

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1130017

Details

Other names LITTLE ST MARY'S CAMBRIDGE

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-06-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through activities for special need groups.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£919,338	£269,682	£2,049,688	2
2024-12-31	£302,496	£236,478	-	-
2023-12-31	£296,452	£321,460	-	-
2022-12-31	£854,450	£274,499	£1,838,320	1
2021-12-31	£215,437	£198,369	-	-
2020-12-31	£258,099	£334,968	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ROBERT MICHAEL MACKLEY	Chair	2012-08-24
Barbara Jean Wilcox MRSC		2023-04-16
Benjamin David Johns		2025-04-27
Christine Shirley Tipple		2021-04-11
Diana Dzhanian		2025-04-27
Dr Kathryn Jones		2024-06-01
Dr Patricia Boulhosa		2018-04-08
Franco Giuseppe Giacinto Basso		2023-04-16
Geoffrey Neil Lean Swan		2025-04-27
Geoffrey Richard Howe		2018-04-08
HON REV MARK ANDREW BISHOP MA		2012-03-01
Heidi-Louise Thomas McGann		2023-04-16
Helen Elizabeth Thompson		2023-04-16
JOSEPHINE MARY WIBBERLEY		
Jeremy Musson FSA		2024-04-07
Lucy Rosamond McKitterick		2023-04-16
Mark Nigel Edward Patrick		2023-04-16
Matthew Bird		2025-04-27
RICHARD GARETH LLEWELYN MORGAN		

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

REGISTERED CHARITY No 1130017

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

Background

The Parochial Church Council (“the PCC”) of Little St Mary’s (‘LSM’) has its responsibilities to the Church vested in it by Church of England Governance Rules. These include responsibilities relating to the financial affairs of the Parish, the care, maintenance and preservation of the fabric of the church and the churchyard and to the protection by the Parish of the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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Membership

The membership of the Parochial Church Council is governed by the Church Representation Rules, certain members sitting on the Council ex officio and others being elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The Revd Canon Robert Michael Mackley	Vicar
The Revd Mark Andrew Bishop	Associate Priest
The Revd Dr Peter Benjamin Leith	Associate Vicar (from 14 September 2025)
The Revd Edward David Green	Assistant Curate (from Aug 2023 until 17 August 2025)

Churchwardens:

Geoffrey Richard Howe	from APCM 2024
Josephine Mary Wibberley	from APCM 2024 (Lay chairperson)

Members of Diocesan Synod:

Josephine Mary Wibberley	(2024-27)
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan	(2024-27)

Members of the South Cambridge Deanery Synod :

Francis Stephen Curtis Thomas	(2023-26) resigned March 2025
Matthew James Bird	From APCM 2025
Franco Giuseppa Giacinto Basso	From APCM 2025
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan	(2023-26)

Elected Members:	Date elected:	Term expiring:
Franco Giuseppe Giacinto Basso	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Matthew James Bird	APCM 2025	APCM 2028
Patricia Pires Boulhosa	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
co -opted	APCM 2025	APCM 2026
Patricia Elizabeth Davies	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Diana Dzhanian	APCM 2025	APCM 2028
Robert Shaw de Wolf	APCM 2024	APCM 2027
Catherine Mary Groom	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Benjamin Johns	APCM 2025	APCM 2028
Kathryn Mary Jones	co-opted June 2024	APCM 2025
	APCM 2025	APCM 2028
Jeremy Gibson Dixon Musson	APCM 2024	APCM 2027
Lucy Rosamond McKitterick	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
co-opted	May 2025	APCM 2026
Mark Nigel Edward Patrick	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Geoffrey Neil Lean Swan	APCM 2025	APCM 2028
Heidi Louise Thomas	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Helen Elizabeth Thompson	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Barbara Jean Wilcox	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Christine Tipple (seconded)	May 2023	APCM 2026

The PCC met 6 times in 2025. Meetings were held in January, March, May, July, September and November 2025.

Committees

The PCC operates in the main through full meetings of its members. As required by Church of England Governance Rules, there is a Standing Committee which meets regularly in order to transact the business of the PCC, subject to any direction given by the Council. Formal committees have been constituted to direct and administer particular interests of the Council as follows:

- LSM's social responsibility work at home and abroad
- Management of an annual Christian Giving Review
- Administration of the Music Fund and Choir
- Social events
- Building and Maintenance
- Eco group to explore ways in which the parish can become an Eco parish.

In addition, informal groups have been set up to:

- Represent work with children at LSM
- Maintain the churchyard garden
- Ensure that Health and Safety standards are met particularly with regard to Parish Centre lettings

Public Benefit

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the PCC try to help people without exception to live out their faith as part of the local community by using their funds to enable

1. Regular acts of worship open to the public and by administration of the sacraments. The church is open daily to visitors for quiet contemplation and prayer, and religious literature is provided.
2. Offering spiritual support and friendship to any who desire it.
3. Promoting the Christian faith among all people and at all levels. For example in our work with Children's Church, our Choir, and providing learning resources such as Advent and Lent Groups and our 'Resourcing Faith' initiative.
4. Visiting and befriending the elderly and unwell.
5. Maintaining our church fabric and garden.
6. Social activities for our congregation and beyond such as providing hospitality after Sunday Masses and significant festivals, regular Parish lunches, our successful annual Parish Barbecue.
7. Our Parish Centre to be available for hire by local groups & charities.
8. Supporting local charities eg The Foodbank and Whitworth Trust and others through our voluntary donations and the arrangement of special fundraising events.
9. Participating in Ecumenical dialogue at a local level and beyond.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been identified, reviewed and systems established to manage those risks.

Trustees' responsibilities

The PCC members are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the PCC for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the PCC members are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. Comply with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
4. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in business.

The PCC members are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

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Trustees' Report

The accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025 have shown an overall surplus, however, most importantly this position has been reached largely due to a very generous legacy received from a former worshipper.

Overall, total income was £919,337, and total expenditure was £269,681 a surplus of £649,656. Total legacies received were £626,897. Thus, the surplus excluding legacies was £22,759. This is £6,741 greater than the equivalent figure in 2024. The greatest concern is that general, unrestricted donations have only increased by £760, that is from £100,795 in 2024, to £101,555 in 2025. We launched a Giving Campaign in late Autumn 2025, and the response to this was generous by a few, and ignored by many, and the figures would barely show in the 2025 accounts, as January 2026 was the first month reflected in giving via the Parish Giving Scheme.

In 2025 we appointed an Associate Vicar, Fr Peter Leith, who was licensed on 14th September. The full costs of this post have been undertaken by the PCC, and these were in total £13,573 in 2025.

Our investments have had varying performance. The now renamed "Waring- Jones Associate Vicar Fund" which is a portfolio managed by Rathbones, has received further investment during 2025 (£615,749) and draw down of £18,000, with a good return percentage of about 4%. The CCLA deposit accounts have received reasonable interest income. However, as acknowledged by CCLA their investment accounts have not performed well in 2025, with an overall reduction in value of £18,000. We have discussed this position, and as CCLA are soon to be managed by a larger investment group we decided to wait and see the results in 2026.

The net assets of the Parish of Saint Mary The Less have increased from £1,363,946 to £2,049,688 an increase of £685,742 which is £58,845 more than the legacies received.

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, we now have considerable investments and our plan is that the income derived from those investments should fund the post of Associate Vicar. Our usual running costs of building maintenance, security and insurance, utilities, staff costs for office and administration, and Director of Music, along with Ministry costs must all come from our income which is primarily donations by worshippers. There is a great responsibility on all of us to ponder how much we value our pattern of life at LSM, and to reflect that value in our gifts.

Kathryn Jones
Treasurer

March 2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income							
Donations and legacies	2(a)	161,869	621,424	36,583	-	819,876	208,124
Charitable activities	2(b)	49,336	-	3,891	-	53,227	54,071
Income from investments	2(c)	3,142	32,585	10,508	-	46,235	40,302
Total income		214,346	654,009	50,982	-	919,337	302,496
Expenditure							
Cost of generating funds	3(a)	-	7,256	-	-	7,256	6,666
Charitable activities:							
Ministerial costs	3(b)	100,351	18,489	7,780	-	126,621	123,782
Costs of Church activities	3(c)	92,280	1,330	23,754	-	117,365	90,562
Grants	3(d)	14,685	-	1,356	-	16,040	13,068
Governance costs	3(e)	2,400	-	-	-	2,400	2,400
Total expenditure		209,716	27,075	32,890	-	269,681	236,477
Net income/(deficit) before investment gains / losses		4,630	626,934	18,092	-	649,656	66,018
Net gains on investments							
Unrealised gains / (loss) on investment assets	4	-	49,868	-	(13,782)	36,086	28,060
Net income for the year before transfers		4,630	676,802	18,092	(13,782)	685,743	94,079
Transfers between funds		15,337	(18,000)	2,663	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		19,967	658,802	20,755	(13,782)	685,743	94,079
Fund Balances b/fwd at 31 December 2024		19,974	955,837	44,935	343,200	1,363,946	1,269,867
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31 December 2025		39,941	1,614,639	65,690	329,418	2,049,688	1,363,946

Income and expenditure is derived solely from continuing operations.

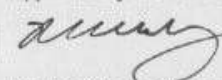
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	4		1,873,197		1,247,042
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5		8,638		19,447
Cash at Bank and In Hand			193,257		109,432
			<u>201,895</u>		<u>128,879</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors Due Within One Year	6		<u>25,404</u>		<u>11,975</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			176,491		116,904
NET ASSETS			<u>2,049,688</u>		<u>1,363,946</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds			39,941		19,974
Designated Funds	7		1,614,639		955,837
Restricted Funds	8		65,890		44,935
Endowment Funds	9		329,418		343,200
			<u>2,049,688</u>		<u>1,363,946</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18.iii.26 and signed on its behalf by:



The Reverend Canon Robert Mackley
Chair

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of preparation

St Mary The Less, Cambridge is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (SORP FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011. The Financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. Significant accounting policies applied are set out below.

1b Going concern basis

The Trustees consider that the going concern basis is appropriate as they consider the reserves levels and expected income to be at sufficient levels to ensure that the charity can meet its financial obligations for the next 18 months.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 - Reduced disclosure exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102:

- the requirement of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

1c Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent amounts given to the PCC where the donor has specified that the funds are spent on a particular purpose.

1d Investments

Investments are stated at market value

1e Income

Income from planned giving and collections are recognised as received or when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement. Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the related income is recognised. Grants and legacies are recognised when the amount falls due. Rents and investment income are recognised when receivable.

1f Expenditure

Expenditure is recorded when payable, and where unpaid at the year end is included in creditors.

1g Taxation

St Mary The Less, Cambridge is a registered charity and as such is not liable to taxation.

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2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
(a) Donations and legacies:					
Offerings	101,555	-	2,000	103,555	103,375
Tax reclaimed under gift aid	27,800	-	6,383	34,183	26,633
Other donations and legacies	32,263	621,424	28,200	681,887	78,116
LPWS grant	250	-	-	250	-
	<u>161,869</u>	<u>621,424</u>	<u>36,583</u>	<u>819,876</u>	<u>208,124</u>
(b) Charitable activities:					
Rental income from lettings	11,802	-	-	11,802	12,891
Rental income from residential properties	23,400	-	-	23,400	22,720
Fund raising events and other income	14,134	-	3,891	18,025	18,460
	<u>49,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,891</u>	<u>53,227</u>	<u>54,071</u>
(c) Income from Investments:					
Bank interest & dividends	3,142	32,585	10,508	46,235	40,302
	<u>3,142</u>	<u>32,585</u>	<u>10,508</u>	<u>46,235</u>	<u>40,302</u>
Total income	<u>214,346</u>	<u>654,009</u>	<u>50,982</u>	<u>919,337</u>	<u>302,496</u>

3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
(a) Cost of Generating Funds					
Investment fees	-	7,256	-	7,256	6,666
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,256</u>	<u>6,666</u>
(b) Ministerial Costs					
Diocesan Quota	87,500	-	-	87,500	83,702
Clergy expenses	2,155	-	-	2,155	2,733
Other clergy expenses	1,384	6,246	-	7,631	433
Pastoral assistant	-	-	-	-	8,807
Associate vicar	-	12,243	-	12,243	-
Music	993	-	4,562	5,555	15,121
Upkeep of services	5,947	-	3,218	9,165	10,253
Children	1,138	-	-	1,138	1,693
Books	1,233	-	-	1,233	1,040
	<u>100,351</u>	<u>18,489</u>	<u>7,780</u>	<u>126,621</u>	<u>123,782</u>
(c) Costs of Church Activities					
Premises running costs:					
Light and heat	9,373	-	-	9,373	13,281
Water and council tax	853	1,330	-	2,183	857
Insurance	4,630	-	-	4,630	4,494
Repairs and maintenance	14,892	-	22,425	37,317	11,980
Staff costs	17,627	-	-	17,627	17,086
Organists	15,003	-	1,089	16,092	14,799
Upkeep of churchyard	833	-	240	1,073	4,027
Events	12,182	-	-	12,182	7,028
	<u>75,393</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>23,754</u>	<u>100,477</u>	<u>73,553</u>
Administration costs:					
Office costs	7,238	-	-	7,238	8,171
Sundries	249	-	-	249	264
Bookkeeping	7,627	-	-	7,627	5,500
Other:					
Expenditure on rental property	1,773	-	-	1,773	3,074
	<u>16,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,888</u>	<u>17,008</u>
	<u>92,280</u>	<u>1,330</u>	<u>23,754</u>	<u>117,365</u>	<u>90,562</u>
(d) Grants					
UK Mission	9,825	-	1,356	11,180	6,196
Overseas Mission	4,860	-	-	4,860	6,872
	<u>14,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,356</u>	<u>16,040</u>	<u>13,068</u>
(e) Governance Costs					
Accountancy	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Independent Examiner	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
	<u>2,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>209,716</u>	<u>27,075</u>	<u>32,890</u>	<u>269,681</u>	<u>236,478</u>

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(f) STAFF COSTS

Expenditure includes total staff costs of £32,129 (2024 - £32,129) as shown below. The average number of staff in the year was 2 (2024 - 2).

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross salaries and wages	33,104	31,557
Pension costs	614	572
	<u>33,718</u>	<u>32,129</u>

No members of the PCC received any remuneration
No PCC members claimed expenses.

4 INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Market value at 31 December 2024	1,247,042	1,167,846
Additions	585,000	50,000
Disposals	-	-
Income	30,325	25,802
Investment fees	(7,256)	(6,666)
Withdrawals	(18,000)	(18,000)
Net unrealised(loss)/gains	36,086	28,060
Market value at 31 December 2025	<u>1,873,197</u>	<u>1,247,042</u>

Made up as follows:

CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund	420,391	437,898
COIF Charities Investment Fund	17,568	18,363
Rathbones Investment Portfolio	1,435,238	790,781
	<u>1,873,197</u>	<u>1,247,042</u>

5 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors	8,638	19,447
	<u>8,638</u>	<u>19,447</u>

6 CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Creditors, Accruals and Deferred Income	25,404	11,975
	<u>25,404</u>	<u>11,975</u>

Lettings income is recorded as it is received. Income received at the end of 2025 for bookings in 2026 has been allocated to deferred income. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period the letting relates to.

	2025 £	2024 £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	404	808
Amounts added in current periods	365	-
Amounts released to income from previous periods	(404)	(404)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	<u>365</u>	<u>404</u>

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7 DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance Bfwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains/(Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
Reserve Fund	4,616	209	-	-	-	4,825
Vicar & Churchwardens Fund	4,363	38,051	-	-	-	42,414
The Waring - Jones Associate Vicar Fund	833,799	615,749	(27,075)	54,388	(18,000)	1,458,861
Discretionary Fund	113,060	-	-	(4,520)	-	108,540
	<u>955,837</u>	<u>654,009</u>	<u>(27,075)</u>	<u>49,868</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>	<u>1,614,639</u>

The above Funds have been designated for the following purposes:

Reserve Fund - A balancing account for the General Fund

Vicar & Churchwardens Fund - to be used as the discretion of the Vicar & Churchwardens

The Waring - Jones Associate Vicar Fund - to be used to support the employment of an associate vicar

Discretionary Fund - to be used for any purpose in line with the church's mission

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance Bfwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains/(Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
Peck Trust	23,961	7,831	-	-	-	31,792
Music Fund	19,355	6,357	(5,652)	-	-	20,060
Cherry Music Fund	30	524	-	-	-	554
Sally Head Garden Fund	1,589	719	(240)	-	-	2,068
Special Donations Fund	-	1,356	(1,356)	-	-	-
Flower Fund	-	1,179	(3,217)	-	2,038	-
Lay Pastoral Assistant Fund	-	1,100	-	-	-	1,100
Parish Centre Kitchen Fund	-	18,916	(18,731)	-	-	185
Beautification Fund	-	12,500	(3,694)	-	-	8,806
Lady Chapel Chairs Fund	-	500	-	-	625	1,125
	<u>44,935</u>	<u>50,982</u>	<u>(32,890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,663</u>	<u>65,690</u>

The above Funds have been restricted for the following purposes:

Peck Trust - to be used for the church building, repairs and beautification

Music Fund - to be used to support the choir and liturgical music life of the parish (not including organist salaries)

Cherry Music Fund - to be used to enhance the organists' remuneration

Sally Head Garden Fund - to be used for the maintenance and development of the church garden

Special Donations Fund - donations received to be passed onto other charities

Flower Fund - to be used for the purchase of flowers for the church

Lay Pastoral Assistant Fund - to be used to support the church's Lay Pastoral Assistant scheme

Parish Centre Kitchen Fund - Complete refurbishment of the kitchen in the Parish Centre

Beautification Fund - For the purpose of purchasing fixtures/ Fittings or vestments to enhance the beauty of worship at LSM

Lady Chapel Chairs Fund - To replace the chairs in the Lady Chapel.

9 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance Bfwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains £	Balance Cfwd £
Peck Trust	243,635	-	-	(9,740)	233,895
Vicar & Churchwardens Fund	15,729	-	-	(627)	15,102
Cherry Music Fund	18,363	-	-	(796)	17,567
Music Fund	53,607	-	-	(2,143)	51,464
Flower Fund	11,866	-	-	(476)	11,390
	<u>343,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,782)</u>	<u>329,418</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Combined Total £
Investments	-	1,543,779	-	329,418	1,873,197
Net Current Assets	39,941	70,860	65,690	-	176,490
Fund Balance	<u>39,941</u>	<u>1,614,639</u>	<u>65,690</u>	<u>329,418</u>	<u>2,049,688</u>

11 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	153,997	50,000	4,127	-	208,124
Charitable activities	44,987	-	9,084	-	54,071
Income from investments	3,068	27,058	10,176	-	40,302
Total income	<u>202,052</u>	<u>77,058</u>	<u>23,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>302,496</u>
Expenditure					
Cost of generating funds	-	6,666	-	-	6,666
Charitable activities:					
Ministerial costs	99,019	-	24,763	-	123,782
Costs of Church activities	88,718	-	1,844	-	90,562
Grants	12,370	-	698	-	13,068
Governance costs	2,400	-	-	-	2,400
Total expenditure	<u>202,506</u>	<u>6,666</u>	<u>27,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,478</u>
Net income/(deficit) before investment gains / losses	(454)	70,392	(3,919)	-	66,018
Net gains on investments					
Unrealised gains on investment assets	<u>-</u>	<u>20,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,674</u>	<u>28,060</u>
Net income for the year	<u>(454)</u>	<u>90,777</u>	<u>(3,919)</u>	<u>7,674</u>	<u>94,079</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

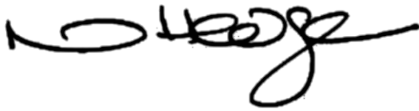
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

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

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



N J Hedger BFP, CTA, FCA
Chater Allan LLP
7 Quay Court
Colliers Lane
Stow-cum-Quay
CB25 9AU

Date: 30 March 2025

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

REGISTERED CHARITY No 1130017

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

Background

The Parochial Church Council (“the PCC”) of Little St Mary’s (‘LSM’) has its responsibilities to the Church vested in it by Church of England Governance Rules. These include responsibilities relating to the financial affairs of the Parish, the care, maintenance and preservation of the fabric of the church and the churchyard and to the protection by the Parish of the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The correspondence address is:

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Tel. (01223) 366202
Registered Charity No. 1130017

Membership

The membership of the Parochial Church Council is governed by the Church Representation Rules, certain members sitting on the Council ex officio and others being elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The Revd Dr Robert Michael Mackley	Vicar
The Revd Mark Andrew Bishop	Associate Priest
The Revd Edward David Green	Assistant Curate (from Aug 2023)

Churchwardens:

Geoffrey Howe	from APCM 2024
Josephine Mary Wibberley	from APCM 2024 (Lay chairperson)

Members of Diocesan Synod:

Josephine Mary Wibberley	(2024-27)
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan	(2024-27)

Members of the South Cambridge Deanery Synod

Francis Stephen Curtis Thomas	(2023-26) resigned March 2025
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan	(2023-26)

Elected Members:	Date elected:	Term expiring:
Ann Auger	APCM 2022	APCM 2025 (resigned March 2024)
Franco Giuseppe Giacinto Basso	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Patricia Pires Boulhosa	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Patricia Elizabeth Davies	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Robert Shaw de Wolf	APCM 2024	APCM 2027
Catherine Mary Groom	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Richard Martin	APCM 2021	APCM 2024
Jeremy Gibson Dixon Musson	APCM 2024	APCM 2027
Lucy Rosamond McKitterick	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Janet Eileen Nevitt	APCM 2024	APCM 2027 (deceased 12.11.24)
Mark Nigel Edward Patrick	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Heidi Louise Thomas	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Helen Elizabeth Thompson	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Barbara Jean Wilcox	APCM 2023	APCM 2026
Christine Tipple (seconded)	May 2023	APCM 2026
James West (ex officio, Assistant Treasurer)	Sept 2023	(resigned March 2024)
Kathryn Mary Jones	Co-opted June 2024	

The PCC met 6 times in 2024. Meetings were held in January, March, May, July, September and November 2024.

Committees

The PCC operates in the main through full meetings of its members. As required by Church of England Governance Rules, there is a Standing Committee which meets regularly in order to transact the business of the PCC, subject to any direction given by the Council. Formal committees have been constituted to direct and administer particular interests of the Council as follows:

- LSM's social responsibility work at home and abroad
- Management of an annual Christian Giving Review
- Administration of the Music Fund and Choir
- Social events
- Building and Maintenance
- Eco group to explore ways in which the parish can become an Eco parish.

