baptist Church and Eaton Bray Methodists were able to hand out goodie bags that had been provided by the Salvation Army. The presence of the village churches at the Carnival is an opportunity for Christian witness and promotion of the events taking place at the different churches.

Hymns on the Green was held on a sunny afternoon in August. Allison Gaudion led the service which was well attended and everyone enjoyed singing favourite hymns.

October saw us saying a sad farewell to Majors Allison and Andrew Gaudion of the Salvation Army. We wished Allison a happy retirement. Majors David and Sarah Murray came in their place to lead both Leighton Buzzard and Eaton Bray Armies. David and Sarah have since moved on from Eaton Bray but are still active in Leighton Buzzard.

An Advent Trail was organised for a second consecutive year, this time with a theme of Christmas Carols. Thank you to those who hosted a poster in their windows. Measuring the uptake of involvement with an event like this is difficult. Feedback received suggested the promotion of the event could be improved. There were plenty of positive outcomes - Churches Together were delighted to develop relationships with local businesses, families in the villages and Eaton Bray School who produced a wonderful Shepherd display on their school fence. Our aim was to

illustrate the Christmas Story for both the church and unchurched and provide family fun for all ages which we hope it did for those that engaged with the trail. Eaton Bray Methodist hosted two very enjoyable art workshops to prepare material.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity fell on the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January this year. A service was held at All Saints, Dagnall led by Rev Stephen Burge. The theme this year was "Be – Longing: Prayer for Unity amidst Injustice" and the service content was prepared by the churches of Minneapolis. The congregation were encouraged to consider how the work of Christian Unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice. Thank you to All Saints, Dagnall for hosting and for the refreshments served after the service.

Pancakes and Prayer was held as usual on Shrove Tuesday, kindly hosted by Eaton Bray Methodist Church. Thank you to Chriss Hewitt and Dorothy Green for leading the fellowship. A big thank you to Kay Griffiths who stepped in at the eleventh hour to cook the pancakes with Debbie Dunstan.

Eaton Bray School held a competition to produce artwork for the Churches Together Christmas Card that appeared in Focus. Thank you to Philip Lee for judging numerous entries featuring the Nativity scene. Thanks also to Gaye Soule for providing the image for the Easter Card and for Marion Higley for formatting both cards with details of all the seasonal worship services.

**Angela Dunford**

## **Churchwardens' Report**

### **Maintenance and repairs**

#### **Church maintenance**

Our annual maintenance programme has been followed; this includes servicing of the roof alarm, fire extinguishers, organ, clock, and gutter clearance.

During the summer months, the lightning conductor will be tested, the boiler serviced and PAT testing take place.

The church and brasses are cleaned regularly thanks to our devoted church volunteers.

#### **Energy efficiency**

The Hive remote heating controller fitted last year has made the task of programming each week's heating schedule much easier, also enabling greater economy of fuel.

We have plans to install a Smart Relay to replace the existing time switch on the floodlights. This will avoid the floodlights being on at the wrong times as the year progresses, resulting in unlit paths or wasted energy.

#### **Lighting**

Several lights in the nave and chancel no longer work and the PCC has agreed that we should begin to research a replacement lighting scheme (see project for 2023/24).

#### **Sound system**

New speakers installed last year have much improved the quality of sound.

#### **Health & Safety**

Chris Banks has continued to carry out monthly safety checks and be vigilant of potential hazards. In recent months, he and Gaye, our Tower Captain, have been reviewing safety in the tower. The diocesan bell advisor visited and advised the following work, some of which has been completed:

- ☐ plug-in emergency lighting has been installed in the ringing chamber and bell chamber
- ☐ a sheet of acrylic has been installed in front of the west window in the ringing chamber to improve the safety barrier
- ☐ hard hats have been provided for use of those working in the bell chamber
- ☐ various ways of enabling safer transit across the bell chamber are being evaluated
- ☐ notices will be made available alerting others to people present in the tower
- ☐ two additional lights at the top of the tower are to be installed once permission has been received from the DAC
- ☐ A fire alarm system is being considered and further advice sought.

## **Churchyard**

Maintenance: The volunteer churchyard maintenance team continues 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 environment for the whole community to enjoy.

The main church noticeboard facing the High Street has been refurbished.

Eco Church: The mixed native species hedge has been planted on the south west boundary, and the Eco-Group is developing plans for this area and the 'wild area' in the north west corner, to encourage wild flowers and provide habitats that will benefit insects and other creatures.

We have been delighted to welcome the local Beavers group to church and receive their help with our eco plans.

New area for the burial of cremated remains: A Faculty has been granted for a further area in the churchyard to the west of the Memorial, to be designated for the burial of cremated remains.

## **Church project planned for 2023/2024**

### **Lighting**

The church lights are 30+ years old, spares are no longer available, they are heavy consumers of energy and not eco-friendly, so the PCC has decided it is time to start thinking about a new lighting scheme. This is something we need to research carefully in order to achieve the right result.

We have received advice from the diocesan lighting advisors who were able to give us an idea of what could be achieved in our building with a modern lighting scheme, and local churches where schemes have been recently installed, have been visited.

This project will be costly but the PCC has designated the generous legacy from the estate of Gwen Giltrow for this purpose.

## **All Saints, Dagnall**

### **Chancel Apse**

The exterior of the apse has been repaired but the interior continues to need remedial work where damp has damaged the plasterwork. The Dagnall Management Committee is considering a proposal and quotation. It is hoped that a grant from the Bucks Historic Churches Trust may be received for this work

Furniture Some items of church furniture are being repaired and repolished.

Electrical work PAT testing and a number of other necessary electrical works have taken place.

A Flower Festival was held last September and raised £800 for All Saints' funds.

### **Archdeacon's inspection**

The Archdeacon visited in August to carry out his inspection. His report did not highlight any necessary actions and I believe he went away with a positive impression of our church. He was particularly interested in our outreach to the community through Messy Church, Coffee Mornings and the Parish Lunch.

Although he did not inspect the Inventory, I can confirm it is up to date, as are the Logbook and Maintenance log.

Items acquired and disposed of:

Acquired: Pop-up information banner; Five wall-mounted speakers;

Disposed of: old speakers

### **Thanks**

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

**Catherine Hayden**

### **Coffee After Church Report**

Coffee after church is continuing to be popular and much appreciated by all the church family. And because of this we are very grateful for the wonderful people who support this special ministry and pull together to make it work. We average approximately £10 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 of course always welcome, at present a turn at setting up and serving would come around about once every 7 or 8 weeks. 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**

At each of the three synod meetings held over the last year churches in the deanery have been able to share news of their churches with each other and benefit from the support of others in our deanery. Jill Fountain and Angela Dunford (Deanery Synod representatives) have attended meetings together with Reverend Joy.

