

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, OVERTON**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**Administrative information**

St. Mary's Church is situated in Church Road, Overton. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Rectory, 54 Lordsfield Gardens, Overton, Hants, RG25 3EW. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered Charity Number 1130067).

PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

		<b>Date elected:</b>	<b>Term of office ends:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd James Russell			Appointed on 1 July 2019
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM):</i>	Peter Silverwood Michael Francis (December 2020)	Ex officio Ex officio		
<i>Churchwardens:</i>	Mike Smith Stuart Williams	2021 2021	2024 2024	
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives:</i>	Pauline Wooster Helen Francis	Re-elected 2017 2021	2023 2024	Agreed to remain to 2023
<i>Elected members:</i>				
	Peter Sweet	2018	2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	Gilly Delbridge	2018	2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	Christine Abbott	2019	2023	
	Andrew Barton	2019	2025	Agreed to 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	Ian Boreham	2019	2025	Agreed to 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	David Spencer	2016	2022	Stood down May 2022
	Christopher Cates	2020	2026	Agreed to 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	Ruth Williams	2020 December	2023	
	Jackie Howard	2020 December	2023	Resigned 2022
	Alice Kerby	2017	2023	Resigned 2022
	Vicky Soanes	2021	2024	
	Jocelyn Serfontein	2021	2024	
<i>Co-opted members:</i>				

**Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

**Objectives and Activities**

St Mary's, Overton, PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and adjoining church rooms, Church Road, Overton.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Revised Electoral Roll for St Mary's Church, Overton, contains 140 names, 2 more than 2021. There are an additional 7 names, 4 have left the parish and 1 has died. There are 4 on the Roll who live outside the parish.

**Church Attendance**

Attendance on an average Sunday was around 78, including children. Christmas 2022 saw around 200/250 people at each Christingle service, back to around normal; there were 40 people at the Midnight Communion service and 75 on Christmas Day. Easter 2023 saw 53 people at the family service on Good Friday; 22 people at the final hour service and 110 on Easter Day HC.

**Review of the Year from the Rector**

2022 will be seen as the year when we started to emerge from the Covid pandemic and began to return to a more regular pattern of church life. It's also been a year when we've seen some new ministries being established, different patterns of worship initiated and big events planned. It's been exciting to see and we thank God for the different ways that we've been able to connect with God, with each other and with our wider community. 2022 was launched as our 'Year of Connection' and we can be encouraged to see what God has done in and through us as he has led us forward.

The 'Year of Connection' focussed on 3 main areas. Connecting with God, Connecting with each other and Connecting with our community. Both 'Joyzone' and 'Breakfast church' filled that brief beautifully. 'Joyzone' met

each afternoon on the first Sunday of the month. It was set up as a joint venture with Lifespring Community Church to reach out to families with primary school age children. With an excellent balance of craft activities, games, music and teaching it has done exactly that. We've got to know God better through it, we've got to know each other across both churches better, and we've seen members of our wider community come along who have no previous church experience. It has been exciting to see.

Breakfast Church launched in February and we've been very grateful indeed for the way that Alice Kerby and her team have catered for us so conscientiously with delicious bacon and sausage baps as well as other breakfast essentials. A time of worship, prayer and teaching then follows but all in an informal and relaxed setting. Somehow it seems we were all craving for something to bring us together and connect us again as a church family after the social distancing of the Covid years. All generations are represented and it's been lovely to see.

The Platinum Jubilee Picnic was a fantastic success and it was lovely to be able to really take a lead on planning something that would connect us more tightly with our community and would allow our community to connect again more intentionally with each other. Again, it seemed like this was an event that we as a village had all been waiting for and it was the first big social get together since the pandemic. The sun came out and so did the people. It was lovely too to be able to have a special Jubilee service in church before the day's events began. Of course, three months later we gathered for the Queen in very different circumstances but what a privilege to honour someone whose Christian faith has been so paramount in their life.