In addition, informal groups have been set up to:

- Represent work with children at LSM
- Maintain the churchyard garden
- Ensure that Health and Safety standards are met particularly with regard to Parish Centre lettings

Public Benefit

The PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular the PCC try to help people without exception to live out their faith as part of the local community by using their funds to enable

1. Regular acts of worship open to the public and by administration of the sacraments. The church is open daily to visitors for quiet contemplation and prayer, and religious literature is provided.
2. Offering spiritual support and friendship to any who desire it.
3. Promoting the Christian faith among all people and at all levels. For example in our work with Children's church, our choir, and providing learning resources such as Advent and Lent Groups and our 'Resourcing Faith' initiative.
4. Visiting and befriending the elderly and unwell.
5. Maintaining our church fabric and garden.
6. Social activities for our congregation and beyond such as providing hospitality after Sunday Masses and significant festivals, regular Parish lunches, our successful annual Parish Barbecue.
7. Our Parish Centre to be available for hire by local groups & charities.
8. Supporting local charities eg The Foodbank and Whitworth Trust and others through our voluntary donations and the arrangement of special fundraising events.
9. Participating in Ecumenical dialogue at a local level and beyond.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been identified, reviewed and systems established to manage those risks.

Trustees' responsibilities

The PCC members are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the PCC for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the PCC members are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. Comply with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
4. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in business.

The PCC members are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF ELY

Trustees' Report

The accounts for year ending 31 December 2024 have shown an overall surplus, however, most importantly this position has been reached thanks to a generous donation from one individual, and the day to day expenses have been partially met by using income intended to support an Associate Vicar.

Overall, total income was £302,496 and total expenditure was £236,478, a surplus of £66,018. A large contribution to this surplus is a donation of £50,000 for the purpose of funding an additional priest, therefore without this there would be only a surplus of £16,018. Unlike in 2023 no transfers of funds have been required for general expenses, but in 2024 we have not had an Associate Vicar in post, but a Diocesan funded Assistant Curate, and we also had a Lay Parish Assistant for only 7 months of the year. Those factors explain some of the reduction in expenses compared with 2023, but also 2023 had exceptional costs associated with roofing repairs to 8 Portugal Place.

Of greater concern is that unrestricted funds have increased by £4,495, but included in that are two legacies totalling £5,000 – that means that general donations are down by £505 in 2024. This should be addressed in 2025, as we cannot depend on legacies, or one off generous donations.

Our investments have all increased in value. The Waring Investment Fund (Rathbones Portfolio) was mentioned in the report for 2023 to be watched; this has also increased in value, in addition to £18,000 paid out. This is part of the money referred to as intended to fund an Associate Vicar, but in 2024 has helped daily running costs.

The net assets of the Church have increased from £1,269,867 to £1,363,946, an increase of £94,079, which includes the gift of £50,000.

During 2024, as we saw a more positive financial position than in 2023, we were able to make donations to all the charities associated with Little Saint Mary's. A total of £10,377 was distributed in October 2024, and additional fundraising for specific charities throughout the year resulted in LSM donating £13,068 to charities in the UK and Overseas as part of our Mission.

In conclusion, while 2024 looks a more positive year than either 2023, or indeed 2022 when our finances had not recovered from the effects of the Covid pandemic, there definitely needs to be an increase in receipts from general donations if we wish to continue our Mission of Eucharistic and Sacramental Life, to fund an Associate Vicar, and to help those in need.

Kathryn Jones

March 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income							
Donations and legacies	2(a)	153,997	50,000	4,127	-	208,124	207,570
Charitable activities	2(b)	44,987	-	9,084	-	54,071	51,122
Income from investments	2(c)	3,068	27,058	10,176	-	40,302	37,760
Total income		202,052	77,058	23,387	-	302,496	296,452
Expenditure							
Cost of generating funds	3(a)	-	6,666	-	-	6,666	6,407
Charitable activities:							
Ministerial costs	3(b)	99,019	-	24,763	-	123,782	159,231
Costs of Church activities	3(c)	88,718	-	1,844	-	90,562	146,711
Grants	3(d)	12,370	-	698	-	13,068	6,712
Governance costs	3(e)	2,400	-	-	-	2,400	2,400
Total expenditure		202,506	6,666	27,306	-	236,478	321,460
Net income/(deficit) before investment gains / losses		(454)	70,392	(3,919)	-	66,018	(25,008)
Net gains on investments							
Unrealised (loss)/ gains on investment assets	4	-	20,386	-	7,674	28,060	36,556
Net income for the year before transfers		(454)	90,777	(3,919)	7,674	94,079	11,548
Transfers between funds		8,427	(18,000)	9,573	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds		7,973	72,777	5,654	7,674	94,079	11,548
Fund Balances b/fwd at 1 January 2024		12,001	883,060	39,281	335,526	1,269,867	1,258,320
Fund Balances c/fwd at 31 December 2024		19,974	955,837	44,935	343,200	1,363,946	1,269,867

Income and expenditure is derived solely from continuing operations.

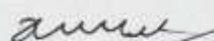
The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	4	1,247,042	1,167,846
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	19,447	22,391
Cash at Bank and in Hand		109,432	91,646
		<u>128,879</u>	<u>114,037</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors Due Within One Year	6	<u>11,975</u>	<u>12,016</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		116,904	102,021
NET ASSETS		<u>1,363,946</u>	<u>1,269,867</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds		19,974	12,001
Designated Funds	7	955,837	883,060
Restricted Funds	8	44,935	39,281
Endowment Funds	9	343,200	335,526
		<u>1,363,946</u>	<u>1,269,867</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Dr Robert Mackley
Chair

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of preparation

St Mary The Less, Cambridge is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (SORP FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. Significant accounting policies applied are set out below.

1b Going concern basis

The Trustees consider that the going concern basis is appropriate as they consider the reserves levels and expected income to be at sufficient levels to ensure that the charity can meet its financial obligations for the next 18 months.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 - Reduced disclosure exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102:

- the requirement of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

1c Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent amounts given to the PCC where the donor has specified that the funds are spent on a particular purpose.

1d Investments

Investments are stated at market value

1e Income

Income from planned giving and collections are recognised as received or when the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement. Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the related income is recognised. Grants and legacies are recognised when the amount falls due. Rents and investment income are recognised when receivable.

1f Expenditure

Expenditure is recorded when payable, and where unpaid at the year end is included in creditors.

1g Taxation

St Mary The Less, Cambridge is a registered charity and as such is not liable to taxation.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
(a) Donations and legacies:					
Offerings	100,795	-	2,580	103,375	99,136
Tax reclaimed under gift aid	26,633	-	-	26,633	28,438
Other donations and legacies	26,569	50,000	1,547	78,116	79,996
	153,997	50,000	4,127	208,124	207,570
(b) Charitable activities:					
Rental income from lettings	12,891	-	-	12,891	15,688
Rental income from residential properties	22,720	-	-	22,720	22,380
Fund raising events and other income	9,376	-	9,084	18,460	13,055
	44,987	-	9,084	54,071	51,122
(c) Income from Investments:					
Bank interest & dividends	3,068	27,058	10,176	40,302	37,760
	3,068	27,058	10,176	40,302	37,760
Total income	202,052	77,058	23,387	302,496	296,452

3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
(a) Cost of Generating Funds					
Investment fees	-	6,666	-	6,666	6,407
	-	6,666	-	6,666	6,407
(b) Ministerial Costs					
Diocesan Quota	83,702	-	-	83,702	81,301
Clergy expenses	2,733	-	-	2,733	52,016
Other clergy expenses	433	-	-	433	484
Pastoral assistant	-	-	8,807	8,807	13,633
Music	2,819	-	12,302	15,121	1,660
Upkeep of services	6,598	-	3,655	10,253	8,361
Children	1,693	-	-	1,693	671
Books	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,105
	99,019	-	24,763	123,782	159,231
(c) Costs of Church Activities					
Premises running costs:					
Light and heat	13,281	-	-	13,281	12,313
Light and heat 2022	-	-	-	-	3,059
Water	857	-	-	857	573
Insurance	4,494	-	-	4,494	4,470
Repairs and maintenance	11,980	-	-	11,980	20,906
Staff costs	17,086	-	-	17,086	16,483
Organists	12,955	-	1,844	14,799	15,265
Upkeep of churchyard	4,027	-	-	4,027	5,843
Events	7,028	-	-	7,028	7,239
	71,709	-	1,844	73,553	86,152
Administration costs:					
Office costs	8,171	-	-	8,171	6,812
Sundries	264	-	-	264	471
Bookeeping	5,500	-	-	5,500	-
Other:					
Expenditure on rental property	3,074	-	-	3,074	53,276
	17,009	-	-	17,009	60,558
	88,718	-	1,844	90,562	146,711
(d) Grants					
UK Mission	5,498	-	698	6,196	2,941
Overseas Mission	6,872	-	-	6,872	3,771
	12,370	-	698	13,068	6,712
(e) Governance Costs					
Accountancy	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Independent Examiner	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Total Expenditure	202,506	6,666	27,306	236,478	321,460

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

(f) STAFF COSTS

Expenditure includes total staff costs of £32,129 (2023 - £25,107) as shown below. The average number of staff in the year was 2 (2023 - 2).

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross salaries and wages	31,557	24,148
Pension costs	572	959
	<u>32,129</u>	<u>25,107</u>

No members of the PCC received any remuneration
No PCC members claimed expenses.

4 INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at 1 January 2024	1,167,846	1,211,840
Additions	50,000	-
Disposals	-	(80,000)
Income	25,802	23,856
Investment fees	(6,666)	(6,407)
Withdrawals	(18,000)	(18,000)
Net unrealised(loss)/gains	28,060	36,556
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>1,247,042</u>	<u>1,167,846</u>

Made up as follows:

CCLA CBF Church of England Investment Fund	437,898	428,100
COIF Charities Investment Fund	18,363	17,957
Rathbones Investment Portfolio	790,781	721,789
	<u>1,247,042</u>	<u>1,167,846</u>

5 DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	19,447	22,391
	<u>19,447</u>	<u>22,391</u>

6 CREDITORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors, Accruals and Deferred Income	11,975	12,016
	<u>11,975</u>	<u>12,016</u>

Lettings income is recorded as it is received. Income received at the end of 2024 for bookings in 2025 has been allocated to deferred income. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period the letting relates to.

	2024 £	2023 £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	808	-
Amounts added in current periods	-	808
Amounts released to income from previous periods	(404)	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	<u>404</u>	<u>808</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7 DESIGNATED FUNDS

	Balance Bfwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains/(Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
Reserve Fund	4,383	233	-	-	-	4,616
Vicar & Churchwardens Fund	3,340	1,023	-	-	-	4,363
Associate Vicar Fund	43,018	50,000	-	-	-	93,018
Discretionary Fund	110,530	-	-	2,530	-	113,060
Waring Investment Fund	721,789	25,802	(6,666)	17,856	(18,000)	740,781
	<u>883,060</u>	<u>77,058</u>	<u>(6,666)</u>	<u>20,386</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>	<u>955,837</u>

The above Funds have been designated for the following purposes:

Reserve Fund - A balancing account for the General Fund

Vicar & Churchwardens Fund - to be used as the discretion of the Vicar & Churchwardens

Associate Vicar Fund - to be used to support the employment of an associate vicar

Discretionary Fund - to be used for any purpose in line with the church's mission

Waring Investment Fund - to be used for any purpose in line with the church's mission

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance Bfwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains/(Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance Cfwd £
Peck Trust	16,501	7,460	-	-	-	23,961
Music Fund	21,092	11,659	(13,396)	-	-	19,355
Cherry Music Fund	258	522	(750)	-	-	30
Sally Head Garden Fund	660	929	-	-	-	1,589
Special Donations Fund	-	698	(698)	-	-	-
Flower Fund	50	739	(3,655)	-	2,866	-
Lay Pastoral Assistant Fund	720	1,380	(8,807)	-	6,707	-
	<u>39,281</u>	<u>23,387</u>	<u>(27,306)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,573</u>	<u>44,935</u>

The above Funds have been restricted for the following purposes:

Peck Trust - to be used for the church building, repairs and beautification

Music Fund - to be used to support the choir and liturgical music life of the parish (not including organist salaries)

Cherry Music Fund - to be used to enhance the organists' remuneration

Sally Head Garden Fund - to be used for the maintenance and development of the church garden

Special Donations Fund - donations received to be passed onto other charities

Flower Fund - to be used for the purchase of flowers for the church

Lay Pastoral Assistant Fund - to be used to support the church's Lay Pastoral Assistant scheme

9 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance Bfwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains £	Balance Cfwd £
Peck Trust	238,183	-	-	5,452	243,635
Vicar & Churchwardens Fund	15,378	-	-	351	15,729
Cherry Music Fund	17,957	-	-	406	18,363
Music Fund	52,408	-	-	1,199	53,607
Flower Fund	11,600	-	-	266	11,866
	<u>335,526</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,674</u>	<u>343,200</u>

10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Combined Total £
Investments	-	903,842	-	343,200	1,247,042
Net Current Assets	19,974	51,996	44,935	-	116,904
Fund Balance	<u>19,974</u>	<u>955,837</u>	<u>44,935</u>	<u>343,200</u>	<u>1,363,946</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	149,502	44,698	13,370	-	207,570
Charitable activities	23,488	22,380	5,254	-	51,122
Income from investments	3,823	24,573	9,364	-	37,760
Total income	<u>176,813</u>	<u>91,651</u>	<u>27,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296,452</u>
Expenditure					
Cost of generating funds	-	6,407	-	-	6,407
Charitable activities:					
Ministerial costs	95,654	53,866	9,711	-	159,231
Costs of Church activities	83,078	53,276	10,357	-	146,711
Grants	542	-	6,170	-	6,712
Governance costs	2,400	-	-	-	2,400
Total expenditure	<u>181,674</u>	<u>113,549</u>	<u>26,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,460</u>
Net income/(deficit) before investment gains / losses	(4,861)	(21,899)	1,750	-	(25,008)
Net gains on investments					
Unrealised gains on investment assets	<u>-</u>	<u>7,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,061</u>	<u>36,556</u>
Net income for the year	<u>(4,861)</u>	<u>(14,402)</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>29,061</u>	<u>11,548</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE LESS, CAMBRIDGE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

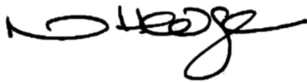
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

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

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



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Date: 27 March 2025

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st December 2022

Background

The Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") of Little St Mary's ('LSM') has its responsibilities to the Church vested in it by Church of England Governance Rules. These include responsibilities relating to the financial affairs of the Parish, the care, maintenance and preservation of the fabric of the church and the churchyard and to the protection by the Parish of the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The correspondence address is:

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Registered Charity No. 1130017

Membership

The membership of the Parochial Church Council is governed by the Church Representation Rules, certain members sitting on the Council ex officio and others being elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Fr Robert Michael Mackley	vicar
Fr Philip Murray	associate vicar
Fr Mark Andrew Bishop	associate priest

Churchwardens:

Geoffrey Howe	from APCM 2020
Josephine Mary Wibberley	from APCM 2021

Members of Diocesan Synod:

Josephine Mary Wibberley	(2021-24)
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan	(2021-24)

Members of the South Cambridge Deanery Synod

Mary Ward	(2020-23)
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan	(2020-23)

Elected Members:	Date elected:	Term expiring:
Raymond George Adams	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Jeremy Gibson Dixon Musson	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Mary-Ann Elizabeth Middelkoop	APCM 2020	APCM 2023 (resigned Sept 2022)
Janet Eileen Nevitt	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Richard Martin	APCM 2021	APCM 2024
Patricia Pirres Boulhosa	APCM 2021	APCM 2024
Adrian Savin	APCM 2021	APCM 2024 (resigned July 2022)
Ann Auger	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Lucy Rosamond McKitterick	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Franco Giuseppe Giacinto Basso	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Sheila Winifred Bennett	APCM 2022	APCM 2025 (resigned Jan 2023)
Patricia Elizabeth Davies	APCM 2022	APCM 2025
Catherine Mary Groom	APCM 2022	APCM 2025

Committees

The PCC operates in the main through full meetings of its members. As required by Church of England Governance Rules, there is a Standing Committee which meets regularly in order to transact the business of the PCC, subject to any direction given by the Council. Formal committees have been constituted to direct and administer particular interests of the Council as follows:

- LSM's social responsibility work at home and abroad
- Management of an annual Christian Giving Review
- Administration of the Music Fund
- Social events
- Building and Maintenance
- ECO group to explore ways in which the parish can become an Eco parish.

In addition, informal groups have been set up to:

- represent work with children at LSM
- organise the Summer Festival
- maintain the churchyard garden
- ensure that health and safety standards are met particularly with regard to Parish Centre lettings

Electoral Roll Report for 2022-2023.

There were a total of 202 names on the Electoral Roll at the year end.

This represents an overall increase of 10 on the 2021-2021 figure of 192

6 people are resident in the parish

Additions: There were 20 new members, none of them resident in the parish.

Deletions: 10 people were removed from the roll over the course of the year. Of these:

- 2 people were ordained
- 3 people died (Margaret Bowker, James Kinnier-Wilson, Daphne Foreman)

- 2 people moved away
- 3 people asked to be removed

20 additions and 10 deletions gives an overall net increase of 10 since last year.

Ann Auger

Annual Parish Safeguarding Officer Report

All safeguarding policies, safeguarding risk assessments, registration forms, and role outlines, as well as the Safeguarding Action Plan, and policies related to Data Protection and Employment of Ex-Offenders are being reviewed and will be submitted to the next PCC meeting in May 2023 for approval. The updating of some of the policies is overdue since January 2023 because of unforeseen personal circumstances.

During the past year, I have contacted all those required to undergo DBS checks and to complete safeguarding courses. These were the results up to the 30 March 2023:

Courses		Completed	Not Completed
	PCC	9	4
	Wardens	1	1
	Staff	2	-
	Volunteers	18	-

Self-Declaration		Completed	Not sent
	PCC	11	2
	Wardens	2	-
	Staff	2	-
	Volunteers	15	-

DBS Check		Completed	Not completed
	PCC	12	1*
	Wardens	2	-
	Staff	2	-
	Volunteers	12	2*

*DBS due to renewal

Patricia Pires Boulhosa

THE LSM Churchyard Garden – 2022 report

The LSM garden is a haven; its peace is part of the mission of care and welcome of this ancient Christian church. All are welcome to enjoy this quiet space, an oasis of seclusion in the heart of the busy city during the day. It is a considerable challenge to balance the vigorous weed growth in this garden, with keeping clear paths and vistas; the long 2022 drought also had an impact on the garden.

So, in 2022, in conjunction with plans to extend the paving area by the parish rooms, the PCC resolved that a new plan was required for the future of the garden, and some decisions taken about garden volunteers being supported by professional advice and some professional management (in terms of pruning and strimming). After a small working group, chaired by Fr Philip Murray, had explored what was necessary, Jeremy Musson took on the responsibility of drawing up a management plan. He worked closely with Tessa Hobbs, a professional landscape designer, and former LSM worshipper, who guided the last 'overhaul' of the churchyard garden in 2003, and with the support of Christine Tipple who organises the garden volunteers.

The 2022 management plan.

The 2022 plan keeps the history of the Churchyard as a garden in mind. This was set out in 1925, by churchwarden, Dr Robert Lachlan, who used fallen headstones to create paths, and planted species roses and other suitable plants. There has probably been a churchyard here since the 11th century, when there is the earliest record of a church on the site. The churchyard, however, had been closed for burials in the mid nineteenth century. In 2003, a plan for the re-working of the, by then, somewhat overgrown churchyard was drawn up by designer Tessa Hobbs, well known for her work at Walsingham Shrine, balancing the wild and maintained nature of the Churchyard Garden. A brief update was provided in 2018, included notes on roles of the volunteer gardeners.

In 2022, the PCC confirmed the desire to pave a somewhat larger area outside the Parish Centre, which had been part of the 2003 Hobbs' plan and much discussed since. The additional paved area will provide a vital extra space for the church to be used for social events, music and spiritual reflections, and, importantly, make the charm of the Churchyard Garden more accessible to older people and others with limited mobility who can thus be brought into a space from which they can enjoy plants, vistas, sights and scents of this special place. However, the permissions required for such an area take time and patience, and the design and permission process are ongoing.

It was agreed by the PCC in 2022 that further plans for the paved area could only be set forward as part of a holistic and coherent plan for the whole LSM Churchyard Garden. This plan will help guide the rejuvenation of the garden with new plantings in the spirit of the 1920s Churchyard Garden laid out by Dr Lachlan and keep an open aspect with through vistas to the church, Little St Mary's Lane, and the "Ark" as the Peterhouse library wing is known (it was once the Museum of Archaeology). One bed may be laid to grass at the centre of the Churchyard Garden.

In the report, much attention has been given to preserving the natural and wild feel, while also making the garden manageable. Petasites (or butterbur) for instance is invasive, but is regarded as a 'good' wild plant, giving shapely ground cover and flowering, and have historically been prized for healing qualities, and will be allowed to fill certain beds.

Ground Elder is hard to deal with, so should probably be accepted and allowed to flower, but contained. Cow Parsley is also to be encouraged and retained as a 'good' wildflower element. However, some weeds such as Alkanet are just too invasive and will be removed where possible and the roots dug out (although it too has some medicinal qualities).

Names have been given to the beds and borders to help build a sense of narrative and identity through the garden: The Little St Mary's Lane Border, The Magnolia Bed, The Little Bed (near the Parish Office); The Old Yew Bed; The Broken Heart Bed; The Broken Heart Bed; The New Yew Bed; The Little Tomb Bed; The Little Trinity Bed; The Calvary Bed; The Tree of Heaven Bed; The Parish Hall Bed; The Peterhouse Border; The Ark Border.

The report drafted by Jeremy Musson, read and commented on by Christine Tipple, several PCC members and other members of the congregation, was presented and adopted in the summer of 2022. Tessa Hobbs also gave detailed advice on cutting back and removal of self-sown suckers which was done in late 2022 by a local tree surgeon, Tom Jones. This followed a very precise marked up document prepared by Tessa Hobbs and this helps re-establish views and give shape to the shrubs, and there will much new growth in the spring as always. Tree pruning and removal is done by the City Council, following their own guidelines and in consultation with the churchwardens. This will give light and space to some important elements which have been rather lost in the overgrowth. Plans for new trees will be discussed with the Council.