In the July 2022 meeting Tricia Humber (co-Chair) gave an interesting overview of the Dunstable Deanery. Tricia listed the greatest challenges and opportunities for this deanery. This was followed by a talk given by David White who shared his experiences working for a Nigerian bishop at the Anglican Communion in London and in his current role as Diocesan Secretary. David explained that the title of Diocesan Secretary, which implies office work, does not aptly describe his role. He oversees the work of the Diocese where the aim is to serve parishes, schools and chaplaincies in matters such as finance, safeguarding, communication, property management and the like. He is involved with policy making and the business of ensuring the viability to fund the Church's mission into the future. David cited the best part of his role as being able to help parishes share the news of Jesus Christ and show God's love to Christians and the unchurched.

At the November meeting Dr. John Wallace gave a presentation on his doctoral thesis "Anglo Catholic Church Planting". In response to questions from the floor John shared that through his research he had come across people of all traditions in the C of E that want to share their faith with others as they have a vision and sense of evangelism. He saw evidence of churches endeavouring to grow the church.

The speaker at our last meeting in March was the Very Reverend Jo Kelly-Moore who shared with us her journey as a priest in New Zealand all the way through to her role as Dean of St. Albans. All meetings have had on their agendas the topics of Eco Church, Safeguarding and General Synod reports. In relation to Eco Church Rev Nicola Lenthall (Chair) has congratulated all churches who have signed up to A Rocha and are working towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold Eco Awards. The Diocese is aiming for net carbon zero by 2030 and have announced that funding will be available to help with eco initiatives including updating heating and lighting system. These funds will hopefully become available this year.

The changes to the C of E Safeguarding Framework are now in place. We are reminded that the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of everyone.

General Synod reports supplied by Canon Peter Adams (General Synod representative for the Diocese of St. Albans) have focused heavily on the subject of Living in Love and Faith and his involvement in the debate on sexuality and same sex blessings and the church. I am sure you will be aware of the outcome of this and there is a report attached to the noticeboard by the North Door in St. Mary's Church for those that have an interest in reading more about it.

All churches in the Deanery have been encouraged to engage with the Bishop of St. Albans initiative of Warm Hubs or Warm Spaces throughout the winter months to help people with the rising cost of their fuel bills. This idea was taken up by St. Mary's, who have, every Wednesday over the cold months of winter provided a warm area to sit, chat, join in craft activities, have coffee and partake of a lunch of soup and a roll.

**Angela Dunford**

## **Electoral Roll Report**

**To be reported at the meeting.**

**Diane Goodwin**

## **Family History Report**

The number of requests has dropped during the last year but I am still receiving requests for information regarding family history records.

I have also found that when the records are available for viewing, as we did for the Heritage Day last year, the interest shown by the general public is encouraging, the records table was constantly in use with people looking up names and dates of past events.

Eileen Bennett April 2023

**Eileen Bennett**



## Finance Report

The Financial Statement of accounts to December 2022 are presented to APCM.

These have been independently inspected and approved by the PCC. They are in the format required by the Charity Commission and include all financial activities of associated groups within the Church Charity.

To make these financial statements easier to read I have shown below some simplified figures that separate the funds and financial transactions into three main areas. First the funds and investments directed to maintaining the fabric of the building over the long term. Second our regular income and expenditure supporting the church's ministry, its charitable activities and expenses. Third the funds and financial activities of associated groups who operate within the Church Charity. This third group is not summarised here but can be easily read on pages 10 and 11 of the Financial Statement.

1. Long term funds include Designated, Restricted, and Endowment funds. These funds were increased substantially with a legacy from the estate of Gwen Giltrow and an annual donation from the Carnival. There were no major expenditure items this year. These funds are held against the costs of maintaining the roof, the stonework and the chancel all of which tend to be on a long cycle and involve substantial costs. They have been supported in the past by legacies and endowments and are held in CofE ethical investment and deposit funds. The reduction in share values last year saw a significant book value loss. However, the 5 year yield of these investments is estimated at an annualised 7.5%.
2. Short term or annual funds are those devoted to supporting both the work and the maintenance of the church. The largest element of income comes from individual regular giving and with gift aid it provides 70% of our funding. Other important elements are our fundraising, fees and donations. We continue to be very thankful for all of these funding sources. Without them we would not be able to support the Parish Share which provides for our clergy and the diocese. The Parish Share is our largest fixed cost. The remaining 24% needs to cover all other operating and maintenance costs, challenging enough without inflation and increasing energy costs.

Our long term funds have a healthy balance and give us confidence for the future. Our annual income and expenditure predicted a small deficit but with two substantial donations we have turned that to a small surplus. Next year will be challenging but the generosity of our congregation and donors and the efforts of our fundraising teams will see us through.

**Martin Hayden**

## Flower Arrangers' Report

Our flower arranging team consists of eight regulars: Beryl, Helen, Sally, Catherine, Christine, Joan, Anna and me. Christine Horn very kindly orders flowers for the major festivals as well as making some beautiful contributions to the arrangements. Joan remains at the beck and call of the doctors this year, so has only been able to help once, for Remembrance Sunday. We very sincerely hope that she will be able to return this year – she is much missed.

Dagnall Church held a Flower Festival last year, which proved very successful and raised some much needed funds. It was a wonderful weekend, much enjoyed by all who visited, and supported well by the local villagers who provided refreshments as well as attending the final Songs of Praise service.

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 have a small but strong team responsible for producing Focus Magazine, and we work well together with different strengths which makes for good management.

Focus Magazine continues to progress well during one of the most difficult years in my involvement with the magazine.

We plan each year's expenditure in the previous year's October and calculate the advertising costs after discussions with our printers Priory Press, some one who we have been with for over twenty years, and trusted. Based on the information given to us we can establish the advertising costs and send this out to all concerned in October. This has worked well for many years, not this one! From January 2023 we started to receive messages that paper costs had risen significantly and throughout the next six months we had eleven paper increases, making our calculations go out of the window. Following meetings with the printers we agreed that both parties would absorb some of the increases but in the end, we had to agree to increased monthly costs, as the size of increases started to climb. We take an annual payment from our advertisers so totally unable to increase our prices mid-year.

