

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, WISTASTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1130599

Details

Other names ST MARY'S PCC, WISTATON

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-07-17

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: We are a Church of England parish church providing worship and pastoral work with in the local church.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£140,934	£154,936	-	-
2024-12-31	£127,159	£117,282	-	-
2023-12-31	£139,115	£145,750	-	-
2022-12-31	£246,678	£135,048	-	-
2021-12-31	£112,378	£140,113	-	-
2020-12-31	£93,056	£120,750	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MICHAEL FRANCIS TURNBULL BTH	Chair	
Catherine Susan Gallagher		2022-05-08
Christine Dawn Horne		2021-05-16
DAPHNE GREGORY		2015-04-26
DAVID ANTHONY ILLING		
Elizabeth Anne Dawes		2022-05-08
Frances Mary Latham		2021-05-16
HOWARD BARKER		
Hilary Davies		2026-03-29
MR MIKE FELTON		
MRS ANN STUBBS		
Margaret Shephard		2015-04-26
Rachel Davies		2026-03-29
Robert Charles Irving Squirrell		2023-05-21
SIMON ASHLEY BARTHOLOMEW		
Sarah Rhodes		2022-05-08
Susan Joanna Squirrell		2019-04-07

Accounts

Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for 2025

for the Parochial Church Council of

St Mary, Wistaston with St Luke, Willaston

Registered Charity number 1130599

This report was written and/or compiled by Revd Mike Turnbull. E&OE. March 2026

Reports acknowledged when written by others and it comprises of

- **A Trustees' Report for 2025 on pages TR2 – TR12**
- **A Financial Statement for 2025 on pages FS1 – FS5**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026 will be held on
Sunday 29 March 2026 - 12 noon at St Mary's Church

If you are on the Electoral Roll your attendance is required. Please take some time to read through this report before the meeting so as you may be fully informed.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2026

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

1. Election of the Churchwardens (Nomination Forms available in church and online at stmaryswistaston.org.uk/annual-meeting. All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting *Only those on the church Electoral Roll are allowed to comment or vote*

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Minutes of the APCM 2025 (pages TR11-TR12)
 3. Formal Reports (pages TR8-TR10)
these are published 14 days before the meeting so won't be read out - please read them before the meeting
 - a. Fabric Report
 - b. Financial Report and Accounts: *questions on the finances, which have been Independently Examined and accepted by the PCC, should be directed to the Treasurer, Bob Squirrell, (treasurer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or call the Church Office on 567119) 4 days before the meeting so as to ensure an informed reply at the meeting.*
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report
 - d. Deanery Synod
 - e. Electoral Roll
 4. Elections and Appointments (Nomination Forms available in church & at stmaryswistaston.org.uk/annual-meeting)
All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.
 - a. Election of Members to the PCC (4 places)
 - b. Election of Representatives to the Deanery Synod (3 places)
 - c. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
 5. Safeguarding (see TR2 and stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguarding)
 6. Time for questions or comments
 7. Any other Business – to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting
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- The first meeting of the new PCC is on Monday 18 May, 7:30pm, at St Luke's.
 - The Archdeacon's Visitation: Monday 22 June, 7:30pm, St Mary's, Astbury. CW12 4RG

Trustees' Report 2025

Our Aims and Purposes

St Mary's & St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mike Turnbull, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Churchyard and Church Hall Wistaston, and St Luke's Church Willaston.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at both churches. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of all the buildings mentioned above.

Safeguarding

We understand safeguarding to be an integral part of the life and ministry of our Church. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults visiting and participating in Church activities is important to us, everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all. All our Safeguarding policies and documents can be found here: stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguarding

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops' National Safeguarding Policy & Practice guidance which has now been formally adopted by the Diocese and throughout the Church of England. In 2024 we began to use the Church of England's new online Parish Dashboard to manage our safeguarding. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chesterdiocese.org/safeguarding.

The PCC have appointed Joy Chaplow as our Parish Safeguarding Officer and Liz Dawes as her assistant. You can find our Safeguarding Policy on the Safeguarding Page of our website along with our latest policies and procedures plus details of local Safeguarding Contacts.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our churches offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community may find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a range of services throughout the month, at which all are welcome to attend, including Holy Communion, All Age Worship, Messy Church, Baptism services and a midweek Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion. There is Morning Prayer on Zoom (dub.sh/mp930) 9:30am usually on a Tuesday & Thursday and our Sunday Worship provides opportunities for all ages to worship including those in our Junior Church. Our worship music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary with a mix of the organ and music group. We are grateful to our Rector, Revd Mike, Reader, Rachael Rivers and Occasional Worship Leaders, Sue Squirrell and Simon Bartholomew, for the worship they curate and facilitate to help us to worship God. We are also grateful to all those who prepare for, and take part in, our worship in many different ways.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in Marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through Funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2025 we celebrated 12 Baptisms, 4 Weddings and conducted 31 Funerals, 27 in church and 4 at the Crematorium. We also conducted 15 Interments of Cremated Remains.

We continue to livestream all our Sunday Services from St Mary's and many of our special services including Easter, Christmas and weddings and funerals upon request.

The Church of England uses October as a 'usual' month to collect attendance data. During October 2025 we had a usual average Sunday attendance of 108 across both churches.

Groups and activities within our churches

We have a parent and toddler group, Stepping Stones, which meets twice a month in the Church Hall during term time and has play, craft activities and Bible stories to help the children learn more about the Christian Faith and also offers a place for parents and carers to meet together. As the name suggests, it offers a Stepping Stone for parents and children to be welcomed into church.

On the 1st Sunday of the month at St Mary's we have Junior Church which provides a wide range of activities and faith-based learning for our young people. Revd Mike & Sarah host evenings at the Rectory for Junior Church children, leaders and parents usually with either games, movies with popcorn, hot dogs or Pizza!

We are grateful to all those who give their time to help our young people discover more about the Christian faith throughout the year.

Each year the church appoints a Wistaston Rose Queen who is crowned at the annual Village Fete in Wistaston. The Rose Queen raises money through the year for her chosen charity, all money raised is given to her chosen charities.

Our thanks go to the those who organise and facilitate this and to the Rose Queen and their families for the work they do through the year.

We run a Messy Church service three times a year which are always well attended and attracts people of all ages. *Our thanks go to all those who plan and run these.*

For adults we have the Ladies Afternoon Group, Bible Study and Prayer Groups, Women

Ignited Together and the Men's Group. During Advent and Lent we hold courses which are always well attended.

In December 2025 St Luke's Café began meeting on a Saturday morning and has continued and grown during the first months of 2026. *Many thanks to Sue Squirrel and the team who run the café.*

Please keep a look out on the Weekly Sheet for more information about the above groups and activities.

Although the St Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union has now closed, some members continue to attend the MU at Wybunbury.

Our thanks to all who organise and facilitate these groups.

As a church we support the annual Christian Aid door-to-door collection in May and the annual Sponsored Swim at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre. Through these events thousands of pounds are raised each year on behalf of Christian Aid.

Our thanks go to our organisers, collectors, swimmers and those who give to these events.

During the year there were various events held at the Rectory by Revd Mike & Sarah.

The Church and the Local Community

Our churches and members are active in our community in many ways – here are a few. Through the ministry of Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals we serve the wider community by offering pastoral and spiritual support during these important life events. It is a privilege to walk alongside people at these joyful and sad moments in people's lives.

We continue to have excellent relationships with the three schools in our parish, Wistaston Church Lane Academy, Willaston Primary Academy & The Berkeley Academy. Rachael & Revd Mike take assemblies and lessons at these schools on a regular basis and welcome the children into church for visits and school church services.

We support the Wistaston Community Council with their community events and fundraising through the year. For many years we have supplied the sound support for the Village Fête and we give our facilities free of charge for the Flower and Produce Show and the Christmas Concert held in the Church Hall by Wistaston Community Council.

Rachael & Revd Mike conduct a monthly service at Richmond Village (Willaston) for residents with dementia. Using familiar prayers and hymns they help those who attend to worship in a way appropriate to them.

We continue to support Her-Place (formerly Motherwell) by holding their annual Baby Loss service at St Mary's. Her-Place is a local charity based in Wistaston which seeks to increase awareness of women's issues and provide female centred services in their local area providing help and support. In 2025 Her-Place held an event for International Women's Day at Cheshire College South & West which we advertised through church and many of our congregation attended along with hundreds of people and great conversations were had.

We have strong links with our local uniformed organisations and support them in many ways including letting them use the Church Hall and St Luke's Church free of charge for their regular meetings and one-off events. By doing this we support them in their work with young people locally. Each December we hold a Christingle service at St Mary's the uniformed organisations which is attended by hundreds of young people.

Deanery Synod

Our current members of Deanery Synod are Howard Barker, Simon Bartholomew & Revd Mike Turnbull. Our members of the Deanery Synod provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Please see the included report for the activities of the Synod this year.

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.

We aim to achieve this by:

1. Looking to the Future - ensuring we encourage, support, nurture and help our young people so they can pray together, worship together, learn together, live out their faith together, grow in faith together.
2. Working with and in our Local Community - serving our community and showing God's love through our actions.
3. Developing Discipleship - praying together, worshipping together, learning together, living out our faith together, growing in faith together.

Parish Magazine

The last printed edition was January 2022. All news and articles given via the Church Office are now included on the Weekly Sheet and the Blog (the same articles on both).

Social Media

We have a presence on Social Media as follows: stmaryswistaston.org.uk
facebook.com/stmaryandstluke :: youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1 :: Twitter: @maryandluke :: Instagram: @stmarywistaston. Nearly all enquiries for Weddings & Baptisms come via the Website. The Facebook page has 876 followers, YouTube 165, X (formally Twitter) 270 and Instagram 103. Bob Squirrell & Mike Turnbull look after the website & Mike Turnbull manages the Facebook, YouTube, X & Instagram accounts. If you are on Social Media please Like or Follow us and share what we do - it's an effective way to share what we do.

Outward Giving

As a church the PCC have agreed for many years to give away 10% of our planned and plate giving to various Charities each year. In 2025 we gave away £5,200.52 and it was given to: Church Missionary Society, Crosslinks, Tear Fund, USPG, The Bible Society, The Children's Society, The Church Army, CPAS, Christians Against Poverty, Clergy Family Trust, Crewe Christian Concern, The YMCA Crewe, Nantwich Food Bank & St Paul's Pantry, Her-Place (formally Motherwell). These Charities were chosen in 2024 and will be reviewed by the PCC in 2027. Amounts are available from the Treasurer on request.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Crewe and we have been involved, where possible, with meetings, services and events through the year.

Reserves Policy

As a registered charity we are required to maintain a balance on funds, which equates to at three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £38,690 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March 2026 meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant community they are – we really couldn't do it without you!! In particular, we want to mention our churchwarden Chris Horne who has worked tirelessly over the past year on our behalf and to Bob Squirrell who as Treasurer has helped the PCC to manage and understand the church's accounts and its finances.

Many components combine to make our worship a pleasant and meaningful experience, these include those who; open and set up our churches, ring the bells, arrange flowers, provide music, read the Bible Readings and Intercessions, clean our churches, set up and operate the sound, vision and streaming and, last but certainly not least, provide our after church refreshments. Many thanks to you all from all of us who gather for worship.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Registered Charity number 1130599. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's & St Luke's the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), the Reader, Pastoral Worker, Deanery Synod Members, there is also the opportunity for 12 members to be elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC has the power to co-opt people as it deems necessary. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are then eligible to stand for election to the PCC after a 6 month period.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Administrative information

The correspondence address is C/O The PCC Secretary, Church Office, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 8HA. 01270 567119. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011). Registered Charity number 1130599.

Current PCC Membership 2025-2026

Our thanks to all those who have served on the PCC this past year

Name	Elected or Role	Retire
Mike Turnbull	Rector	Ex Officio
Rachael Rivers	Reader	Ex Officio
Ann Stubbs	Pastoral Worker	Ex Officio
Howard Barker	Elected	2026
Bob Squirrell	Elected	2026
Mike Felton	Elected	2026
Simon Bartholomew	Elected	2026
Daphne Gregory	Elected	2027
Margaret Shephard	Elected	2027
Frances Latham	Elected	2027
Sue Squirrell	Elected	2027
Sue Steele	Elected	2028
Sarah Rhodes	Elected	2028
Catherine Gallagher	Elected	2028
Liz Dawes	Elected	2028
Howard Barker	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
Simon Bartholomew	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
David Illing	Co-opted	2026
Chris Horne	Warden	Ex Officio until 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Warden	Ex Officio until 2026

Appointed by the PCC

Church Treasurer: Bob Squirrell

Electoral Roll Officers: Sue & Bob Squirrell

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joy Chaplow

Parish Safety Officer: David Illing

Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms.

Architect – Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6DL

Our Bank - The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale. WN8 6WT.

Day to day management of the Church is exercised by the Rector and Warden(s).

Formal Reports

Fabric Report

Work has stalled on the Choir Vestry, architect reports and initial quotation for the work now received. Now awaiting further competitive quotes.

Awaiting information on any grants available for the work.

The funeral bier is still in the Choir Vestry

Leaks from the roof in the Church Hall have now been remedied. The chimney on the hall where the leaks were coming from has now been removed to below roof level and the roof made good to prevent any further leaks. No sign of any further leaks after recent heavy rainfall.

Church Hall has been painted inside

All the Church lighting units have been replaced with LED units as a cost saving exercise.

New projector installed at the sound desk. Much clearer images now being projected.

The compost bin behind the Choir Vestry has been emptied and removed.

The defibrillator units are now installed in cabinets in prominent positions and are checked monthly.

We now have a memorial stone outside the Choir Vestry in memory of all the babies we have loved and lost. Erected in conjunction with the "Her Place" charity.

Churchyard maintenance and refuse removal from the churchyard was being carried out on an ad hoc basis by RSC gardening company. RSC will now be on contract from April 2026.

Chris Horne. Church Warden. 11 February 2026.

Financial (Treasurer's) Report

Our Income for 2025 was £140,934, our expenditure was £154,936 so we overspent by £14,002. We ended the year with £118,470 in the bank.

Our expenditure included £2,922 for the dry rot exposure works in the Choir Vestry, £1,509 for painting the Church Hall, £786 for new chairs for the hall and £77,605 for the Parish Share. The Parish Share is money we pay to the Diocese for clergy, clergy housing, clergy training, central support and the National Church.