All of the above is designed to help achieve a balance of wild and managed Churchyard Garden, suitable to the character of the place, and the significance of the setting; the semi-wild character is to be cherished but it cannot feel abandoned nor should be paths overgrown, and space needs to be given for all year colour.

The LSM Churchyard Garden management plan, has been reviewed and approved with the Clergy, Churchwardens and PCC in July 2022. This plan is to be reviewed every three years and re-approved by the PCC. Jeremy Musson also undertook to raise some additional funds for new planting in 2023 and to ensure that the works are regularly reported on to the PCC, to the newsletter and reported on and reviewed by Tessa.

Jeremy Musson

Annual Eco Church Report

In July 2022 the PCC committed to a plan of action for the Eco Church project. Eco Church invites us to think about five broad areas in the life of our Church and congregation (Worship and Teaching; Buildings; Land; Community and Global Engagement; and Lifestyle), and eventually to take a survey which will allow us to measure our progress in these five areas.

Members of the PCC were encouraged to go onto to the Eco Church website, register their name and email address and identify themselves as members of Little St Mary's, CB2 1QG.

Registering on the Eco Church website gives access to a number of excellent resources and videos, which provide more information about the project and its aims and goals. The address is <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/> Three members of the PCC have so far registered.

The PCC has asked me to look for reputable companies for a future installation of solar panels on the roof of the church. The Diocese of Ely has given preliminary approval with the following caveats: the panels are not visible from the public realm;¹ the roof covering over which they will be installed has at least 30 years life left in it; and satisfactory proposals can be put forward for where the supporting equipment (inverters, etc) can be located within the church.

A first quote, from Cambridge Solar, has been received and will be sent to PCC Members ahead of the May meeting.

Patricia Pires Boulhosa

Food & Faith

Food & Faith is Little S. Mary's group for students and young adults (20s and 30s) in and around Cambridge. During university term-time we meet fortnightly on Monday evenings. Our usual pattern is to begin with drinks and general conviviality, followed by a meal cooked by one of our attachment ordinands, the Associate Vicar, or an enthusiastic volunteer. After supper we listen to a talk, usually from an outside speaker, before going into church for Compline. Events are promoted on our dedicated Facebook page and church website, in the church notice sheet, and, as an innovation for 2022, via our Mail Chimp newsletter. At the start of each academic year we produce posters and flyers to promote the group to new arrivals.

2022 started with an excellent talk on 24 January from the Fr Matthew Bullimore, Chaplain of Corpus Christi College, on the Virgin Birth — an especially relevant topic for Epiphanytide. On 7 February, with Lent on the horizon, Fr Robert led an introductory talk on the sacrament of Confession. We continued the theme of in-house speakers for the remainder of the Lent Term: Mary Ward, in her capacity as chair of the Social Responsibility Group, spoke about Christian mission and social outreach on 21 February, and with the outbreak of war in Ukraine, I spoke on Christian attitudes to war on 7 March.

The first meeting of Food & Faith in the Easter Term of 2022 was on 9 May. it was the Associate Vicar's turn to speak again, this time on the topic of the Resurrection and Christian beliefs about death and the afterlife. On 23 May our attachment ordinands, Sam Thompson and Nathaniel Gilmour, led a session on exploring

¹ In cases where panels are visible, they will require planning permission. The degree of visibility which would trigger that requirement is a judgement for the Cambridge City Council.

ordination in the Church of England. We ended the year with Fr Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College, who gave a captivating talk with an equally captivating title: 'The "Tutu-fiction" of the Church'.

After the summer break, Food & Faith started back up again with more of a deliberate push on attracting young adults connected to LSM who wouldn't otherwise describe themselves as 'students'. This more open invitation meant that our numbers increased even more, with Food & Faith sessions often attracting 15-20 young adults or more. Our first meeting of the new academic year, on 10 October, was a general welcome session without a talk or particular theme. When planning the event over the summer, the Associate Vicar had the bright idea of holding a welcome barbecue, forgetting that by the time October came around it would be dark and a bit cold. We nonetheless persevered, and great fun was had by all (and no known cases of food poisoning).

The rest of the year was filled by excellent sessions from home-grown talent. On 24 October, Heidi Thomas spoke to us about her experience of writing the blockbuster television series *Call the Midwife*, and in particular how it relates to her Christian faith. This was followed by an excellent session on 7 November from Charles Moseley, who spoke broadly and engagingly on the topic of pilgrimage. Our Director of Music Simon Jackson donned his other hat as scholar of George Herbert and ended our year, on 21 November, with an excellent evening dedicated to the poet-priest. Dr Jackson's role as Director of Music at Peterhouse meant that many Petreans were in attendance that evening and so able to experience the delights of the Associate Vicar's Indian cookery.

Fr Philip Murray
Associate Vicar

Resourcing Faith

Resourcing Faith was a new initiative for 2022, bringing Little S. Mary's and St Bene't's together in a joint project aimed at enriching Christian discipleship in Cambridge and the wider diocese. Our initial idea has been to host a series of monthly (or thereabouts) study mornings with a range of speakers, intended for interested but otherwise ordinary churchgoers. An initial sum of money was put in to fund the projects by both parish's PCCs, used to pay for extensive advertising, 'posh' biscuits, and an honorarium and travel expenses for each speaker. Study mornings are advertised at a cost of £5 per person to help defray our costs, and around 50–65 people have attended each session. The hosting of sessions alternated between St Bene't's and LSM.

Our first study morning was led by Canon Jeremy Morris, and was based on his recent book *A People's Church: A History of the Church of England* (Profile, 2022). It was a popular and interesting session of what it means to write, or otherwise study a

'social' history of the Church of England. Our second event for 2022, before the Christmas break, was led by the Revd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's. The study morning was given the rather poetic title 'The Snowfall of Words'. In it Dr Oakley led us on a study on poetry as the language of faith. Both talks were popular, well attended and drew a wide audience from both parishes and farther afield.

Fr Philip Murray
Associate Vicar

Concordia 2022

Concordia is now in its second year. Its original aim was to combat loneliness and isolation, generated by the pandemic. We meet together once a month on the first Monday of every month, from 10- 12 to explore poetry and biblical texts based round a theme, to enjoy a craft activity and to share companionship in harmony (Concordia).

Due to Covid we postponed January's session on Beginnings which instead took place in February, when we decorated daffodil plant pots. We compared the opening of Genesis from the King James version with an extract from Children of God by Desmond Tutu, before going on to read work by Hardy, AA Milne Tennyson and Christina Rossetti amongst others.

.We were delighted to welcome the musician Peter Britton in March. He took us through Benjamin Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings, listening to the music and reflecting on the poetry. This was a wonderful and moving occasion. Thank you Peter.

In April we incorporated the idea of Carnival, St David's Day and Shrove Tuesday. We had an interesting discussion on ideas raised by Wordsworth's Daffodils and Bright Field by R.S.Thomas and we made Easter cards. At the time of the Royal Jubilee, Fiona explored the theme of Monarchy and Majesty (with the help of Shakespeare) and made festive bunting, and on July 4th we combined both Summer and a range of literature from American writers, celebrating July 4th, the American Dream and the Declaration of Independence.

In September we read poetry based on the theme of Autumn and Angels. We made tiny angels out of seeds and grasses.

In October we considered poetry of the Firmament, the Stars, the Sun and the Moon and painted coasters with images of the sky, moon, sun and stars.

In November, we reflected on the theme of Sweet Peace, and had a moving discussion on the nature of peace, and what peace means to us. We read an extract from a speech referencing the originals of his iconic dove, delivered by Picasso at a peace conference in Sheffield City Hall in 1950, and then went on to decorate a little wooden dove.

In December we listened to a Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten and reflected on the music and the texts and Andrea helped us make origami Christmas decorations.

Thank you to all who participate; to Ray and Janice for their practical welcome and to Jane for her wonderful cakes.

Everyone is most welcome; information about upcoming Concordias are to be found in the pew-sheets. For further information please contact Mary Ward or Fiona Blake

Mary Ward
Fiona Blake

Little St Mary's Social and Global Justice and Responsibility Group. Report 2022

'The Christian is not a religious person, but simply a human being, as Jesus was a human being, profoundly this-worldly, characterized by discipline, and the constant knowledge of death and resurrection.' Dietrich Bonhoeffer

'If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' 1 John 3 17 -19

LSM'S Social Responsibility and Global group exists to support several organisations through prayer, personal involvement, fundraising (see below), and regular financial donation. The group has met regularly throughout 2022, and two editions of Who is My Neighbour have been produced, the first in the spring and again at the start of the autumn term.

This past year has continued to see a rise in the cost of living. People are struggling to make ends meet; Cambridge is regularly cited as the most unequal city in the UK: 'Sadly, Cambridge regularly tops the list of the UK's most unequal cities- its outward signs of wealth and comfort mask the fact that many live on the breadline, often in unimaginable poverty.' (Cambridge Aid).

I am grateful to Jeremy Musson, both for taking on the role of secretary and also for acknowledging the 'this-worldly' nature of our Christian discipleship through his commitment to fundraising, from the start of the pandemic until now. Please continue to hold the work of the SRG/Global group in your prayers.

- [Cambridge Aid](#) helps vulnerable local individuals and families in crisis with small grants for basic necessities like food, clothing and household equipment. It relies on the generosity of the local community for its funding, and welcomes donations.
- [Cambridge Churches Homeless Project \(Hope Cambridge\)](#) offers emergency accommodation and hot suppers to homeless people during the winter months from December to March. Volunteers are needed for a number of activities, and training is given each November to cover the approaching season. Donations towards the cost of hospitality are welcome.

- [Cambridge City Foodbank](#) helps local people in crisis. Donations of food or money are welcomed.
- [Camtrust](#) is a local charity specialising in lifelong learning for adults with disabilities or learning difficulties. It works to encourage independence and social interaction. Committed volunteers and donations are welcome.
- The [Friends of Fulbourn Hospital](#) support the care, welfare and recovery of sufferers from mental illness
- [Jimmy's](#) provides full-time emergency accommodation and supported housing for people in Cambridge who would otherwise be homeless or vulnerably housed
- The [Medaille Trust](#) provides safe homes and support for all victims of human trafficking. Donations and voluntary help are welcomed
- The [Whitworth Trust](#) supports vulnerable, precariously-housed young women in Cambridge, including the residents at **Whitworth House**, a hostel for ages 16-25.

Cambridge Aid

Cambridge Aid is a local charity which aims to provide rapid support to those most in need. It does so by giving grants to the growing number of people in crisis in Cambridge and the surrounding area. Through their aid, they empower individuals, help them to retain their dignity, and remind them that their community cares about them. About half of their aid benefits children and many recipients are single parents.

In 2021, Cambridge Aid gave 979 grants totalling £141,000, and during 2022 they were giving grants at a rate 16% higher than the previous year. Cambridge Aid anticipates receiving increased requests from those deep in debt, including more requests for support with gas and electricity bills, food costs and rising inflation. People are struggling with the cost of living and the charity needs support to help it continue to give these grants.

Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

The Crossways project, in partnership with 'It Takes a City' has run from November 2021 to March 2022. Crossways House is a 20-bed house in Chesterton offering a warm room and a hot evening meal to rough sleepers. Volunteers from CCHP have supported the project, primarily providing cooked meals in the evening. Several members of LSM have given very generously of their time and talents, including two cooks and kitchen assistants. By the end of the project, March 2022, 61 places had been given to 55 different people, and there had been 30-40 positive 'move-ons'. The project re-opened in November 2022 and again several members of the congregation have cooked often weekly. Particular thanks go to Bob DeWolf who has cooked every week since the project re-opened.

Mary Ward

Cambridge City Foodbank

As well as donating financially as a church, Little St Mary's collects items on a weekly basis which are delivered to the Cambridge depot at Orwell House. The list is

updated in the pew sheet. Thank you to all those, including the Junior Choir, who contributed to the Christmas Hamper Appeal and who gave generously at Harvest. However, the situation continues to be bleak and unrelenting as a recent news bulletin states:

‘Cambridge City Foodbank recently reported record demand between April and September 2022, with the Foodbank providing food support for almost 7,000 people. As the colder months draw in and demand continues to rise, the hampers will provide extra special support for the most vulnerable individuals across the city over the festive period.’

‘Demand is as high as it has ever been and it will only go in one direction.’ James Dore (volunteer).

The Foodbank was extremely busy throughout 2022 and it increased as the colder months approached. The need was continuous, and those who work at the Foodbank reported that this was the first time the volunteers are having to buy in extra food on a consistent basis.

Please continue to give as generously, and do consider volunteering. Information is on the website. <https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk> I am grateful to Sophie Howson who has recently become our Foodbank rep, delivering food from the ‘blue box’ to the depot.

Mary Ward

Camtrust

We have kept in close contact with Camtrust throughout the year, and I’m most grateful to Lilly the manager, who has kept me up to date with projects and activities. Camtrust always welcomes visitors, to use their printing services, to bring bicycles for servicing and to attend coffee mornings.

The report sent by Lilly for our September 2022 meeting gives a flavour of Camtrust’s life and work!

Camtrust continues to grow from strength to strength. We have welcomed some new students and our bikes project continues to grow with both of our mechanics have been flat out with servicing and recycling old bikes, we are also Working in partnership with the County Council to provide bikes for Ukrainian families who have left their towns and villages and moved into our local area.

Last week was national First Aid week so our students were busy learning about basic first aid and how to get help if they were in an emergency situation. We also talked about the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

This week is national recycling week, so the students have been learning about how to reduce, reuse and recycle waste. Wednesday is art and craft day so they were all busy making junk modelling out of recycled materials. We also went back in time and

spent a week learning about the great fire of London (which they all thoroughly enjoyed) so we are planning some more history lessons in the next few weeks.

Next week we are off on our annual trip on a riverboat called "ladybird" starting from Hartford Marina we will be travelling down the river Ouse spotting as much wildlife as possible. This is a trip that all of the students look forward too, but due to Covid we have not been able to go for the last few years.

Lilly Mungovan
Mary Ward

Friends of Fulbourn Hospital and the Community

The Friends of Fulbourn is a small charity which has existed since 1952. Its aims are to support the care, welfare and recovery of those suffering from mental illness, and who are, or have been patients of Fulbourn Hospital, or another CPFT mental health establishment.

Until about 15 years ago, the activities of the Friends were mainly centred on the wards at Fulbourn Hospital, in particular, an arts programme which arranged for artists to run a variety of arts projects on the wards. This programme was subsequently taken over by the charity Arts and Minds and while the Friends continue to support the wards at the hospital, the emphasis has moved more towards providing for those who are living in the community.

Many people who have suffered from mental illness live on their own, so that loneliness and separation is an acute problem in their lives. The Friends supports "Living Room", an activity-based project which provides fellowship for people in this predicament. The increase in numbers coming to Living Room shows the growing need for projects of this kind.

The staff of South Cambridgeshire District Council continue to donate gifts for those patients on the wards at Fulbourn over Christmas, and these presents are distributed by the Friends. The generosity of SCDC employees last year was so great that there was a surplus. This was given to the CPFT teams at Union House who care for people in the community.

The main activity of the Friends in recent years, however, has been to provide grants for individuals who are about to leave hospital, or who are already living in the community. These grants cover a variety of needs: deep cleaning or decluttering of homes that have got out of control; the provision of bedding, basic furniture or white goods; buying mobile telephones or laptop computers to enable people to keep in touch with family; enabling people to attend courses that will help them on the path to recovery, are some of the things that are recurrent essentials for which funding is required.

There has been a large increase in the request for grants over the past year showing an increasing need, and in the last financial year, the Friends have made grants of approximately £12,000. The Friends of Fulbourn is one of few charities in Cambridge providing individual grants in the mental health sector. The Friends have

a grant limit of £200, but works closely with Cambridge Aid (which has a similar grant limit) and frequently makes joint making grants with that organisation.

Clive Brown

Forum Lunch Club

Forum Lunches, after a break owing to Covid, resumed in June 2022. The lunches are prepared monthly in the LSM Parish Centre, where we meet to share a meal, and follow up with entertainment of some kind. Our "members" are older people who have, or may be developing, mental health problems, or experiencing social or intellectual isolation. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal.

It was in April 2013 that Little Saint Mary's began providing these lunches, when the Friends of Fulbourn Hospital and Community were looking for a successor to the lunches at St James Wulfstan Way. Over the years we have had the pleasure of hosting and also entertaining our members with talks, musical entertainments, and poetry readings, often presented by members of the congregation. A thank-you is owed to all who have helped in this way.

Since restarting last year, Forum has had difficulty in regaining such numbers of guests as we have had previously. We have had some very poorly attended lunches, and cancelled January and February's events, hoping to start afresh in March - but numbers were again low. In addition, though support from helpers has been sufficient for the low numbers, assistance with cooking has not come forward. The future of the lunch club - whether it should continue at LSM - is currently being considered.

I would like to thank all those who have helped out with the lunches during the last year. In particular, I thank Christine Tipple for working very hard alongside me in all aspects of Forum.

Bob DeWolf

Jimmy's

Jimmy's has continued to deliver its broad range of services to homeless people in Cambridge while developing further during this year.

We directly support people who are rough sleeping, we provide the accommodation to get them off the street and then, crucially, we continue to provide the support to help keep people off the street and move on with their lives. From our beginnings as a night shelter 25 years ago we have expanded to provide a 20-bed hostel open 24/7 365 days of the year, interim housing options including 10 shared houses, a smaller more specialist hostel on Newmarket Road, extra beds during winter, and more recently we were the first charity in the country to open 22 new modular homes, with our partners Allia, New Meaning, Hill Homes and the City Council.

We support around 400 people every year, with 75% of people moving into more sustainable accommodation. All this is delivered by our talented, caring team of staff

and volunteers, and all backed by our community of people, organisations, funders and groups across the city and beyond.

Our supporters and service users like the fact that we take people directly from the street, they like our community-focused approach, and they can see first-hand the excellent services that our staff and volunteers provide to help people during the worst times of their lives. We care about what we do. We are a strong, stable organisation, with a wide range of financial support that allows us to do what we need to do.

In 2022 we have been in partnership with most of the other providers of homeless accommodation to deliver the Cambridge City Council's Street to Home strategy. In addition, Jimmy's transformed the old "controlled drinking" project (which was for alcohol dependent people unable to manage abstinence) into a 9 bed unit for homeless people who have even more complex needs and addictions. This is ably led by our manager Carol at 451 Newmarket Road.

In the summer we were honoured to receive a visit from the Prince and Princess of Wales William and Kate, who were following up a visit made 10 years ago. They visited the modular homes and were particularly impressed by the pride that the residents took in their little homes and the warmth of the welcome by our residents.

Recently work has begun on expanding East Road to increase the number of beds for immediate care. The basement has been reconfigured to make 5 new bedrooms and will be ready by the end of April.

We continue to benefit from continued support for the work we do as trusted providers of coherent care for some of the most vulnerable people in the area. We are so grateful for this support as we work together with our residents to give them a home and meaningful long lasting stability. Thank you everyone who contributes to this vital work.

Fiona Blake
Chair of Trustees

Medaille Trust

After having supported Medaille Trust for several years, it was decided by the SRG /Global committee (after the lack of representation on the committee) to support Birth Companions financially instead. Jeremy Musson writes about the funding raising concert elsewhere in this report.

Whitworth Trust

The Whitworth Trust offers financial support to the residents of Whitworth House, who are vulnerable young women aged between 16 and 24. It also helps vulnerable women in Cambridge generally, giving financial support to Jimmy's, Cambridge Aid, Cambridge Women's Aid and Cambridge Churches Homeless Project.

A new contract with Cambridgeshire County Council began on January 1st 2022, working as a partnership between Orwell Housing who run the House, CHS Group,

Richmond Fellowship, Riverside and YMCA Trinity Group. This offers the support and expertise of the other providers.

A new manager was appointed in the summer and she met with some trustees to discuss how best the Trust can help the residents and to show the trustees some of the improvements which had taken place during the year.

In 2022 we were unable to organise any fundraising events and so the Trust has been most grateful for the donations from LSM and other organisations as well as individuals to enable us to continue our commitments. In addition to the ongoing expense of providing broadband, the Trust responded to three applications from residents for laptops to help them with their studies, provided a meal out at Christmas and Easter eggs. As an outcome of the Trustees' visit, garden furniture was provided to make the grassy area an additional space for the residents to meet together, as well as being a space for counselling.

One of the improvements to the House was changing the sitting room into a kitchen with space for communal eating rather than the previous galley kitchen. This will be a better space for cookery lessons by two of the trustees which is was hoped to start in the coming year.

Two trustees resigned during the year so anyone who would like to contribute in this way will be most welcome.

Jo Wibberley

Little St Mary's Global Reports

Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service (CRS)

CRS works in the slums of Kolkata, and in nearby villages in West Bengal, enabling communities through primary education, healthcare and women's empowerment, in particular by teaching women and girls skills that enable them to earn a living. An offshoot called Nari Dana ("Women's Wings") employs women who have been trained to produce household goods for sale. CRS operates under the aegis of Calcutta Cathedral.

The Bishop of Calcutta, the Right Reverend Dr Paristosh Canning, takes a particular interest in the work of CRS and Nari Dana and is very supportive, including providing space in the Bishop's House for a Nari Dana production centre. In September, Little St Mary's was host to Bishop Canning when he visited Cambridge with Mr Rig David, the Director of CRS, and four other members of the Cathedral Pastoral Committee. The Bishop preached at a Sunday Mass, and he and Rig David spoke of the work being done.

Over recent years, teachers from a number of primary schools in Derby Diocese have visited Kolkata and worked in the CRS schools, training teachers, forming a bond between schools which has been of great benefit to both sides. Unfortunately, the difficulty in obtaining visas has meant that these visits have not been able to take place since Covid, but it is intended to revive the programme in 2024, and extend it to other schools in the UK, including Cambridge.

Otherwise, it is pleasing to see that the activities of CRS have fully recovered from the ravages of Covid, and schools, clinics and women's groups are fully functional, with projects in new areas being started.

Clive Brown

Hamlin Fistula

Hamlin Fistula in Ethiopia is a one of the charities that LSM has chosen to support. It has been working since the 1950s to prevent obstetric Fistula in childbirth. In addition, women have been treated and cured of such injuries (a record 2584 in the last twelve months) - and our donation was made at the time of the "Big Give", which meant it was doubled under the scheme.

A few of us knit squares and make them into blankets so that every women being helped can take one home. Three were sent in February to be added to the 335 provided by other UK knitters, and we expect to send 12 in a full year. In 2023, at least 1700 will be needed, if everyone is to have a blanket.