To protect future increase, we agreed to pay upfront for the next twelve months paper which Priory will store, leaving us only the printer's costs which we can control for the rest of 2023. The committee also decided to hold current advertising costs for 2023 as concerned that the cost-of-living increase would deter some people to continue advertising. The action taken has worked and this year's magazine is full which is positive.

Our village distributors, who number approximately seventy, continue to be resilient and we plan a garden party for them in summer to express our thanks.

Depending on costs we expect to end the year just covering our costs with little or no reserves, but considering the year we feel this is a good result. 2024 will be equally challenging as costs will increase but we all have confidence in the Focus brand to continue moving forward, but we will have to increase our advertising costs for 2024.

I would now like to express my personal thanks to the team for responding to a challenging year. Without them we would surely have struggled to produce our village community magazine.

**Ken Coates**  
**Chairman**

## **Four Villages Men's Breakfast Club Report**

Sadly after 10 years of successful and friendly meetings – not to mention excellent breakfasts – we took the decision in November to cease the activities of the Breakfast Club. Whilst we had enjoyed high levels of attendance prior to the COVID lockdown and subsequent restrictions, it did not prove possible to generate a high enough level of attendance, and therefore income, to ensure that our activities would be sustainable.

Reasons for the fall-off in attendance are well recognized, centering mainly upon the number of members who are either no longer with us, or who are perhaps still nervous of participating in such gatherings, or indeed simply affected by the inexorable passage of time.

Nevertheless, as challenged by a previous incumbent we gave the Club a good shot, we did our best to provide a meeting place for the gentlemen of the parish, and by closing when we did were able to hand monies over to the PCC Treasurer as well as making a donation on behalf of St Mary's to Prostate Cancer UK.

**Chris Banks**

## **Fundraising Report**

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), four concerts had, of necessity, been cancelled – on two occasions we had sold fewer than 20 tickets. Only the Poppy Prom survived. We may have to face up to the fact that Music@St Mary's has run its course.

Open Gardens on 17 July was, once again a great success. However I am not optimistic that the event will go ahead this year – so far I have had not a single offer from gardens that might open.

Fortunately, the potential 'hole' in the fundraising account has not come to fruition thanks to the excellent work of Marion Higley and her team who run Monthly Coffee Mornings. Attendance at these together with monthly income generated continues to grow and there is great scope for mission.

**Gordon Gray**

## **Parish Lunch Club Report**

I took over the organisation of the Parish Lunches from Jenny Hewett last year and it continues to flourish with 43 members attending with some new this year.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who help with all aspects of the lunches without whom it could not continue. Special thanks go to Chriss Hewitt who is a vital part of the team together with Iain & Julian who arrange all the tables and chairs which is a huge help.

The members have enjoyed lovely lunches throughout the year especially at Christmas with a glass of wine and carol singing.

I'm looking forward to more of the same for the year ahead.

**Vivienne Grundy**

## PCC Report

The Parochial Church Council is made up of the following:

The Vicar

Churchwarden: Catherine Hayden

Lay Reader (co-opted) Gordon Gray

Associate Priest Stephen Burge

Treasurer (co-opted) Martin Hayden

Deanery Synod Reps Jill Fountain and Angela Dunford

Six elected members:

Barbara Morton (Secretary to the PCC), Gaye Soule, Martin Quinn,

Chris Banks, Sheila Banks and Chriss Hewitt.

Deanery Synod Representative: Angela Dunford and Jill Fountain

Dagnall Member: Dorothy Green

There are now 13 members in total. The PCC met 10 times since May 2021. Most meetings were well attended with between 7 and 13 in attendance. In January, Bishop Richard was in attendance to hear about the work of our Parish.

The following appointments were in place during the past year:

Lay Vice Chair	Catherine Hayden
Standing Committee members	Joy Cousans/Catherine Hayden/ Chris Banks/Chriss Hewitt/ Gaye Soule
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/Graham Mockett
Stewardship 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	Vivienne Grundy

Representatives on the North Chilterns Group Committee	Stephen Burge/Chriss Hewitt
Representatives on Churches Together Committee	Joy Cousans/Angela Dunford
PCC representative on Dagnall Management Committee	Joy Cousans/Catherine Hayden/Stephen Burge
Representative on Village Hall Committee	Chris Banks
Focus distribution organiser	Angela Dunford/Steve Dunford
Rota organisers 8am & 10am	Sharon Stilliard/Sally Taylor
Cleaning Rota organiser	Gaye Soule
Flowers organiser	Barbara Morton
Churchyard Maintenance organiser	Iain Stubbs
Publicity group	Angela Dunford/Eileen Bennett/Sue Tucker/Jill Fountain
Carnival Officer	Chris Banks
Eco Church Committee	Catherine Hayden, Joy Cousans, Iain Stubbs, Sue Walker, Tricia Toms, Sally Taylor
Pastoral Visiting Team	Joy Cousans, Stephen Burge, Catherine Wendeler, Gordon Gray, Chriss Hewitt, Sue Walker, Catherine Hayden, Pamela Richardson, Beryl Bishop
Focus Magazine	Angela Dunford/Sue Tucker/Ken Coates/ Sally Siddons /Steve Dunford

**Barbara Morton, PCC Secretary**

## **Prayer & Praise Group Report**

This past year we have met in church at 10.30am on Tuesdays each month up to the present time, our numbers remaining the about the same as before. We enjoyed a lovely meal together at the Swan pub in Northall where it was agreed by the new management we could sing carols, which other diners told us they also enjoyed. Ken helps our praise along by playing the keyboard and introducing us to old and new songs which we enjoy. We start the morning with prayers and singing followed by a discussion and reflection, ending with prayers for the world.

The dates of the meetings are published in the pew leaflet, if anyone would like to join us you will be most welcome.

I end this report with a message from Dorothy:

This is to let you know that, not without some sadness, I have decided to withdraw from the Prayer and Praise group, in which I have been involved for many years. This is partly because I need space to concentrate on things that have been somewhat neglected for some while and also to explore other directions in my life, including my renewed involvement in the Church in Dagnall and plans not yet fully revealed.

Dorothy and I have worked together with this lovely group for the past 14 years which have flown by, THANK YOU Dorothy for all we've shared together as a group and personally, you will be missed but we wish you every blessing as you go forward.

**Chriss Hewitt and Dorothy Green**

## **Prayer Matters Report**

A small group continue to meet every four to six weeks to focus on prayer for our churches and the community. We start our sessions with a quiet time of reflection and relish the opportunity to join together in fellowship. It is always a privilege to pray together as we ask for God's guidance in our church mission. Anyone is welcome to join us – look out for notice of our sessions in the pew leaflet.