So there have been these particular things to celebrate alongside the continuing and ongoing ministry and witness of the church. For me, personally, being able to celebrate my first normal Easter after nearly 3 years in post was a particular highlight! In the Autumn our services moved back to 10.30am which has proved to be a popular move. We are so grateful for the Church band that leads us in worship and for the new AV system which is proving to be a real blessing in all sorts of different ways. Home Groups and all our other many and varied groups have continued to meet throughout the year catering for all ages and helping to meet peoples spiritual, emotional and social needs. The 'Overton Well-being Forum' has been set up seeking to enable local charities and service providers to be able to connect more intentionally with each other as they work together to help meet physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social need in our local community. Links with the school have grown and developed as the year has progressed and it has been so encouraging to see the 'Open the Book' team return to the school again after the pandemic. 2022 was undoubtedly still a year of catch up after Covid and that was seen in the number of weddings and baptisms we had but by the end of the year we had got there and our Christmas services – particularly the Christingles – were a wonderful reminder of how good it is to be able to properly gather and celebrate as a church and a community the good news of Jesus.

### **Homegroups**

I am extremely grateful to David Spencer who has headed up our Home Groups for a number of years but who stood down from that role mid-2022. David's pastoral heart and theological insight has been a great source of encouragement and support to all our Home group leaders.

We have continued to have 8 groups meeting with about 70 people attending. We believe that small groups are essential for the life of a flourishing, healthy church and flourishing, healthy disciples. The intentional aim of our Home groups is to grow together as disciples as we seek to follow Jesus' mandate to *'go and make disciples of all nations'*, recognising that, in order to make disciples of all nations, we must first be disciples ourselves.

We strongly encourage all those who consider themselves to be members of St. Mary's to be playing an active and committed role in a Home group. We recognise that we are all different people, at different stages of our lives and at different stages of our journey with God.

I would want to say a huge thank you to all our Home Group leaders who give of themselves so wholeheartedly week by week to help nurture and encourage the faith of their group members. If you would like to join a group, please contact the individual Home group leader (details on website and noticeboard) or Rev James.

Finally, it just leaves me to say a massive thank you to everyone for all you do so willingly and wholeheartedly in the service of God here in Overton. Annabel and I are so glad to be here with you.

### **PCC**

The full PCC met 5 times during the year (February, March, July, September and November). The average level of attendance was 69% (2022: 74%). Finance reports were presented at each meeting, keeping the PCC up to date on income and expenditure. The budgets for 2022 and 2023 were approved.

### **Financial Review**

General Church Income and Expenditure for 2022 showed a deficit of £47,206 for the year. After allowing for the planned Mary Taylor legacy expenditure of £33,066 repointing the churchyard walls and contributing to the fallen wall, **this represents a loss of around £14,500 (compared to a budget deficit of £8,779).**

The valuation of General CBF Trust funds decreased by £3,857 from December 2021, giving a net loss of £51,063 in general funds.

*This is laid out in the Statement of Financial Activities (page 3 of the Annual report and finance statement).*

#### Income

**Total receipts in general unrestricted funds were £128,084 (£113,733 in 2021) and the figures are detailed on page one of Annual report and finance statement.**

Regular giving by standing order and through the Parish Giving scheme to the general fund brought in £60,765 in Gift Aided Donations (£61,347 in 2021). £16,552 was recovered from income tax through gift aided donations to the general fund (£16,041 in 2021).

Collections (both contactless and in cash) at services were £3,375 compared to £1,308 in 2021. We also received a grant of £1,825 from the diocese towards increased fuel prices. Donations and appeals raised £3091 for general funds (£4021 in 2021 including the legacy of £2000).

Income from hire of church rooms rose to at £5,609 (£2,056 in 2021) and Test magazine income also increased by £1,474 from advertising income and £1,971 from subscriptions compared to 2021. Fees from weddings and funerals in 2022 went into the general fund (£7,482 compared to £4971 in 2021).

Interest and dividends increased at the end of 2022 with a total income in general funds of £4,454 (£985 in 2021).