Christine Tipple

Papua New Guinea Report for LSM Report and Accounts 2023

The highlight of the year was a visit by the Bishop of New Guinea Islands, the Rt Revd Reginald Makele and his wife Cathlyn to the parish in early August. He was in the UK for the Lambeth Conference and following that event he and his wife visited LSM.

Following lunch with Fr Robert, Fr Philip and others a group of parishioners with the Bishop and his wife enjoyed visiting the Parker Library at Corpus Christi College with its important collection of medieval and renaissance manuscripts. The collection, largely established by Archbishop [Matthew Parker](#) in the late 16th century, includes such books as the sixth-century St Augustine Gospels, the earliest copy of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles and the Bury Bible.

Later, the group visited St John's College Chapel (and the Bridge of Sighs) to see the many punts on the Cam!).

In the evening there was a reception at which the Bishop spoke about the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea. The Bishop spoke of some of the issues they face, the use they have been able to make of the support LSM gives the church in PNG through LSMs donations to PNGCP. There was also briefly reflection on what had emerged from the Lambeth Conference discussions.

Elsewhere it is pleasing to know that the incidence of Covid on the island has waned; the Covid / Health Care initiative works with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and other agencies to deliver many up-country services continues.

An event is planned to raise the awareness of the PNG link. This will be probably during Ascensiontide and will include a talk by John Preece, a former MAF pilot and one of his colleagues from MAF on the flying operations in PNG.

Richard Chevis

St Cyprian's Sharpeville South Africa

We continue to maintain close links with St Cyprian's Sharpeville. The church has emerged from Covid. Parishioners have died and Fr David reports an increase in trauma and depression.

Young people are coming forward for confirmation and activities are resuming. There is real sensitivity towards the needs of those who have nothing even though the church is struggling to make ends meet.

Fr David has kept the congregation at LSM well informed through quarterly reports. I include the report sent mid 2022 which gives a picture of life at St Cyprian's.

Mary Ward

WORSHIP

Weekly Service: Wednesdays at 09:30 & 18:00 and Sundays at 08:00. Attendance is picking up gradually. Junior worship has resumed and running very well. Sunday School teachers training will be held on the 10 September 2022 for the entire Archdeaconry. Mothers' Union meets for their prayer meeting every Thursday at 11:00 and those who are working meet on Sunday at 07:00. Youth group has resumed as well and they meet on Friday at 16:00-17:30.

PASTORAL CARE

Ministry to the sick is conducted every second Sunday of the month and Communion to the sick is distributed by the Pastoral team. We have 39 people on the list so we divide them in 6 groups. To date, we have buried 19 people this year, including our most senior Parishioner, Anna Matlhaela (103 yrs) who was buried on the 11 June 2022. Prison Ministry Service was held on the 07 August 2022 and the Department of Correctional Services sent the inmates Choir to worship with us and the Prison Chaplain was the preacher. Many of our people are starting to suffer post-traumatic stress and depression as a result of COVID-19 and it's very worrisome and needs serious intervention.

EVANGELISM

We have 24 candidates undergoing Confirmations class every Saturday afternoon at 14:00 and Confirmations will be held on the 18 September 2022. All Guilds' leaders are involved in a very serious programme of reviving their respective Guilds and ministries. Youth and Sunday School ministry are up and running. We have 20 Lay ministers in the Parish and all the licenses were renewed on the 14 August 2022.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

We are grateful for our people who despite their circumstances, continue to donate groceries and clothes for the needy. 28 families continue to receive food parcels every month through this initiative. Blanket Drive went well and 65 blankets were

accumulated and distributed accordingly. The Parish has partnered with South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drugs Dependence (SANCA) to administer outpatient treatment to people who are recovering from substance abuse. Alcohol and Drugs abuse is a huge challenge in our community.

PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE

The interior of the Rectory house is painted and we hope to do the exterior in the foreseeable future. All our properties (i.e. Church building, LSM Centre and the Rectory) are well kept and maintained.

FINANCES

Our monthly budget for this year is R73 000, not much of a difference from last year's. Our people continue to make every effort to give, despite the circumstances. As a Parish, we are almost at the point where we are unable to make ends meet and that's very worrisome. Various fundraising initiatives are in the pipeline for Spring and Summer.'

Finally, a letter of condolence from our friends in Sharpeville on the occasion of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. 'We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign, and a much loved mother. It is indeed a great loss that is felt through the UK, the realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world. At St Cyprian's tomorrow, in our main Service, the Eucharist will be dedicated in her memory.'

Fr David Mahlonko
Sharpeville

Social & Global 'Fundraising', 2022

This is a brief note on the additional fundraising activities by the Social and Global Justice and Responsibility Group between Jan 2022 and December 2022, in addition to the allocated parish giving commitments, time given by members of the group and congregation to support, and special collections made on behalf of these causes during mass.

- Feb 26, 2022

A tour of the LSM stations of the Cross led by the artist-maker the Letter carver Lida Kindersley and Jeremy Musson on the architectural history, in aid of The Medaille Trust, www.medaille-trust.org.uk; and was attended by 40 people, and raised £500, which was divided with LSM.

May 2022

Catherine Groom organised a well-attended concert of music by her undergraduate students; with a talk by Professor Nicky Padfield QC (Law Faculty). This was in aid of the newly adopted Birth Companions and Prison Reform Trust Women's Programme (prisonreformtrust.org.uk). This concert raised nearly £800 which was divided between the two charities.

In the latter part of 2022, at the suggestion of Mary Ward, a co-ordinated fundraising strategy was discussed, with events which group related charities to support and raise the profile of the causes LSM supports; plans for a MAF (PNGCP) event, an LSM Quiz, fund raising parish lunches and a sponsored bike ride discussed in 2022, now all form part of the 2023 plan.

Mary Ward

Churchwardens' report

At the start of the year we were still having to take precautions with regard to Covid but by March we were able to stop signing in for services and thankfully stopped having to sanitise the pews after each service. Very grateful thanks to all those who undertook this onerous job so willingly. At that time masks were still encouraged and worn by those administering the sacraments but it was not compulsory and by the end of the year most people had abandoned them. High Masses and weekday Sung Masses continued to be recorded and the readings and hymn numbers for the Sunday High Mass were given in the weekly email to all on the electoral who wished to receive it, for those following the service firstly on Facebook and then on YouTube.

During the year we were able to observe Lent and Advent in a variety of ways both in person and on zoom. We studied our Lent book "Hope and the Nearness of God" by Teresa White on Wednesdays during coffee after the morning mass but in Advent "An Advent Book of Days: meeting the characters of Christmas" by Bishop Gregory Cameron was discussed on zoom. Our Lent Course was reflecting on and praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and in Advent we prayed the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary in the Lady Chapel, meditating with Our Lady on the coming of Jesus. In both seasons there was the opportunity for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays for an hour before Evening Prayer. We rejoiced that this year we could appreciate our new stations of the cross more fully in person on various occasions during Lent.

We had a variety of visiting preachers during the year including the Dean of Ely for Candlemas, Fr James Walker, chaplain of LSE for Holy Week, the Bishop of Ely for Baptism and Confirmation in May, the Bishop of Calcutta in September, Revd. Dr Michael Vollard, Principal of Ridley Hall for our Dedication Festival in November and during Advent we had the Revd Anne Strauss, chaplain of Trinity College, the Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, National Ecumenical Advisor and Fr Andrew Greany from Walsingham.

In May, Fr Robert celebrated his 10th anniversary as our parish priest and we are most grateful for his spiritual and pastoral care of us all. We also give thanks for the ministry of Fr Mark and Fr Philip while Kirsty, Thomas and Hilda have added to the wellbeing of the parish in their own ways. In July we were sorry to say goodbye to Fr Max Bayliss, our honorary associate priest on his appointment as Vicar of Chelsea Old Church but we are blessed with the assistance of other local clergy to help maintain our daily masses.

In October we were sorry to say goodbye to our Parish Administrator, Elaine Sheild. She was a great asset to the parish, not only in increasing the parish centre lettings and giving us the benefit of her many accomplishments but in her efficiency, friendly manner and a listening ear for any who wanted to pop into the office for a chat. We were pleased to welcome our new administrator Mark Boden in November and he is still finding his way around the many facets of parish life. During the summer, we were also pleased to welcome Greg Morris as assistant organist and his playing is much appreciated as is evidenced by the many people who stay to listen to the concluding voluntary.

The PCC had expressed a wish to develop our outreach and Fr Philip pursued this in three ways; "Food and Faith" evenings for those under 35, "Resourcing Faith" a joint effort with St Bene't's to provide talks to enquirers and to new Christians and a working party for outreach. The Food and Faith evenings have been ongoing during term time through the year with a variety of speakers. Two Saturday morning Resourcing Faith sessions were well supported. The first was at St. Bene't's church in October, "A people's Church - Rewriting the History of the Church of England" by the Revd Dr Jeremy Morris and the second was at LSM in November "The Snowfall of Words: Poetry as the native language of faith" by the Revd Dr Mark Oakley. We look forward to the planned sessions next year.

Hospitality is an important part of our outreach and this has happened on many occasions during the year, either following a service or as a fundraising event. We are extremely grateful to Ann Auger for organising the coffee morning rota to get it up and running again and for Mark Patrick who took over from her, as well as all those who so willingly help Sunday by Sunday, setting up, serving and clearing up afterwards. Weekday sung masses are followed by drinks and snacks which make an enjoyable social occasion and invaluable assistance with this as with many other social occasions is given by Janice and Ray Adams which is much appreciated.

In February Jeremy Musson and Lida Kindersley gave a talk on the LSM stations of the cross as a fund raiser for the Medaille Trust and LSM, which was followed by wine in the parish centre. In May, Cat Horsewood and some of her students gave a musical performance in LSM to raise money for women in prison, again followed by refreshments. We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June with a cream tea to which we sent invitations to residents in the parish and which was followed by choral evensong. August saw our Assumptiontide barbecue this year in the parish centre and garden because of the rain. As usual, funds were raised for Papua New Guinea Church Partnership. This followed on from the visit of The Right Rev'd Reginald Makele, the Bishop of the New Guinea Islands, to LSM the previous week on his way back from the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops. A drinks reception was held at which Bishop Reginald spoke about the Church and life in

Papua New Guinea. In September we hosted a group from the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service for the weekend and held a parish lunch for them on Sunday after High Mass. It was good to be able to get back to having such an occasion so we were encouraged to revert to having a parish lunch on Christ the King Sunday, although this year it was a meal to welcome newcomers rather than as a fundraiser for Christmas flowers.

In November we were able to take up the Warm Welcome initiative by offering tea, coffee and biscuits and company in the warm environment of the parish hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings for which we received a council grant. Thanks to Janice and Ray for their initiative and commitment in undertaking this week by week.

During the year we received a generous bequest from Andrew Wardill, head server for many years who died in 2020. The PCC thought it appropriate that the majority of this should be spent on necessary works to the sacristy as damp arises from the crypt, new safes are needed, a new carpet, redecoration and more storage. A bequest had also been received from Cherry Dainty, another long-standing member of our congregation who died in September, who for many years had done some of the laundering of the church linen. So it is felt fitting that this will be spent on altar linen. We are most grateful that they remembered us in this way.

The house left to us in Portugal Place by the late Michael Waring has needed major works done to it, the most pressing being the north chimney which was in danger of collapse and this has now been done. However, further works have been identified, in particular the complete rebuilding and re-tiling of the roof and this will be done in the coming year.

Our architect carried out the quinquennial inspection of the Church in January and there was nothing of great urgency, major items having been carried out following the last inspection. There have been many delays in what seems like a simple job to join the sacristy toilet to the main drain system but only as the year ends has the work finally started. Work was commissioned in the summer to extend the front choir stalls but one plank width but this is still pending. The passageway between the Sacristy and Peterhouse, commonly known as the 'pigeon passage' because the pigeons find it a warm safe place, had again become unpleasant and we liaised with Peterhouse to get this cleaned and netted. It was cleaned but the netting was scheduled for January at the earliest so the pigeons began to get comfortable again. More positive has been the purchase of a new courtyard shed to act as dry and safe storage for church flowers and related items and thanks to Fr Robert and Matthew Smith for assembling it.

Pat Boulhosa was appointed as the eco-church link for the PCC. Eco church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK to equip churches to care for God's creation under 5 headings: worship and teaching, management of church buildings, management of church land, community and global engagement and Lifestyle. For some time we have tried to use more fair-trade goods and LED light bulbs but we are currently investigating having solar panels on the south roof, encouraged by the success of other churches in the city.

Last year we agreed to go forward with having a paved area outside the parish centre door into the garden. This has been beset with delays partly through the need to protect any likely roots from the Tree of Heaven and we hope that in the new year this project can finally progress. Grateful thanks to Janice Adams, Christine Tipple and their helpers who have done their best to keep the garden under control and to Jeremy Musson for his vision and work towards clearing, replanting and ongoing upkeep. We are also extremely grateful to Sheila and Richard Klimek for their work in the memorial areas of the garden.

Geoffrey Howe and Jo Wibberley

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/22

BALANCE SHEET at 31st DECEMBER 2022

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Current Assets		
Debtors	3,898	2,360
Short term deposits	33,881	35,208
Cash at Bank	11,475	27,804
Cash not paid in	585	
	<u>49,839</u>	<u>65,372</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	<u>3,359</u>	<u>0</u>
	3,359	0
Net Current Assets	<u>46,479</u>	<u>65,372</u>
Fixed Assets		
Investments	1,211,840	1,299,037
8 Portugal Place, Cambridge	580,000	0
Long-term liabilities	0	0
Net Fixed Assets	<u>1,791,840</u>	<u>1,299,037</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>1,838,320</u></u>	<u><u>1,364,408</u></u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2022 (£) Total	2021 (£) Total
Current Assets					
General Fund	-796			-796	-2,578
Reserve	4247			4,247	4,192
VCW	2814	734		3,548	9,773
Peck Trust		18,043		18,043	14,897
Music Fund		6,805	4,361	11,166	8,247
Cherry Music Fund		246		246	648
Associate Vicar Fund		10,026		10,026	27,834
Total Current Assets	<u>6,264</u>	<u>35,854</u>	<u>4,361</u>	<u>46,479</u>	<u>63,012</u>
Fixed Assets (Investments)					
VCW	13,973		10,666	24,640	27,911
Peck Trust		217,537		217,537	246,416
Cherry Music Fund			16,423	16,423	18,583
Music Fund Endowment			47,865	47,865	54,219
LSM Discretionary Fund	178,477			178,477	160,077
Waring Investment Fund		726,898		726,898	791,830
Total Investments	<u>192,451</u>	<u>944,435</u>	<u>74,954</u>	<u>1,211,840</u>	<u>1,299,037</u>
8 Portugal Place, Cambridge, CB5 8AF	580,000			580,000	0
Total Assets (gross)	<u><u>778,715</u></u>	<u><u>980,289</u></u>	<u><u>79,315</u></u>	<u><u>1,838,320</u></u>	<u><u>1,362,049</u></u>

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WHERE THE ASSETS ARE HELD

Current Assets	Barclays c/a (£)	CBF deposit (£)	COIF deposit (£)	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
General Fund	-1920			-1,920	-219
Reserve		4247		4,247	4,192
VCW	-587	4,135		3,548	9,773
Peck Trust acc'd income		18,043		18,043	14,897
Music Fund	3955	7,210		11,166	8,247
Cherry Music Fund			246	246	648
Associat Vicar Fund	10,026			10,026	27,834
Total Current Assets	11,475	33,635	246	45,356	65,372

*Rainbow Saver Anglian Credit Union

Fixed Assets	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Investments		
<i>Vicar & Churchwardens Fund: Unrestricted</i>		
676.81 shares in C of E Investment Fund	13,973	15,828
<i>Vicar & Churchwardens Funds: Endowments (C. Farley, N. Poole, D. Oakley, L&J Fletcher)</i>		
516.64 shares in C of E Investment Fund*	10,667	12,083
<i>The Peck Trust: Restricted Fund</i>		
10536.59 shares in C of E Investment Fund	217,537	246,416
<i>Cherry Music Fund: Permanent Endowment</i>		
904.88 COIF Inc. Units@ 1359.07p	16,423	18,583
<i>Music Fund Endowment</i>		
2318.37 shares in C of E Investment Fund*	47,865	54,219
*1501.07shares bought for the Endowment, Oct. 2014. 817.30 shares bought for the Music Fund, Nov. 2016.		
<i>Little St. Mary's Discretionary Fund</i>		
7108.77. shares in C of E Investment Fund	178,477	160,077
Waring Investment Fund		
Rathbones bespoke portfolio	726,898	791,830
Total Investments	1,211,840	1,299,037
8 Portugal Place, Cambridge, CB5 8AF*	580,000	0
*Probate valuation		
Total Fixed Assets	1,791,840	1,299,037

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/22

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

GENERAL FUND - Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid	88,106	1,430		89,536	83,152
Tax recovered	27,744	526		28,270	22,982
Not liable to Gift Aid	1,596			1,596	1,960
Collections, all services	4,812	3,306		8,119	4,716
Donations	16,948	504		17,452	15,479
	139,206	5,766	0	144,973	128,290
Other voluntary income					
Donations Box	1,360			1,360	634
Festival / Gift Day	0			0	0
Festival / Gift Day gift-aided	0			0	0
	1,360	0	0	1,360	634
Sundries	1,658			1,658	12,929
Dividends / Interest	4,487	900	200	5,587	4,868
Concerts	0			0	0
Sponsored Cycling	350			350	408
Votive Candles	974			974	618
Fees	2,876			2,876	2,887
Events	12,636			12,636	8,019
Grant (Camb. Ch. Schools	1,600	283		1,883	200
Bookstall etc.	712			712	485
	25,292	1,183	200	26,675	30,414
Income for year	165,859	6,949	200	173,008	159,337
Transfers	0			0	
TOTAL INCOME	165,859	6,949	200	173,008	159,337

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/22

GENERAL FUND - Income and Expenditure Account

EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Grants to Charities (see p 8)	11,314	5,766		17,080	20,794
	11,314	5,766		17,080	20,794
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry:					
Ministry Share	77,474			77,474	76,299
Clergy Expenses	1,165			1,165	1,464
Visiting Clergy	263			263	396
Pastoral Assistant	0	0		0	6,080
	78,902	0		78,902	84,240
Running Expenses:					
Gas / Electricity	7,606			7,606	4,540
Water	450			450	216
Insurance	4,064			4,064	3,971
Maintenance, repairs, Wintercomfort cleaning	7,708			7,708	8,343
Wages/Payroll costs	17,508			17,508	17,939
Organists	13,924	900		14,824	12,012
Upkeep of services	6,371		200	6,571	4,815
	57,629	900	200	58,729	51,835
Event costs	3,024			3,024	1,640
Bookstall	2,084			2,084	258
Presentations	680			680	340
Children's work	191	283		474	104
	5,980	283		6,263	2,342
Administration / Telecoms.	6,321			6,321	3,660
Postage / PR	245			245	889
Subscriptions / fees	2,319			2,319	3,675
Sundries	1,367			1,367	73
	10,252	0	0	10,252	8,298
Expenditure for year	164,076	6,949	200	171,226	167,508
GF/Surplus/Deficit for year	1,782	0	0	1,782	-8,171
Transfers	0			0	0
Surplus/Deficit + /transfers	1,782	0	0	1,782	-8,171
Balance General Fund 1st January				-2,578	5,593
Balance General Fund 31st December				-796	-2,578

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/22

RESERVE ACCOUNT - Receipts and Payments Account

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
From GF	0	0
Interest	55	2
To GF from RACU* for St. Cyprian's appeal	0	509
To GF for cashflow	0	0
Surplus / Deficit for year	55	-507
Balance 1st January	4,192	4,698
Balance 31st December	4,247	4,192

* Rainbow Anglian Credit Union closed in June 2021 and the balance transferred to Barclays current account

VICAR & CHURCHWARDENS FUND - Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2022	2021	2022	2021
RECEIPTS	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Legacies	40,000		40,000	0
Share sales for redecoration	0		0	0
VAT reclaim-redecoration	0		0	0
Peterhouse reclaim-redecoration	0		0	0
J Brearley donation	0		0	0
Interest	82		82	9
Dividends	317	416	733	709
Garden Fund balance in Barclays current account		-587	-587	
	40,400	-171	40,229	718
PAYMENTS				
Gate + drainage / Lady Chapel			0	0
Transfer to GF for re-decoration work costs			0	10,000
Work to buildings and grounds	5504	750	6,254	0
Purchase of shares for Discretionary Fund	40,000		40,000	0
To GF for Christmas flowers		200	200	200
To GF for Garden exps.			0	0
Kindersley-Hughes memorial			0	0
	45,504	950	46,454	10,200
Surplus (deficit)			-6,225	-9,482
Bank & CBF Balance 1st January			9,773	19,255
Bank & CBF Balance 31 December			3,548	9,773

The endowment funds comprise the N Poole, D Oakley & Christine Furley Bequests.

In accordance with the legators' instructions, the income from the N Poole fund

is used for general purposes and that from the other funds for the purchase of flowers.

A legacy and gift from the estate and family of Laurence and Joyce Fletcher was added in 2016.

The assets of the Church & Estate Charity were added to the endowment funds in Nov. 2013

SALLY HEAD GARDEN FUND - Receipts and Payments Account

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Donations incl. GA where eligible	884	411
Payments	2,090	1,114
Surplus / Deficit	-1,206	-702
Bank & CBF Balance 1st January	1,940	2,643
Bank & CBF Balance 31 December	734	1,940

The Sally Head Garden Fund is accommodated in the Vicar & Churchwardens' CBF deposit and Barclay's current a/c.