This past year we have spent time producing the content for a Prayer Banner that is now displayed permanently by the North Chapel in St. Mary's church. Thank you to Martin Hayden for formatting the banner for us in readiness for printing. This is a resource that we hope will benefit our church family and visitors to St. Mary's alike. Other resources have been a Prayer Diary Calendar for Advent and Lent and the redistribution of an updated 'Pray for Us' leaflet. At present we are discussing plans for Thy Kingdom Come at St. Mary's. This is an initiative of the Archbishop of Canterbury and since its inception has spread globally. If you don't know much about Thy Kingdom Come listen out in church for information or read promotional material in relation to this event that falls from Ascension to Pentecost, this year being the 18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Prayer can be requested for people by adding their names to the sick list in the North Chapel at St. Mary's or the Prayer Chain. Please contact Reverend Joy, Catherine Hayden or Angela Dunford to place someone on the Prayer Chain. A Prayer Tree is also available in St. Mary's to hang prayers on.

**Angela Dunford**

## **Publicity Committee**

During the last year the committee have met every four to six weeks. The committee members at present are Eileen Bennett, Sue Tucker, Jill Fountain and Angela Dunford.

Information has been shared about the various events and worship that has taken place at St. Mary's and All Saints over the past year. Thanks to Eileen our main producer of advertising imaging and to the rest of the committee for their time 'spreading the word' and distributing the advertising to other organisations and the village communities.

A Heritage Open Day was held at St. Mary's last September despite the death of Queen Elizabeth II a few days before. Visitors and those taking part in the Bike and Hike event were appreciative of a quiet place to sit, reflect, look at the interesting displays and meet with people to share their thoughts about the Queen's sad passing.

**Angela Dunford**

## Reader Ministry

In 2022/23 my primary Reader related activities have been:

- Maintaining a good working relationship with Joy
- Leading services at St Mary's
- Leading worship at churches within the North Chiltern Group

As a consequence of the stroke I suffered in January 2021 I have lost confidence in my ability to speak off-the-cuff but it hasn't affected my ability to read so I have been able to continue to lead services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month and preach on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays each month. I am most grateful for the feedback I receive from so many members of the congregation. A further symptom of the stroke has been a reduction in physical co-ordination which means that I have had to stop bell ringing.

I led the Candle Services on Christmas Eve – it was good to see the numbers of worshippers at those services getting back towards a full house. In addition I was privileged to be asked to lead the worship at St Mary's on Good Friday.

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. This has been a difficult year for my family, having to care for an elderly parent, as a result of which Christine and I have had to reduce our involvement in parish activities.

**Gordon Gray**

## Safeguarding Report

***'Safeguarding is a part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our parish churches'***

*Archbishop Justin Welby*

The issue of Safeguarding continues to be taken very seriously here at St. Mary's. What does this actually mean? It means that we must continue to promote a safer culture in our churches. It means that we will strive to promote the welfare of children, young people and adults and work to prevent any abuse from occurring. It means that we have a duty of care to respond to any situations that have involved abuse and to take any appropriate steps accordingly, plus take all precautions to mitigate any risks of any such abuse occurring.

This is achieved, on an ongoing basis, by following the key safeguarding responsibilities that are outlined in the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guide.

We do this by:

- Having a designated Safeguarding Officer - my role - who works alongside the vicar and the PCC to oversee the provisions of our Safeguarding Policy. This Policy is posted, reviewed annually and updated when necessary.

- Requiring specific and regular safeguarding training for many of the roles undertaken by people within the church - both paid and volunteer roles. Such training is **essential** to provide us all with

the tools to prevent, recognise and respond appropriately to any safeguarding issues that may arise.

- Having safeguarding as an agenda item at all our PCC meetings.
- Conducting and renewing DBS checks - criminal background checks - where required for recruitment purposes and for key roles within the church.
- Reporting or requesting guidance from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team in response to any reported concerns or issues that may arise within our parishes.
- Having a Domestic Abuse Policy that is posted and regularly reviewed.

We are very fortunate to live in a fairly affluent and rural community where we encounter comparatively few safeguarding issues compared to our urban counterparts. This does not mean that such issues don't arise or indeed exist. Thank you to those that bring our attention to any such issues so that we can then follow up appropriately in accordance with the guidance of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

It is the ongoing responsibility of us all to both help to promote and maintain a safe environment for everybody.

**Gaye Soule**  
**SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**



ST MARY'S EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No 1129952

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year ending 31 December 2022

Hon Treasurer: Mr Martin Hayden  
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Retired Accountant  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For the year ending 31 December 2022

		2022				2021
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>	Notes					
Donations and Legacies	2a	68,562	29,586	-	-	98,148
Charitable Activities	2b	14,757	3,052	56,871	-	74,680
Interest & Other Activities	2c	2,728	-	-	-	2,728
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>86,047</b>	<b>32,638</b>	<b>56,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,556</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising Funds	3a	1,542	1,459	52,600	-	55,601
Charitable Activities	3b	82,676	-	-	-	82,676
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>84,218</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>52,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,277</b>
<b>Net Income/ (Expenditure)</b>		<b>1,829</b>	<b>31,179</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,279</b>
Transfers between Funds	9a	1,555	(1,555)	-	-	-
<b>Other Recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Inclusion Dagnall & Focus Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investments	2d	-	13	-	(8,017)	(8,004)
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>3,384</b>	<b>29,637</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>(8,017)</b>	<b>29,275</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)		10,641	19,495	134,452	80,292	244,880
<b>Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)</b>		<b>14,025</b>	<b>49,132</b>	<b>138,723</b>	<b>72,275</b>	<b>274,155</b>

Approved by the PCC on *20th April 2023* and signed on their behalf by *J. E. Cousans* PCC Chair

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022  
BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Total 2022		Total 2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	0		1,005	
Social Investments	5	1,958		1,954	
Investments	5	82,288		80,292	
			84,246		83,251
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Short Term Deposits	6	93,989		76,207	
Church Bank Balances	6	37,458		30,712	
Focus Bank Balance	6	52,383		59,596	
Dagnall Bank Balances	6	8,332		12,840	
Associates Bank Balances	6	4,695		6,004	
Cash	6	262		514	
Debtors	7	14,229		1,226	
		211,348		187,099	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors due in one year	8	(21,439)		(25,470)	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			189,909		161,629
			274,155		244,880
Represented by:					
<b>Parish Funds</b>	9				
Unrestricted Funds					
General			14,079		10,641
Designated			49,697		19,495
Restricted Funds			85,103		77,920
Associate Funds			53,001		56,532
Endowment Funds			72,275		80,292
<b>Total Funds</b>			274,155		244,880

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2022

## 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 fundraising 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.