We were able to help other charities through our outward giving with donations totalling £5,342.

Our income was up largely due to the fantastic support we have had to raise money for the Choir Vestry repairs. At the end of the year the Choir Vestry fund reached £13,060 through generous donations and fund raising.

Of course, all the money raised for the Choir Vestry will be spent on that, but we still need to fund our usual running costs. The best way to give is by standing order or a bank transfer. The money goes straight into our bank account and there are no deductions.

Card payments are very welcome, but we lose a small percentage in commission to the card companies. Cash is welcome too, but it requires a significant amount of volunteer time to count and bank it. If you can gift aid your donations, that is also a big help.

There was no income at all from legacies. If you are making a new will, or revising an existing one, please consider leaving something to the church.

We are grateful to our local Parish Councils in Wistaston, Rope and Willaston for grants

that help us to maintain the churchyard.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help with counting, banking, reclaiming gift aid and authorising payments. Your help is much appreciated.

Bob Squirrell. Treasurer St Mary's Wistaston PCC.

Parochial Church Council – PCC Secretary's Report

During 2025, the PCC met six times. We dealt with the usual varied assortment of business, including (but not limited to!) the following: financial affairs, property maintenance, community events, mission and ministry, safeguarding, and health-and-safety.

Each meeting begins with a bible reading and prayer, before moving on to routine items that you might find in the agenda of any similar meeting, such as "Apologies for Absence", "Approval of the minutes", "Matters Arising" and "Correspondence".

We then move on to deal with our church affairs under five main headings:

"Ministry, Outreach, Discipleship & Mission", "Finance", "Buildings & Maintenance", "Legal", and "Other Business"

We close the meeting by praying for each other in the words of the prayer known as "The Grace"

The practical matters under "Finance" and "Buildings & Maintenance" inevitably occupy quite a lot of the PCC's time, but since these are covered by separate reports to the APCM, I will not discuss those here.

To give an indication of some of the things that we deal with under the other heading, here are a few examples:

In January, under "Ministry (etc)", we reviewed the Advent and Christmas services, and the Advent Study Group – it was felt that these had been "successful": both from the point of view of members of our congregation attending, and as an effective outreach to the wider community. Rachael Rivers reported having attended and contributed to School Christmas assemblies (4 assemblies and 4 church visits).

Later in the year, we reviewed preparations for the upcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting. We also made plans for the celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Under the "Legal" heading, members were reminded of the requirement to have up-to-date Safeguarding training. Under "Other Business" we considered, among other things, options for the replacement of the flagpole, which had been vandalized earlier in the year.

Towards the end of the year, we laid plans for some special events and services; the "Infant Loss Service" in partnership with the local charity Her Place; St Luke's 60th Anniversary; the annual Commemoration Service; and Remembrance Sunday.

At our final meeting in November, we reviewed those events and were glad to hear that "feedback" indicates these were valued by those who attended. We also heard from Rachael & Revd Mike that they were pleased that the Alpha Course had worked well, with about 15 participants at each session.

In conclusion: The PCC are grateful for all giving, grants received from Parish Councils and other generous donations received during the year.

I am once again pleased to say that all meetings were well attended, and happy to report that the members work well together, bringing a broad range of experience and expertise to the Council's business.

David Illing. PCC Secretary. 4th March 2026.

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met two times during 2025: 10th February (St Mary's, Acton) & 5th June (St James, Audlem). The meeting on 19th November (St Peter's, Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon) was cancelled due to bad weather. Along with worship and the usual business of Synod the following items were discussed: In February we had reports on the children's and youth work taking place around the deanery giving the chance to have an overview of what is happening. In June we had an address from Jim Ellis from the Waterways Chaplaincy who have us a fascinating view of the chaplaincy he and the other chaplains undertake, a wide and varied ministry.

Electoral Roll

After a revision of the Electoral Roll which was 'closed off' on 8th March 2026 in preparation of the 2026 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the figures stood at: Total: 123, of which 82 are resident and 41 are non-resident. This compares with figures at the last APCM: Total: 119, of which 80 were resident and 39 non-resident.

Sue & Bob Squirrell Electoral Roll Officers

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 6 April 2025 12pm at St. Mary's Church

Attendees

Revd Mike Turnbull (Chair) and 38 parishioners

The meeting began with a welcome, a prayer, and confirmation that proceedings were being recorded solely for minute-taking (to be deleted post-minutes finalisation).

Attendees were instructed to use the microphone to ensure clarity for recording.

The meeting has two main parts: **The Meeting of the Parishioners** (sole purpose is electing the Wardens) and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** (covering minutes approval, reports, elections, and general business).

1. The Meeting of the Parishioners

- **Purpose:** Elect Wardens for the coming year.
- **Nominations:** Only one fully completed application was received from **Chris Horne**.
- **Outcome:** Chris Horne was re-elected as our Warden.
- **Rector's Comment:** Recorded disappointment at having only one Warden, noting that the church "functions best with two Wardens".

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Sarah & Stephen Rhodes, Howard & Francis Barker, Adrian & Henrietta Thompson, Sarah Turnbull, Anne Hill and Joy Chaplow.
2. **2024 APCM Minutes:** Approved with a correction: In the second paragraph, "four years" (referencing to Sue Squirrell's length as Churchwarden) was amended to "five years."
3. **Formal Reports (Pre-published 14 days prior)**
 - a. **Fabric Report:** Presented by Chris Horne (Warden); no questions/comments from attendees.
 - b. **Financial Reports & Accounts:** Prepared by Bob Squirrell (Treasurer) and Kathy Simms (independent examiner); no questions/comments.
 - c. **PCC Secretary's Report:** Presented by David Illing, highlighting PCC focus on balancing practical building maintenance with spiritual ministry across two church buildings and the hall; no questions/comments.
 - d. **Deanery Synod Report:** Howard Barker, Simon Bartholemew, and the Rector are our current Deanery Synod Representatives; a digest of activities was provided; no questions/comments.
 - e. **Electoral Roll Report:** Prepared by Sue and Bob Squirrell. The Electoral Roll was fully renewed this year (required every six years), leading to lower numbers as members reapply. The Electoral Roll is now open for new applications.
4. **Elections and Appointments**
 - a. **PCC Elections:** 5 vacancies with 5 nominations (all approved): Returning: Catherine Gallagher, Liz Dawes, Simon Bartholemew, Sarah Rhodes. New: Sue Steele.

- b. **Appoint an Independent Examiner:** Kathy Simms was approached by the Rector to be our Independent Examiner again; she was approved by the meeting.

5. **Safeguarding**

- **Responsibility:** The Rector emphasized that Safeguarding is all of our responsibility to ensure safe spaces for all, young people and adults.
- **Requirements:** PCC members and all those in a position of leadership must complete DBS checks and online training.
- **Resources:** The Rector encouraged attendees to read the Safeguarding Report and the church website for more details. He also noted that grassroots Safeguarding, at a Parish level, is "fairly tight" and churches are "safer than they've been for many years".
- There were no questions or comments

6. **Any Other Business**

- **Thanks:** Simon Bartholemew proposed recording thanks to Mike (Rector), Rachel (Licensed Lay Minister), for their pastoral work and commitment, and also their partners (Sarah & John). Also thanks to our Warden Chris Horne's and her husband, Mike, for all the hard work they do. The Rector and Rachael reciprocated thanks to the congregation for support, the Rector noting that he would soon complete 17 years at St Mary's and St Luke's.

7. **Closing and Fellowship**

- The meeting concluded at 12:27pm with plans for fellowship in the Church Hall with a Bring and Share meal. Rachael will say Grace before we begin.

The Minutes were summarised by Revd Mike Turnbull from the recording of the meeting.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the membership/trustees of
St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston, Parochial Church Council, Chester Diocese**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston ("the Trust") 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 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

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

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

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.

Signature: Kathleen Simms

Date: 11.3.26

Mrs K Simms [address available from the church office on request]

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 16 March 2026

Signed by the Treasurer: RCI Squirell

Name: Robert CI SQUIRELL

Signed by the Rector: M.F. Turnbull

Name: Michael Francis Turnbull

St Marys Wistaston
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	80,308.52	-	80,308.52	75,663.42
Income from charitable activities	23,715.30	-	23,715.30	19,403.16
Other trading activities	28,874.37	-	28,874.37	25,806.60
Investments	4,452.15	-	4,452.15	3,785.16
Other income	3,584.00	-	3,584.00	2,501.00
Total income	140,934.34	-	140,934.34	127,159.34
Payments				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	154,758.24	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	154,758.24	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(13,823.90)	(178.03)	(14,001.93)	9,876.88
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	31,000.00	-	31,000.00	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(31,000.00)	-	(31,000.00)	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(13,823.90)	(178.03)	(14,001.93)	9,876.88
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	161,033.95	476.77	161,510.72	151,633.84
Total funds carried forward	147,210.05	298.74	147,508.79	161,510.72

Notes for Financial Statement

1) The following transfers between funds were made during the year:

- a) £500.00 from Stepping Stones to the Church Hall
- b) £500.00 from Tower Fund Weddings to the Choir Vestry
- c) £30,000.00 from the Churchyard to the General Fund

2) Due to the death of the Bell Tower Captain, it has not been possible to obtain the receipts and payments for the two Tower accounts in time for the annual meeting. We will add these to the main accounts as soon as we are able. The 2024 balances have been carried forward on the balance sheet. It is unlikely that the amounts will be significant.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC's policy to maintain a balance of funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £38,690 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

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St Marys Wistaston

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2025 £	At 31/12/2024 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	80,083.74	38,440.31	900.54	-	119,424.59	133,188.52
	80,083.74	38,440.31	900.54	-	119,424.59	133,188.52
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	-	-	601.80	-	601.80	363.80
	-	-	601.80	-	601.80	363.80
Net current assets less current liabilities	80,083.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	118,822.79	132,824.72
Total assets less current liabilities	108,769.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	147,508.79	161,510.72
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	108,769.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	147,508.79	161,510.72
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	108,769.74	-	-	-	108,769.74	111,014.32
Designated						
Designated - Choir Vestry	-	13,059.77	-	-	13,059.77	-
Designated - Churchyard	-	10,983.59	-	-	10,983.59	37,798.56
Designated - Defibrillator Maintenance	-	2,490.12	-	-	2,490.12	2,946.00
Designated - Tower Fund Weddings	-	1,691.10	-	-	1,691.10	2,001.10
Designated - Church Hall	-	8,844.68	-	-	8,844.68	4,295.21
Designated - Junior Church	-	120.01	-	-	120.01	120.01
Designated - St Luke's Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	1,327.48
Designated - Stepping Stones	-	1,251.04	-	-	1,251.04	1,531.27
Restricted						
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	179.35	-	179.35	357.38
Restricted - Agency collection	-	-	119.39	-	119.39	119.39
Fund Totals	108,769.74	38,440.31	298.74	-	147,508.79	161,510.72

St Marys Wistaston

Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - PLANNED GIVING - BANK (for standing orders)	32,870.00	-	-	32,870.00	30,369.00
0110 - GIFT AID ENVELOPES	1,550.70	-	-	1,550.70	1,809.21
0201 - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes)	2,592.04	-	-	2,592.04	2,770.02
0202 - PLANNED GIVING - CAF & GAYE	6,717.00	-	-	6,717.00	6,656.26
0204 - SUM UP GIVING	1,183.68	-	-	1,183.68	2,474.29
0206 - AD HOC BANK DONATIONS	2,306.93	300.00	-	2,606.93	380.00
0301 - Open Plate Giving - (cash & cheques on plate excluding envelopes)	5,357.98	-	-	5,357.98	4,509.96
0303 - STEPPING STONES - subscriptions	-	362.96	-	362.96	486.90
0401 - SUNDRY DONATIONS	1,743.13	176.40	-	1,919.53	5,339.69
0402 - FLOWER DONATIONS	-	-	-	-	100.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	126.45
0550 - Donations - special appeals	20.00	10,046.07	-	10,066.07	4,578.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,271.50	-	-	10,271.50	9,946.91
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	2,333.33
0801 - Recurring grants	-	4,100.00	-	4,100.00	3,550.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
0901 - Other funds generated - funds from Easy-fundraising	210.13	-	-	210.13	233.40
Donations and legacies Totals	65,323.09	14,985.43	-	80,308.52	75,663.42
Income from charitable activities					
0910 - FUNDRAISING - FETES, sales etc	-	2,337.30	-	2,337.30	734.16
1101 - Fees for weddings, funerals & BAPTISMS	11,120.00	10,258.00	-	21,378.00	18,159.00
1102 - TOWER	-	-	-	-	510.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	11,120.00	12,595.30	-	23,715.30	19,403.16
Other trading activities					
1230 - HALL - rent	-	24,365.87	-	24,365.87	20,887.10
1241 - ST LUKE'S - rent	4,508.50	-	-	4,508.50	4,919.50
Other trading activities Totals	4,508.50	24,365.87	-	28,874.37	25,806.60
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	4,452.15	-	-	4,452.15	3,785.16
Investments Totals	4,452.15	-	-	4,452.15	3,785.16
Other income					
1234 - Ladies Afternoon Group Income LAG Income	3,584.00	-	-	3,584.00	2,001.00
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	500.00
Other income Totals	3,584.00	-	-	3,584.00	2,501.00
Receipts Grand Totals	88,987.74	51,946.60	-	140,934.34	127,159.34