**Overall general unrestricted income was £128,084 compared to the budget figure of £123,015.**

#### Expenditure

Resources expended from unrestricted funds totalled £175,290 (£207,182 in 2021) and the figures are detailed on page two of Annual report and finance statement. **Without the costs of the building projects, general fund expenditure rose to £142,224 in 2022 (£122,442 in 2021) compared to the budget of £131,794.**

The Diocesan Parish share was £75,463 (£70,284 in 2021) and utility bills rose to £5,731 (£2,918 in 2021). Planned building projects cost £33,066 on the churchyard wall in 2022 (whilst in 2021 £84,740 was spent on AV system). Upkeep of services rose to £6,898 (£5,063 in 2021). Printing costs for the Test magazine were also £1,121 higher as we returned to printing of a full 12 issues.

Expenditure on upkeep of the Churchyard was moved into the general fund, as the Churchyard fund remains in deficit and has a very small annual income from investment dividends. This is the reason for the apparent rise in staff costs from the general fund to £16,423 (£9,955 in 2021).

Mission giving in 2022 amounted to £9,359 from general giving and £3,275 in specific donations. *The details of how this was allocated are laid out in the notes to the accounts (page 5).*

#### Reserves

The total reserves carried forward on 31st December 2022 for unrestricted and restricted funds totals £314,082 (£361,398 in 2021). In the general fund the total reserves were £293,423, but £27,521 is not currently "accessible" as it is held in a CBF Trust Fund, leaving £265,902 as available reserves.

#### Reserves Policy

The PCC aims to maintain a balance on accessible and uncommitted reserve funds, which equates to at least three months expenditure (£35,000) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is the aim of the PCC to improve the finances through growth in membership and encouraging faithful stewardship of members, supplemented by fundraising and good stewardship of outgoings, to keep the reserves above the desired level. **The unrestricted accessible reserves on 31st December 2022 were £265,902.**

Our general funds balance is currently invested in CBF Church of England Deposit Funds.

## SAFEGUARDING

The PCC declares that they have complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (the duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council  
of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary's, Overton,  
Diocese of Winchester  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Incumbent:**

Rev James Russell

54 Lordsfield Gardens, Overton, Basingstoke, HANTS, RG25 3EW

**Banks:**

CAF Bank Ltd., 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

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CCLA Investment Management Ltd, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET.

**Independent Examiner:**

Mr Richard Iain Anderson Knapman FCIB

30 Lordsfield Gardens

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1130067**

**Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's Church, Overton**  
**Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Note	Incoming Resources	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Church Heritage Fund	Churchyard & Cemetery Fund	Other Funds	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	£	£
	Incoming Resources from Donors							
	Planned Giving:							
	Gift Aid Donations	60,764.60		1,205.83			61,970.43	63,399.67
1	Income Tax Recoverable	16,551.75		266.51	-		16,818.26	21,916.93
	Other Planned Giving	7,317.00					7,317.00	7,380.60
							-	-
	Collections (Open Plate) at all Services	3,375.01				430.97	3,805.98	1,628.88
	Gift Days							-
	Grants	1,825.00					1,825.00	-
	Donations, Appeals, etc.	3,090.68		-		4,981.48	8,072.16	2,020.60
	Legacies	-					-	2,000.00
		92,924.04	-	1,472.34	-	5,412.45	99,808.83	98,346.68
	Activities for Generating Funds							
	Fete							-
2	Church/Rooms Lettings	5,608.60					5,608.60	2,055.80
3	Church Magazine (TEST) Advertisements	9,743.46					9,743.46	8,269.03
	Fund Raising - General	2,405.49				750.00	3,155.49	4,944.98
		17,757.55	-	-	-	750.00	18,507.55	15,269.81
	Income from Investment							
4	Dividends and Interest inc. any reclaimable Tax	4,454.18	1,218.58	0.20	88.48		5,761.44	2,165.89
		4,454.18	1,218.58	0.20	88.48	-	5,761.44	2,165.89
	Income from Church Activities							
5	Fees	7,481.50			-		7,481.50	10,966.60
3a	Church Magazine (TEST) sales	5,066.56					5,066.56	3,095.32
	Bookstall	-					-	-
	Outreach events	-				-	-	-
	Holiday Club	-					-	-
		12,548.06	-	-	-	-	12,548.06	14,061.92
	Other Ordinary Incoming Resources							
6	Sundry Income	400.00			30.00		430.00	-
		400.00	-	-	30.00	-	430.00	-
7	<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>128,083.83</b>	<b>1,218.58</b>	<b>1,472.54</b>	<b>118.48</b>	<b>6,162.45</b>	<b>137,055.88</b>	<b>129,844.30</b>