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**Resources expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding constructive obligation on the PCC. Activities directly relating to the work of the Church including the diocesan quota (Parish Share) 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.

**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 and 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 bid market value at 31 December, as certified by the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

**Long-term deposits**

These include social investments in the Shared Interest Society.

**Short-term deposits**

These include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, the Hampshire Trust Bank and the Shared Interest Charity.

**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.

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**2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	2021
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>						
<b>2a</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Income/Receipts</b>						
<b>Tax efficient planned giving</b>						
GA Envelopes					0	597
GA Bankers Orders	43,398				43,398	41,441
GA Donations	2,236				2,236	4,872
<b>Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme</b>	1,707				1,707	1,880
Other planned giving not Gift Aided	3,558				3,558	962
Donation not Gift Aided	4,600				4,600	5,541
Receipts including special appeals	1,000				1,000	1,070
Gift Aid Recovered	12,063				12,063	12,101
Grants & Legacies Received		29,586			29,586	0
	68,562	29,586	0	0	98,148	68,464
<b>Charitable Activities</b>						
<b>2b</b>						
<b>Church Activities</b>						
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	4,920				4,920	3,097
Fund Raising	9,837				9,837	8,553
Coffee Fund		628			628	130
100 club		2,424			2,424	2,300
Restricted Fabric Fund			500		500	3,200
Linen Fund			16		16	0
Tower Fund			67		67	0
Dagnall Management Fund			2,393		2,393	165
Dagnall Fabric Fund			2		2	1
Focus Magazine			31,714		31,714	29,801
Carnival			18,706		18,706	10,583
Front Row			0		0	0
Breakfast Club			1,119		1,119	532
Ladies Guild			0		0	0
Parish Lunch			2,354		2,354	745
	14,757	3,052	56,871	0	74,680	59,107
<b>Other income</b>						
<b>2c</b>						
Rental Income	1,021				1,021	853
Dividend and Deposit Interest	1,707				1,707	1,664
	2,728	0	0	0	2,728	2,517
<b>Sub Total</b>	86,047	32,638	56,871	0	175,556	130,088
<b>Inclusion of Dagnall &amp; Focus Funds</b>						55,573
<b>Investment gains/ (losses)</b>	0	13	0	-8,017	-8,004	9,743
<b>2d</b>						
<b>Total</b>	86,047	32,651	56,871	-8,017	167,552	195,404

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### 3. EXPENDITURE

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Raising Funds</b>	<b>3a</b>						
<b>Costs of Generating Income</b>							
Fund Raising		1,542				1,542	666
Coffee Fund			269			269	114
100 Club			1,190			1,190	896
Memorial Fund						0	15
Tower Fund						0	8
Dagnall Management Fund				6,903		6,903	1,476
Dagnall Fabric Fund				0		0	0
Focus Magazine				29,183		29,183	33,749
Carnival				12,108		12,108	10,504
Front Row						0	33
Breakfast Club				1,354		1,354	632
Ladies Guild				500		500	22
Parish Lunch				2,552		2,552	804
		1,542	1,459	52,600	0	55,601	48,919
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>3b</b>						
<b>Church Activities</b>							
Charitable Giving		1,982				1,982	125
Diocesan parish share		64,989				64,989	65,505
North Chilterns Group and Deanery		223				223	0
Salaries and Wages (see below)		780				780	780
Clergy and Staff Expenses		1,066				1,066	957
Clerical cover expenses						0	210
<b>Church Expenses</b>							
Mission and Evangelism		487				487	152
Church Running Expenses		9,236				9,236	8,646
Church Utility Bills		2,908				2,908	3,209
Depreciation		1,005				1,005	1,005
<b>Major Capital Expenditure</b>						0	0
<b>PCC Governance Costs</b>						0	300
		82,676	0	0	0	82,676	80,889
<b>Total</b>		84,218	1,459	52,600	0	138,277	129,808

#### Related Parties

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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**4. FIXED ASSETS**

	1/1/22	Added	Depreciation	31/12/22	31/12/21
Capital Equipment	1,005	0	-1005	0	1,005

**5. INVESTMENTS**

	1/1/22	Deposits	Disposals	Interest	Changes in Mkt Value	31/12/22	31/12/21
<b>Long Term Deposits</b>							
Shared Interest Society	1,954			4		1,958	1,954
<b>Investment Funds</b>							
CCLA Fund	0	10,000			13	10,013	0
Endowment Fund	80,292				(8,017)	72,275	80,292
<b>Total Investments</b>	82,246	10,000	0	4	(8,004)	84,246	82,246

**6. CURRENT ASSETS**

	1/1/22	Deposits	Disposals	Interest	31/12/22	31/12/21
<b>Short term Deposits</b>						
Hampshire Trust Bank	76,207			190	76,397	76,207
CCLA Deposit Fund	0	17,500		92	17,592	0
	76,207	17,500		282	93,989	76,207

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	Church	37,458	30,712
	Focus	52,383	59,596
	Dagnall	8,332	12,840
	Associates	4,695	6,004
		102,868	109,152

<b>Cash</b>	262	514
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<b>7. DEBTORS</b>	Gift Aid reclaims	949	1,226
	Focus paper purchased in advance	8,193	0
	Other debtors	5,087	0
		14,229	1,226

<b>8. LIABILITIES</b>	Carnival received in advance	(100)	(260)
	Focus advertising revenue in advance	(20,570)	(22,121)
	Other creditors	(769)	(3,089)
		(21,439)	(25,470)

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	274,155	244,880
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**9. FUNDS RECONCILIATION**