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1831 - LOCAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,852.18	-	-	1,852.18	1,819.00
1832 - NATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,755.00	-	-	1,755.00	1,750.00
1833 - INTERNATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,735.00	-	-	1,735.00	1,730.00
1850 - Home mission	76.89	-	-	76.89	184.98
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	77,604.72	-	-	77,604.72	28,712.84
2000 - Employee Tax/NI Due to HMRC	192.40	-	-	192.40	267.60
2002 - VERGER FEES	616.00	-	-	616.00	352.00
2003 - ORGANIST FEES	540.00	-	-	540.00	833.00
2004 - BELL RINGERS HONORARIUM & RECTORS BOOK ALLOWANCE	723.00	-	-	723.00	1,482.50
2101 - RECTOR - expenses	778.40	-	-	778.40	817.60
2102 - HOSPITALITY	55.00	-	-	55.00	40.00
2120 - RECTORY - council tax	2,769.64	-	-	2,769.64	2,634.35
2145 - RECTORY - water rates	900.30	-	-	900.30	707.64
2201 - CHURCH EXPENSES - mission & evangelism	-	-	-	-	152.48
2202 - CHURCH EXPENSES - Stepping Stones	-	143.19	-	143.19	258.58
2203 - EXPENSES LAG	3,673.00	-	-	3,673.00	1,659.00
2301 - ST MARYS - insurance	2,101.71	-	-	2,101.71	2,318.30
2302 - ST LUKE'S - insurance	1,050.75	-	-	1,050.75	1,159.20
2330 - ST MARYS - maintenance	1,132.19	295.93	-	1,428.12	1,761.23
2331 - ST LUKE'S - maintenance	1,017.62	1,308.51	-	2,326.13	1,665.59
2332 - ST MARYS - cleaning	280.00	-	-	280.00	-
2333 - ST LUKE'S - cleaning	-	96.00	-	96.00	-
2340 - UPKEEP OF CHURCH SERVICES	3,562.72	-	-	3,562.72	4,804.39
2341 - FLOWER EXPENSES	-	-	178.03	178.03	299.50
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	10,982.97	-	10,982.97	16,468.14
2401 - ST MARYS - electric	1,135.34	-	-	1,135.34	1,071.52
2402 - ST LUKE'S - electric	1,174.06	4.98	-	1,179.04	1,023.15
2410 - ST MARYS - gas	3,558.24	-	-	3,558.24	3,740.40
2421 - ST LUKE'S - water	334.45	-	-	334.45	339.83
2530 - HALL - electricity	-	1,471.77	-	1,471.77	1,229.62
2540 - HALL - gas	-	4,631.99	-	4,631.99	4,906.17
2550 - HALL - insurance	-	2,101.71	-	2,101.71	2,318.30
2560 - HALL - maintenance	-	5,239.25	-	5,239.25	2,686.51
2561 - HALL - cleaning	-	4,126.83	-	4,126.83	3,935.99
2580 - HALL - water	-	668.48	-	668.48	490.91
2602 - CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	2,328.77	-	-	2,328.77	2,497.44
2603 - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	7,362.94	2,454.31	-	9,817.25	9,285.20
2701 - ST MARYS - major repairs structure	2,922.00	-	-	2,922.00	-
2710 - ST MARYS - major repairs installation	-	-	-	-	4,194.00
2720 - ST MARYS - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	440.00
2801 - HALL - major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	6,080.00
2820 - HALL - major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	654.00
2830 - HALL - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	511.50
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	121,232.32	33,525.92	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46
Payments Grand Totals	121,232.32	33,525.92	178.03	154,936.27	117,282.46

Accounts

Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for 2024 for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Wistaston with St Luke, Willaston Registered Charity number 1130599

This report was written and/or compiled by Revd Mike Turnbull. E&OE. March 2025
Reports acknowledged when written by others and it comprises of

- A Trustees' Report for 2024 on pages TR2 – TR11
- A Financial Statement for 2024 on pages FS1 – FS5

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025 will be held on
Sunday 06 April 2025 - 12 noon at St Mary's Church**

If you are on the Electoral Roll your attendance is required. Please take some time to read through this report before the meeting so as you may be fully informed.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

1. Election of the Churchwardens (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo). All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting *Only those on the church Electoral Roll are allowed to comment or vote*

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Minutes of the APCM 2024 (pages TR11)
 3. Formal Reports (pages TR8-TR10)
these are published 14 days before the meeting so won't be read out - please read them before the meeting
 - a. Fabric Report
 - b. Financial Report and Accounts: *questions on the finances, which have been Independently Examined and accepted by the PCC, should be directed to the Treasurer, Bob Squirrell, (treasurer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or call the Church Office on 567119) 4 days before the meeting so as to ensure an informed reply at the meeting.*
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report
 - d. Deanery Synod
 - e. Electoral Roll
 4. Elections and Appointments (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo)
All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.
 - a. Elect Members to the PCC (5 places)
 - b. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
 5. Safeguarding (see TR2 and stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguardingpage.html)
 6. Time for questions or comments
 7. Any other Business – to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting
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- The Archdeacon's Visitation is on Wednesday, 24 June, 7:30pm, at St Mary, Acton.
 - The first meeting of the new PCC is on Monday 19 May, 7:30pm at St Luke's.

Trustees' Report 2024

Our Aims and Purposes

St Mary's & St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mike Turnbull, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Churchyard and Church Hall Wistaston, and St Luke's Church Willaston.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at both churches. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of all the buildings mentioned above.

Safeguarding

We understand safeguarding to be an integral part of the life and ministry of our Church. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults visiting and participating in Church activities is important to us, everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all. All our Safeguarding policies and documents can be found here:

stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguardingpage.html

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops' National Safeguarding Policy & Practice guidance which has now been formally adopted by the Diocese and throughout the Church of England. In 2024 we began to use the Church of England's new online Parish Dashboard to manage our safeguarding. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding . If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding .

The PCC have appointed Joy Chaplow as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. You can find our Safeguarding Policy on the Safeguarding Page of our website – see above. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Promoting a Safer Church, can be accessed online here: bit.ly/psh2019 or we have copies in the Church Office, Rector's Vestry and the Vestry at St Luke's. Our own website has details of Safeguarding Contacts and our policies.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

Our churches offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community may find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a range of services throughout the month, at which all are welcome to attend, including Holy Communion, All Age Worship, Baptism services and a midweek Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion. There is Morning Prayer on Zoom (bit.ly/930mp) 9:30am on a Tuesday & Thursday and our Sunday Worship provides opportunities for all ages to worship including those in our Junior Church. Our worship music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary with a mix of the organ and music group.

We are grateful to our Rector, Revd Mike and our Reader, Rachael Rivers, for the worship they curate and facilitate to help us to worship God and to all those who prepare for and take part in our worship in many different ways.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2024 we celebrated 16 Baptisms, 7 Weddings and conducted 26 Funerals, 13 in church and 13 at the Crematorium. We also conducted 22 Interments of Cremated Remains.

We continue to livestream all our Sunday Services from St Mary's and many of our special services including Easter, Christmas and weddings and funerals upon request.

The Church of England uses October as a 'usual' month to collect attendance data. During October 2024 we had a usual average Sunday attendance of 103 across both churches.

Groups and activities within our churches

We have a parent and toddler group, Stepping Stones, which meets twice a month in the Church Hall during term time and has play, craft activities and Bible stories to help the children learn more about the Christian Faith and also offers a place for parents and carers to meet together. As the name suggests, it offers a Stepping Stone for parents and children to be welcomed into church.

On the 1st Sunday of the month at St Mary's we have Junior Church which provides a wide range of activities and faith-based learning for our young people. In January 2025 (rescheduled from December 2024) Revd Mike & Sarah hosted a games evening at the Rectory for Junior Church children, leaders and parents with hot dogs and Pizza!

We are grateful to all those who give their time to help our young people discover more about the Christian faith throughout the year.

Each year the church appoints a Wistaston Rose Queen who is crowned at the annual Village Fete in Wistaston. The Rose Queen raises money through the year for her chosen charity, all money raised is given to the chosen charities.

Our thanks go to the those who organise and facilitate this and to the Rose Queen and their families for the work they do through the year.

For adults we have Ladies Afternoon Group, Bible Study and Prayer Groups, the new Women Ignited Together and the Men's Group. During Advent and Lent we hold courses which are always well attended. Please keep a look out on the Weekly Sheet for more information about these groups.

Although the St Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union closed after Covid some members continue to attend the MU at Wybunbury and Jenny Hall keeps members informed through regular newsletters.

Our thanks go to all those who organise and facilitate these groups.

As a church we support the annual Christian Aid door-to-door collection in May and the annual Sponsored Swim in March at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre. Through these events thousands of pounds are raised each year on behalf of Christian Aid.

Our thanks go to our organisers, collectors, swimmers and those who give to these events.

During the year there were various events held at the Rectory by Revd Mike & Sarah.

The Church in our Community

Our churches and members are active in our community in many ways – here are a few. Through the ministry of Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals we serve the wider community by offering pastoral and spiritual support during these important life events. It is a privilege to walk alongside people at these joyful and sad moments in people's lives.

We continue to have excellent relationships with the three schools in our parish, Wistaston Church Lane Academy, Willaston Primary Academy & The Berkeley Academy. Rachael & Revd Mike take assemblies and lessons at these schools on a regular basis and welcome the children into church for visits and school church services.

We support the Wistaston Community Council with their community events and fundraising through the year. For many years we have supplied the sound support for the Village Fête and we give our facilities free of charge for the Flower and Produce Show and the Christmas Concert held in the Church Hall.

Rachael & Revd Mike conduct a monthly service at Richmond Village (Willaston) for the residents with dementia. Using familiar prayers and hymns they help those who attend to worship in a way appropriate to them.

We continue to support Her-Place (formerly Motherwell) by holding their annual Baby Loss service at St Mary's and our relationship with Her-Place has grown over the past year. Her-Place is a local charity based in Wistaston which seeks to increase awareness of women's issues and provide female centred services in their local area providing help and support. Her-Place held an event for International Women's Day at Cheshire College South & West which we advertised through church and many of our congregation attended along with hundreds of people and great conversations were had.

We have strong links with our local uniformed organisations and support them in many ways including letting them use the Church Hall and St Luke's Church free of charge for their regular meetings and one-off events. By doing this we support them in their work with young people locally. Each December we hold a Christingle service at St Mary's which is attended by hundreds of young people.

Deanery Synod

Our current members of Deanery Synod are: Howard Barker, Simon Bartholomew & Revd Mike Turnbull. Our members of the Deanery Synod provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Please see the included report for the activities of the Synod this year.

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.

We aim to achieve this by:

1. Looking to the Future - ensuring we encourage, support, nurture and help our young people so they can pray together, worship together, learn together, live out their faith together, grow in faith together.
2. Working with and in our Local Community - serving our community and showing God's love through our actions.
3. Developing Discipleship - praying together, worshipping together, learning together, living out our faith together, growing in faith together.

Parish Magazine

The last printed edition was January 2022. All news and articles given via the Church Office are now included on the Weekly Sheet and the Blog (the same articles on both).

Social Media

We have a presence on Social Media as follows: stmaryswistaston.org.uk
facebook.com/stmaryandstluke :: youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1 :: Twitter: @maryandluke :: Instagram: @stmarywistaston. Nearly all enquiries for Weddings & Baptisms come via the Website. The Facebook page has 857 followers, YouTube 144, X (formally Twitter) 279 and Instagram 100. Bob Squirrell & Mike Turnbull look after the website & Mike Turnbull manages the Facebook, YouTube, X & Instagram accounts. If you are on Social Media please Like or Follow us and share what we do - it's an effective way to share what we do.

Outward Giving

As a church the PCC have agreed for many years to give away 10% of our planned and plate giving to various Charities each year. In 2024 we gave away £5,188.68 and it was given to: Church Missionary Society, Crosslinks, Tear Fund, USPG, The Bible Society, The Children's Society, The Church Army, CPAS, Christians Against Poverty, Clergy Family Trust, Crewe Christian Concern, The YMCA Crewe, Nantwich Food Bank & St Paul's Pantry, Her-Place (formally Motherwell). These Charities were chosen in 2024 and will be reviewed by the PCC in 2027. Amounts are available from the Treasurer on request.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Crewe and we have been involved, where possible, with meetings, services and events through the year.

Reserves Policy

As a registered charity we are required to maintain a balance on funds, which equates to at three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £46,632 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March 2025 meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant community they are – we really couldn't do it without you!! In particular, we want to mention our churchwarden Chris Horne who has worked tirelessly over the past year on our behalf and to Bob Squirrell who as Treasurer has helped the PCC to manage and understand the church's accounts and its finances.

Many components combine to make our worship a pleasant and meaningful experience, these include those who; open and set up our churches, ring the bells, arrange flowers, provide music, read the Bible Readings and Intercessions, clean our churches, set up and operate the sound, vision and streaming and, last but certainly not least, provide our after church refreshments. Many thanks to you all from all of us who gather for worship.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Registered Charity number 1130599. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's & St Luke's the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwarden(s), the Reader, Pastoral Worker, Deanery Synod Members, there is also the opportunity for 12 members to be elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC has the power to co-opt people as it deems necessary. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are then eligible to stand for election to the PCC after a 6 month period.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Administrative information

The correspondence address is C/O The PCC Secretary, Church Office, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 8HA. 01270 567119. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011). Registered Charity number 1130599.

Current PCC Membership 2024-2025

Our thanks to all those who have served on the PCC this past year

Name	Elected or Role	Retire
Mike Turnbull	Rector	Ex Officio
Rachael Rivers	Reader	Ex Officio
Ann Stubbs	Pastoral Worker	Ex Officio
Sarah Rhodes	Elected	2025
Catherine Gallagher	Elected	2025
Liz Dawes	Elected	2025
Simon Bartholomew	Elected	2025
Howard Barker	Elected	2026
Bob Squirrell	Elected	2026
Mike Felton	Elected	2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Elected	2026
Daphne Gregory	Elected	2027
Margaret Shephard	Elected	2027
Frances Latham	Elected	2027
Sue Squirrell	Elected	2027
Howard Barker	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
Simon Bartholomew	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
David Illing	Co-opted	2025
Chris Horne	Warden	Ex Officio until 2025
<i>Vacant</i>	Warden	Ex Officio

Appointed by the PCC

Church Treasurer: Bob Squirrell

Electoral Roll Officers: Sue & Bob Squirrell

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joy Chaplow

Parish Safety Officer: David Illing

Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms.

Architect – Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6DL

Our Bank - The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale. WN8 6WT.

Day to day management of the Church is exercised by the Rector and Warden(s).

Formal Reports

Fabric Report

Solar powered lighting has been installed below the handrails leading up to the Church and is proving to be very effective and offers increased safety. Colour changing lights have now been installed outside and in the Chancel at St Mary's to good effect.

Work has now started on the Choir Vestry with the initial investigations into the dry rot and peeling plaster. Awaiting the surveyors report and then remedial work can be commenced before refurbishing the Choir Vestry can start.

The Church Clock has now been repaired and is working properly again.