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LITTLE ST. MARY'S DISCRETIONARY FUND*

	2022	2021
	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS		
Interest	0	0
PAYMENTS		
Balance from RACU paid to GF for St. Cyprian's	0	1,000
Balance 1st January	0	1,000
Balance 31st December*	0	0

Investments @ Market Value	178,477	160,077
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Note - The Rainbow Anglian Credit Union was closed in June 2021 and the balance credited to the GF in Barclays

**Formerly the Vicar and Churchwardens' Loan Account. The CCLA deposit account for this fund was closed in 2021. In accordance with the lender's wishes, the outstanding amount of the loan was gratefully accepted by the PCC as a gift in 2011*

THE PECK TRUST

RESTRICTED FUND - Receipts and Payments Account *For the repair, maintenance and adornment of Little St Mary's Church*

	2022	2021
	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS		
Investment Income	6,475	6,262
Interest	238	5
Total Receipts	6,713	6,267
PAYMENTS		
Maintenance / Redecoration costs	3,566	0
Total Payments	3,566	0
Surplus / deficit	3,147	6,267
Balance 1st January	14,896	8,630
Balance 31st December	18,043	14,897
Investments @ Market Value	217,537	246,416
	235,580	261,313

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/22

MUSIC FUND - Receipts and Payments account

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
RECEIPTS		
Donations, etc.	1,035	1,000
Concerts, fees for services etc.	1,850	750
Interest + tax reclaimed	235	162
Endowment Fund dividend	1,425	1,378
Sale of CDs	0	49
Total receipts	4,545	3,339
PAYMENTS		
Music	160	143
Other expenses	395	330
Singing lessons from Endow inc.	0	0
Payments to musicians for weddings / Funerals	1,070	0
Contribution to organ cleaning	0	1,780
Total payments	1,625	2,253
Surplus / Deficit	2,919	1,086
Balance 1st January	8,247	7,161
Balance 31st December	11,166	8,247

* 817.3 shares were bought on 15th. November 2016 and added to the Music Fund Endowment investments. The use of the income from these shares and the proceeds of their future sale must be consistent with the Music Fund objectives.

CHERRY MUSIC FUND

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT - Receipts and Payments Account

To augment the salary of the organist

Deposit Fund	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
RECEIPTS		
Interest from Deposit Fund	8	0
Income from Investment Fund	491	478
Donation (incl. tax reclaimed)	0	0
PAYMENTS		
To Organists	900	400
Purchase of COIF shares		
Surplus (deficit)	-401	79
Balance 1st January	648	569
Balance 31st December	246	648
Investment Fund		
Market Value 1st January	18,583	16,266
Market Value 31st December	16,423	18,583
Total of deposit & investment fund	16,669	19,231

MUSIC FUND ENDOWMENT

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

*The funding for the Music Fund Endowment was given anonymously
in October 2014 to provide income to support choral scholars
for the choir of Little St. Mary's*

Investment Fund	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Market Value 31st December	47,865	54,219

Note-£12,000 of C of E Investment Fund shares were added in November 2016. The cost was met from the Music Fund.

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ASSOCIATE VICAR FUND

RESTRICTED FUND - Receipts and costs relating to the Associate

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
RECEIPTS		
8 Portugal Place - Rental - Income	22,380	5,645
Waring Investment Portfolio - Income	18,000	0
Donations Incl. Gift Aid	750	250
Transfers King & Co. Client a/c.+ Wardill bequest	35,000	35,000
Total Receipts	76,130	40,895
PAYMENTS		
Removal and relocation expenses (Bidwells)	0	4,423
Stipend (EDBOF)	38,907	1,087
Clergy Expenses	3,089	188
Bidwells deposit for tenancy	0	1,448
House rental	15,128	5,000
Council Tax etc.	3,089	915
8 Portugal Pl.-Insurance, management and repairs	33,724	0
Total Costs	93,938	13,061
Surplus / deficit	-17,808	27,834
Balance 1st January	27,834	0
Balance 31st December	10,026	27,834
Waring Investment Fund @ Market Value	726898	791830
Rathbones discretionary portfolio	736924	819664

GRANTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Church Overseas & Relief Agencies		
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	2,150	1,600
Medcins Sans Frontieres	310	0
Papua New Guinea *	1,950	1,900
Parish of St Cyprian, Sharpeville	1,600	9,350
Tariro - Youth in Zimbabwe	100	150
Hamlin Fistula	1,100	1,106
	7,210	14,106
Home and Other Charities		
Camtrust	900	1,069
British Red Cross, Ukraine + Pakistan	1,130	0
College of St Barnabas / St. Luke's Healthcare	120	0
Cambridge Aid	1,000	800
Cambridge City Foodbank	900	800
Cambridge Samaritans	100	182
CCHP	725	1,150
The Whitworth Trust	900	800
Jimmy's Cambridge	900	800
The Children's Society	100	50
The Medaille Trust	1,320	800
The Churches Conservation Trust	0	188
Prison Reform Trust / Birth Companions	1,650	0
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital	125	50
	9,870	6,688
TOTAL	17,080	20,794

6,805

0.600

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LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/22

Vicar

THE PARISH OF LITTLE ST MARY'S CAMBRIDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF ELY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
TO THE PCC OF LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 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 section 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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a 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 members of the PCC 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

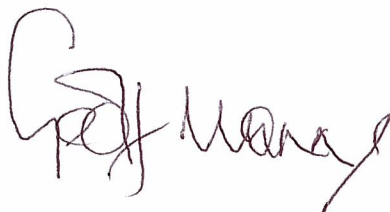
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

Geoff Mann FCIE
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Accounts

THE PARISH OF LITTLE ST. MARY'S CAMBRIDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF ELY

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

Background

The Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") of Little St Mary's ('LSM') has its responsibilities to the Church vested in it by law. These include responsibilities relating to the financial affairs of the Parish, the care, maintenance and preservation of the fabric of the church and the churchyard and to the protection by the Parish of the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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Membership

The membership of the Parochial Church Council is governed by the Church Representation Rules, certain members sitting on the Council ex officio and others being elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Fr Robert Michael Mackley	vicar (Rural Dean, Cambridge South Deanery until 30 th April 2021)
Fr Mark Andrew Bishop	associate priest
Fr Maximillian Timothy Bayliss	associate priest
Fr Philip Murray	associate priest (from 21 st September 2021)

Churchwardens:

Adrian Savin	(until June 2021)
Geoffrey Howe	re-elected at the APCM
Josephine Mary Wibberley	(from June 2021)

Member of General Synod:

Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan (until July 2021)

Members of Diocesan Synod:

Sheila Winifred Bennett	(2018- July 2021)
Josephine Mary Wibberley	(2018-21) (2021-24)
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan	(2018-21) (2021-24)

Members of the South Cambridge Deanery Synod

Mary Ward (2020-23)
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan (2020-23)

Elected Members:

	Date elected:	Term expiring:
Adrian Savin	APCM 2021	APCM 2024
Sheila Winifred Bennett	May 2021	co-opted until APCM 2022
Catherine Mary Groom	May 2021	co-opted until APCM 2022
Caroline Langdon Shepherd	July 2021	co-opted until APCM 2022
Raymond George Adams	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Jeremy Gibson Dixon Musson	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Mary -Ann Elizabeth Middelkoop	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Janet Eileen Nevitt	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Christine Shirley Tipple	APCM 2020	APCM 2023
Richard Martin	APCM 2020	co-opted until APCM 2021
	APCM 2021	APCM 2024
Patricia Pirres Boulhosa	APCM 2020	co-opted until APCM 2022
Stuart Camille Jenkinson	APCM 2020	co-opted until APCM 2021
		resigned May 2021
Alan <u>Paul</u> Huskinson	APCM 2019	APCM 2022
Christopher John Nevitt	APCM 2019	APCM 2022
Franco Giuseppe Giacinto Basso	APCM 2018	APCM 2021
Vicki Farmer	APCM 2018	resigned January 2021

Deputy Churchwarden elected by the PCC: Josephine Mary Wibberley (until APCM 2021)

Committees

The PCC operates in the main through full meetings of its members. As required by law there is a Standing Committee which meets regularly in order to transact the business of the PCC, subject to any direction given by the Council. Formal committees have been constituted to direct and administer particular interests of the Council as follows:

- LSM's social responsibility work at home and abroad
- Management of an annual Christian Giving Review
- Administration of the Music Fund
- The Friends of Little St Mary's
- Social events
- Building and Maintenance
- ECO group to explore ways in which the parish can become an Eco parish.

In addition, informal groups have been set up to:

- represent work with children at LSM
- organise the Summer Festival
- maintain the churchyard garden
- ensure that health and safety standards are met particularly with regard to Parish Centre lettings

Electoral Roll - Year ending 3 April 2022

There were a total of 192 names on the Electoral Roll at the year end.

This represents an overall decrease of 10 on the 2020-2021 figure of 202

8 people are resident in the parish

Additions: There were 8 new members, one of them resident in the parish.

Deletions: 18 people were removed from the roll over the course of the year. Of these:

- 3 people were ordained
- 5 people died (Joyce Bishop, Cherry Dainty, Sally Richardson, Ian Robins, Judy Swan)
- 8 people moved away
- 2 people asked to be removed

8 additions and 18 deletions gives an overall net decrease of 10 since last year.

Ann Auger

Review of the year

The PCC met six times during the year both by zoom and in person. The Finance and Standing committee met in the intervening months, when they reported discussions and made recommendations to the Council. The Social Responsibility Group met regularly but most of the other committees and groups have not resumed yet after the pandemic. Apart from financial and safeguarding reports at each PCC meeting, regular agenda items included updates on the relaxation of covid rules as it affected our provision of worship and social occasions, the Waring legacy – investment, house and associate priest, maintenance of our building and a paved area in the garden. The council was pleased to receive updates from our Social Responsibility group and to consider the different facets of reaching out to the wider community.

Churchwardens' report

This year has been dominated again by the pandemic. However, it has been a joy and a relief to move by stages back to a less restrictive pattern of worship and socialising. At the start of the year we were having two Sunday morning masses at 9.30 and 11.30 at which one had to book through Eventbrite and Evensong and Benediction was only live streamed. And what a frustration not to be able to sing out loud, though we were grateful to the cantors to make up for it! It was good that we could take the first steps to singing again by going outside for the final hymn which was also a witness to those passing by. We also recognise the strain these two morning services put on the clergy, the organists and the servers. We were unable to join with St. Bene't's for Corpus Christi with a procession between the churches but we were able to have the procession around our garden. However, in October we were able to resume our normal pattern of services, although unfortunately due to an outbreak of the omicron variant, the Christmas Eve crib service had to be cancelled. Live streaming of Sunday worship on Facebook for those who were more cautious or unable to return continues and this is one of the silver linings to the Covid cloud, that we are able to reach out to the housebound in this way as well as to those who live away.

One of the highlights in this year was the arrival in September of Fr Philip Murray as our Associate Vicar, with his wife Kirstie and children Thomas and Hilda. It is a pleasure to have

them with us and we are already benefiting from Fr Philip's ministry and having another young family in our midst. We enjoyed having Matthew Fairhurst as our Pastoral Assistant until July and are most grateful to him for his willingness to be involved in all aspects of our parish life. However he has stayed on in Cambridge so it is good to have him at LSM and continuing as a server.

We feel blessed to have Elaine Shield as our Parish Administrator who not only did an online course in the safety measures we had to take in the pandemic to ensure that we followed the correct procedures, but kept everyone in touch with numerous mailings, by post as well as email, setting up the Eventbrite link for services and being a helpful point of contact. As the rules started to relax she has been instrumental in increasing the number of bookings for the Parish Centre and is committed to seeing that everything is in order for the lettings, whether it is tidying the kitchen or putting salt in the dishwasher. We're also grateful to Rosanna Moseley Gore for maintaining the newsletter throughout this time.

Another change made by the pandemic has been to our finances which suffered when we couldn't attend church. Although we now have a retiring collection, many more people don't carry cash and as well as encouraging people to sign up for a monthly direct debit, as the year ended we investigated the installation of a card reader which generally has become a popular method of transaction. We have been extremely fortunate to have received a legacy from the late Michael Waring which has enabled us to have an associate priest and it includes a house which is currently rented out to give us an income.

Although our income suffered from lack of fundraising, we felt committed to maintaining the level of giving to the charities we support. In addition we had a successful sponsored online poetry reading evening in January organised by Jeremy Musson on the themes of love, Christian charity and giving, which raised £5,191.87 for the work of our sister church of St Cyprian's, Sharpeville in South Africa to help with groceries, blankets and clothes supplied to the needy in these difficult times, to help with their work with "child-headed families", to support the costs of the church and its mission and to help with the maintenance and furnishing of the Sunday School building (The Little St Mary's Building).

With restrictions in socialising lasting so long, we were pleased to take the first steps to spend time together by having wine outside the north door after weekday evening sung masses on Saints' days until Michaelmas by which time we could go into the parish centre and enjoy cake as well. We also had a successful lunch provided by Adrian and Jane Savin in July when PCC members were invited to meet the candidates for the post of associate priest and also a buffet meal after Fr Philip's licensing. Sadly we did not feel we could organise the Christ the King lunch but it was good when we felt we could resume coffee after High Mass on Sunday mornings, the added bonus being that people could overflow into the garden for safe distancing.

During the year, the PCC agreed to the idea of having a paved area outside the parish centre west door and this is being pursued, with topographical and arboriculture surveys having taken place prior to an ecology survey and an application for planning permission to the City Council – all required because the church garden is a City Wildlife Site. It is hoped that the work will be carried out in 2022. The church gardeners enthusiastically removed some of the flower bed which currently gives a little more space and an indication of the area to be covered. This was much enjoyed by the Junior choir during the summer when their Friday afternoon practices were held there.

One of the difficulties of moving towards our pre-pandemic situation has been the difficulty in getting the rotas up and running again. We are enormously grateful to Bill de Quick and his team of servers which is now growing again, to the few who work in the sacristy to produce an endless supply of candles, clean linen and shiny silver, to Christopher Burlinson who provides a rota of intercessors, to Steve Siddall who has now handed over to Edmund Racher to draw up the monthly rotas of readers at high and sung masses, to Alex Francis for ensuring that children's church has leadership each Sunday and to Ann Auger for organising the Sunday morning coffee rota. We much appreciate those who have so willingly undertaken back of church duty which included the essential but rather onerous task of cleaning the pews after each service, including those who were not officially elected sidespersons but who came forward in time of need. This is a part of our ministry of welcome which continues in our social events and activities and in this Janice and Ray Adams are most supportive. We are hugely thankful that there are so many people to support our church family life in many different ways but it is still a struggle sometimes to fill these rotas each month so new recruits are always welcome; please don't wait to be asked but just let someone know how you would like to contribute.

The organ was cleaned in the Spring and outstanding works following the redecoration of the church interior were completed including the need for a new dimmer circuit after the nave light bulbs blew too frequently. We are extremely grateful to those who help with odd maintenance jobs and in particular Matthew Smith who willingly comes to our rescue time and time again.

It is most encouraging to note the start of new ventures. The book group started during lockdown and continues on zoom, while the monthly silent prayer group began during the year and the Concordia group met for the first time in September for themed poetry reading, discussion and craft. In addition, the Food and Faith group resumed in the autumn under the guidance of Fr Philip.

Geoffrey Howe and Jo Wibberley
Churchwardens

Safeguarding

Patricia Boulhosa is our Parish Safeguarding Officer. She is the key link between the diocese and the parish concerning safeguarding matters and during the year she has kept the PCC informed of the latest updates from the diocese. She has an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and seeks to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy. During the year she has been conscientious in pursuing DBS checks which need to be undertaken and sought PCC approval on 7 policy documents.

Concordia

First Monday of every Month, from 10-12

Concordia grew out of discussions about our need for companionship and harmony (hence the name) in these times of transition out of the pandemic. It is true that even the most resilient have suffered grief and distress and have experienced times of real isolation. We all need mutual support and encouragement and we have much which we can share.

Many thanks to all who support this, through prayer, attendance and practical generosity.

It has been a joy to prepare for Concordia every month and to share ideas, thoughts and experiences with a trusted group. Fiona and I are ever grateful to Jane Savin for the wonderful cakes she donates every month, to Ray and Janice for their welcome and to everyone who participates. It is a time of real companionship, prayer and harmony. From the beginning of April, Concordia will move to the first **Monday** of every month, from 10am until 12pm. Everyone is always welcome, whether or not you have attended before. The following is an outline of what we have covered up to April 2022.

We have met every month in the Parish Centre, since September, looking at readings and poetry on a particular theme. This was followed by a linked craft activity. We began, in September and October with the themes of Hope and Companionship, where at this first session, we began with coffee and cake, and then reflected upon writing about hope, looking at texts from the Bible, and poems by George Herbert, Emily Dickinson, R S Thomas, Clough and Mary Oliver amongst others. Fiona then led us in a craft activity based around symbols of hope. As companions, in October we read 'Love Bade me Welcome' by George Herbert, Donne's Meditation on 'no man is an island', Tutu on Ubuntu, and poetry by Emily Bronte, Stevie Smith, Robert Frost and A.A.Milne.

In November we discussed Remembrance through a range of religious and secular poetry, from Richard Crashaw and Henry Vaughan to Hardy, Owen, Hamlet and Joyce Grenfell. Fiona helped us to make poppies of remembrance.

The December group travelled through Advent and Christmas, beginning with the O Antiphons and extracts from Fr Alfred Delp's writing on Advent of the Heart, Seasonal Sermons and Prison writings. The group was moved by Rowan Williams' poem Advent Calendar and The Oxen by Hardy and comforted by the reassurance of Betjeman's Christmas. Everyone enjoyed making Fiona's candle decorations.

Due to Covid we postponed January's session on Beginnings which took place in February, when we decorated daffodil plant pots. We compared the opening of Genesis from the King James version with an extract from Children of God by Desmond Tutu, before going on to read work by Hardy, AA Milne Tennyson and Christina Rossetti amongst others.

In March we wove together the themes of Carnival, St David's Day and Shrove Tuesday. We had an interesting discussion on ideas raised by Wordsworth's Daffodils and Bright Field by R.S.Thomas and at the beginning of April we reflected upon literature of Passiontide and Easter, including poetry by R.S.Thomas, George Herbert, Ivor Gurney, and the Stabat Mater and Stations of the Cross.

We meet on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd, where we hope to welcome Peter Britton who will explore the poetry and music of Benjamin Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings. All are most welcome.

Junior Choir

Fridays 4.30- 5.15

After no Junior Choir for almost a year and a half, (a long time in the lives of the members of the choir), we resumed in June 2021. Miraculously, we were able to sing outside in the garden almost every Friday, in socially distanced family groups. We continued to meet through the summer holidays, always singing in the garden, and we began to prepare music for the Harvest Festival service which took place in September 2021. The music for the Mass was led

by the children, who began with the song which always frames our music; 'Chatter with the Angels/ Soon in the Morning/ Chatter with the Angels in that Land/ Chatter with the Angels/ Soon in the Morning/ Chatter with the Angels Join that Band! They sang a joyful Taizé Gloria, a Harvest Song with words by Agnes Pethers, Jubilate Deo round and the Oats and Beans Dance as an anthem, with words by Cat Groom.

We were able to combine our musical preparations with a discussion about the Foodbank and I'm grateful to all the families who gave generously at Harvest time for the Foodbank and who discussed at home with their children why the donations are urgently needed.

Our music making includes vocal warm-ups, sacred and secular rounds (up to 4 parts), music appropriate to the liturgical season, and music in different languages and from across the world. We have enjoyed singing nonsense songs and songs with actions.

At Christmas the children sang 'Away in a Manger' at the Nine Lessons and Carols, and on Mothering Sunday, they sang the Mass for Children written by Simon Jackson, as well as Mayenziwe, Thy Will be Done in Xhosa.

It is timely to be able to return to the garden to sing, especially as we are learning the Easter Hymn 'Walking in the Garden'. The children are planning to lead the music at the Children's Way of the Cross on Good Friday.

There are currently 12 children attending Junior Choir, with their families, and I'm grateful to the parents for their ongoing commitment to the choir, for getting the children on time to the choir after a long week at school, and for their own willingness to support the children's music-making. Thank you to Agnes Pethers who helps lead the choir so brilliantly, and who inspires the children to sing like angels. I'm immensely grateful.

Mary Ward

Silent Prayer Group

The silent prayer group has been meeting monthly, usually on a Monday evening, since November 2021. Meetings take place in the lady chapel, and commence with a very brief introduction to silent prayer, and a short reading. This is followed by half an hour of silent prayer, which ends with the grace. There is an opportunity after the period of silent prayer, to stay behind in the parish centre for tea or coffee, and to catch up with each other and/or talk about each other's experiences of silent prayer, or ask questions about the subject in general. The group does not follow any particular 'school of thought' on silent prayer, and individuals may approach it differently - the emphasis is primarily on spending a half hour in silence, open to the presence of God. All are welcome!

Litsa Biggs

Eco Church

The Eco Church scheme is a scheme run by A Rocha UK, equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement and individual lifestyles. By completing an online survey, churches can be considered for an Eco Church award at bronze, silver or gold level. Several churches in the deanery have joined the scheme and we are grateful to Mary-Ann Middelkoop for taking the lead for us. We look forward to her presentation to the PCC in the coming year.

Deanery Synod Report

Cambridge South Deanery Synod has met twice since last year's Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting. Your representatives are Richard Morgan, Mary Ward and Jo Wibberley. After 5 years of sterling service Fr Robert Mackley retired as Rural Dean and, after consultation with the deanery clergy and the lay chairman, the Bishop appointed The Revd Rachel Rosborough, vicar of St Mark's Newnham and of St Andrew & St Mary, Grantchester, to be the next Rural Dean.

During the past 2 years the Deanery Synod has met by Zoom Video Conferencing so it was greatly appreciated that our first Synod with our new Rural Dean was "in person" and at her parish church in Newnham. A subsequent meeting was held at St James', Wulfstan Way, where the lay chairman led the meeting due to the rural dean's absence on sabbatical. The Revd James Shakespeare has been appointed acting rural dean.

Synod members gave evidence as to how their parishes had coped during lockdown / Covid-19 pandemic. Members voiced their concerns over loss of physical contact, of not being able to worship in the same space, and of not being able to receive Holy Communion in one or more kinds. Those not in possession of modern technology felt the pain of not attending church even more keenly.

Synod was asked to address the Living in Love & Faith report. So far not many parishes seem willing to address this. The vicar of St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cherry Hinton, reported that he is to do a presentation to his own parish by Zoom but others might be able to attend.

The Bishop has challenged the Diocese to think about Deanery Development. He has asked the Bishop of Huntingdon to supervise much of this although the Archdeacon of Cambridge has said that this deanery can "relax" about it – there will be no major changes here. In the meantime, The Revd James Shakespeare has identified 3 deanery development objectives: (i) hospitality / sharing community assets; (ii) reaching unreached people; (iii) helping address new housing communities.

Usually, we meet with Cambridge North Deanery every year but it has not been possible to find a date convenient so far.

Richard Morgan
Lay Chairman, Cambridge South Deanery Synod

Diocesan Synod Report

Following elections in the Summer, in which both Jo Wibberley and I were re-elected, we were looking forward to meeting new and old colleagues in person as well as the recently elected members of General Synod so it was with some concern that we learned quite late on – after the Agenda had arrived – that the inaugural meeting fixed for 6 November 2021 was to be held by Zoom! Regrettably, this happened again at the March meeting also. I do not need to rehearse here how deanery synod members felt about not being able to meet in person but you can imagine the feeling was amplified at Diocesan Synod. Parliament and all local authority councils have been meeting in person since 24 May 2021!