		Notes	Reserves At 1 Jan	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Investment Gains/(Loss)	Reserves At 31 Dec
			£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>	General Fund	<b>9a</b>	10,641	86,047	(84,218)	1,555		14,025
	Coffee Fund		16	628	(269)	(321)		54
	100 Club		0	2,424	(1,190)	(1,234)		0
			10,657					14,079
<b>(Designated)</b>	Designated Strategy	<b>9b</b>	0	29,586		18,772	13	48,371
	Designated Memorial		707					707
	Designated B'fast Club					619		619
	Designated Fabric		9,830			(9,830)		0
	Designated Roof Reps.		3,834			(3,834)		0
	Designated Stonework		5,108			(5,108)		0
			19,479					49,697
<b>Restricted</b>	Benevolent	<b>9c</b>	143					143
	Fabric		67,723	500		6,600		74,823
	Linen		275	16				291
	Roof		9,343					9,343
	Tower		436	67				503
			77,920					85,103
<b>(Associates)</b>	Dagnall Management	<b>9d</b>	6,829	2,393	(6,903)	6,000		8,319
	Dagnall Fabric		6,011	2	0	(6,000)		13
	Focus Magazine		37,475	31,714	(29,183)			40,006
	Carnival		1,255	18,706	(12,108)	(6,600)		1,253
	Front Row		3,342					3,342
	Breakfast Club		854	1,119	(1,354)	(619)		0
	Ladies Guild		500		(500)			0
	Parish Lunch		266	2,354	(2,552)			68
			56,532					53,001
<b>Endowments</b>	Chancel Fund Shares	<b>9e</b>	5,753				(674)	5,079
<b>( Restricted</b>	Chancel Fund Income		1,725				175	1,900
<b>Capital )</b>	Fabric (Miss Gray's)		22,732				(2,664)	20,068
	Church Lands Shares		2,403				(221)	2,182
	Church Lands Income		25				0	25
	Brandom Shares		11,389				(1,334)	10,055
	Brandom Income		4,975				367	5,342
	Wallace Bequest Shares		31,010				(3,634)	27,376
	Edlesb. Mem. Shares		280				(32)	248
			80,292					72,275
<b>Total Funds</b>			244,880	175,556	(138,277)	0	(8,004)	274,155

The Coffee Fund and the 100 Club Fund will in future be reported as General Funds (unrestricted) and not as associated funds as these are both held within the Church accounts. The Ladies Guild has been wound up with zero balance. The Mens Breakfast Club has been wound up and the surplus transferred to a designated fund for future disbursement. The PCC has approved closure of several historical remnant funds. The Designated Fabric, Roof and Stonework funds have been pooled with the Unrestricted Legacy fund as a Designated Strategy Fund for future direction by the PCC toward it's long term aims.

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**10. SUBSIDIARY FINANCIAL SUMMARIES**

**11 Dagnall Management Committee**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Income	2,393		165	
Transfer from Dagnall Fabric Fund	6,000		0	
Less Expenditure	(6,903)		(1,476)	
Surplus/ (Deficit)		1,490		(1,311)

**12 Dagnall Fabric**

Income	2		1	
Transfer to Dagnall Mgt Cttee Fund	(6,000)		0	
Less Expenditure	0		0	
Surplus/ (Deficit)		(5,998)		1

**13 Focus Magazine**

Income				
Advertising revenue	31,714		29,801	
Expenditure				
Printing and artwork	(28,081)		(26,610)	
Admin	(102)		(339)	
Donations	(1,000)		(6,800)	
Surplus/(Deficit)		2,531		(3,948)

**14 Carnival**

Income				
Advertising, Sponsors & Donation	4,547		206	
Stall Fees	4,045		3,062	
Church Stalls	10,053		7,284	
Gift Aid Recovery	61		31	
Gross Receipts		18,706		10,583
Expenditure				
Programmes	(800)		0	
Church Stalls	(1,459)		(1,233)	
Administration	(2,649)		(2,221)	
Entertainers	(600)		(650)	
		(5,508)		(4,104)
Profit on Carnival		13,198		6,479
Transfer to St Marys Fabric		(6,600)		(6,400)
Distributions to Charities		(6,600)		
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2)		79

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	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>15 Front Row</b>				
Income	0		0	
Expenditure	0		(33)	
Surplus/(Deficit)		0		(33)
<b>16 Breakfast Club (Wound up)</b>				
Income	1,119		532	
Donation to Charity	(100)		0	
Expenditure	(1,254)		(632)	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(235)		(100)
<b>17 Ladies Guild (Wound up)</b>				
Income	0		0	
Expenditure	(100)		(22)	
Distributed to Charities	(400)		0	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(500)		(22)
<b>18 Parish Lunch</b>				
Income	2,354		745	
Expenses	(2,352)		(804)	
Donation to St Marys	(200)		0	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(198)		(59)

**19 Commitments**

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

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**19 SOFA Comparatives**

(previous year)

**Income and Endowments from:**

Donations and Legacies

Charitable Activities

Other Activities

Investments

Other

**Total**

2021				
Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
£	£	£	£	£
68,464				68,464
11,650	130	47,327		59,107
				0
2,517				2,517
0				0
82,631	130	47,327	0	130,088

**Expenditure on:**

Raising Funds

Charitable Activities

Other

**Total**

666	129	48,124		48,919
80,889				80,889
0				0
81,555	129	48,124	0	129,808

**Net Income/(Expenditure)**

**Transfers between Funds**

**Other recognised gains/(losses)**

Inclusion of Dagnall & Focus Funds

On investments

**Net Movement in Funds**

1,076	1	(797)	0	280
0	0	0	0	0
		55,573		55,573
			9,743	9,743
1,076	1	54,776	9,743	65,596

**Total Funds brought forward (1 Jan)**

9,565	19,494	79,676	70,549	179,284
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**Total Funds carried forward (31 Dec)**

10,641	19,495	134,452	80,292	244,880
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# **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 2022, 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:

1. which gives reasonable cause to believe, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements the Act and the Regulations, have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ian Skinner  
Retired Accountant  
19 Mardle Road,  
Leighton Buzzard

Dated : 17 March 2023

ST MARY'S EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No 1129952

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year ending 31 December 2022

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ST MARY'S EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For the year ending 31 December 2022

		2022				2021
		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>						
Donations and Legacies	2a	68,562	29,586	-	-	98,148
Charitable Activities	2b	14,757	3,052	56,871	-	74,680
Interest & Other Activities	2c	2,728	-	-	-	2,728
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>86,047</b>	<b>32,638</b>	<b>56,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175,556</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising Funds	3a	1,542	1,459	52,600	-	55,601
Charitable Activities	3b	82,676	-	-	-	82,676
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>84,218</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>52,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,277</b>
<b>Net Income/ (Expenditure)</b>		<b>1,829</b>	<b>31,179</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,279</b>
Transfers between Funds	9a	1,555	(1,555)	-	-	-
<b>Other Recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Inclusion Dagnall & Focus Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investments	2d	-	13	-	(8,017)	(8,004)
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>3,384</b>	<b>29,637</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>(8,017)</b>	<b>29,275</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total Funds brought forward (1st Jan)		10,641	19,495	134,452	80,292	244,880
<b>Total Funds carried forward (31st Dec)</b>		<b>14,025</b>	<b>49,132</b>	<b>138,723</b>	<b>72,275</b>	<b>274,155</b>