One Piano has been removed from the Choir Vestry and all pictures and ornaments removed and safely stored prior to work commencing. The Funeral Bier has been offered to a local firm of undertakers.

New defibrillator located in the Choir Vestry and is checked monthly.

Gutters and drains checked and cleared on St Marys, St Lukes and the Church Hall.

Church Hall kitchen refurb now complete with painting finished and central heating power supply relocated.

Talks with Richard Sivoris re grounds maintenance still ongoing, proposal to instal Biffa waste bins in the Churchyard for flower and general waste, bins to be emptied on a regular basis.

Bin area at the rear of the Choir Vestry tidied up.

Shed at St Lukes has now been cleared and tidied up.

Chris Horne. Church Warden. 23 February 2025.

Financial (Treasurer's) Report

Our Income for 2024 was £127,159, our expenditure was £163,914 so we overspent by £36,755. Fortunately, we began the year with over £169,000 in the bank so this did not cause a problem.

Some of the spending was on one off items. These included repairs to the church hall roof, the new handrail up to the entrance to the church, new lighting in the churchyard, decorating the porch and new microphones.

We also had some significant increases in our usual costs. Compared to 2023 electricity was up by £1,337 and gas by £4,501. The Parish Share increased by £3,588 to £75,344.

The Parish Share is money we pay to the Diocese for clergy, clergy housing, clergy training, central support and the National Church.

Our income was down mainly due to receiving £22,000 less from legacies. If you are making a new will, or revising an old one please consider leaving something to the church.

Giving was up by £6,102 (9.6%) so thank you for that, whatever you can give and however you do it, it all helps. Hall rental was up by £3,336. Interest was up by £1,373. Income from fees was slightly down. Fundraising contributed £734 from lent lunches and produce sales. Thank you to Chris and Mike Horne for this.

We are grateful to our local parish councils in Wistaston, Rope and Willaston for grants that help us to maintain the churchyard.

Despite the increase in our costs, we are pleased that we have been able to help other charities local, national and international with donations totalling £5,299.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help with counting, banking, reclaiming gift aid and authorising payments. Your help is much appreciated.

Bob Squirrell. Treasurer St Mary's Wistaston PCC.

Parochial Church Council – PCC Secretary's Report

During 2024, the PCC met six times. We dealt with the usual varied assortment of business, including (but not limited to!) the following: financial affairs, property maintenance, community events, mission and ministry, safeguarding, and health-and-safety.

Each meeting begins with a bible reading and prayer, before moving on to routine items that you might find in the agenda of any similar meeting, such as "Apologies for Absence", "Approval of the minutes", "Matters Arising" and "Correspondence".

We then move on to deal with our church affairs under five main headings:

MINISTRY, OUTREACH, DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION, FINANCE, BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE
LEGAL & OTHER BUSINESS

We close the meeting by praying for each other in the words of the prayer known as "The Grace".

The practical matters under "Finance" and "Buildings and Maintenance" inevitably occupy quite a lot of the PCC's time, but since these are covered by separate reports to the APCM, I will not discuss those here.

To give an indication of some of the things that we deal with under the other heading, here are a few examples:

In January, under "Ministry (etc)", we reviewed the Advent and Christmas services, and the Advent Study Group – it was generally felt that these had gone well, with the Christingle service in particular being well received. We also discussed and approved plans for Lent and Easter.

In March, under the "Legal" heading, a new Health and Safety Policy was approved, in line with recommendations of our Insurer. Also in relation to Health and Safety, there was some discussion around best practice in the event the church needing to be evacuated (for example, due to a medical emergency).

In May, under a new heading "Community and Outreach", we heard about plans for Rose Queen Sunday and her crowning at the village fete, and also discussed proposals for an evening Harvest Supper (which we have not had for a few years). We looked forward to the annual Reader Service in the cathedral, where Rachael Rivers would be licensed, planning how we might support her at that service, and also celebrate her becoming "Our Reader".

Later in the year, under "Legal", we heard about new procedures from the Diocese in connection with Safeguarding. We voted to adopt the new Safeguarding Policy, and went on to discuss how this would apply specifically to various areas and activities in the life of our church. (At the present time, the Church of England is under a spotlight in these matters, and the PCC is strongly committed to ensuring that we are following best practice.)

At our final meeting in November, we reviewed three special services that had taken

place recently: the “Infant Loss Service” in partnership with the local charity Motherwell (this is a new collaboration); the annual Commemoration Service; and Remembrance Sunday. We were pleased to hear that “feedback” indicates these were valued by those who attended. The PCC Safety Officer reported that New Risk Assessments had finally been completed in connection with our Health and Safety Policy.

In conclusion:

The PCC are grateful for all giving, grants received from Parish Councils and other generous donations received during the year.

I am once again pleased to say that all meetings were well attended, and happy to report that the members work well together, bringing a broad range of experience and expertise to the Council’s business.

David Illing. PCC Secretary 24th February 2025.

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met four times during 2024: 12 February (St Andrew’s, Crewe), 6 June (All Saints Hall, Crewe) and 6 November (St Barnabas, Crewe). Along with worship and the usual business of Synod the following items were discussed: In February we had Peter Froggatt, Director for Outreach in the Chester Diocese, who spoke of the diocesan vision to encourage churches in evangelism, discipleship, social action, social justice and the environment, to live rightly in the world. In June we welcomed Mark Hills, the Chief Executive Officer of YMCA Cheshire, who gave a presentation on the work of the local YMCA. In November we had an address from Pam Kehoe, Lead Admiral Nurse with Dementia UK.

Electoral Roll

A new Electoral Roll was prepared this year which was ‘closed off’ on 16th March 2025 in preparation of the 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The figures stood at: Total: 119, of which 80 are resident and 39 non-resident. This compares with figures at the last APCM: Total: 176, of which 122 were resident and 54 non-resident.

Sue & Bob Squirrell Electoral Roll Officers

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 14 April 2024 Midday at St. Mary's Church

Attendees

Revd Mike Turnbull (Chair) and 32 parishioners

Revd Mike opened the meeting with thanks to the Churchwardens for all their work this year. A special thanks, along with a gift of a plant and voucher for afternoon tea, as a token of appreciation to Sue Squirrell who is stepping down as churchwarden after 4 years.

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

Election of the Churchwardens: There was one nomination, Chris Horne. Revd Mike appointed Chris as our sole warden for this coming year. A rota of helpers will be drawn up to assist her. Sue Squirrell will remain in place until the 19th June.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence - Kathy Simms, Nigel Simms, Sarah Rhodes, Stephen Rhodes, Frances Latham, Daphne Gregory, Catherine Gallagher.
2. Minutes of the APCM 2023 (pages TR13) - no corrections. Thanks to Pauline Mallison for taking the notes.
3. Formal Reports (pages TR8-TR12) - these were published 14 days before the meeting so weren't read out. An opportunity for questions and comments for each report. Rev. Mike explained that if, after the meeting there were questions then the compiler for the relevant report should be contacted.
 - a. Fabric Report - no questions (thanks to Sue and Chris for compiling this).
 - b. Financial Report and Accounts: have been Independently Examined and accepted by the PCC. A question was raised by a parishioner about a loan shown in the accounts. Rev. Mike suggested that this should be directed to the Treasurer, Bob Squirrell (treasurer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk). Thanks to Bob for all the work done as treasurer and Kathy Simms who is our examiner.
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report - no questions
 - d. Deanery Synod - no questions. Thank you to Howard Barker and Simon Bartholomew who attend and report back from the Deanery Synod.
 - e. Electoral Roll - no questions - thanks to Sue and Bob Squirrell
4. Elections and Appointments
 - a. Elect Members to the PCC (5 places) - 4 nominations received and are all returning PCC members - Margaret Shepard, Daphne Gregory, Frances Latham and Sue Squirrell. All accepted and appointed.
 - b. Appointment of an Independent Examiner - Kathy Simms is willing to continue as our Independent Examiner.
5. Safeguarding (see TR2 and stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguardingpage.html) - thank you to Joy Chaplow for her time this year in this role, making sure that all members have a DBS
6. Time for questions or comments - no questions or comments
7. Any other Business – to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting - none

**Independent Examiner's Report to the membership/trustees of
St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston, Parochial Church Council, Chester Diocese.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston ("the Trust") 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 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

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

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

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.

Signature: Kathleen Simms

Date: 25.2.25

Mrs K Simms, 35 Berkeley Crescent, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 6QB

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on:

Signed by the Treasurer: Bob Squirell

Name: Bob Squirell

Signed by the Rector: M.F. Turnbull

Name: Michael Turnbull

17 March 2025

St Marys Wistaston
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	76,297.58	100.00	-	76,397.58	91,485.40
Income from charitable activities	18,669.00	-	-	18,669.00	20,733.12
Other trading activities	25,806.60	-	-	25,806.60	22,471.33
Investments	3,785.16	-	-	3,785.16	2,411.98
Other income	2,501.00	-	-	2,501.00	2,013.00
Total income	127,059.34	100.00	-	127,159.34	139,114.83
Payments					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	116,982.96	299.50	-	117,282.46	145,750.26
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	116,982.96	299.50	-	117,282.46	145,750.26
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,076.38	(199.50)	-	9,876.88	(6,635.43)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	69,280.13
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	(69,280.13)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	10,076.38	(199.50)	-	9,876.88	(6,635.43)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	150,957.57	676.27	-	151,633.84	158,269.27
Total funds carried forward	161,033.95	476.77	-	161,510.72	151,633.84

Notes for Financial Statement

In 2023 the accounts included a loan of £46,631.56 which arose from reduced payments of the parish share in 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic. This was an agreed reduction, and we returned to paying the full amount from 2022. At the time there was a concern that we would be required to repay this amount, so it was put into the accounts as a loan. However, there is no loan agreement, and any payments would have been voluntary. We need to spend a substantial amount to maintain St Mary's. In view of this, the PCC decided to retain the money. The loan was reversed out of the accounts during 2024 by treating the normal parish share payments as loan repayments. We paid our full Parish share of £75,344.40.

£46,631.56 was treated as loan repayments and the balance sheet now shows no loan.

£28,712.84 is shown as 1910 – Ministry parish share etc in Receipts and Payments.

The Receipts and Payments report does not show the 'loan repayments' so the Total for Expenditure is understated by £46,631.56 and should be £163,914.02.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC's policy to maintain a balance of funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £40,904 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

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St Marys Wistaston

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2024 £	At 31/12/2023 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	82,328.32	50,019.63	840.57	-	133,188.52	169,969.00
	82,328.32	50,019.63	840.57	-	133,188.52	169,969.00
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	-	-	363.80	-	363.80	47,021.16
	-	-	363.80	-	363.80	47,021.16
Net current assets less current liabilities	82,328.32	50,019.63	476.77	-	132,824.72	122,947.84
Total assets less current liabilities	111,014.32	50,019.63	476.77	-	161,510.72	151,633.84
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	111,014.32	50,019.63	476.77	-	161,510.72	151,633.84
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	111,014.32	-	-	-	111,014.32	95,001.85
Designated						
Designated - Churchyard	-	37,798.56	-	-	37,798.56	42,803.70
Designated - Defibrillator Maintenance	-	2,946.00	-	-	2,946.00	-
Designated - Tower Fund Weddings	-	2,001.10	-	-	2,001.10	2,265.10
Designated - Church Hall	-	4,295.21	-	-	4,295.21	7,838.41
Designated - Junior Church	-	120.01	-	-	120.01	120.01
Designated - St Luke's Fundraising	-	1,327.48	-	-	1,327.48	1,625.55
Designated - Stepping Stones	-	1,531.27	-	-	1,531.27	1,302.95
Restricted						
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	357.38	-	357.38	556.88
Restricted - Agency collection	-	-	119.39	-	119.39	119.39
Fund Totals	111,014.32	50,019.63	476.77	-	161,510.72	151,633.84

St Marys Wistaston

Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

				Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - PLANNED GIVING - BANK (for standing orders)	30,369.00	-	-	30,369.00	30,216.00
0110 - GIFT AID ENVELOPES	1,809.21	-	-	1,809.21	1,531.45
0201 - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes)	2,770.02	-	-	2,770.02	3,200.92
0202 - PLANNED GIVING - CAF & GAYE	6,656.26	-	-	6,656.26	5,754.17
0204 - SUMUP GIVING	2,474.29	-	-	2,474.29	2,441.34
0206 - AD HOC BANK DONATIONS	330.00	50.00	-	380.00	532.40
0301 - Open Plate Giving - (cash & cheques on plate excluding envelopes)	4,509.96	-	-	4,509.96	5,189.50
0303 - STEPPING STONES - subscriptions	-	486.90	-	486.90	328.90
0401 - SUNDRY DONATIONS	5,334.69	5.00	-	5,339.69	3,073.53
0402 - FLOWER DONATIONS	-	-	100.00	100.00	40.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	126.45	-	-	126.45	98.14
0550 - Donations - special appeals	-	4,578.00	-	4,578.00	-
0601 - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	9,946.91	-	-	9,946.91	10,553.42
0701 - Legacies	2,333.33	-	-	2,333.33	24,715.36
0801 - Recurring grants	-	3,550.00	-	3,550.00	3,250.00
0901 - Other funds generated - funds from Easy-fundraising	233.40	-	-	233.40	560.27
Donations and legacies Totals	66,893.52	8,669.90	100.00	75,663.42	91,485.40
Income from charitable activities					
0910 - FUNDRAISING - FETES, sales etc	734.16	-	-	734.16	1,081.12
1101 - Fees for weddings, funerals & BAPTISMS	9,741.00	8,418.00	-	18,159.00	19,364.00
1102 - TOWER	92.00	418.00	-	510.00	238.00
1240 - Church Hall Lettings - Fundraising	-	-	-	-	50.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	10,567.16	8,836.00	-	19,403.16	20,733.12
Other trading activities					
1230 - HALL - rent	-	20,887.10	-	20,887.10	17,970.12
1241 - ST LUKE'S - rent	4,919.50	-	-	4,919.50	4,500.08
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	1.13
Other trading activities Totals	4,919.50	20,887.10	-	25,806.60	22,471.33
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	3,785.16	-	-	3,785.16	2,411.98
Investments Totals	3,785.16	-	-	3,785.16	2,411.98
Other income					
1234 - Ladies Afternoon Group Income LAG Income	2,001.00	-	-	2,001.00	2,013.00
1310 - Insurance claims	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
Other income Totals	2,501.00	-	-	2,501.00	2,013.00
Receipts Grand Totals	88,666.34	38,393.00	100.00	127,159.34	139,114.83