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**Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Note	Resources Expended	General Fund	Fabric Fund	Church Heritage Fund	Churchyard & Cemetery Fund	Other Funds	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	£	£
8	Missionary and Charitable Giving:							
	Church Overseas: Missionary Societies	9,359.13				2,376.68	11,735.81	9,472.82
	Home Missions & Other Church Societies					898.17	898.17	2,182.11
		9,359.13	-	-	-	3,274.85	12,633.98	11,654.93
9	Ministry: Diocesan Parish Share	75,463.08					75,463.08	70,284.44
	Ministry: Other Ministry Costs	2,799.77				26.13	2,825.90	1,321.43
	Church/Rooms: Cleaning and Consumables	3,744.76					3,744.76	3,433.64
	Church/Rooms: Repairs and Maintenance	3,730.84			-		3,730.84	5,407.40
	Church/Rooms: Gas/Electric/Water	5,731.08					5,731.08	2,917.68
	Church/Rooms: Insurance	4,380.44				128.80	4,509.24	4,349.31
10	Church/Rooms: Equipment	2,134.27	-		17.98		2,152.25	1,446.94
	Building Projects	33,066.26					33,066.26	84,740.14
3b	Church: Upkeep of Services	6898.42					6,898.42	5,062.67
	Church Magazine (TEST) costs	9,987.11					9,987.11	8,866.20
	Youth Groups and Outreach	640.93				418.92	1,059.85	759.11
	Bank Charges	81.00					81.00	111.50
	Bookstall purchases	-					-	-
	Home Group/Discipleship	446.67					446.67	-
	Rooms Running Costs	-					-	-
	Sundry Expenses	298.35					298.35	312.00
		149,402.98	-	-	17.98	573.85	149,994.81	189,012.46
	Generating Voluntary Income:							
	Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fundraising Costs:							
	Church Fete	-					-	-
	Other Fundraising	284.80				48.29	333.09	1,119.40
		284.80	-	-	-	48.29	333.09	1,119.40
	Staff Costs:Self-employed staff pay	16,243.07			-		16,243.07	17,900.23
		16,243.07	-	-	-	-	16,243.07	17,900.23
11	<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>175,289.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17.98</b>	<b>3,896.99</b>	<b>179,204.95</b>	<b>219,687.02</b>

# Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's Church, Overton

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31 DEC 2022

Note		General Fund Unrestricted £	Fabric Fund Restricted £	Church Heritage Fund Restricted £	Churchyard & Cemetery Fund Restricted £	Other Funds Restricted £	TOTALS 2022 £	TOTALS 2021 £
	<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>							
	Voluntary Income	92,924.04		1,472.34	0.00	5,412.45	99,808.83	98,346.68
	Activities for generating funds	17,757.55				750.00	18,507.55	15,269.81
	Total Income from investments	4,454.18	1,218.58	0.20	88.48		5,761.44	2,165.89
	Church activities	12,548.06			0.00		12,548.06	14,061.92
	Other ordinary incoming resources	400.00			30.00		430.00	0.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>128,083.83</b>	<b>1,218.58</b>	<b>1,472.54</b>	<b>118.48</b>	<b>6,162.45</b>	<b>137,055.88</b>	<b>129,844.30</b>
	<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>							
	Church activities	175,289.98	0.00	0.00	17.98	3,896.99	179,204.95	219,687.02
	Cost of Generating voluntary income							
	Governance costs							
	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>175,289.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17.98</b>	<b>3,896.99</b>	<b>179,204.95</b>	<b>219,687.02</b>
12	<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(47,206.15)</b>	<b>1,218.58</b>	<b>1,472.54</b>	<b>100.50</b>	<b>2,265.46</b>	<b>(42,149.07)</b>	<b>(89,842.72)</b>
	<b>TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>							
	<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/LOSSES</b>	<b>(47,206.15)</b>	<b>1,218.58</b>	<b>1,472.54</b>	<b>100.50</b>	<b>2,265.46</b>	<b>(42,149.07)</b>	<b>(89,842.72)</b>
13	Gains on investment assets	(3,857.34)	(891.94)		(417.01)		(5,166.29)	5,476.88
14	<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>(51,063.49)</b>	<b>326.64</b>	<b>1,472.54</b>	<b>(316.51)</b>	<b>2,265.46</b>	<b>(47,315.36)</b>	<b>(84,365.84)</b>
	<b>Balance b/f - 1 January 2022</b>	<b>344,486.74</b>	<b>12,372.49</b>	<b>1,941.88</b>	<b>(2,766.34)</b>	<b>5,362.84</b>	<b>361,397.61</b>	<b>445,763.45</b>
	<b>Balance c/f - 31 December 2022</b>	<b>293,423.25</b>	<b>12,699.13</b>	<b>3,414.42</b>	<b>(3,082.85)</b>	<b>7,628.30</b>	<b>314,082.25</b>	<b>361,397.61</b>