Approved by the PCC on *20th April 2023* and signed on their behalf by *J. E. Cousans* PCC Chair

ST MARY'S EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH  
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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022  
BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Total 2022		Total 2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	0		1,005	
Social Investments	5	1,958		1,954	
Investments	5	82,288		80,292	
			84,246		83,251
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Short Term Deposits	6	93,989		76,207	
Church Bank Balances	6	37,458		30,712	
Focus Bank Balance	6	52,383		59,596	
Dagnall Bank Balances	6	8,332		12,840	
Associates Bank Balances	6	4,695		6,004	
Cash	6	262		514	
Debtors	7	14,229		1,226	
		211,348		187,099	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors due in one year	8	(21,439)		(25,470)	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			189,909		161,629
			274,155		244,880
Represented by:					
<b>Parish Funds</b>	9				
Unrestricted Funds					
General			14,079		10,641
Designated			49,697		19,495
Restricted Funds			85,103		77,920
Associate Funds			53,001		56,532
Endowment Funds			72,275		80,292
<b>Total Funds</b>			274,155		244,880

The attached notes form part of these financial statements



ST MARY'S EATON BRAY with EDLESBOROUGH  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2022

## 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 fundraising 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.

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**Resources expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that creates a binding constructive obligation on the PCC. Activities directly relating to the work of the Church including the diocesan quota (Parish Share) 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.

**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 and 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 bid market value at 31 December, as certified by the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

**Long-term deposits**

These include social investments in the Shared Interest Society.

**Short-term deposits**

These include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund, the Hampshire Trust Bank and the Shared Interest Charity.

**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.

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2022

**2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	2021
<b>Donations and Legacies</b>						
<b>2a</b>						
<b>Voluntary Income/Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Tax efficient planned giving</b>						
GA Envelopes					0	597
GA Bankers Orders	43,398				43,398	41,441
GA Donations	2,236				2,236	4,872
<b>Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme</b>	1,707				1,707	1,880
Other planned giving not Gift Aided	3,558				3,558	962
Donation not Gift Aided	4,600				4,600	5,541
Receipts including special appeals	1,000				1,000	1,070
Gift Aid Recovered	12,063				12,063	12,101
Grants & Legacies Received		29,586			29,586	0
	68,562	29,586	0	0	98,148	68,464
<b>Charitable Activities</b>						
<b>2b</b>						
<b>Church Activities</b>						
Statutory Fees (retained by PCC)	4,920				4,920	3,097
Fund Raising	9,837				9,837	8,553
Coffee Fund		628			628	130
100 club		2,424			2,424	2,300
Restricted Fabric Fund			500		500	3,200
Linen Fund			16		16	0
Tower Fund			67		67	0
Dagnall Management Fund			2,393		2,393	165
Dagnall Fabric Fund			2		2	1
Focus Magazine			31,714		31,714	29,801
Carnival			18,706		18,706	10,583
Front Row			0		0	0
Breakfast Club			1,119		1,119	532
Ladies Guild			0		0	0
Parish Lunch			2,354		2,354	745
	14,757	3,052	56,871	0	74,680	59,107
<b>Other income</b>						
<b>2c</b>						
Rental Income	1,021				1,021	853
Dividend and Deposit Interest	1,707				1,707	1,664
	2,728	0	0	0	2,728	2,517
<b>Sub Total</b>	86,047	32,638	56,871	0	175,556	130,088
<b>Inclusion of Dagnall &amp; Focus Funds</b>						55,573
<b>Investment gains/ (losses)</b>	0	13	0	-8,017	-8,004	9,743
<b>2d</b>						
<b>Total</b>	86,047	32,651	56,871	-8,017	167,552	195,404

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Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2022

### 3. EXPENDITURE

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Raising Funds</b>	<b>3a</b>						
<b>Costs of Generating Income</b>							
Fund Raising		1,542				1,542	666
Coffee Fund			269			269	114
100 Club			1,190			1,190	896
Memorial Fund						0	15
Tower Fund						0	8
Dagnall Management Fund				6,903		6,903	1,476
Dagnall Fabric Fund				0		0	0
Focus Magazine				29,183		29,183	33,749
Carnival				12,108		12,108	10,504
Front Row						0	33
Breakfast Club				1,354		1,354	632
Ladies Guild				500		500	22
Parish Lunch				2,552		2,552	804
		1,542	1,459	52,600	0	55,601	48,919
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>3b</b>						
<b>Church Activities</b>							
Charitable Giving		1,982				1,982	125
Diocesan parish share		64,989				64,989	65,505
North Chilterns Group and Deanery		223				223	0
Salaries and Wages (see below)		780				780	780
Clergy and Staff Expenses		1,066				1,066	957
Clerical cover expenses						0	210
<b>Church Expenses</b>							
Mission and Evangelism		487				487	152
Church Running Expenses		9,236				9,236	8,646
Church Utility Bills		2,908				2,908	3,209
Depreciation		1,005				1,005	1,005
<b>Major Capital Expenditure</b>						0	0
<b>PCC Governance Costs</b>						0	300
		82,676	0	0	0	82,676	80,889
<b>Total</b>		84,218	1,459	52,600	0	138,277	129,808

#### Related Parties

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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**4. FIXED ASSETS**

	1/1/22	Added	Depreciation	31/12/22	31/12/21
Capital Equipment	1,005	0	-1005	0	1,005

**5. INVESTMENTS**

	1/1/22	Deposits	Disposals	Interest	Changes in Mkt Value	31/12/22	31/12/21
<b>Long Term Deposits</b>							
Shared Interest Society	1,954			4		1,958	1,954
<b>Investment Funds</b>							
CCLA Fund	0	10,000			13	10,013	0
Endowment Fund	80,292				(8,017)	72,275	80,292
<b>Total Investments</b>	82,246	10,000	0	4	(8,004)	84,246	82,246

**6. CURRENT ASSETS**

	1/1/22	Deposits	Disposals	Interest	31/12/22	31/12/21
<b>Short term Deposits</b>						
Hampshire Trust Bank	76,207			190	76,397	76,207
CCLA Deposit Fund	0	17,500		92	17,592	0
	76,207	17,500		282	93,989	76,207

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	Church	37,458	30,712
	Focus	52,383	59,596
	Dagnall	8,332	12,840
	Associates	4,695	6,004
		102,868	109,152