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1831 - LOCAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,819.00	-	-	1,819.00	1,434.40
1832 - NATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,750.00	-	-	1,750.00	1,819.98
1833 - INTERNATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,730.00	-	-	1,730.00	1,795.00
1850 - Home mission	184.98	-	-	184.98	155.59
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	28,712.84	-	-	28,712.84	71,756.64
2000 - Employee Tax/NI Due to HMRC	267.60	-	-	267.60	255.60
2002 - VERGER FEES	352.00	-	-	352.00	432.80
2003 - ORGANIST FEES	833.00	-	-	833.00	322.00
2004 - BELL RINGERS HONORARIUM & RECTORS BOOK ALLOWANCE	790.50	692.00	-	1,482.50	334.00
2101 - RECTOR - expenses	817.60	-	-	817.60	645.20
2102 - HOSPITALITY	40.00	-	-	40.00	151.80
2120 - RECTORY - council tax	2,634.35	-	-	2,634.35	2,511.80
2145 - RECTORY - water rates	707.64	-	-	707.64	499.15
2150 - RECTORY - telephone	-	-	-	-	30.00
2201 - CHURCH EXPENSES - mission & evangelism	152.48	-	-	152.48	74.83
2202 - CHURCH EXPENSES - Stepping Stones	-	258.58	-	258.58	57.50
2203 - EXPENSES LAG	1,659.00	-	-	1,659.00	1,862.70
2301 - ST MARYS - insurance	2,318.30	-	-	2,318.30	2,280.00
2302 - ST LUKE'S - insurance	1,159.20	-	-	1,159.20	1,139.45
2330 - ST MARYS - maintenance	783.23	978.00	-	1,761.23	(98.00)
2331 - ST LUKE'S - maintenance	1,367.52	298.07	-	1,665.59	1,763.88
2333 - ST LUKE'S - cleaning	-	-	-	-	13.99
2340 - UPKEEP OF CHURCH SERVICES	4,804.39	-	-	4,804.39	2,950.51
2341 - FLOWER EXPENSES	-	-	299.50	299.50	188.99
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	16,468.14	-	16,468.14	8,104.86
2401 - ST MARYS - electric	1,071.52	-	-	1,071.52	631.88
2402 - ST LUKE'S - electric	1,023.15	-	-	1,023.15	647.10
2410 - ST MARYS - gas	3,740.40	-	-	3,740.40	1,393.08
2421 - ST LUKE'S - water	339.83	-	-	339.83	248.13
2530 - HALL - electricity	-	1,229.62	-	1,229.62	707.85
2540 - HALL - gas	-	4,906.17	-	4,906.17	2,752.37
2550 - HALL - insurance	-	2,318.30	-	2,318.30	2,280.00
2560 - HALL - maintenance	-	2,686.51	-	2,686.51	3,124.20
2561 - HALL - cleaning	-	3,935.99	-	3,935.99	3,560.95
2580 - HALL - water	-	490.91	-	490.91	436.45
2602 - CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	2,497.44	-	-	2,497.44	2,024.42
2603 - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	6,963.90	2,321.30	-	9,285.20	8,399.00
2710 - ST MARYS - major repairs installation	3,694.00	500.00	-	4,194.00	554.70
2720 - ST MARYS - interior and exterior decorating	440.00	-	-	440.00	-
2801 - HALL - major repairs - structure	-	6,080.00	-	6,080.00	-
2820 - HALL - major repairs - installation	-	654.00	-	654.00	18,507.46
2830 - HALL - interior and exterior decorating	-	511.50	-	511.50	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	72,653.87	44,329.09	299.50	117,282.46	145,750.26
Payments Grand Totals	72,653.87	44,329.09	299.50	117,282.46	145,750.26

Accounts

Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for 2023

for the Parochial Church Council of

St Mary, Wistaston with St Luke, Willaston

Registered Charity number 1130599

This report was written and/or compiled by Revd Mike Turnbull. E&OE. March 2024.

Reports acknowledged when written by others and it comprises of

- A Trustees' Report for 2023 on pages TR2 – TR13
- A Financial Statement for 2023 on pages FS1 – FS6

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024 will be held on
Sunday 14 April 2024 - 12 noon at St Mary's Church**

If you are on the Electoral Roll your attendance is required. Please take some time to read through this report before the meeting so as you may be fully informed.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

1. Election of the Churchwardens (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo). All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting *Only those on the church Electoral Roll are allowed to comment or vote*

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Minutes of the APCM 2023 (pages TR13)
 3. Formal Reports (pages TR8-TR12)
these are published 14 days before the meeting so won't be read out - please read them before the meeting
 - a. Fabric Report
 - b. Financial Report and Accounts: *questions on the finances, which have been Independently Examined and accepted by the PCC, should be directed to the Treasurer, Bob Squirrell, (treasurer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or call the Church Office on 567119) 4 days before the meeting so as to ensure an informed reply at the meeting.*
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report
 - d. Deanery Synod
 - e. Electoral Roll
 4. Elections and Appointments (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo).
All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.
 - a. Elect Members to the PCC (5 places)
 - b. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
 5. Safeguarding (see TR2 and stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguardingpage.html)
 6. Time for questions or comments
 7. Any other Business – to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting
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- The Archdeacon's Visitation is on Wed, 19 June, 7:30pm, at St Mary, Sandbach.
 - The first meeting of the new PCC is on Monday 20 May, 7:30pm at St Luke's.

Trustees' Report 2023

Our Aims and Purposes

St Mary's & St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mike Turnbull, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Churchyard and Church Hall Wistaston, and St Luke's Church Willaston.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at both churches. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of all the buildings mentioned above.

Safeguarding

We understand safeguarding to be an integral part of the life and ministry of our Church. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults visiting and participating in Church activities is important to us, everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all. All our Safeguarding policies and documents can be found here:

stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguardingpage.html

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops' National Safeguarding Policy & Practice guidance which has now been formally adopted by the Diocese and throughout the Church of England. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding . If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding .

The PCC have appointed Joy Chaplow as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. You can find our Safeguarding Policy on the Safeguarding Page of our website – see above. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Promoting a Safer Church, can be accessed online here: bit.ly/psh2019 or we have copies in the Church Office, Rector's Vestry and the Vestry at St Luke's. Our own website has details of Safeguarding Contacts and our policies.

Worship, Prayer and Fellowship

On Palm Sunday 2023 Rachael Rivers joined us on a Reader Placement. In September 2023 she transferred full-time to our parish whilst continuing her training with Emmanuel Theological College. Rachael will be Licensed as a Reader (a Licensed Lay Minister) in October 2024 at Chester Cathedral and will continue to serve within our parish as a licensed Reader. Rachael has been a welcome addition to the ministry team at both churches and has been a very helpful colleague to Revd Mike. Her ministry has already helped people within our churches and the wider community and we look forward to her licensing and what the future may hold for her.

Our churches offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community may find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a range of services throughout the month, including Holy Communion, All Age Worship, Baptism services and a midweek BCP Holy Communion. There is Morning Prayer on Zoom (bit.ly/930mp) 9:30am on a Tuesday & Thursday and our Sunday Worship provides opportunities for all ages to worship including those in our Junior Church. Our worship music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary with a mix of the organ and music group.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and, as well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2023 we celebrated 10 Baptisms, 2 Weddings and conducted 38 Funerals, 28 in church and 10 at the Crematorium. We also conducted 26 Interments of Cremated Remains.

We continue to livestream all our Sunday Services from St Mary's and many of our special services including Easter, Christmas and weddings and funerals upon request.

The Church of England uses October as a 'usual' month to collect attendance data. During October 2023 we had a usual average Sunday attendance of 65 across both churches.

Groups and activities within our churches

We have a parent and toddler group, Stepping Stones, which meets twice a month in the Church Hall during term time and has play, craft activities and Bible stories to help the children learn more about the Christian Faith and also offers a place for parents and carers to meet together. As the name suggests, it offers a Stepping Stone for parents and children to be welcomed into church.

On the 1st Sunday of the month at St Mary's we have Junior Church which provides a wide range of activities and faith-based learning for our young people. In December Revd Mike hosted a Nativity Escape Room evening at the Rectory for Junior Church children, leaders and parents which helped the young people and adults think more about the Christmas Story whilst sharing Pizza!

We are grateful to all those who give their time to help our young people discover more about the Christian faith.

Each year the church appoints a Wistaston Rose Queen who is crowned at the annual Village Fete in Wistaston. The Rose Queen raises money through the year for her chosen

charity, all money raised is given to the chosen charities.

Our thanks go to the those who organise and facilitate this and to the Rose Queen and their families for the work they do through the year.

For adults we have Ladies Afternoon Group, Bible Study and Prayer Groups and during Advent and Lent we hold courses which are always well attended. We have Men's & Women's Groups which meet during the year, mainly for socials events. Please keep a look out on the Weekly Sheet for more information about these groups. Although the St Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union closed after Covid some members now attend the MU at Wybunbury and Jenny Hall keeps members informed through regular newsletters. *Our thanks go to all those who organise and facilitate these groups.*

As a church we support the annual Christian Aid door-to-door collection in May and the annual Sponsored Swim in March at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre. Through these events thousands of pounds are raised each year on behalf of Christian Aid.

Our thanks go to our collectors, swimmers and those who give to these events.

In 2023 we held a series of Lent Lunches in the Church Hall which raised money for church funds and provided fellowship for those who attended.

Our thanks go to Chris and Mike Horne and the rest of the team for their hard work.

During the year there were various events held at the Rectory Revd Mike Sarah including a summer picnic in the garden and a pre-Christmas Open House with food and quizzes which were both well attended.

The Church in our Community

Our churches and members are active in our community in many ways – here are a few. Through the ministry of Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals we serve the wider community by offering pastoral and spiritual support during these important life events. It is a privilege to walk alongside people at these joyful and sad moments in people's lives.

We continue to have excellent relationships with the three schools in our parish, Wistaston Church Lane Academy, Willaston Primary Academy & The Berkeley Academy. Rachael & Revd Mike take assemblies and lessons at these schools on a regular basis and welcome the children into church for visits and school church services.

We support the Wistaston Community Council with their community events and fundraising through the year. For many years we have supplied the sound support for the Village Fete and we give our facilities free of charge for the Flower and Produce Show and the Christmas Concert held in the Church Hall.

Rachael & Revd Mike conduct a monthly service at Richmond Village (Willaston) for the residents with dementia. Using familiar prayers and hymns they help those who attend to worship in a way appropriate to them.

In 2023 we Revd Mike was asked by Motherwell to hold a Baby Loss service at St Mary's, this has forged a relationship with them. Motherwell is a local charity based in Wistaston, which seeks to increase awareness among women particularly, of female centred services in their local area, giving help and support in such areas. Revd Mike was invited to attend an event which Motherwell hosted at Cheshire College South & West to celebrate International Women's Day which was attended by hundreds on people and great conversations were had.

We have strong links with our local uniformed organisations and support them in many

ways including letting them use the Church Hall and St Luke's Church free of charge for their regular meetings and one-off events. By doing this we support them in their work with young people locally. Each December we hold a Christingle service at St Mary's which is attended by hundreds of young people.

Deanery Synod

Our current members of Deanery Synod are: Howard Barker, Simon Bartholomew & Revd Mike Turnbull. Our members of the Deanery Synod provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Please see the included report for the activities of the Synod this year.

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.

We aim to achieve this by:

1. Looking to the Future - ensuring we encourage, support, nurture and help our young people so they can pray together, worship together, learn together, live out their faith together, grow in faith together.
2. Working with and in our Local Community - serving our community and showing God's love through our actions.
3. Developing Discipleship - praying together, worshipping together, learning together, living out our faith together, growing in faith together.

Parish Magazine

The last printed edition was January 2022. All news and articles given via the Church Office are now included on the Weekly Sheet and the Blog (the same articles on both).

Social Media

We have a presence on Social Media as follows: stmaryswistaston.org.uk
facebook.com/stmaryandstluke :: youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1 :: Twitter: @maryandluke :: Instagram: @stmarywistaston. Nearly all enquiries for Weddings & Baptisms come via the Website. The Facebook page has 809 followers, YouTube 123, Twitter 288 and Instagram 98. Facebook & Twitter are popular for general enquiries. Bob Squirrell & Mike Turnbull look after the website & Mike Turnbull manages the Facebook, YouTube, Twitter & Instagram accounts. If you are on Social Media please Like or Follow us and share what we do - it's an effective way to share what we do.

Outward Giving

As a church the PCC have agreed for many years to give away 10% of our planned and plate giving to various Charities each year. In 2023 we gave away 5,386.53 and it was given to: Church Missionary Society, Crosslinks, Tear Fund, USPG, The Bible Society, The Children's Society, The Church Army, CPAS, Clergy Pensions, St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy, Chester Clergy Family Trust, Crewe Christian Concern, The YMCA Crewe, Christians Against Poverty, Nantwich Food Bank & St Paul's Pantry. These Charities were chosen in 2019 and will be reviewed by the PCC in 2024. Individual amounts are available from the Treasurer on request.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Crewe and we have been involved, where possible, with meetings, services and events through the year.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC's policy to maintain a balance on funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £36,500 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March 2024 meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to make our churches the lively and vibrant community they are – we really couldn't do it without you!! In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens Sue Squirrell & Chris Horne who have worked tirelessly over the past year on our behalf and to Bob Squirrel who as Treasurer has helped the PCC to manage and understand the church's accounts and its finances. Many components combine to make our worship a pleasant and meaningful experience, these include those who; open and set up our churches, ring the bells, arrange flowers, provide music, read the Bible Readings and Intercessions, clean our churches, set up and operate the sound, vision and streaming and, last but certainly not least, provide our after church refreshments. Many thanks to you all.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Registered Charity number 1130599. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's & St Luke's the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Churchwardens, the Reader, Pastoral Worker, Deanery Synod Members, there is also the opportunity for 12 members to be elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC. Has the power to co-opt people as it see necessary. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are then eligible to stand for election to the PCC after a 6 month period.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Administrative information

The correspondence address is C/O The PCC Secretary, Church Office, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 8HA. 01270 567119. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011). Registered Charity number 1130599.