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**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022**

Note		General Fund	Fabric Fund	Church Heritage Fund	Churchyard & Cemetery Fund	Other Funds	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	Restricted £	£	£
	Current Assets							
	Short Term Deposits							
	CBF deposit account	19,834.33	6,911.60	15.39			26,761.32	26,413.91
	Mary Taylor CBF Deposit	243,330.85					243,330.85	269,977.65
	Cash at Bank							
	CAF Bank current account	23,643.26	(576.18)	3,399.03	(6,058.09)	7,628.30	28,036.32	45,801.49
	Cash in Hand							
	Petty Cash	0.00					0.00	0.00
	Investments							
	CBF investment shares	27,520.98	6,363.71		2,975.24		36,859.93	42,026.22
	<u>Debtors (Amounts falling due within one year)</u>							
	Prepayments	649.62					649.62	574.93
	Sundry Debtors	2,206.78					2,206.78	1,485.22
	General Fund/Fabric Fund Transfers						0.00	0.00
	General Fund/Restricted Fund Transfers						0.00	0.00
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	317,185.82	12,699.13	3,414.42	(3,082.85)	7,628.30	337,844.82	386,279.42
	Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)							
	Sundry Creditors/Accruals	15,240.02					15,240.02	15,042.26
	Deferred Income	6,441.94					6,441.94	7,392.49
	Other Current Liabilities	2,080.61					2,080.61	2,447.06
	<b>Fund Transfers</b>							
	General Fund/Fabric Fund Transfers							
	General Fund/Restricted Fund Transfers							
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	23,762.57					23,762.57	24,881.81
	<b>ASSETS less LIABILITIES</b>	293,423.25	12,699.13	3,414.42	(3,082.85)	7,628.30	314,082.25	361,397.61
	<b>Fund Balances b/f - 1 January 2022</b>	344,486.74	12,372.49	1,941.88	(2,766.34)	5,362.84	361,397.61	445,763.45
	<b>Net movement in Funds y/e 31 Dec 2022</b>	(51,063.49)	326.64	1,472.54	(316.51)	2,265.46	(47,315.36)	(84,365.84)
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	293,423.25	12,699.13	3,414.42	(3,082.85)	7,628.30	314,082.25	361,397.61
	<b>Parish Funds</b>							
	Unrestricted available	265,902.27					265,902.27	313,600.42
	Unrestricted Inaccessible	27,520.98					27,520.98	31,378.32
	Restricted available		6,335.42	3,414.42	(6,058.09)	7,628.30	11,320.05	5,770.97
	Restricted Inaccessible		6,363.71		2,975.24		9,338.95	10,647.90
	Restricted						0.00	0.00
							0.00	0.00
		293,423.25	12,699.13	3,414.42	(3,082.85)	7,628.30	314,082.25	361,397.61