Diocesan Synod is very much taken up with safeguarding and because it meets only 3 times per year it is a constant agenda item. The Living in Love & Faith report is to be discussed at Diocesan Synod either this autumn or in the spring. Deaneries (and parishes) are being asked to discuss it as soon as possible so as to report back.

Richard Morgan

Food & Faith: students and young people at LSM

Food & Faith meets fortnightly in university term times for supper, a topical discussion on a religious theme, and Compline. The group is open to all students and young people in Cambridge, and tends to draw around 10–15 people a time from the congregation, the universities in Cambridge, and wider afield. A wide range of external speakers come to address the group, in addition to our own clergy and members of the Little S. Mary's congregation, with events being advertised on a dedicated Facebook page, as well as in parish notices and posters displayed in colleges. We are greatly assisted by ordinands on attachment at LSM from Westcott House and Ridley Hall, who are especially helpful with cooking.

The group met primarily via online video calls during the Covid-19 pandemic. In-person meetings re-commenced in Michaelmas Term 2021, with the following speakers joining us for that term:

- The Vicar, in a popular 'Ask the Vicar' session
- Christie Gilfeather, PhD student at Peterhouse and ordinand at Ridley Hall, on the Old Testament
- The Revd Dr Ally Barrett, Chaplain of St Catherine's College, on music and faith
- The Revd Dr Arabella Milbank Robinson, Assistant Rector of Louth, on angels

In 2022 we hope to increase in numbers, particularly by emphasising Food & Faith as a group for *young people* (we consider anyone 18-40 as a 'young person' for this purpose!) as well as students, in the hope of attracting a broader group of people, especially from our own congregation.

Fr Philip Murray
Associate Vicar

Social and Global Responsibility and Justice Group

Over the past year, the SGRJG has resumed our meetings both in person and on line, and members and friends have contributed to the last three editions of *Who is My Neighbour?* This is the newsletter which reports on the current work of all the organisations and churches we support through prayer, friendship, mutual support and financial donation. I am very grateful to all members of the committee who have maintained regular links and to everyone who has kept the work of their group in their prayers.

It was felt at the start of lockdown, that it was necessary to fundraise to support anyone who had been affected, in any way, by the pandemic, and so through the means of zoom, Jeremy Musson organised a sponsored poetry reading on the theme of love and hope at the end of January 2020. I was glad to be able to participate remotely, from a sweltering Cape Town, and we were delighted that Fr David Mahlonklo spoke about the importance of our links and his own church in St Cyprian's Sharpeville. It was a joy to hear a recording of his choir singing. We managed to raise in excess of £5000, which was sent to St Cyprian's Sharpeville.

Our links

In this report I propose to highlight some of the main points about our Social Justice and Global links which were covered in the last 3 editions of *Who is My Neighbour?* to be found on the website. Copies of this newsletter are also available from the office.

St Cyprian's Sharpeville South Africa

Fr David Mahlonko has kept in regular contact with the priests at LSM, with Clive Brown and with myself. Just before the pandemic began, I was touched to have been warmly welcomed into the worshipping community of St Cyprian's, in February 2020, whilst I was in South Africa. The updates which Fr David has sent have at times made tragic and disturbing reading, but the courage and faith of the worshipping community there burns brightly.

Reporting at Easter 2021 Fr David stated that 'the Parish has buried 46 people, 16 to Covid.' Archbishop Thabo Makgoba was campaigning for the end of 'vaccination apartheid', and in the parish a weekly 'prayer ministry' was established to create a support group for those who had lost jobs and were experiencing feelings of anger, helplessness and distress. The Outreach ministry continues to support families with monthly food parcels, and each report highlights how the parish prioritises the needs of 'child-headed families.'

The October edition of 'Who is my Neighbour?' gives a joyful account by one of the confirmation candidates. Olwethu Raputsoe writes about the way the group drew together as a family through studying the Bible, stating that 'when we started with the classes, most of us were complete strangers to one another but God brought us closer and closer as time went by and made us feel like a family, as if we're one.' The confirmation group was also challenged to plan an Outreach Ministry and the group decided to make 100 lunch packs for the poor and needy. A fundamental Christian lesson was learned in that 'it taught us that regardless of us not really knowing one another, we should always be a helping hand to those in need of it.'

In December South Africa mourned the death of 'the Arch', Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Fr David writes: 'we really thank God for the life of this faithful deacon, world icon, priest and theologian, a pastor and bishop of the Church.

'Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled.'

Fr David's latest update from the parish of St Cyprian's Sharpeville is written at the beginning of Lent 2022. It states that for the last two years 'we have been travelling in the wilderness of pain, death, uncertainty and fear, but there is still hope, that the well shall emerge for us. At this time, we are praying for peace, reconciliation and healing, between Russia and Ukraine.' He concludes by 'thanking everyone at LSM Cambridge for their continuous support and love. Wishing everyone at LSM Cambridge a blessed and spirit filled Lent and a happy Easter!'

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia

In 2021 Hamlin Fistula mourned the death of their founder Dr Catherine Hamlin, who in recognition of her work, had been twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. In the 4th edition of Who Is My Neighbour, Tigist Aman, the Rehabilitation and Regeneration Manager at Desta Mender writes about the work of this residential recovery centre. She explains that it is a place where women, who have lost so much, who have experienced a traumatic injury, and who have usually given birth to a stillborn baby, can recover a sense of hope.

She states that 'Covid -19 has had a significant impact on the Ethiopian Economy, with female-headed households hardest hit' and she concludes;

'Surgery is only one step towards recovering from fistula. In the past year, we have provided rehabilitation services, at Desta Mender and across our 6 hospitals, to over 600 patients. We have only been able to do this with your help. Thank you for your generous support.'

LSM supports the work of HF through prayer, financial donation and also by knitting squares for warm blankets. Anyone interested in knitting squares, do please let Christine Tipple know, or contact the Parish Office.

Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service (CRS)

During 2021, Covid continued to rampage through Kolkata, and the hardest hit were of course the very poorest people, and in particular women and children. Restrictions have now started to ease, with something like a return to normal life.

Some highlights from CRS are:

Smartphones

The CRS schools and the training programmes for women initially had to close down because of the pandemic. The Friends of CRS raised funds to buy smartphones, and these have proved a vital mainstay to enable teaching and training to continue despite lockdown restrictions. Accordingly, at present, 579 children are continuing their primary education, and 436 women are being trained in skills that will enable them to earn a living.

Nutrition Programme

Many children in the slums suffer from malnutrition, and a problem which is endemic has become critical during the pandemic because of loss of employment. Parents of children in Kolkata's slums have found it increasingly difficult to feed their families. While the government is providing some aid, this is proving insufficient, and CRS is one of several agencies which has stepped in to fill the gap. The CRS programme aims to provide a nutritional meal daily to nearly 600 children.

The project started in November, and at present pre-packed food is being distributed to the children. When circumstances permit, it is hoped that existing women's self-help groups and mothers' groups can be enlisted to cook meals. The programme includes health checks on the children to screen them for malnutrition which is being carried out by doctors and health workers engaged by CRS.

The budget for the programme is approximately £10,000 for the first twelve months, and so the Friends of CRS will be engaged in a major fundraising exercise to ensure that the project continues.

Gabbi Basra Memorial

In the autumn of 2019, a group of students from Derby High School visited Kolkata and spent some time in the primary schools run by CRS in the city slums. By all accounts, they were extremely moved by the experience. Tragically, Gabbi Basra, who was one of the group, died shortly after their return. Rig David, the Director of CRS, described Gabbi as someone who was compassionate and joyful, and most sensitive to the needs of the children.

Money was raised in memory of Gabbi and donated to CRS. It was decided to use the funds to institute a bursary for selected children from the CRS schools to enable them to continue their education. Four former CRS students, who have subsequently completed high school, have been enrolled in a one year diploma course, and twelve children presently at CRS schools have been chosen to be supported at government or private high schools.

The scheme will not just provide financial support, but guidance and monitoring as well. The aim of the programme is that it will be self-perpetuating, with those who have benefited from it contributing towards the education of their successors.

Nari Dana

Many of the women trained in sewing and embroidery move on to the Nari Dana production centres to make items for sale. At present, 86 women are attending the production centres. Most recently, the range has expanded to include church vestments for Diocesan clergy, including stoles, cassocks and surplices.

Clive Brown

Papua New Guinea

Little St Mary's continues to support Papua New Guinea by prayer and financially through PNG Church Partnership. The Church in PNG, with the assistance of PNGCP, is supporting a preventive Covid project to benefit mountain communities in Aipo Rongo Diocese. The Diocese was concerned with vulnerability to the pandemic in the isolated rural areas in the Highlands, some of the most remote in PNG. Here, with limited government COVID support focussed on the large urban areas, no government help was available. The fear was that if COVID got a hold, existing health services could not cope, with no adequate health facilities around Simbai and inadequate staffing and lack of medicines in the limited health centres in other areas.

A newly-formed Diocesan Crisis Management Team formulated a practical, preventive project focussed on these hard-to-reach Anglican communities. The broad goals of the project aimed to help prevent the spread of COVID by raising awareness (particularly for high-risk and vulnerable people), improving hygiene and increasing testing. Crucially it would source and administer vaccines to reduce serious illness and death. The cooperation and collaboration of family, churches, schools, health centres and local leaders were recognized as essential for a successful all-community endeavour.

The challenges were significant. Much of this area of PNG is remote, with access largely by plane or on foot. Equipment was purchased and delivered into the Simbai area involving a mixture of charter flights, limited road transport and walking carriers. Training of awareness, testing and the vaccination teams was undertaken, facemasks, gloves, hand sanitizers and protective soaps were distributed; and vaccinations run in Ainong and Kaironk drawing people from the wider area. Locally, there is now good equipment for hand sanitation, masks, PPE, clean water sources, testing kits and some COVID medicines. The teams are now well placed to monitor the state of COVID and, hopefully, be able to respond to any outbreaks.

Vaccination-fear stories have stopped and people are now requesting the vaccine. By early March, 2,774 people had received the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Uptake is increasing with Kaironk-centred clinics working to vaccinate all remaining people from the surrounding isolated communities. The PNGCP grant helped fund the purchase and delivery of resources needed.

This is an excellent illustration of how this project is not just about dealing with a crisis, but creating infrastructure benefiting the community for the long-term. The improved sanitation and health centres will help with other endemic health problems such as TB. The programme is also a good example of how PNGCP with the support of churches such as LSM can help encourage the initiative and self-sufficiency of the PNG Church and communities.

Richard Chevis

The Medaille Trust

On its website, the Medaille Trust states that 'it exists to provide refuge and freedom to victims of modern slavery- supporting them as they rebuild their lives. Today, we are one of the largest providers of supported safe house-beds for victims of modern slavery in the UK.' In 2021 the charity continued to be very active in lockdown and even extended its operations. A new safe house was purchased in the diocese of Portsmouth, and funds were raised to help create a homely welcome for everyone under its roof. For example, as covid prevented regular 'in person' visits from professionals, funds were raised during lockdown to fund tables and electronic devices for residents. Three schemes were established, the Moving On Project and the Victims' Voices, working to rehabilitate past victims of trafficking and providing access to legal professionals, helping them to talk about their experiences; also, *Debranding*;

Freedom From Branding. Victims are often forced to live with the names of their oppressors and abusers tattooed on their arms. A client stated 'You don't understand what this means to me, it is freedom.'

On Saturday 26th February LSM raised funds for the Medaille Trust by hosting a guided tour of the Stations of the Cross given by Lida Kindersley, who had designed and carved the lettering.

Originally a Roman Catholic initiative, the charity has formed ecumenical links with the Salvation Army and it has been supported for several years by LSM and Cambridge City Centre Churches.

Whitworth Trust

Whitworth House is a hostel that over the past 20 years has provided supported residential accommodation for vulnerable, precariously housed young women in Cambridge. The Trust offers financial support to the residents in the house, and also helps vulnerable women in Cambridge generally, supporting Jimmy's, Cambridge Aid, Cambridge Women's Aid and Cambridge Churches Homeless Project.

During the pandemic the house was fully occupied with an increasing number of residents in education, employment and training.

At the end of 2021, Whitworth House learned, that after much uncertainty as to its future, it was successful in tendering for the Young People's Housing Related Support Service on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council, which secures funding for 3 years and may be extending for a further 3 years before retendering. Whitworth House is recognised as the specialised female service and the service will continue to work within a gendered, strengths-based approach, recognising the additional trauma that many young people have faced and continued to face. Staffing levels at the house will be increased and staff and residents alike will have the support and expertise of other providers within the young future partnership.

Whitworth Trust has agreed to fund new carpets, mattresses, microwaves and a washing machine. Residents appreciated the Christmas donation. Grants have also been made to Cambridge Aid and Women's Aid. Currently funds are depleted due to lack of fundraising.

Cambridge Aid

Cambridge Aid has been helping people in and around Cambridge since 1880. In its first newsletter the Chair writes 'Sadly, Cambridge regularly tops the list of the UK's most unequal cities - its outward signs of wealth and comfort mask the fact that many live on the breadline, often in unimaginable poverty.'

During lockdown, applications for grants increased by 20% . As schools went back in January there were many applications for computers and internet connection for home working. As more people lost jobs, grants were given for fresh food and essentials. Formerly homeless people were provided with new clothing. By October 2021, Paul Ray of Cambridge Aid reported that again more grants were given, and the average value of a grant has increased from £125- £150. Cambridge Aid has received special funding to help homeless men, and the Evelyn Trust has provided funding to help people with severe mental health issues.

At the end of 2021 Cambridge Aid again raised their normal ceiling for grants from £150-£200, which helped people buy cookers, freezers and washing machines. Again, the financial squeeze meant that food and everyday household essentials were the next biggest items, reflecting the financial squeeze on those relying on State benefits. Those moving house were helped, including the homeless moving into pods, and women fleeing domestic violence.

LSM continues to support Cambridge Aid, and Paul Ray writes in the latest edition of Who is My Neighbour? 'On the cheerful side we are blessed with steadfast and generous donors and because of them we have come through the pandemic so far without having to put the brakes on our giving.'

Friends of Fulbourn Hospital

The Friends of Fulbourn Hospital have developed an effective partnership with Cambridge Aid, and during 2021 received many requests for grants on behalf of individuals in need, particularly from service-users living in the community who frequently do not have the means to buy the most basic requirements. The grant requests are often joint-funded with Cambridge Aid.

The Friends have supported the Living Room project in Barnwell (reported in edition 4 of Who is My Neighbour?) and provided Christmas presents for all patients remaining on the wards over Christmas.

Cambridge Foodbank

LSM supports the work of Cambridge Foodbank through prayer, donations of food throughout the year, and financial giving. The Junior Choir collected items for a Christmas Hamper, and made a Harvest donation.

Cambridge City Foodbank centres remained open throughout lockdown at the beginning of 2021, and volunteers report that they are seeing many people coming to the Foodbank for the first time.

'Furlough has ended. The £20 uplift to Universal Credit has ended. Fuel prices are rising and inflation is at its highest level since the 1990s. All this puts a great strain on people who were just managing to get by.'

The Fairbite shop in Arbury provides members with a good choice of food, including plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, and in March a second shop has been opened in partnership with Hope Church in East Chesterton.

Jimmy's

Throughout lock-down Jimmy's responded to the needs of homeless people on Cambridge. Staff at Jimmy's were vaccinated as keyworkers and residents offered vaccinations as vulnerable adults.

The 22 modular homes that Jimmy's began to run and support over the past 2 years have been a success. A mental health professional was appointed to offer immediate help and guidance to residents who often have complex needs.

Jimmy's continues to provide support and accommodation to a large number of people who have experienced homelessness in Cambridge. Jimmy's has been working closely with the other providers of accommodation in Cambridge who have previously received money from the councils (Cyrenians, Riverside, Wintercomfort, CGL ('Change Grow Live' the drug and alcohol treatment service) and Cambridge Housing Society). The consortium presented a bid for the Cambridge councils' combined contract to manage those with no fixed accommodation across Cambridge City. This has been successful and the 6 providers will work together to use the money to deliver co-ordinated care to those in need.

There will be changes to the way homelessness will be managed in the future with Jimmy's taking on a special service for those with complex mental health needs as one of the other hostels is closing.

Jimmy's will remain in need of substantial donations and grants to provide the support services above that provided by the council and plans to re-engage with volunteers after the pandemic risk recedes.

The modular homes are proving popular and research evaluating the outcome of the project is underway by Cambridge University. So far, the data suggests they are functioning well and most of the residents are making good progress.

Jimmy's is currently reviewing our strategy for the next period in the light of post-pandemic hardship and the squeeze on everybody's finances with the cost of living rising. We hope to purchase two more homes to give us more move-on accommodation and recruit to the new complex needs hostel.

Fiona Blake

Cambridge Churches Homeless Project

The Crossways project, in partnership with 'It Takes a City' has run from November 2021 to March 2022. Crossways House is a 20-bed house in Chesterton offering a warm room and a hot evening meal to rough sleepers. Volunteers from CCHP have supported the project, primarily providing cooked meals in the evening. Several members of LSM have given very generously of their time and talents, including two cooks and kitchen assistants. By the end of the project, the manager reported informally to me that 61 places had been given to 55 different people, and there had been 30-40 positive 'move-ons'.

It was a privilege to put together the rota for every Tuesday evening, from November to March, and good to get to know both the residents and the volunteers from churches across the city. Fr Robert has become a trustee of CCHP.

Camtrust

Camtrust is a Cambridge charity based in Histon, specialising in life skills for adults with physical disabilities and learning difficulties. At the beginning of 2021, due to lockdown, Camtrust offered remote learning to clients for the very first time, delivered by zoom.

The centre re-opened in April with Covid-19 safety measures in place, but the print service was on hold at this time. The bike workshop continued, with a steady flow of bike donations and sales, and successful fundraising has enabled Camtrust to pay for and to extend its bicycle workshop facilities.

Camtrust had a successful Christmas Fayre, and is hoping to hold the popular coffee mornings very soon. Camtrust is open from Monday to Friday, and members of LSM's congregation are always welcome to pop in for a coffee, a chat and an opportunity to see the work of Camtrust.

Mary Ward

Garden

At LSM what was a burial ground from Anglo-Saxon times until the 1840s has more recently become a wildlife garden.

Having this rare open space in the centre of our city is a great privilege, and responsibility, for the church. A few members of the congregation try to keep it looking loved and cared-for as it is part of our mission.

Many visitors come into the garden who will not visit the church and some ask many questions about them both. As the churchyard is "full" (cannot be used for burials) the Council mow the grass and look after the trees which, we expect, will have their three-yearly prune soon.

As the weather is getting warmer and more people are returning to the church for services after the virus, perhaps more of the congregation would like to come into the garden and enjoy a walk round. It would be a wonderful help if some would consider coming to one of our gardening and coffee mornings after the 10 am Mass on a Saturday.

Christine Tipple

Book Group

The Little St Mary's Book Group met upon five occasions through 2021, and at the time of writing has had two meetings so far in 2022. Meetings are still held, in the custom of the pandemic, via Zoom - and have, thus far, all been held in the evening. The group at present has five members. No formal structure or offices as yet have been applied to the Book Group, but in that one member's Book Reviews helped give rise to it, a spokesperson has been found for the purposes of this report. Others could do as well.

The composition and numbers of the Book Group have remained the same through this period. It may be readily understood why new members have not appeared: there is a certain amount of work to be done in order to attend a meeting: one ought to read the book in question first. At this stage one must make clear that the Book Group do not chose supremely difficult or long books: our reading habits (there are many other books to be read) and patterns of life might struggle to accommodate that. Of course, neither does the Group seek out works purely for their ease of digestion. All this said, the next planned meeting of the Book Group in May has been designed as an occasion for individual contribution rather than concerted action. It would be a suitable time for an interested newcomer to attend a meeting. Details for attendance will likely be published in the Parish Newsletter.

Choices of content for the Book Group have drifted from its beginning. The original strand of literature under discussion was the narrow category of Novels by British Female Anglo-Catholic Authors of the Early and Mid-Twentieth century. That seam may not be utterly mined out, but in any case, a greater range of works has now been examined. This has included other novels, short stories, plays, poetry and non-fiction - generally with Christian belief, Church custom or some similar content at their core. The bulk of these were published in the twentieth century. The untypical nature of the next planned meeting has been noted, but it is to be expected that this pattern will continue.

No grand plans for the future of the Book Group exist at present - a state of being that appears to be generally satisfactory. Any further questions on the Book Group may be directed to its spokesperson.