Current PCC Membership 2023-2024

Our thanks to all those who have served on the PCC this past year

Name	Elected or Role	Retire
Mike Turnbull	Rector	Ex Officio
Ann Stubbs	Pastoral Worker	Ex Officio
Daphne Gregory	Elected	2024
Margaret Shephard	Elected	2024
Frances Latham	Elected	2024
Joy Chaplow	Elected	2024
Sarah Rhodes	Elected	2025
Catherine Gallagher	Elected	2025
Liz Dawes	Elected	2025
Simon Bartholomew	Elected	2025
Howard Barker	Elected	2026
Bob Squirrell	Elected	2026
Mike Felton	Elected	2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Elected	2026
Howard Barker	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
Simon Bartholomew	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
<i>Vacant</i>	Deanery Synod	30 June 2026
David Illing	Co-opted	2024
Rachael Rivers	Co-opted	2024
Chris Horne	Warden	Ex Officio until 2024
Sue Squirrell	Warden	Ex Officio until 2024

Appointed by the PCC

Church Treasurer: Bob Squirrell

Electoral Roll Officers: Sue & Bob Squirrell

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joy Chaplow

Parish Safety Officer: David Illing

Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms.

Architect – Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6DL

Our Bank - The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale. WN8 6WT.

Day to day management of the Church is exercised by the Rector and Wardens.

Formal Reports

Fabric Report

St Mary's

A new boiler has now been installed and the heating is functioning effectively.
The gutters and drains were cleared/checked in October 2023.
The Handrails leading up to the Church from the Triangle have now been replaced.
The memorial triangle has also been tidied up and the chains re-attached.
The Chancel steps handrail and replacement south door are ongoing projects.
Plaster/damp repairs in the Rector's Vestry are also ongoing.
There is also work highlighted in the Quinquennial Inspection that will need to be addressed at some stage, ie: replacing of loose roof slates, re-pointing work etc.

Choir Vestry

Plaster/damp repairs on the walls will need to be carried out. This can perhaps link in with the Rector's Vestry. Plans to upgrade the Choir Vestry (involving the Architect) to a more usable room for meetings, small services, baptism and marriage prep etc. The rear cupboard to the left of the toilet has been cleaned and tidied. Excess books are being removed from book case. Other cupboards being cleared. One piano to be removed.

Churchyard

Storm damage to trees has been cleared and tidied by Sivoris. No paths were obstructed. Richard Sivoris, Contractor, continues to maintain the grounds.

Church Hall

The hall boiler has now been replaced. This is also working effectively. The hall floor has been cleaned and polished.
Following a spate of break-ins and antisocial behaviour, CCTV has been fitted around the hall along with new locks to the car park fire escape and the external office door.
The Kitchen upgrade has now taken place, including new worktops, blinds and a dishwasher. It is planned to have the kitchen painted during the summer.
The gutters and drains were cleared/checked in October 2023
The defibrillator is checked monthly.

St Luke's

The have drains been unblocked.
Shed clearance project due to take place this year, which will involve hiring of skip and sorting shed contents.
The defibrillator is checked monthly.
Richard Sivoris, Contractor, maintains the grounds.
Sue Squirrell and Chris Horne, Church Wardens 03/24

Financial (Treasurer's) Report

2023 was a good year for the church finances. We were given a very significant boost with a further legacy payment from the estate of Margaret Wooldridge of £23,123. This on top of last year's much larger payment from her estate has allowed us to start spending money on our buildings.
We spent £12,684 on replacing the boiler in the church hall and other improvements to

the heating system.

The hall kitchen was also upgraded at a cost of £5,794. £3,455 of this was paid for from fund raising activities mostly in previous years.

The final position was that we overspent by £6,635.

It is good to have money in the bank but there are more expensive projects mentioned in the fabric report which will use up a lot of it.

The underlying situation (as always) is that our normal income is less than our normal expenditure. If you take out the legacy and the spending on improvements, we would have overspent by about £11,000 over the year. It is only when we get a significant legacy that we can build our reserves.

Fundraising contributed £1,081 from Lent Lunches and produce sales. Thank you to Chris and Mike Horne for this.

Our regular income is from fees and giving. The fees come from weddings and funerals. The most important source of our regular income is from giving which was £66,210 in 2023.

The most efficient way to give is by standing order with gift aid. The banks do all the work. All the money you give comes to the church and then we get the gift aid from HMRC on top of that. In 2023 we got £10,553 from gift aid. Of course, it is possible to give with gift aid using envelopes, but it generates more administrative work. Sumup giving is quick and convenient, but we lose a little commission on every gift. You may prefer to put cash on the collection plate by the door. Whatever you can give and however you do it, it all helps, and we thank you for your support this year.

We are grateful to our local parish councils in Wistaston, Rope and Willaston for grants that help us to maintain the churchyard.

Our biggest regular expense is the parish share which is a sum that we are required to pay to the Diocese to cover clergy costs and support. In 2023 we paid £71,757; this will increase to £75,344 in 2024. The church has not been badly hit by utility prices because we were on a fixed price contract. This has now ended, and we will pay much more in 2024. Inflation has affected many of our other costs as well.

There have been some changes made to our accounts during the year. A bank account and some funds have been closed. I have put notes explaining these in the Financial Statement. These changes have not cost anything and will hopefully make the accounts simpler to follow in the future. There is also a note in the Financial Statement about how we will remove the loan from the balance sheet during 2024.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who help with counting, banking, reclaiming gift aid and authorising payments. Your help is much appreciated.

Bob Squirrell. Treasurer St Mary's Wistaston PCC

Parochial Church Council – PCC Secretary's Report

During 2023, the PCC met five times. We dealt with the usual varied assortment of business, including (but not limited to!) the following: financial affairs, property maintenance, community events, mission and ministry, safeguarding, and health-and-safety. Each meeting begins with a bible reading and prayer, before moving on to routine items that you might find in the agenda of any similar meeting, such as "Apologies for Absence", "Approval of the minutes", "Matters Arising" and "Correspondence". We then

move on to deal with our church affairs under five main headings:

MINISTRY, OUTREACH, DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION, FINANCE, BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE
LEGAL, OTHER BUSINESS

We close the meeting by praying for each other in the words of the prayer known as “The Grace”

The practical matters under “Finance” and “Buildings and Maintenance” inevitably occupy quite a lot of the PCC’s time, but since these are covered by separate reports to the APCM, I will not discuss those here.

To give an indication of some of the other things came up during this year, here are a few items that were addressed at each meeting.

January

Under “Ministry (etc)”: we looked back at Advent and Christmas events, reviewing attendance and how the services were received [which as generally positive]; and we looked forward to the coming seasons of Lent and Easter, agreeing a series of Lent study groups and the usual pattern of worship for Holy Week and Easter. We also looked at a proposal from our Tower Captain for a Bell Tower Open Day to attract new or lapsed ringers: it was felt that this was a good idea, and that we could expand it to make a “Church Open Day”. (It subsequently proved to be a popular event, with many visitors from the community.) Under “Legal matters”: the PCC’s Safety Officer reported that a review of our existing Policy and Risk Assessments was continuing, with the aim of producing new documentation in line with the recommendations of our insurers.

March

We had several items of good news in relation to some important roles in the parish: we learned that Rachael Rivers, a Reader in training at Nantwich, would be joining us on a placement as part of her training and would lead and preach at some services; that Sue Squirrel and Chris Horn were both willing continue as Wardens; that Bob Squirrel had agreed to be our new Treasurer; and that Sophie Davis would be our Rose Queen for 2023/24. We also discussed the forthcoming Coronation, and whether the church should put on some special event. It was decided that, in view of there being other celebrations locally, we would leave people free to join in with those, and as a church we would mark the occasion in our Sunday morning service, with cake in the Hall afterwards.

July

This meeting was largely taken up with “Building and Maintenance”, there being no fewer than twelve separate items addressed! We did however have time under “Ministry” to hear that Rachael Rivers had asked to complete her training in our parish, and would like to go on to serve as a Reader here when she is licenced in 2024: this was unanimously welcomed and formally approved. And under “Community” we reviewed the Rose Queen crowning at Wistaston fete, which it was agreed had been a good day: we sent congratulations to Sophie and her attendant, Poppy.

September

Under the “Legal” heading: the Safeguarding Officer expressed her thanks to members for completing the training and awareness exercises required by the Dioceses, as well as the DBS checks that had been completed by all two members (big hint!). And a report from the Safety Officer was received concerning a meeting with the Rector to review a number of outstanding issues.

Under “Ministry and Outreach” we learned that the local charity, “Motherwell” (which is the Rose Queen’s charity this year), had asked us to hold an Infant Loss service in October: this was welcomed by the PCC. We also looked forward to upcoming Commemoration and Remembrance services in November, and discussed the pattern of services for Christmas.

November

The “Any Other Business” at the end of many committee meetings can be a matter of dread in some organizations! – thankfully, it is generally short or completely empty at the PCC. However, this month we did have something to deal with: a proposal for some replacement lighting in St Mary’s church. The sodium lighting in the Chancel and Transept, and mercury bulb lights in the main body of the church, are very old, and power hungry. Modern LED lighting produces a much more pleasant ambient light, with the capability to adjust the colour to suit the mood of the occasion, and is far more economical. An offer had been received to replace the sodium lights free of labour costs, and to investigate the possibilities for the mercury lamps. We agreed to take up this offer.

In conclusion: The PCC are grateful for all giving, grants received from Parish Councils and other generous donations received during the year. I am once again pleased to say that all meetings were well attended, and happy to report that the members work well together, bringing a broad range of experience and expertise to the Council’s business.

David Illing. PCC Secretary 11th March 2024

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met three times during 2023: 27 February (St Andrew’s, Crewe), 27 June (Wrenbury Village Hall) and 9 November (St Michael’s, Coppenhall). Along with worship and the usual business of Synod the following items were discussed: In February we had a presentation from Bessia Kanengoni, the Digital Giving Adviser in the Diocese of Chester, who shared her knowledge on Digital Giving and Contactless Devices and in June we welcomed Bishop Sam, the Bishop of Stockport, was our guest speaker talking on Casting the Net followed by questions. In November, the planned speaker on Dementia and the church was ill, so our Rural Dean Alison explained about Table Talk cards (<https://table-talk.org/>), a conversational game which can provide well-being and support for people by opening up conversations in a respectful and meaningful way and to get people talking about faith.

Electoral Roll

After a revision of the Electoral Roll which was ‘closed off’ on 24th April 2024 in preparation of the 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the figures stood at: Total: 176, of which 122 are resident and 54 are non-resident. This compares with figures at the last APCM: Total: 173, of which 124 were resident and 49 non-resident.

Sue & Bob Squirrell Electoral Roll Officers

Sidespeople at our Churches

The following people are willing to carry on with their duties as Sidespeople at both our Churches

St Mary's

'Head' Sidespeople: Joy Chaplow, Howard Barker, Margaret Shephard and Hilary Davies.

We welcome Hilary Davies as new Head Sidesperson at St Mary's.

Sidespeople: Frances Barker, Diane Edge-Robinson, Camilla Green, Pam Pritchard and Jenny Varty,

St Luke's

'Head' Sidespeople: Daphne Gregory, Frances Latham, John Molloy and Brian Simpson

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the smooth running of both churches in their capacity as sidesperson.

This is a much valued role in God's Ministry.

Sue Squirrell and Chris Horne - Church Wardens

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday, 21 May 2023 at 12 noon

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

Election of the Churchwardens: two nominations received, Chris Horne and Sue Squirrell, and Mike thanked them for their nominations and previous work as church wardens. They were welcomed back in the role of churchwardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Prior to the start of the meeting the following was noted - Amendments to Trustees' Report - TR1 Title should be 2023 not 2022, TR3 Section Worship and Prayer - Morning prayer should read Tuesday and Thursday.

Attendees

Revd. Mike Turnbull (Chair) and 26 parishioners

Revd. Mike started the meeting with a welcome and a prayer - looking ahead to Pentecost.

1. Apologies for Absence - Catherine Gallagher, Steven Rhodes, Diana Carter. Revd Mike thanked John Malloy for all his work as a PCC member for over 50 Years and for all his support over the years.
2. Minutes of the APCM 2022 (page TR12) - no corrections. Revd. Mike signed the minutes as a true record.
3. Formal Reports
 - a. Fabric Report - when will the handrails on the steps to the altar be fitted? Revd Mike indicated that it would be this year.
 - b. Financial Report and Accounts: no questions. Revd. Mike thanked Diane Edge Robinson for her work as treasurer. She will remain treasurer until the next PCC meeting. Bob Squirrell has volunteered to take on this role
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report - no questions
 - d. Deanery Synod - no questions
 - e. Electoral Roll - no questions
4. Elections and Appointments
 - a. Elect Members to the PCC (5 places) - 3 applicants. Re-joining are Howard Barker, Mike Felton and new member Bob Squirrell.
 - b. Elect Members to the Deanery Synod (4 places) - 2 applicants Howard Barker and Simon Bartholomew
 - c. Appointment of an Independent Examiner - Kathy Simms was appointed.
5. Safeguarding - Joy Chaplow will be asking the new PCC members to complete DBS and also for them to complete Safeguard training. We follow the Diocese of Chester guidance for safeguarding.
6. Time for questions or comments - none
7. Any other Business – none

Meeting was brought to a close at 12.15pm. Revd. Mike thanked everyone for attending and The Grace was said.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the membership/trustees of
St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston, Parochial Church Council, Chester Diocese.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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

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

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

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.

Signature: Kathleen Summ
Date: 15.2.24

Mrs K Simms, 35 Berkeley Crescent, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 6QB

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 18 March 2024

Signed by the Treasurer: AC Squirell
Name: Bob Squirell

Signed by the Rector: M.F. Turnbun
Name: MICHAEL FRANCIS TURNBUN

St Marys Wistaston
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	91,445.40	40.00	91,485.40	201,874.04
Income from charitable activities	20,733.12	-	20,733.12	22,444.21
Other trading activities	22,471.33	-	22,471.33	22,057.47
Investments	2,411.98	-	2,411.98	146.57
Other income	2,013.00	-	2,013.00	156.00
Total income	139,074.83	40.00	139,114.83	246,678.29
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	145,569.27	180.99	145,750.26	135,048.21
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	145,569.27	180.99	145,750.26	135,048.21
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(6,494.44)	(140.99)	(6,635.43)	111,630.08
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	69,280.13	-	69,280.13	2,940.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	(69,280.13)	-	(69,280.13)	(2,940.00)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(6,494.44)	(140.99)	(6,635.43)	111,630.08
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	157,452.01	817.26	158,269.27	46,639.19
Total funds carried forward	150,957.57	676.27	151,633.84	158,269.27

Notes on the accounts from the Treasurer

A bank account and some funds have been closed during the year.