**Notes to the 2022 Accounts (focussed on unrestricted General Church funds)**

- 1 The 2022 Gift Aid claim for the general fund was £16,552 (£16,041 for general fund in 2021)
- 2 Income from the Church Rooms has increased post lockdown (£5,609 v £2,056 in 2021)
- 3/3a/3b Test magazine income from advertisements, sales and print costs all increased as we returned to 12 printed issues
- 4 Dividends and interest income rise in 2022, reflecting a rise in interest rates (General funds £4,454 v £985 in 2021)
- 5 Fees for weddings and funerals have been entered as unrestricted income (2021 funeral fees were put in the Churchyard fund)
- 6 Sundry income included £400 from the sale of the old projector and £30 from the Commonwealth Graves fund
- 7 Total Income was £129,844 in 2021 and rose to £137,056 in 2022. Other restricted Income rose from £1,088 to £6,162.
- 8 Charitable Giving - as determined by the PCC, 'Giving' is calculated as 10% of 'Voluntary income plus Investment income'.  
Additionally, 100% of donations and response to appeals (ie Restricted funds) were paid to the selected charities with Gift Aid.

<b>Mission &amp; Charities UK &amp; Overseas Draft Allocations 2022</b>	<b>Specific Donations</b>	<b>10% allocated</b>
Andover Foodbank	200.00	250.00
A Rocha		1,200.00
Church Mission Socy/Garry Ion		2,359.00
Good News for Everyone (formerly called Gideons)		250.00
Interserve		1,200.00
MAF		1,200.00
Mityana Projects		500.00
Childrens Society	498.17	
Samara's Aid Appeal	2,376.68	1,200.00
SIM (Serving In Mission)		1,200.00
Basingstoke Foodbank	200.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,274.85</b>	<b>9,359.00</b>

- 9 Gas and electricity prices rose in November, leading to an increase in utility costs to £5,731 from £2,918 in 2021.
- 10 The churchyard walls have been repointed throughout and we contributed to the repair of the fallen wall. The PCC agreed to use the Mary Taylor legacy to cover the costs (£33,066).
- 11 Total expenditure from unrestricted funds was £175,290
- 12 Overall in 2022 unrestricted income was £4,206 more than expenditure
- 13 The CCLA investment shares valuation fell by £5,167, putting them back to near the 2020 valuations
- 14 The net deficit in unrestricted general funds for the year was £51,063 (including the share revaluation).
- 15 Prepayments include the remainder of the payment for the CCLI Music License which runs until the end of September 2023
- 16 Sundry Debtors include income of £2,207 which had not been received by the end of 2022
- 17 Sundry Creditors/Accruals includes allocated payments to Charitable missions of 10% (based on voluntary income) of £9,359 and other expenses which were incurred in 2022 but had not been paid out by the year end.
- 18 Deferred income includes 2023 Test magazine subscriptions and advertisements paid in 2022 (£4,981) and deposits for weddings (£613)
- 19 Other Current liabilities include monies held on behalf of Overton Churches Together, the Local support fund and gifts in memory of Neville Hughes
- 20 The 31st December 2021 restricted fund balances were incorrectly allocated in the 2021 balance sheet. The total assets less liabilities were correct. The 1st January 2022 fund balances brought forward in the balance sheet have been adjusted to correct for this mistake.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

PCC OF ST MARY'S CHURCH OVERTON

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 st December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1130062

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

### 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

14th March 2023

Name:

RICHARD IAN ANDERSON KNAPPAN

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

FELLOW OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the PCC of St Mary's Overton**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on the following pages, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

### **Respective responsibility of the PCC and the examiner.**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue the report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of my report.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in 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 financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement.**

In connection with 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 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have been met.

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



R. I. A. KNARMAN FCIB

Date: 14.3.2023





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

PCC OF ST MARY'S CHURCH OVERTON

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 st December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1130067

Set out on pages

1 - 6

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

14th March 2023

Name:

RICHARD IAIN ANDERSON KNAPMAN

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

FELLOW OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BANKERS

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### **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 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have been met.

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



R. I. A. KNAFLMAN FCIB

Date: 14.3.2023