<b>Cash</b>	262	514
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<b>7. DEBTORS</b>	Gift Aid reclaims	949	1,226
	Focus paper purchased in advance	8,193	0
	Other debtors	5,087	0
		14,229	1,226

<b>8. LIABILITIES</b>	Carnival received in advance	(100)	(260)
	Focus advertising revenue in advance	(20,570)	(22,121)
	Other creditors	(769)	(3,089)
		(21,439)	(25,470)

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	274,155	244,880
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**9. FUNDS RECONCILIATION**

		Notes	Reserves At 1 Jan	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Investment Gains/(Loss)	Reserves At 31 Dec
			£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>	General Fund	<b>9a</b>	10,641	86,047	(84,218)	1,555		14,025
	Coffee Fund		16	628	(269)	(321)		54
	100 Club		0	2,424	(1,190)	(1,234)		0
			10,657					14,079
<b>(Designated)</b>	Designated Strategy	<b>9b</b>	0	29,586		18,772	13	48,371
	Designated Memorial		707					707
	Designated B'fast Club					619		619
	Designated Fabric		9,830			(9,830)		0
	Designated Roof Reps.		3,834			(3,834)		0
	Designated Stonework		5,108			(5,108)		0
			19,479					49,697
<b>Restricted</b>	Benevolent	<b>9c</b>	143					143
	Fabric		67,723	500		6,600		74,823
	Linen		275	16				291
	Roof		9,343					9,343
	Tower		436	67				503
			77,920					85,103
<b>(Associates)</b>	Dagnall Management	<b>9d</b>	6,829	2,393	(6,903)	6,000		8,319
	Dagnall Fabric		6,011	2	0	(6,000)		13
	Focus Magazine		37,475	31,714	(29,183)			40,006
	Carnival		1,255	18,706	(12,108)	(6,600)		1,253
	Front Row		3,342					3,342
	Breakfast Club		854	1,119	(1,354)	(619)		0
	Ladies Guild		500		(500)			0
	Parish Lunch		266	2,354	(2,552)			68
			56,532					53,001
<b>Endowments</b>	Chancel Fund Shares	<b>9e</b>	5,753				(674)	5,079
<b>( Restricted</b>	Chancel Fund Income		1,725				175	1,900
<b>Capital )</b>	Fabric (Miss Gray's)		22,732				(2,664)	20,068
	Church Lands Shares		2,403				(221)	2,182
	Church Lands Income		25				0	25
	Brandom Shares		11,389				(1,334)	10,055
	Brandom Income		4,975				367	5,342
	Wallace Bequest Shares		31,010				(3,634)	27,376
	Edlesb. Mem. Shares		280				(32)	248
			80,292					72,275
<b>Total Funds</b>			244,880	175,556	(138,277)	0	(8,004)	274,155

The Coffee Fund and the 100 Club Fund will in future be reported as General Funds (unrestricted) and not as associated funds as these are both held within the Church accounts. The Ladies Guild has been wound up with zero balance. The Mens Breakfast Club has been wound up and the surplus transferred to a designated fund for future disbursement. The PCC has approved closure of several historical remnant funds. The Designated Fabric, Roof and Stonework funds have been pooled with the Unrestricted Legacy fund as a Designated Strategy Fund for future direction by the PCC toward it's long term aims.

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**10. SUBSIDIARY FINANCIAL SUMMARIES**

**11 Dagnall Management Committee**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Income	2,393		165	
Transfer from Dagnall Fabric Fund	6,000		0	
Less Expenditure	(6,903)		(1,476)	
Surplus/ (Deficit)		1,490		(1,311)

**12 Dagnall Fabric**

Income	2		1	
Transfer to Dagnall Mgt Cttee Fund	(6,000)		0	
Less Expenditure	0		0	
Surplus/ (Deficit)		(5,998)		1

**13 Focus Magazine**

Income				
Advertising revenue	31,714		29,801	
Expenditure				
Printing and artwork	(28,081)		(26,610)	
Admin	(102)		(339)	
Donations	(1,000)		(6,800)	
Surplus/(Deficit)		2,531		(3,948)

**14 Carnival**

Income				
Advertising, Sponsors & Donation	4,547		206	
Stall Fees	4,045		3,062	
Church Stalls	10,053		7,284	
Gift Aid Recovery	61		31	
Gross Receipts		18,706		10,583
Expenditure				
Programmes	(800)		0	
Church Stalls	(1,459)		(1,233)	
Administration	(2,649)		(2,221)	
Entertainers	(600)		(650)	
		(5,508)		(4,104)
Profit on Carnival		13,198		6,479
Transfer to St Marys Fabric		(6,600)		(6,400)
Distributions to Charities		(6,600)		
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2)		79

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	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>15 Front Row</b>				
Income	0		0	
Expenditure	0		(33)	
Surplus/(Deficit)		0		(33)
<b>16 Breakfast Club (Wound up)</b>				
Income	1,119		532	
Donation to Charity	(100)		0	
Expenditure	(1,254)		(632)	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(235)		(100)
<b>17 Ladies Guild (Wound up)</b>				
Income	0		0	
Expenditure	(100)		(22)	
Distributed to Charities	(400)		0	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(500)		(22)
<b>18 Parish Lunch</b>				
Income	2,354		745	
Expenses	(2,352)		(804)	
Donation to St Marys	(200)		0	
Surplus/(Deficit)		(198)		(59)

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**19 SOFA Comparatives**

(previous year)

**Income and Endowments from:**

Donations and Legacies  
Charitable Activities  
Other Activities  
Investments  
Other

**Total**

2021				
Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
£	£	£	£	£
68,464				68,464
11,650	130	47,327		59,107
				0
2,517				2,517
0				0
82,631	130	47,327	0	130,088

**Expenditure on:**

Raising Funds  
Charitable Activities  
Other

**Total**

666	129	48,124		48,919
80,889				80,889
0				0
81,555	129	48,124	0	129,808

**Net Income/(Expenditure)**

**Transfers between Funds**

**Other recognised gains/(losses)**

Inclusion of Dagnall & Focus Funds  
On investments

**Net Movement in Funds**

1,076	1	(797)	0	280
0	0	0	0	0
		55,573		55,573
			9,743	9,743
1,076	1	54,776	9,743	65,596

**Total Funds brought forward (1 Jan)**

9,565	19,494	79,676	70,549	179,284
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**Total Funds carried forward (31 Dec)**

10,641	19,495	134,452	80,292	244,880
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# **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 2022, 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:

1. which gives reasonable cause to believe, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements the Act and the Regulations, have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ian Skinner  
Retired Accountant  
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Dated : 17 March 2023