We had two accounts with CCLA (CBF) which was unnecessary, so they have been merged into one account.

The boiler fund and the kitchen fund have both been closed because the projects have been completed. The gift aid fund was closed because it served no purpose, and the balance was transferred to the general fund.

The accounts include a loan of £46,631.56 which arose from reduced payments of the parish share in 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic. This was an agreed reduction and we returned to paying the full amount from 2022. At the time there was a concern that we would be required to repay this amount, so it was put into the accounts as a loan. However, there is no loan agreement, and any payments would be voluntary. We need to spend a substantial amount to maintain St Mary's. In view of this, the PCC has now decided to retain the money. The loan will be reversed out of the accounts during 2024 by treating the normal parish share payments as loan repayments.

St Marys Wistaston

Balance Sheet (Separate funds)

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	At 31/12/2023 £	At 31/12/2022 £
Fixed assets						
Tangible Assets	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
Current assets						
Cash At Bank And In Hand	112,947.41	55,955.72	1,065.87	-	169,969.00	176,270.63
	112,947.41	55,955.72	1,065.87	-	169,969.00	176,270.63
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	46,631.56	-	389.60	-	47,021.16	46,687.36
	46,631.56	-	389.60	-	47,021.16	46,687.36
Net current assets less current liabilities	66,315.85	55,955.72	676.27	-	122,947.84	129,583.27
Total assets less current liabilities	95,001.85	55,955.72	676.27	-	151,633.84	158,269.27
Liabilities						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	95,001.85	55,955.72	676.27	-	151,633.84	158,269.27
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General Fund	95,001.85	-	-	-	95,001.85	26,580.44
Designated						
Designated - NEWBOILER - For The Church	-	-	-	-	-	(0.39)
Designated - Churchyard	-	42,803.70	-	-	42,803.70	37,854.92
Designated - Gift Aid HMRC	-	-	-	-	-	64,923.84
Designated - CHURCH HALL KITCHEN FUND	-	-	-	-	-	3,255.00
Designated - Tower Fund Weddings	-	2,265.10	-	-	2,265.10	2,165.10
Designated - Church Hall	-	7,838.41	-	-	7,838.41	19,832.29
Designated - Junior Church	-	120.01	-	-	120.01	120.01
Designated - St Luke's Fundraising	-	1,625.55	-	-	1,625.55	1,625.55
Designated - Stepping Stones	-	1,302.95	-	-	1,302.95	1,095.25
Restricted						
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	556.88	-	556.88	697.87
Restricted - Agency collection	-	-	119.39	-	119.39	119.39
Fund Totals	95,001.85	55,955.72	676.27	-	151,633.84	158,269.27

Reserves Policy

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St Marys Wistaston

Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - PLANNED GIVING - BANK (for standing orders)	30,216.00	-	-	-	30,216.00	30,467.00
0110 - GIFT AID ENVELOPES	1,531.45	-	-	-	1,531.45	1,343.86
0110A - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes) DO NOT USE	-	-	-	-	-	-
0201 - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes)	3,200.92	-	-	-	3,200.92	2,751.17
0201A - GIFT AID ENVELOPES DO NOT USE	-	-	-	-	-	-
0202 - PLANNED GIVING - CAF & GAYE	5,554.17	200.00	-	-	5,754.17	4,490.00
0203 - PAYPAL GIVING	-	-	-	-	-	-
0204 - SUM UP GIVING	1,490.26	951.08	-	-	2,441.34	2,348.95
0205 - GIVE A LITTLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
0206 - AD HOC BANK DONATIONS	452.40	80.00	-	-	532.40	4,027.11
0301 - Open Plate Giving - (cash & cheques on plate excluding envelopes)	5,189.50	-	-	-	5,189.50	4,551.10
0303 - STEPPING STONES - subscriptions	-	328.90	-	-	328.90	378.80
0401 - SUNDRY DONATIONS	2,143.53	930.00	-	-	3,073.53	7,014.78
0402 - FLOWER DONATIONS	-	-	40.00	-	40.00	30.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	80.50	17.64	-	-	98.14	8.68
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-
0550 - Donations - special appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,553.42	-	-	-	10,553.42	9,955.88
0701 - Legacies	24,715.36	-	-	-	24,715.36	129,632.14
0801 - Recurring grants	-	3,250.00	-	-	3,250.00	3,500.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	1,085.77
0901 - Other funds generated - funds from Easy-fundraising	503.90	56.37	-	-	560.27	288.80
Donations and legacies Totals	85,631.41	5,813.99	40.00	-	91,485.40	201,874.04
Income from charitable activities						
0910 - FUNDRAISING - FETES, sales etc	1,081.12	-	-	-	1,081.12	1,640.71
0911 - BOOKSTALL SALES - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1101 - Fees for weddings, funerals & BAPTISMS	9,492.00	9,872.00	-	-	19,364.00	20,505.50
1102 - TOWER	-	238.00	-	-	238.00	298.00
1240 - Church Hall Lettings - Fundraising	-	50.00	-	-	50.00	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	10,573.12	10,160.00	-	-	20,733.12	22,444.21
Other trading activities						
1210 - BOOKSTALL - money received from the sale of books, periodicals etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - HALL - rent	-	17,970.12	-	-	17,970.12	16,598.97
1241 - ST LUKE'S - rent	4,500.08	-	-	-	4,500.08	5,453.50
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	1.13	-	-	-	1.13	5.00
Other trading activities Totals	4,501.21	17,970.12	-	-	22,471.33	22,057.47

	General Designated Restricted Endowment				This year	Total Last year
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	2,411.98	-	-	-	2,411.98	146.57
Investments Totals	2,411.98	-	-	-	2,411.98	146.57
Other income						
1234 - Ladies Afternoon Group Income LAG Income	2,013.00	-	-	-	2,013.00	1,709.60
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	(1,553.60)
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	2,013.00	-	-	-	2,013.00	156.00
Receipts Grand Totals	105,130.72	33,944.11	40.00	-	139,114.83	246,678.29
Payments						
Raising funds						
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1831 - LOCAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,434.40	-	-	-	1,434.40	1,887.00
1832 - NATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,819.98	-	-	-	1,819.98	1,765.00
1833 - INTERNATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,795.00	-	-	-	1,795.00	1,740.00
1850 - Home mission	155.59	-	-	-	155.59	40.00
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	71,756.64	-	-	-	71,756.64	72,493.01
2000 - Employee Tax/Ni Due to HMRC	255.60	-	-	-	255.60	329.60
2002 - VERGER FEES	432.80	-	-	-	432.80	417.60
2003 - ORGANIST FEES	322.00	-	-	-	322.00	421.00
2004 - BELL RINGERS HONORARIUM & RECTORS BOOK ALLOWANCE	110.00	224.00	-	-	334.00	441.50
2005 - SUPPORT COSTS - includes training and education	-	-	-	-	-	83.76
2101 - RECTOR - expenses	645.20	-	-	-	645.20	124.99
2102 - HOSPITALITY	113.60	38.20	-	-	151.80	1,043.25
2120 - RECTORY - council tax	2,511.80	-	-	-	2,511.80	2,393.18
2145 - RECTORY - water rates	499.15	-	-	-	499.15	476.42
2150 - RECTORY - telephone	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	180.00
2151 - CURATE - expenses	-	-	-	-	-	131.17
2201 - CHURCH EXPENSES - mission & evangelism	74.83	-	-	-	74.83	-
2202 - CHURCH EXPENSES - Stepping Stones	-	57.50	-	-	57.50	112.36
2203 - EXPENSES LAG	1,862.70	-	-	-	1,862.70	1,889.77
2301 - ST MARYS - insurance	2,280.00	-	-	-	2,280.00	2,077.83
2302 - ST LUKE'S - insurance	1,139.45	-	-	-	1,139.45	1,025.78
2330 - ST MARYS - maintenance	(98.00)	-	-	-	(98.00)	7,436.30
2331 - ST LUKE'S - maintenance	1,763.88	-	-	-	1,763.88	1,344.05
2332 - ST MARYS - cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	276.83
2333 - ST LUKE'S - cleaning	13.99	-	-	-	13.99	319.94
2340 - UPKEEP OF CHURCH SERVICES	2,925.01	25.50	-	-	2,950.51	2,514.80
2341 - FLOWER EXPENSES	8.00	-	180.99	-	188.99	19.50
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	8,104.86	-	-	8,104.86	8,875.77
2371 - Church office - BUILDING EXPENDITURE ONLY	-	-	-	-	-	-

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
2401 - ST MARYS - electric	631.88	-	-	-	631.88	838.12
2402 - ST LUKE'S - electric	647.10	-	-	-	647.10	693.29
2410 - ST MARYS - gas	1,393.08	-	-	-	1,393.08	1,292.77
2421 - ST LUKE'S - water	248.13	-	-	-	248.13	330.68
2530 - HALL - electricity	-	707.85	-	-	707.85	740.46
2540 - HALL - gas	-	2,752.37	-	-	2,752.37	2,208.65
2550 - HALL - insurance	-	2,280.00	-	-	2,280.00	2,077.83
2560 - HALL - maintenance	-	3,124.20	-	-	3,124.20	4,904.33
2561 - HALL - cleaning	-	3,560.95	-	-	3,560.95	999.82
2580 - HALL - water	-	436.45	-	-	436.45	1,068.62
2581 - Magazine expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
2602 - CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	2,024.42	-	-	-	2,024.42	2,300.83
2603 - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	6,299.28	2,099.72	-	-	8,399.00	7,732.40
2701 - ST MARYS - major repairs structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2702 - ST LUKE'S - major repairs structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2710 - ST MARYS - major repairs installation	554.70	-	-	-	554.70	-
2711 - ST LUKE'S - major repairs installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - ST MARYS - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2721 - ST LUKE'S - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - HALL - major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - HALL - major repairs - installation	-	18,507.46	-	-	18,507.46	-
2830 - HALL - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	103,650.21	41,919.06	180.99	-	145,750.26	135,048.21
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments Grand Totals	103,650.21	41,919.06	180.99	-	145,750.26	135,048.21

Accounts

St Mary, Wistaston with St Luke, Willaston
Trustees' Report and
Financial Statement for 2022
for the Parochial Church Council of
Registered Charity number 1130599

This report was written and/or compiled by Revd Turnbull. E&OE. 02 May 2023.

Reports acknowledged when written by others and it comprises of

- **A Trustees' Report for 2022 on pages TR2 – TR12**
 - **A Financial Statement for 2022 on pages FS1 – FS8**
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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 will be held on
Sunday 21 May 2023 12 noon at St Mary's Church

If you are on the Electoral Roll your attendance is required. Please take some time to read through this report before the meeting so as you may be fully informed.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

1. Election of the Churchwardens (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo). All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting *Only those on the church Electoral Roll are allowed to comment or vote*

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Minutes of the APCM 2022 (pages TR12)
 3. Formal Reports (pages TR7-TR11)
these are published 14 days before the meeting so won't be read out - please read them before the meeting
 - a. Fabric Report
 - b. Financial Report and Accounts: *questions on the finances, which have been Independently Examined and accepted by the PCC, should be directed to the Treasurer, Diane, (treasurer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or call the Church Office on 567119) 4 days before the meeting so as to ensure an informed reply at the meeting.*
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report
 - d. Deanery Synod
 - e. Electoral Roll
 4. Elections and Appointments (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo).
All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.
 - a. Elect Members to the PCC (5 places)
 - b. Elect Members to the Deanery Synod (4 places)
 - c. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
 5. Safeguarding (see TR2 and stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguardingpage.html)
 6. Time for questions or comments
 7. Any other Business – to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting
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- The Archdeacon's Visitation is on 1 June, 7:30pm, at St Chad, Wybunbury.
 - The first meeting of the new PCC is on Monday 17 July, 7:30pm at St Luke's.

Trustees' Report 2022

Our Aims and Purposes

St Mary's & St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mike Turnbull, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Churchyard and Church Hall Wistaston, and St Luke's Church Willaston.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at both churches. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of all the buildings mentioned above.

Safeguarding

We understand safeguarding to be an integral part of the life and ministry of our Church. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults visiting and participating in Church activities is important to us, everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all. All our Safeguarding policies and documents can be found here:

www.stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguarding.html

The PCC have adopted the House of Bishops' National Safeguarding Policy & Practice guidance which has now been formally adopted by the Diocese and throughout the Church of England. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding . If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding .

The PCC have appointed Joy Chaplow as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. You can find our

Safeguarding Policy on the Safeguarding Page of our website – see above. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Promoting a Safer Church, can be accessed online here: bit.ly/psh2019 or we have copies in the Church Office, Rector's Vestry and the Vestry at St Luke's. Our own website has details of Safeguarding Contacts and our policies.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community may find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a range of services throughout the month, including Holy Communion, All Age Worship & Baptism services and a midweek BCP Holy Communion. There is Morning Prayer on Zoom (bit.ly/930mp) 9:30am on a Tuesday & Thursday (*this is the pattern from May 2023*) and our Sunday Worship provides opportunities for all ages to worship including those in our Junior Church. Our worship music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary with a mix of the organ, music group and video hymns.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and as well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2022 we celebrated 28 Baptisms, 8 Weddings and conducted 37 Funerals, 30 in church and 7 at the Crematorium. We also conducted 22 Interments of Cremated Remains

We continue to livestream all our Sunday Service from St Mary's and many of our special services including Easter, Christmas, Commemoration and funerals upon request. Each Sunday during 2022 we would have an average of around 20 online. It's worth pointing out that this could be multiple people watching for each of the 20.

The Church of England uses October as a 'usual' month to collect attendance data. During October 2022 we had a usual average Sunday attendance of 73 across both churches.