Edmund Racher

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/21

BALANCE SHEET at 31st DECEMBER 2021

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Current Assets		
Debtors	2,360	300
Short term deposits	35,208	38,470
Cash at Bank	27,804	8,435
	<u>65,372</u>	<u>47,205</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	752
	<u>0</u>	<u>752</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>65,372</u>	<u>46,453</u>
Fixed Assets		
Investments	1,299,037	448,860
Long-term liabilities	0	0
Net Fixed Assets	<u>1,299,037</u>	<u>448,860</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>1,364,408</u></u>	<u><u>495,314</u></u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2021 (£) Total	2020 (£) Total
Current Assets					
General Fund	-2,578			-2,578	5,593
Reserve	4192			4,192	4,698
VCW	7832	1,941		9,773	19,255
Peck Trust		14,897		14,897	8,630
Music Fund		4,808	3,439	8,247	7,161
Cherry Music Fund		648		648	569
LSM Discretionary Fund	0			0	1,000
Associate Vicar Fund		27,834		27,834	0
Total Current Assets	<u>9,446</u>	<u>50,128</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>63,012</u>	<u>46,905</u>
Fixed Assets (Investments)					
VCW	15,828		12,083	27,911	24,402
Peck Trust		246,416		246,416	215,438
Cherry Music Fund			18,583	18,583	16,266
Music Fund Endowment			54,219	54,219	47,403
LSM Discretionary Fund	160,077			160,077	145,351
Waring Investment Fund		791,830		791,830	0
Total Investments	<u>175,906</u>	<u>1,038,246</u>	<u>84,885</u>	<u>1,299,037</u>	<u>448,860</u>
Total Assets (gross)	<u><u>185,351</u></u>	<u><u>1,088,374</u></u>	<u><u>88,323</u></u>	<u><u>1,362,049</u></u>	<u><u>495,766</u></u>

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WHERE THE ASSETS ARE HELD

Current Assets	Barclays c/a (£)	CBF deposit (£)	COIF deposit (£)	Total 2021 (£)	Total 2020 (£)
General Fund	-219			-219	5,141
Reserve		4192		4,192	4,698
VCW		9,773		9,773	19,255
Peck Trust acc'd income		14,897		14,897	8,630
Music Fund	2548	5,699		8,247	7,161
Cherry Music Fund			648	648	569
LSM Discretionary Fund				0	1,000
Associat Vicar Fund	27,834			27,834	0
Total Current Assets	30,164	34,560	648	65,372	46,453

*Rainbow Saver Anglian Credit Union

Fixed Assets (Investments)	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
<i>Vicar & Churchwardens Fund: Unrestricted</i>		
676.81 shares in C of E Investment Fund	15,828	13,839
<i>Vicar & Churchwardens Funds: Endowments (C. Farley, N. Poole, D. Oakley, L&J Fletcher)</i>		
516.64 shares in C of E Investment Fund*	12,083	10,564
<i>The Peck Trust: Restricted Fund</i>		
10536.59 shares in C of E Investment Fund	246,416	215,438
<i>Cherry Music Fund: Permanent Endowment</i>		
904.88 COIF Inc. Units@ 1359.07p	18,583	16,266
<i>Music Fund Endowment</i>		
2318.37 shares in C of E Investment Fund*	54,219	47,403
*1501.07shares bought for the Endowment, Oct. 2014. 817.30 shares bought for the Music Fund, Nov. 2016.		
<i>Little St. Mary's Discretionary Fund</i>		
7108.77. shares in C of E Investment Fund	160,077	145,351
Subtotal 2020 investments	507,207	448,860
Waring Investment Fund		
Rathbones bespoke portfolio	791,830	0
Total Investments	1,299,037	448,860

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/21

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

GENERAL FUND - Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid	81,345	1,806		83,152	95,207
Tax recovered	21,530	1,452		22,982	25,592
Not liable to Gift Aid	1,960			1,960	2,594
Collections, all services	997	3,719		4,716	1,818
Donations	11,747	3,732		15,479	14,910
	117,580	10,709	0	128,290	140,121
Other voluntary income					
Garden Box		0		0	0
Donations Box	634			634	317
Festival / Gift Day	0			0	0
Festival / Gift Day gift-aided	0			0	0
	634	0	0	634	317
Sundries	12,929			12,929	159
Dividends / Interest	4,268	400	200	4,868	4,912
Concerts	0			0	0
Sponsored Cycling	408			408	0
Votive Candles	618			618	322
Fees	2,887			2,887	1,268
Events	8,019			8,019	1,833
Grant (Camb. Ch. Schools		200		200	200
Bookstall etc.	485			485	377
	29,614	600	200	30,414	9,070
Income for year	147,828	11,309	200	159,337	149,509
Transfer from GF Reserve for Covid-19 grants	0				10,000
TOTAL INCOME	147,828	11,309	200	159,337	159,509

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/21

GENERAL FUND - Income and Expenditure Account

EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Grants to Charities (see p 8)	11,189	9,605		20,794	26,546
	11,189	9,605		20,794	26,546
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry:					
Ministry Share	76299			76,299	76,345
Clergy Expenses	1464			1,464	2,095
Visiting Clergy	396			396	0
Pastoral Assistant	4880	1200		6,080	3,290
	83,040	1,200		84,240	81,730
Running Expenses:					
Gas / Electricity	4,540			4,540	4,826
Water	216			216	371
Insurance	3971			3,971	4,321
Maintenance, repairs	8,343			8,343	3,048
Wages/Payroll costs	17,939			17,939	19,279
Organists	11,612	400		12,012	12,524
Upkeep of services	4,615		200	4,815	3,776
	51,235	400	200	51,835	48,144
Event costs	1,640			1,640	357
Bookstall	258			258	275
Presentations	340			340	60
Children's work	0	104		104	129
	2,238	104		2,342	822
Administration / Telecoms.	3,660			3,660	3,875
Postage / PR	889			889	1,419
Subscriptions / fees	3675			3,675	500
Sundries	73			73	7,205
	8,298	0	0	8,298	12,999
Expenditure for year	155,999	11,309	200	167,508	170,241
GF/deficit for year	-8,171	0	0	-8,171	-10,732
Transfer from GF Reserve/Disc. Fd.- Cashflow				0	-11,000
Deficit +/-transfer to Reserve	-8,171	0	0	-8,171	268
Balance General Fund 1st January				5,593	5,325
Balance General Fund 31st December				-2,578	5,593

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RESERVE ACCOUNT - Receipts and Payments Account

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
From GF	0	0
Interest	2	52
To GF from RACU* for St. Cyprian's appeal	509	10,000
To GF for cashflow	0	5,000
Deficit for year	-507	-14,948
Balance 1st January	4,698	19,646
Balance 31st December	4,192	4,698

* Rainbow Anglian Credit Union closed in June 2021 and the balance transferred to Barclays current account

VICAR & CHURCHWARDENS FUND - Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS				
Legacies	0		0	15,000
Share sales for redecoration	0		0	85,000
VAT reclaim-redecoration	0		0	20,633
Peterhouse reclaim-redecoration	0		0	30,439
J Brearley donation	0		0	400
Interest	9		9	123
Dividends	402	307	709	1,525
	411	307	718	153,120
PAYMENTS				
Gate + drainage / Lady Chapel			0	4,054
Transfer to GF for re-decoration work costs	10,000		10,000	131,824
Work to buildings and grounds			0	0
Cushions + Sound system			0	4,500
To GF for Christmas flowers		200	200	200
Stations repayment to Peck			0	0
To GF for Garden exps.			0	204
Kindersley-Hughes memorial			0	0
	10,000	200	10,200	140,781
Surplus (deficit)			-9,482	12,339
Bank & CBF Balance 1st January			19,255	6,916
Bank & CBF Balance 31 December			9,773	19,255

The endowment funds comprise the N Poole, D Oakley & Christine Furley Bequests.

In accordance with the legators' instructions, the income from the N Poole fund is used for general purposes and that from the other funds for the purchase of flowers.

A legacy and gift from the estate and family of Laurence and Joyce Fletcher was added in 2016.

The assets of the Church & Estate Charity were added to the endowment funds in Nov. 2013

** The John Hughes memorial fund was accommodated within the VCWs' Barclays deposit by agreement with the Vicar and Churchwardens. This is not, however, an LSM fund and the balance is, therefore, shown as a current liability in the Balance Sheet. This fund was closed in 2019 and the balance returned to the Peck Trust account.*

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LITTLE ST. MARY'S DISCRETIONARY FUND*

	2021	2020
	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS		
Interest	0	0
PAYMENTS		
Balance from RACU paid to GF for St. Cyprian's	1,000	0
Balance 1st January	1,000	1,000
Balance 31st December*	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Investments @ Market Value	160,077	145,351
	<u>160,077</u>	<u>146,351</u>

Note - The Rainbow Anglian Credit Union was closed in June 2021 and the balance credited to the GF in Barclays

**Formerly the Vicar and Churchwardens' Loan Account*

In accordance with the lender's wishes, the outstanding amount of the loan was gratefully accepted by the PCC as a gift in 2011

THE PECK TRUST

RESTRICTED FUND - Receipts and Payments Account *For the repair, maintenance and adornment of Little St Mary's Church*

	2021	2020
	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS		
Investment Income	6,262	6,047
Interest	5	80
Total Receipts	<u>6,267</u>	<u>6,127</u>
PAYMENTS		
Redecoration costs	0	20,512
Total Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>20,512</u>
Surplus / deficit	6,267	-14,386
Balance 1st January	8,630	23,016
Balance 31st December	<u>14,897</u>	<u>8,630</u>
Investments @ Market Value	246,416	215,438
	<u>261,313</u>	<u>224,068</u>

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MUSIC FUND - Receipts and Payments account

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
RECEIPTS		
Donations, etc.	1,000	2,230
Concerts, fees for services etc.	750	0
Interest + tax reclaimed	162	195
Endowment Fund dividend	1,378	1,331
Sale of CDs	49	123
 Total receipts	3,339	3,878
 PAYMENTS		
Music (inc. hymnbooks)	143	0
Other expenses	330	615
Singing lessons from Endow inc.	0	348
Contribution to organ cleaning	1,780	0
Total payments	2,253	963
 Surplus / Deficit	1,086	2,916
Balance 1st January	7,161	4,245
Balance 31st December	8,247	7,161

* 817.3 shares were bought on 15th. November 2016 and added to the Music Fund Endowment investments. The use of the income from these shares and the proceeds of their future sale must be consistent with the Music Fund objectives.

CHERRY MUSIC FUND

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT - Receipts and Payments Account

To augment the salary of the organist

Deposit Fund	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
RECEIPTS		
Interest from Deposit Fund	0	0
Income from Investment Fund	478	457
Donation (incl. tax reclaimed)	0	400
PAYMENTS		
To Organists	400	0
Purchase of COIF shares		400
Surplus (deficit)	79	458
Balance 1st January	569	111
Balance 31st December	648	569
Investment Fund		
Market Value 1st January	16,266	14,892
Market Value 31st December	18,583	16,266
Total of deposit & investment fund	19,231	16,835

MUSIC FUND ENDOWMENT

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

The funding for the Music Fund Endowment was given anonymously in October 2014 to provide income to support choral scholars for the choir of Little St. Mary's

Investment Fund	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
Market Value 31st December	54,219	47,403

Note-£12,000 of C of E Investment Fund shares were added in November 2016. The cost was met from the Music Fund.

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ASSOCIATE VICAR FUND

RESTRICTED FUND - Receipts and costs relating to the Associate

	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
RECEIPTS		
8 Portugal Place - Rental - Income	5,645	0
Waring Investment Portfolio - Income	0	0
Donations Incl. Gift Aid	250	0
Transfers from King & Co. Client a/c.	35,000	0
Total Receipts	<u>40,895</u>	<u>0</u>
PAYMENTS		
Removal and relocation expenses (Bidwells)	4,423	0
Stipend (EDBOF)	1,087	0
Clergy Expenses	188	0
Bidwells deposit for tenancy	1,448	0
House rental	5,000	0
Council Tax etc.	915	0
Total Costs	<u>13,061</u>	<u>0</u>
Surplus / deficit	<u>27,834</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance 1st January	0	0
Balance 31st December	<u>27,834</u>	<u>0</u>
Waring Investment Fund @ Market Value	791830	0
	<u>819664</u>	<u>0</u>

	(£)	(£)
Church Overseas & Relief Agencies		
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	1,600	2,600
Makeni Ecumenical Centre	0	316
Papua New Guinea *	1,900	3,600
Parish of St Cyprian, Sharpeville	9,350	6,163
Tariro - Youth in Zimbabwe	150	0
Hamlin Fistula	1,106	720
	<u>14,106</u>	<u>13,399</u>
Home and Other Charities		
Camtrust	1,069	800
Camb. South / Huntingdon Deaneries -	0	2,000
College of St Barnabas / St. Luke's Healthcare	0	88
Cambridge Aid	800	1,800
Cambridge City Foodbank	800	1,800
Cambridge Samaritans	182	0
CCHP	1,150	1,160
The Whitworth Trust	800	800
Jimmy's Cambridge	800	2,800
The Children's Society	50	100
The Medaille Trust	800	1,800
The Churches Conservation Trust	188	0
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital	50	0
	<u>6,688</u>	<u>13,148</u>
TOTAL	<u>20,794</u>	<u>26,546</u>

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Vicar

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
TO THE PCC OF LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 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 section 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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a 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 members of the PCC 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

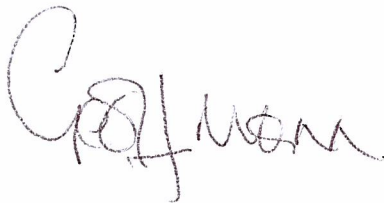
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

Geoff Mann FCIE
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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Background

The Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") of Little St Mary's ('LSM') has its responsibilities to the Church vested in it by law. These include responsibilities relating to the financial affairs of the Parish, the care, maintenance and preservation of the fabric of the church and the churchyard and to the protection by the Parish of the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

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Membership

The membership of the Parochial Church Council is governed by the Church Representation Rules, certain members sitting on the Council ex officio and others being elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Fr Robert Michael Mackley, vicar (Rural Dean, Cambridge South Deanery)
Fr Mark Andrew Bishop, associate priest
Fr Maximillian Timonthy Bayliss, associate priest

Churchwardens:

Janet Eileen Nevitt From May 2014 (PCC Lay Chair from May 2018) resigned 2020
Adrian Savin From May 2018
Geoffrey Howe (from 2020)

Member of General Synod:

Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan (2017-21) (Lay Chair, Cambridge South Deanery)

Members of Diocesan Synod:

Sheila Winifred Bennett (2018-21)
Josephine Mary Wibberley (2018-21)

Members of the South Cambridge Deanery Synod & General Synod

Mary Ward (2020-23)
Richard Gareth Llewelyn Morgan (2020-23)

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Elected Members:

Date elected: Term expiring:

Raymond Adams APCM 2020 for three years until 2023
Jeremy Musson APCM 2020 for three years Until 2023
Mary -Ann Middelkoop. APCM for three years until 2023
Richard Martin APCM 2020 for 1 year – co-opted Until APCM 2021
Patricia Pirres Boulhosa APCM 2020 for 1 year – co-opted Until APCM 2021
Stuart Camille Jenkinson co-opted for 1 year until APCM 2021
Franco Basso APCM 2018 for 3 years Until APCM 2021
Vicki Farmer APCM 2018 for 3 years Until APCM 2021 (Resigned 2021)
Geoffrey Howe APCM 2018 for 3 years Until APCM 2021
Alan Paul Huskinson APCM 2019 for 3 years Until APCM 2022
Janet Nevitt APCM 2020 for three yerars until 2023
Christopher John Nevitt APCM 2019 for 3 years Until APCM 2022
Christine Shirley Tipple APCM 2012 for 3 years Until APCM 2023

Deputy Churchwarden elected by the PCC:

Josephine Mary Wibberley

Committees

The PCC operates in the main through full meetings of its members. As required by law there is a Standing Committee which meets regularly in order to transact the business of the PCC, subject to any direction given by the Council. Formal committees have been constituted to direct and administer particular interests of the Council as follows:

- LSM's missionary work at home and abroad
- Management of an annual Christian Giving Review Social Responsibility
- Administration of the Music Fund
- The Friends of Little St Mary's
- Welcome Committee
- Social events
- Building and Maintenance

In addition, informal groups have been set up to:

- represent work with children at LSM
- organise the Summer Festival
- maintain the churchyard garden
- reflect on LSM's work with the homeless and in particular the church's participation in the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project
- ensure that health and safety standards are met in the kitchen and Parish Centre, particularly with regard to lettings
- facilitate payment of bills etc. during quinquennial building work

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Church Electoral Roll

The electoral roll was revised in March 2021. The total number of names on the Roll at the year end was 202. This is an increase of 7 on the 2019-2020 figure of 195. The total includes 7 resident in the parish.

Additions: 10

Deletions:

- 1 Moved away
- 2 deaths. (Audrey Bunting and Margaret Spencer)

TOTAL: net increase of 7.

Susna Coote

Review of the Year

The PCC met six times during the year; committees and groups met between PCC meetings, reporting discussions, and making recommendations to the Council.

The particular objectives for 2019/20 remained unchanged from last year and discussion during the year focussed upon them, namely: to develop a ministry for the Parish Centre for both the Church and the wider community; work with children and young people; corporate prayer, and welcome. In addition, there was ongoing discussion relating to poverty and homelessness in Cambridge.

Churchwardens' Report

This last year has obviously been quite a challenging one as we endeavour to work through the Covid 19 restrictions that have placed quite a burden on many of the things that would normally take place without so much as a mention. The previous APCM was delayed by some months and therefore the election of the new Churchwardens was postponed until October 2020.

Geoffrey Howe took over from Janet Nevitt (who had been in post for six years) and joined Adrian Savin (two years) as a new Churchwarden. Therefore at this point we should say that both of us are very grateful for Janet's lengthy service and kindly advice over a number of issues as we have warmed to our new roles. Both Janet and her husband Chris have been loyal servants of LSM over a number of years and they have always been there whatever the issue with advice and support. Sadly since stepping down as Churchwarden, Janet (and to a different extent Chris), have been suffering from Covid 19 and indeed Janet has been in hospital for a lengthy period of time. Both of them remain in our prayers as they gradually recover and return to LSM.

Taking advantage of the Covid lockdown last year enabled the body of the Church to be redecorated (for the first time in a generation) following on from the refurbishment and redecoration of the Lady Chapel the year before.

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The inside of the main body of the church now looks so much brighter and of course we all look forward to when it can once again be populated in its usual fashion rather than as it is currently spaced out. During the refurbishment all of the electrical wiring was tested and replaced where necessary and therefore now all of the overhead lights work satisfactorily rather than continually blowing bulbs (as some were doing), although some work on this remains to be done. We have also purchased new hassocks/kneelers to match the pew cushions purchased during the previous year.

The Organ has been refurbished and thoroughly cleaned whilst the church has been in lockdown and once we are able to return to normal services the full benefit of this fascinating instrument will once again complement a full congregation.

Matthew Fairhurst joined us as a Pastoral Assistant in September and his tenure runs up to July. He has been a very welcome addition to the ministry team assisting clergy with the daily running of services and also the operation of the live streaming of many of our services for the betterment of our far flung congregation. We have greatly warmed to Matthew and been very impressed with his dedication to the role at LSM, particularly recently when he assisted Fr. Rob in steadily filming the Stations of the Cross for broadcast.

Obviously the Church's income has been drastically cut because of the cancelation of many events that would have taken place in the Parish Centre and in the Church itself. This has meant that we have less funds available than we would normally expect as there have been no paying events; and congregational giving has diminished.

Notwithstanding this, Elaine Shield, our Parish Administrator has been a stalwart in her work and has kept many parts of the church regularly in touch with each other via email and Zoom facilities. As with many others she has partially worked from home throughout the year but her contribution to the wellbeing and efficiency of the parish is hugely appreciated – particularly as she has had to cope with one or two family emergencies along the way.

A successful Poetry Reading evening was held earlier in the year and thanks are due to Jeremy Musson for making that event such a success and for raising over £5,000 for St. Cyprian's (one of our supported parishes) in South Africa.

The PCC has taken on the residue of the estate of the late Prof. Michael Waring including a house in Portugal Place which currently gives us an income. It is the PCC's intention to use the income from his bequest for the funding of a second priest to serve the congregation at LSM. However, there are complications as plans are afoot to demolish the adjacent Multi Storey Car Park, which could have an effect on our property and the income earned from it.

Obviously during the course of the year there have been periods where regular services have not taken place in the body of the Church. We were initially locked down for the start of the Covid-19 pandemic (which was not a decision taken by ourselves), and now as many have received at least one vaccination and some have received both, we have returned to regular socially spaced services on a Sunday and throughout the week, with our Sunday Services and other feast days being bookable on Eventbrite.

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Looking forward, we are hoping that as restrictions are eased we can soon return to normal services – even with unmasked singing eventually. Plans are also afoot to commission works in the garden over this year and possibly next year depending upon restrictions being sufficiently eased.

Adrian Savin, Churchwarden LSM.

Geoffrey Howe, Churchwarden LSM.

Safeguarding

Since the beginning of the pandemic, all safeguarding policies have been reviewed, including guidelines for online interaction for choir practices, which were discussed with Simon Jackson.

During the past year, I have contacted all those required to undergo DBS checks and to complete safeguarding courses. From March 2020, I followed the provisional guidelines issued by the Ely Diocese during the pandemic, so applicants were (and still are) able to send me scans of documents, to show the documents to me via online chat (zoom, Skype, etc), or to show them to me personally after Sunday mass when that is possible. To this date, these are the results:

Courses		Completed	Not Completed
	PCC	15	1
	Wardens	2	-
	Staff	1	1
	Volunteers	17	4

Self-Declaration		Completed	Not sent
	PCC	11	5
	Wardens	2	-
	Staff	2	-
	Volunteers	11	6

DBS Check		Completed	Being processed	Not started
	PCC	11	1	4
	Wardens	1	1	-
	Staff	2	-	-
	Volunteers	16	-	5

I will contact other volunteers such as 'back of church', 'coffee duty', and 'sidesduty' to encourage them to take the C0 course as advised by the Diocese.

The Diocese has new guidelines on safeguarding courses, which will mean that fewer people will have to take the Leadership Safeguarding Course (the C2 course). These guidelines do not alter the requirement for members of the PCC (who only have to complete C0), but will affect some of the other voluntary staff at LSM. I will consider these guidelines when I start the annual review of safeguarding checks of voluntary staff and policies, in May 2021.

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Social Responsibility/Global Group

Since the last LSM Annual Review (October 2019), the church has continued to support the following local and 'global' organisations through prayer and financial and practical giving; Jimmy's, Cambridge Churches Homeless Project, Cambridge Aid, Friends of Fulbourn Hospital, the Medaille Trust, Whitworth House, Cambridge City Food Bank, Hamlin Fistula, St Cyprian's Sharpeville, Calcutta Relief Service and The Papua New Guinea Church Partnership. Regular updates and newsletters are posted on the LSM website.

A poetry reading evening, organised by Jeremy Musson, took place at the end of January to support St Cyprian's Sharpeville. It was wonderful hear about the work of St Cyprian's directly from Fr David, and the evening raised over £4,000. Many thanks to all who participated and donated so generously.

We are currently preparing the 3rd edition of 'Who is My Neighbour?' which will be published after Easter.

Mary Ward

Garden Report

Since the last person was buried in LSM churchyard at the end of the nineteenth century the churchyard has become a garden, much visited the year round. It is a wildflower garden, but some are wilder than others and if given the chance will take over.

Despite the church having to be closed the garden has remained open for most of the past year. Visitors have continued to walk round and enjoy its tranquillity.

If we happen to be working there, many comment to us on the enjoyment and peace it brings to them.

This year we hope to get a small area paved just outside the parish centre. This will enable the congregation to gather comfortably outside in fine weather for coffee and other celebrations.

Also it is hoped the paving will increase the Centre's rental attraction for birthday parties and other such events.

Wild gardens need quite a lot of attention and care. Anyone interested in helping in anyway would be most welcome to join us when we can, once more, meet outside.

Christine Tipple

Ely Diocesan Synod

This Synod has met twice via zoom since the last APCM.

On 8 December 2020 the meeting began with Dwelling in the Word, led by the Archdeacon of Cambridge, reflecting on Ephesians 1:3-12. The Bishop of Huntingdon then commissioned

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the Revd Dr Lynda Taylor as Lead Chaplain for Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Mrs Sue Nelms (LLM) as Bishop's Adviser for Disability.

Bishop Stephen delivered what he described as "the shortest presidential address in 10 years", noting that he had indeed been Bishop of Ely for ten years. He offered some brief comments on the responses from the break-out groups from the meeting on 7 October about how the church had experienced Covid and what we were learning. He then flagged forward on the agenda to the substantial agenda items: on Living in Love and Faith he emphasised the importance of engaging with one another, waiting upon the other, and learning from one another; of deanery planning he noted that this is about who we are as the body of Christ, and that we are called to plan for an ambitious future.

The Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech introduced a motion endorsing engagement with a new round of deanery planning, which will focus on deanery development. This will consider not only stipendiary clergy posts, but will look at development of lay and ordained ministries, and at buildings, finances, and governance. This was followed by a presentation on behalf of the Fincham and Feltwell Deanery describing the process the deanery had followed towards discerning a new plan. Some brief questions were taken followed by a vote with Synod giving its backing to the new planning process.

After a brief screen break, the Revd Canon Alison Myers (Chair of the House of Clergy) gave an introduction to the Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together which have been developed by the Pastoral Advisory Group as a precursor to the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) process, and Synod watched a video to introduce the Principles, and then broke into small groups to begin to explore their content. The importance of careful engagement with the Principles and with LLF over the course of 2021 was emphasised. A Lent course is expected that will focus on the Principles and it is hoped that there will be wide engagement with that material.

The Revd Canon Brian Atling, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, gave a brief report on the budgetary position, and expressed thanks to the diocese for continued hard work and generosity. There was then some legal business: a proposed scheme for the Cathedral to be represented on the Ely Deanery Synod was adopted; Synod agreed the formula by which representation for the 2021 Diocesan Synod elections were to be determined; and finally, amending canons numbers 40 and 41 (relating to religious communities, and making miscellaneous amendments) were promulgated (formally announced) following the November group of sessions of the General Synod.

On 13 March the meeting began with worship led by the Bishop of Huntingdon. There were two substantive items for discussion in the course of the morning – the Covenant for Clergy Wellbeing, and Deanery Development Planning.

A question was raised by the Revd Nikki Mann (Fordham and Quy, Bishop's Adviser for BAME Matters) concerning diversity of representation on boards and committees across the diocese. The Diocesan Secretary indicated that this data had not been gathered, but that it was timely that a diversity and inclusion audit should take place. Supplementary questions concerned whether this could take account of both disability and gender as well as ethnicity. Canon Evans undertook to proceed with this.

The Bishop of Ely gave a Presidential Address reflecting on Philippians 4.4-9.

The Act of Synod concerning the Covenant for Clergy Wellbeing (passed by the General Synod at its group of sessions in February 2020) was proclaimed. Canon Janet Perrett then introduced a motion to affirm and adopt the Covenant; to commit the Diocese of Ely to implement it; and to request Bishop's Council to bring proposals back to Synod in the course of 2021 for that implementation. The Archdeacon of Cambridge offered an overview of the provisions already in place, and following discussion, Synod voted in favour of the motion.

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This was followed with a brief presentation by Geoffrey Hunter (Head of Church Buildings) about the progress of the REACH Ely audit.

The Archdeacons then led a presentation about Deanery Development Planning, which included time in break-out groups to consider what Synod members had learned from the pandemic that they thought should be continued. This item followed the motion initiating the process for deanery planning that was passed by Synod at its meeting on 8 December 2020.

The Revd Canon Brian Atling, as Chair of the Board of Finance, gave an update on the financial situation. He emphasised his enormous thanks to each and every parish for the efforts made towards payment of ministry share, which had been received at 94% of the total ask. Owing to a combination of this generosity and tight financial management, it appears that the deficit at the end of 2020 will be c.£600k, significantly less than that which was forecast and a remarkable result in the context of 2020. He emphasised that the diocese is not anticipating needing to cut clergy posts, but recognised that 2021 will also be extremely challenging. It was noted that parishes which have adopted the Parish Giving Scheme have been more protected from the financial consequences of church closures and inability to fundraise. Members of Synod were asked for their reflections on how to encourage greater take-up of the Scheme across the diocese, and what barriers may need to be addressed for this to happen.

Elections to the General Synod and to Diocesan Synod will take place over the summer, and the timetable for this was outlined by Mrs Sheena Bridgman.

Jo Wibberley

General Synod

In view of the COVID 19 Pandemic, General Synod has been curtailed.

Cambridge South Deanery Synod

Since the last APCM, the Deanery Synod has met twice on zoom, on the 17th November and the 23rd March.

Richard Morgan is the Lay Chair, and Jo Wibberley is the Diocesan Synod representative

At the meeting on 17th November, it was reported that there was full payment of the Parish Share in 2019 and also that it was hoped that nearly all parishes would be able to pay for 2020. Prayers were asked for the UN 16 Days of Activism against Gender and Domestic Violence, 25th November -10th December, and the Synod was reminded that over the past year the incidence of gender based violence and domestic violence has increased exponentially both world wide and here in the UK.

Several Eco-Church initiatives were discussed at both meetings.

Mary Ward

THE PARISH OF LITTLE ST MARY'S CAMBRIDGE IN THE DIOCESE OF ELY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
TO THE PCC OF LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 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 section 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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a 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 members of the PCC 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

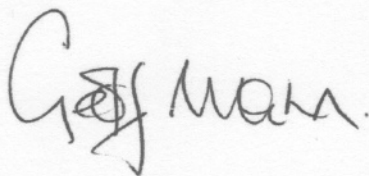
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

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**THE PARISH OF LITTLE ST MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE
IN THE DIOCESE OF ELY**

Overview of the Accounts for the year ended 31st. December 2020

Total assets fell by £76,869 to £495,314 over the year. The main item of capital expenditure during the year was the work to conserve, repair and re-decorate the interior fabric of the church. The total value of investments fell by £63,314 to £448,460 over the year. The sale of shares from the Vicar & Churchwardens' (VCW's) and LSM Discretionary Fund investments to finance the re-decoration work was partly offset by an increase in the value of the shares. Two legacies totalling £15,000 were received in addition to a donation for the purchase of additional shares for the Cherry Music Fund. Income shares in the Church of England Investment Fund, which accounted for 96.4% of our investments at the year end, increased in value by 6.46% and produced a dividend yield of 2.84% for the year.

The investment and reserves policies were reviewed by the PCC on 21st. January 2021.

The level of funds held in short term deposits at the year end (£38,470) is adequate for liquidity requirements in the medium term.

The Sally Head Garden Fund, a restricted component within the VCWs' deposit, had a year-end balance of £2,643.

General Fund (GF) expenditure exceeded income, after adjustments for debtors and creditors, to produce a deficit of £11,184 compared with a corresponding deficit of £1,517 for 2019. This resulted from a 6.21% fall in Income while total GF expenditure was almost unchanged. Normal expenditure was £11,108 (6.4%) less than that budgeted for the year, largely due to reduced cleaning, maintenance and sacristy costs during the periods when the church was closed. The PCC agreed to make emergency Covid-19 grants in May to many of the missions and charities which we regularly support through mission giving. These amounted to £10,000 and were funded by an extraordinary withdrawal from the GF Reserve deposit account. While the 2020 deficit has been exceeded in at least one, more normal, year in the past, spending in excess of normal income can not be sustained at this level, even in the medium-term.

Richard Martin
Treasurer
28th. February 2021

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/20

BALANCE SHEET at 31st DECEMBER 2020

	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Current Assets		
Debtors	300	0
Short term deposits	38,470	53,662
Cash at Bank	8,435	6,597
	<u>47,205</u>	<u>60,259</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	752	1,250
	<u>752</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>46,453</u>	<u>59,009</u>
Fixed Assets		
Investments	448,860	513,174
Long-term liabilities	0	0
Net Fixed Assets	<u>448,860</u>	<u>513,174</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>495,314</u></u>	<u><u>572,183</u></u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2020 (£) Total	2019 (£) Total
Current Assets					
General Fund	5,593			5,593	5,325
Reserve	4698			4,698	19,646
VCW	16642	2,613		19,255	6,916
Peck Trust		8,630		8,630	23,016
Music Fund		4,614	2,546	7,161	4,245
Cherry Music Fund			569	569	111
LSM Discretionary Fund	1000			1,000	1,000
Total Current Assets	<u>27,933</u>	<u>15,857</u>	<u>3,115</u>	<u>46,905</u>	<u>60,259</u>
Fixed Assets (Investments)					
VCW	13,839		10,564	24,402	79,654
Peck Trust		215,438		215,438	201,523
Cherry Music Fund			16,266	16,266	14,892
Music Fund Endowment		16,711	30,692	47,403	44,341
LSM Discretionary Fund	145,351			145,351	172,764
Total Investments	<u>159,189</u>	<u>232,150</u>	<u>57,521</u>	<u>448,860</u>	<u>513,174</u>
Total Assets (gross)	<u><u>187,122</u></u>	<u><u>248,007</u></u>	<u><u>60,637</u></u>	<u><u>495,766</u></u>	<u><u>573,433</u></u>

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/20

WHERE THE ASSETS ARE HELD

Current Assets	Barclays c/a (£)	CBF deposit (£)	COIF deposit (£)	R.A.C.U.* deposit (£)	Total 2020 (£)	Total 2019 (£)
General Fund	5141				5,141	4,075
Reserve		4189		509	4,698	19,646
VCW		19,255			19,255	6,916
Peck Trust acc'd income		8,630			8,630	23,016
Music Fund	2842	4,318			7,161	4,245
Cherry Music Fund			569		569	111
LSM Discretionary Fund				1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Current Assets	7,983	36,392	569	1,509	46,453	59,009

*Rainbow Saver Anglian Credit Union

Fixed Assets (Investments)	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
<i>Vicar & Churchwardens Fund: Unrestricted</i>		
676.81 shares in C of E Investment Fund	13,839	69,772
<i>Vicar & Churchwardens Funds: Endowments</i>		
<i>(C. Farley, N. Poole, D. Oakley, L&J Fletcher)</i>		
516.64 shares in C of E Investment Fund*	10,564	9,881
<i>The Peck Trust: Restricted Fund</i>		
10536.59 shares in C of E Investment Fund	215,438	201,523
<i>Cherry Music Fund: Permanent Endowment</i>		
904.88 COIF Inc. Units@ 1359.07p	16,266	14,892
<i>Music Fund Endowment</i>		
2318.37 shares in C of E Investment Fund*	47,403	44,341
*1501.07shares bought for the Endowment, Oct. 2014. 817.30 shares bought for the Music Fund, Nov. 2016.		
<i>Little St. Mary's Discretionary Fund</i>		
7108.77. shares in C of E Investment Fund	145,351	172,764
Total Investments	448,860	513,174

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/20

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

GENERAL FUND - Income and Expenditure Account

INCOME	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Voluntary Income					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid	86,475	8,733		95,207	97,138
Tax recovered	25,264	328		25,592	27,573
Not liable to Gift Aid	2,594			2,594	2,814
Collections, all services	1,284	534		1,818	9,040
Donations	13,847	1,063		14,910	12,529
	129,465	10,656	0	140,121	149,095
Other voluntary income					
Garden Box		0		0	-47
Donations Box	317			317	1,266
Festival / Gift Day	0			0	1,214
Festival / Gift Day gift-aided	0			0	872
	317	0	0	317	3,306
Sundries	159			159	654
Dividends / Interest	4,712		200	4,912	5,742
Concerts	0			0	0
Sponsored Cycling	0			0	408
Votive Candles	322			322	1,181
Fees	1,268			1,268	2,816
Events	1,833			1,833	5,070
Grant (Camb. Ch. Schools		200		200	300
Bookstall etc.	377			377	1,490
	8,670	200	200	9,070	17,661
Income for year	138,452	10,856	200	149,509	170,062
Transfer from GF Reserve for Covid-19 grants	10,000	0	0	10,000	0
TOTAL INCOME	148,452	10,856	200	159,509	170,062

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/20

GENERAL FUND - Income and Expenditure Account

EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Grants to Charities (see p 8)	23,700	2,846		26,546	17,856
	23,700	2,846		26,546	17,856
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Ministry:					
Ministry Share	76345			76,345	72,716
Clergy Expenses	2095			2,095	2,077
Visiting Clergy	0			0	171
Pastoral Assistant	2090	1200		3,290	0
	80,530	1,200		81,730	74,964
Running Expenses:					
Gas / Electricity	4,826			4,826	5,353
Water	371			371	452
Insurance	4,321			4,321	4,138
Maintenance, repairs	3,048			3,048	7,670
Wages/Payroll costs	19,279			19,279	23,242
Organists	12,524			12,524	12,632
Upkeep of services	3,576		200	3,776	6,278
	47,944	0	200	48,144	59,765
Event costs	357			357	2,892
Bookstall	275			275	824
Presentations	60			60	893
Children's work	0	129		129	477
	693	129		822	5,087
Administration / Telecoms.	3,875			3,875	3,895
Postage / PR	1,419			1,419	21
Subscriptions / fees	500			500	1,693
Sundries	524	6,681		7,205	7,048
	6,318	6,681	0	12,999	12,658
Expenditure for year	159,185	10,856	200	170,241	170,329
GF/deficit for year	-10,732	0	0	-10,732	-267
Transfer from GF Reserve/Disc. Fd. - Cashflow	-11,000			-11,000	0
Deficit +/-transfer to Reserve	268	0	0	268	-267
Balance General Fund 1st January				5,325	5,592
Balance General Fund 31st December				5,593	5,325

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/20

RESERVE ACCOUNT - Receipts and Payments Account

	2020	2019
	(£)	(£)
From GF	0	0
Interest	52	49
To GF for Covid-19 grants	10,000	0
To GF for cashflow	5,000	0
RACU charge	0	0
Deficit for year	-14,948	49
Balance 1st January	19,646	19,597
Balance 31st December	<u>4,698</u>	<u>19,646</u>

VICAR & CHURCHWARDENS FUND - Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS				
Legacies	15,000		15,000	0
Share sales for redecoration	85,000		85,000	0
VAT reclaim-redecoration	20,633		20,633	1,428
Peterhouse reclaim-redecoration	30,439		30,439	0
J Brearley donation	400		400	
Interest	123		123	111
Dividends	1,336	189	1,525	2,321
Fr. J. Hughes memorial Fund*		0	0	5,536
	<u>152,931</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>153,120</u>	<u>9,395</u>
PAYMENTS				
Gate + drainage / Lady Chapel	4,054		4,054	2,909
Re-decoration costs	131,824		131,824	0
Work to buildings and grounds	0		0	904
Cushions + Sound system	4,500		4,500	4,283
To GF for Christmas flowers		200	200	200
Stations repayment to Peck		0	0	2,576
To GF for Garden exps.		204	204	488
Kindersley-Hughes memorial		0	0	25,215
	<u>140,378</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>140,781</u>	<u>36,575</u>
Surplus (deficit)			12,339	-27,180
Bank & CBF Balance 1st January			6,916	34,096
Bank & CBF Balance 31 December			<u>19,255</u>	<u>6,916</u>

The endowment funds comprise the N Poole, D Oakley & Christine Furley Bequests.

In accordance with the legators' instructions, the income from the N Poole fund is used for general purposes and that from the other funds for the purchase of flowers.

A legacy and gift from the estate and family of Laurence and Joyce Fletcher was added in 2016.

The assets of the Church & Estate Charity were added to the endowment funds in Nov. 2013

* The John Hughes memorial fund was accommodated within the VCWs' Barclays deposit by agreement with the Vicar and Churchwardens. This is not, however, an LSM fund and the balance is, therefore, shown as a current liability in the Balance Sheet. This fund was closed in 2019 and the balance returned to the Peck Trust account.

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LITTLE ST. MARY'S DISCRETIONARY FUND*

	2020	2019
	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS		
Interest	0	0
PAYMENTS		
Part payment for drainage work	0	9,000
Balance 1st January	1,000	10,000
Balance 31st December*	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Investments @ Market Value	145,351	172,764
	<u>146,351</u>	<u>173,764</u>

**Formerly the Vicar and Churchwardens' Loan Account*

In accordance with the lender's wishes, the outstanding amount of the loan was gratefully accepted by the PCC as a gift in 2011

THE PECK TRUST

RESTRICTED FUND - Receipts and Payments Account *For the repair, maintenance and adornment of Little St Mary's Church*

	2020	2019
	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS		
Investment Income	6,047	5,871
Interest	80	113
Return from "Stations" fund	0	2576
Total Receipts	<u>6,127</u>	<u>8,560</u>
PAYMENTS		
New south gate	0	7,658
Redecoration costs	20,512	0
Total Payments	<u>20,512</u>	<u>7,658</u>
Surplus / deficit	-14,386	902
Balance 1st January	23,016	22,114
Balance 31st December	<u>8,630</u>	<u>23,016</u>
Investments @ Market Value	215,438	201,523
	<u>224,068</u>	<u>224,538</u>

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/20

MUSIC FUND - Receipts and Payments account

	2020	2019
	(£)	(£)
RECEIPTS		
Donations, etc.	2,230	940
Concerts, fees for services etc.	0	845
Interest + tax reclaimed	195	189
Endowment Fund dividend	1,331	1,292
Sale of CDs	123	170
Total receipts	3,878	3,436
PAYMENTS		
Music (inc. hymnbooks)	0	396
Other expenses	615	4,020
Singing lessons from Endow inc.	348	572
Total payments	963	4,988
Surplus / Deficit	2,916	-1,552
Balance 1st January	4,245	5,797
Balance 31st December	7,161	4,245

* 817.3 shares were bought on 15th. November 2016 and added to the Music Fund Endowment investments. The use of the income from these shares and the proceeds of their future sale must be consistent with the Music Fund objectives.

CHERRY MUSIC FUND

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT - Receipts and Payments Account To augment the salary of the organist

	2020	2019
	(£)	(£)
Deposit Fund		
RECEIPTS		
Interest from Deposit Fund	0	2
Income from Investment Fund	457	438
Donation (incl. tax reclaimed)	400	600
PAYMENTS		
To Organists	0	450
Purchase of COIF shares	400	600
Surplus (deficit)	458	-10
Balance 1st January	111	121
Balance 31st December	569	111
Investment Fund		
Market Value 1st January	14,892	12,077
Market Value 31st December	16,266	14,892
Total of deposit & investment fund	16,835	15,004

MUSIC FUND ENDOWMENT

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

The funding for the Music Fund Endowment was given anonymously in October 2014 to provide income to support choral scholars for the choir of Little St. Mary's

	2020	2019
	(£)	(£)
Investment Fund		
Market Value 31st December	47,403	44,341

Note-£12,000 of C of E Investment Fund shares were added in November 2016. The cost was met from the Music Fund.

LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE - ACCOUNTS AT 31/12/20

GRANTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Church Overseas & Relief Agencies		
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	2,600	2,300
Christian Aid - Cyclopn appeal	0	253
Makeni Ecumenical Centre	316	1,175
Papua New Guinea *	3,600	2,033
Parish of St Cyprian, Sharpeville	6,163	3,100
Boorhaansol Soup Kitchen, Capetown	0	500
Tariro - Youth in Zimbabwe	0	240
Hamlin Fistula	720	0
	13,399	9,601
Home and Other Charities		
Camtrust	800	800
Camb. South / Huntingdon Deaneries -	2,000	2,000
College of St Barnabas / St. Luke's Healthcare	88	0
Cambridge Aid	1,800	880
Cambridge City Foodbank	1,800	800
Cambridge Samaritans	0	161
CCHP	1,160	195
The Woolf Institute	0	100
The Whitworth Trust	800	1,299
Jimmy's Cambridge	2,800	800
The Children's Society	100	420
The Medaille Trust	1,800	800
	13,148	8,255
TOTAL	26,546	17,856

St. Mary the Less, Cambridge – Investment and Reserves Policies
Reviewed by the PCC on 21st. January 2021

Background

The Charities Commission strongly recommends that charity trustees decide on an investment policy and a reserves policy for their charity, record it clearly in writing and keep it under regular review.

For investment policy see Charity Commission publication CC14
For reserves policy see Charity Commission publication CC19.

1 Investment Policy

Charity Commission Guidance

- Take a prudent approach to investment;
- Strike the right balance between providing short term income and long term sustainability.

Requirements of the investment policy

The investment policy should address the following considerations:

- The need for enough resources for the charity to carry out its present and future activities effectively;
- The level of acceptable risk and how to manage it;
- The charity's stance on ethical investment, if any.

St. Mary the Less PCC (the charity) - Investment Policy

Surplus funds will be invested to give the maximum return to the charity subject to the following:

- Funds will be invested in ethical investments unless this would be to the significant financial detriment to the charities;
- Funds will not be invested where there would be any conflict with the aims of the charity;
- Funds will be invested in markets where financial services are closely regulated and, where possible, compensation schemes are in place;
- Funds will be invested where the trustees consider the risks to be low, and
- Funds approximately equal to annual, General Fund expenditure will be invested on a short to medium term basis to ensure accessibility in the event of unforeseen expenditure.

The performance of investments will be reported in the Annual Report and accounts.

The performance of investments and the Investment Policy will be reviewed by the trustees on an annual basis.

2 Reserves Policy

Charity Commission Guidance

- The level of reserves should be justifiable;
- Reserves policy should be based on a realistic assessment of the charity's reserve needs.

Requirements of the reserves policy

The reserves policy should address the following considerations:

- The reasons why the charity needs reserves;
- What level of reserves the trustees believe the charity needs;
- What steps the charity will take to establish or maintain reserves at the agreed level, and
- The arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the policy.

St. Mary the Less PCC (the charity) - Reserves Policy

Due to the listed status and historic nature of the church building managed by the trustees of the charity, maintenance and improvement work is expensive. The trustees anticipate that the building will require significant on-going investment which will include, from time to time, substantial one-off costs.

The charity will, therefore, aim to maintain reserves of three times annual, General Fund expenditure to be used for the extraordinary maintenance and improvement of the church buildings and, at the discretion of the trustees, to initiate and support activities in furtherance of the church's ministry and mission in accordance with the stated objectives of the charity. The reserves policy amount for 2021 is £510,000.

The Reserves Policy will be reported in the Annual Report and accounts.

The level of reserves and the Reserves Policy will be reviewed by the trustees on an annual basis.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
TO THE PCC OF LITTLE ST MARY'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 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 section 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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a 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 members of the PCC 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of 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.

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