Deanery Synod

Our current members of Deanery Synod are: Howard Barker, Simon Bartholomew, John Molloy, & Revd Mike Turnbull. Our members of the Deanery Synod provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Please see the included report for the activities of the Synod this year.

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.

We aim to achieve this by:

1. Looking to the Future - ensuring we encourage, support, nurture and help our young people so they can pray together, worship together, learn together, live out their faith together, grow in faith together.
2. Working with and in our Local Community - serving our community and showing God's love through our actions.
3. Developing Discipleship - praying together, worshipping together, learning together, living out our faith together, growing in faith together.

Parish Magazine

The last printed edition was January 2022. All news and articles given via the Church Office are now included on the Weekly Sheet and the Blog (the same articles on both). This keeps things more up to date and relevant. The PCC will consider the future of the magazine during 2023.

Social Media

We have a presence on Social Media as follows: stmaryswistaston.org.uk
facebook.com/stmaryandstluke :: youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1 :: Twitter: @maryandluke :: Instagram: @stmarywistaston. Nearly all enquiries for Weddings & Baptisms come via the Website. The Facebook page has 718 followers, YouTube 111, Twitter 287 and Instagram 96. Facebook & Twitter are popular for general enquiries. Bob Squirrell & Mike Turnbull look after the website & Mike Turnbull manages the Facebook, YouTube, Twitter & Instagram accounts. If you are on Social Media please Like or Follow us and share what we do - it's an effective way to share what we do.

Outward Giving

As a church the PCC have agreed for many years to give away 10% of our planned and plate giving to various Charities each year. In 2022 we gave away £5,220 and it was given to: Church Missionary Society, Crosslinks, Tear Fund, USPG, The Bible Society, The Children's Society, The Church Army, CPAS, Clergy Pensions, St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy, Chester Clergy Family Trust, Crewe Christian Concern, The YMCA Crewe, Christians Against Poverty, Nantwich Food Bank & St Paul's Pantry. These Charities were chosen in 2019 and will be reviewed by the PCC in 2023. Individual amounts are available from the Treasurer on request. In addition to the charities above, for 2022 only, a donation was made for the role of Crewe Development Worker.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Crewe and we have been involved, where possible, with meetings, services and events through the year.

Reserves Policy

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three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £34,000 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March 2023 meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is – we really couldn't do it without you!! In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens Sue Squirrell & Chris Horne who have worked tirelessly on our behalf and to Diane Edge-Robinson who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Registered Charity number 1130599. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's & St Luke's the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Associate Priest, Churchwardens, the Reader, Pastoral Worker, Deanery Synod Members, there is also the opportunity for 12 members to be elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are then eligible to stand for election to the PCC after a 6 month period.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

Administrative information

The correspondence address is C/O The PCC Secretary, Church Office, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 8HA. 01270 567119. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011). Registered Charity number 1130599.

PCC Membership 2022-2023

Name	Elected or Role	Retire
Mike Turnbull	Rector	Ex Officio
Paul North	Curate	Left in July 2022
Ann Stubbs	Pastoral Worker	Ex Officio
Joan Cadman	Elected	2023
Mike Felton	Elected	2023
Diane Edge-Robinson	Elected	2023
<i>Vacant</i>	Elected	2023
Daphne Gregory	Elected	2024
Margaret Shephard	Elected	2024
Frances Latham	Elected	2024
Joy Chaplow	Elected	2024
Sarah Rhodes	Elected	2025
Catherine Gallagher	Elected	2025
Liz Dawes	Elected	2025
Simon Bartholomew	Elected	2025
Howard Barker	Deanery Synod	30 June 2023
Simon Bartholomew	Deanery Synod	30 June 2023
John Molloy	Deanery Synod	30 June 2023
David Illing	Co-opted	2023
Chris Horne	Warden	Ex Officio until 2023
Sue Squirrell	Warden	Ex Officio until 2023

Appointed by the PCC

Electoral Roll Officers: Sue & Bob Squirrell :: Safeguarding: Joy Chaplow

Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms.

Architect – Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6DL

Our Bank - The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale. WN8 6WT.

Day to day management of the Church is exercised by the Rector and Wardens.

Formal Reports

Fabric Report

Quinquennial Inspection

Sue met with the Architect, Graham D Holland on 9th June in order for him to carry out the Inspection. Full Report received. Overall OK with no major concerns. Various itemised areas and specifics to address. Some 'immediate' tasks already done, ie: debris cleared from gutters and gullies. Ivy cleared. R Beech to quote for: Handrails to Chancel Steps, Replacement of Vestry South Door and Replace Slope Handrail (outside).

Archdeacon's Inspection

Sue and Chris met with Archdeacon Ian Bishop on 29th September for the triennial inspection (delayed due to the Pandemic). An inspection check list was provided by the Diocese. Again, overall no major concerns. Ian had seen a copy of the Quinquennial Report. We went through each item on the form and he checked the Terrier, Inventory and Church Log Book and we all signed this off. Impressed with use of social media especially during Lockdowns. He checked various documents and policies with Polly in the office (Fire Risk Assessments, Lightning Conductor Test certificate etc).

The only issue which was discussed was the heating in the Church which wasn't working and how any new heating requirements would fit in with C of E commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030. After receiving a faculty for this, a new boiler has been installed.

Choir Vestry

Book case emptied. Books and book case removed.

Churchyard

Trees removed from paths after storm damage by Sivoris.

Church Hall

As a result of repeated 'break-ins' to the Hall, the PCC agreed to the installation of CCTV and the Fire Door (near office) made more secure. Walls have been painted in the Hall and the floor properly cleaned. Stage wall to be painted. Quotes will be sourced to update the Kitchen this summer and replace the heating boiler similar to the church.

St Luke's

Gutters were cleared and drains unblocked. Trees removed and area by gate tidied after storm damage.

Sue Squirrell and Chris Horne, Church Wardens 03/23

Financial (Treasurer's) Report

Our income in 2022 was £246,678,29 and our expenditure was £135,048,21. The net income from this was £111,630,08. However, the overall income included a significant legacy from Miss Margaret Wooldridge totalling £129,632,14.

Without this huge single donation, the yearly accounts would have recorded a total overspend of £18,002,06.

Our finances are affected by many issues, and some are listed below. Whilst several things are out of our direct control, the selfless efforts of a small core of volunteers supporting the church, ensure that fundraising opportunities are pursued, and operating costs are minimised through effective housekeeping:

- Our Parish Share paid to the diocese increases annually. For 2022 it totalled £72,493,01. The payments reduced from September following the departure of Revd Paul North and the removal of the Curate's housing allowance. Trustees should note that there still remains an unpaid Parish Share of £46,631,56 as a result of the pandemic.
- Donations and Legacies. General donations were down in 2022. Fortuitously, the previously mentioned significant legacy from Miss Wooldridge, masks what otherwise, would have been a disappointing loss.
- Gas, water, and electricity for the Church Hall totalled £4,017, for St Mary's £2,130, and for St Luke's £1,023. Insurance costs for all three sites totalled £5,181.
- Costs for the upkeep of the churchyard were £8,875. Storm damage, and repairs to the tarmac caused additional expenditure. However, the costs were less than the previous year's total.
- Letting income from the Church Hall totalled £16,598 nearly doubling last year's total. St Luke's was £5,453.50 which is nearly triple what was generated in 2021. A big 'thank you' to Polly Harper for all of her hard work in promoting the use of the rental opportunities.
- During 2022, we also had an urgent need to replace the boiler within the Church building at a total cost of £7,800. The work was undertaken by Youngs. At the point we paid the invoice in December, voluntary donations had raised a significant £3,962 towards this payment.
- The upkeep of the churchyard is costly, and we are always grateful for grants that help with this. In 2022, the Parish Councils of Wistaston, Rope, and Willaston, contributed £3000, £250, and £250 respectively. Other grants received included a Jubilee Grant of £100 from Cheshire East Council, and a fuel Grant of £985 from Chester DBF.
- Fund Raising opportunities were better this year. The Horne family raised an

incredible £1,431, waiving any material and ingredient costs to maximise the donation received by the church. We also very much enjoyed our Jubilee celebration which raised £209. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this event.

The banking process was changed mid year, leading to a reduction in the number of times we 'count money' to once a fortnight. We now use the local Post Office for banking transactions rather than the Cooperative Bank in town - a move which is helpful for the volunteers.

Petty cash allocations have been removed at St Marys and the Office. The one remaining is the Flower Fund at St Luke's. There was a plan to close the account and use the staff expenses form to claim for any flowers purchased, and any money raised for the flower fund added to the Green Sheet. However, some apprehensions about this method of payment have currently prevented it from going ahead.

Funds were raised to cover the deficit in the War Memorial Fund which was 'paid off' and closed down.

There is one outstanding item under review between the Treasurer and Data Developments, the Church accounting software supplier. However, this does not affect overall values, only the transfer of monies from one fund to the other. An update on this will be given once available.

Finally, I have to give a big thanks to all approvers, their willingness to volunteer their services is a huge help to the treasurer, and the smooth running of the accounts. This thanks also extends to all of the unpaid volunteers, who deal daily with the stress and strains of juggling family life alongside supporting the church, and simply 'get on with it'.

Diane-Heather Edge-Robinson

Treasurer St Mary's Wistaston PCC

Parochial Church Council – Secretary's Report

I can report that the PCC has met five times in 2022, dealing with the usual varied assortment of business. Amongst other things, we discussed financial affairs, property maintenance, community events, mission and ministry.

The January meeting dealt mainly with finance and budgets and strategies of how we would cope financially with the predicted increase in the cost of utilities. Plans were also made for the Living in Love and Faith course which ran during Lent.

The March meeting was chaired by John Molloy (Vice Chair) due to Revd Mike being on sickness leave. The upcoming APCM was discussed and the plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were discussed.

At the May 2022 meeting the planning for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations were finalised; we discussed and approved the return of the Common Cup for communion services, using intinction by the celebrant;

it was reported that repair work had been completed to the churchyard wall (damaged as the result of a vehicle collision, earlier in the year) and in the Church Hall (which had suffered a break-in); finance matters were addressed, with some concern over the state of our finances, due to the continued consequences of the Covid lock-downs; it was noted that we had no Safety Officer in post.

The meeting scheduled for July had to be cancelled because of the excessive hot weather at 35°! Necessary business was conducted via email.

The September meeting was quite busy, due to the cancellation in July: we reviewed our policy with the Common Cup, and decided to continue with no change (this continued to be reviewed throughout the year); plans were put forward and approved for the celebration of Harvest Sunday and the Commemoration Service; the Jubilee celebration was reviewed and we agreed it had been a success – we thanked Joy and the team who made it happen; there was a discussion about Baptism services – since the pandemic we have held Baptisms only at 12:30pm, and the question was raised whether to keep it that way or revert to Baptisms on the 4th Sunday at 10:40am and on a 5th Sunday – Revd Mike proposed that every third month baptisms can be in the 10:40 service and the other two months will be 12.30pm; we agreed the installation of CCTV coverage for the Hall, following break-ins and other problems (subsequently this has proved a very worthwhile investment); the Wardens reported on a satisfactory meeting with the Archdeacon; we learned that the Quinquennial Inspection had been completed, and a small group was set up to put an action plan together to address the work required; David Illing was appointed Safety Officer; we were informed that Diane would need to finish her role as Treasurer at the end of the year.

In November we approved a proposal to replace the broken gas boiler at St Mary's Church with a new energy efficient boiler, with a Hive heating controller (which would enable the heating to be set, timed and controlled remotely); around 80% of the cost for this was raised via the congregation and we were also able to claim the VAT back (£1200) via the Government's Listed Places of Worship Scheme; we agreed final arrangements for Christmas services; we discussed whether PCC members should be required to have a DBS check (in line with Bp Julie's recommendations re Safeguarding) – it was unanimously agreed that from April 2023 all PCC members, being charity trustees, must undertake a DBS without barring.

The PCC are grateful for all, giving, grants received from Parish Councils and other generous donations received during the year. We especially give thanks to God for the generous legacy left to the church by Miss Margaret Wooldridge. All meetings were well attended, and I am pleased to say that the members work well together, bringing a broad range of experience and expertise to the Council's business.

David Illing. 19 April 2023

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met three times during 2022: 21 February (St Mary's, Wistaston), 14 June (St Bartholomew's, Church Minshull) and 9 November (St Peter's, Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon). Along with worship and the usual business of Synod the following items were discussed: what we hope for from Deanery Synod, leading into the sharing of ideas for a deanery prayer; an Address via Zoom by Dr Kieran Mullan, MP for Crewe and Nantwich; a talk from the Diocesan Director of Vocations, Sarah Fenby, on vocations within the Diocese. We are looking for Deanery Synod members for election this year, forms are available at both churches.

Electoral Roll

After a revision of the Electoral Roll which was 'closed off' on 30th April 2023 in preparation of the 2023 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the figures stood at: Total: 173, of which 124 are resident and 49 are non-resident. This compares with figures at the last APCM: Total: 176, of which 127 were resident and 49 non-resident.

Sue & Bob Squirrell Electoral Roll Officers

Sidespeople at our Churches

The following people are willing to undertake the role of as Sidespeople

St Mary's.

'Head' Sidespeople: Joy Chaplow, Howard Barker, Margaret Shephard and Rachel Davies (new)

Sidespeople: Frances Barker, Diane Edge-Robinson, Catherine Gallagher, Camilla Green, Pam Pritchard and Jenny Varty,

St Luke's

'Head' Sidespeople: Daphne Gregory, Frances Latham, John Molloy and Brian Simpson

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the smooth running of both churches in their capacity as sidesperson. This is a much-valued role in God's Ministry.

We welcome Rachel Davies as new Head Sidesperson at St Mary's. She will also be joined by Sophie to assist. Unfortunately, Marian and Syd Carter and Alex Percival are no longer able to continue in their roles, but we thank them for all their hard work over the years.

Sue Squirrell and Chris Horne

Church Wardens

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held on Sunday, 8th May 2022 at 12 noon - Attendance 26

Sue Squirrell welcomed those attending the meeting and explained that in the absence of our Chair, Revd. Mike Turnbull; the lead for the meeting would normally fall on our Vice Chair, John Molloy. With John and the Archdeacon's permission and blessing Revd. Paul had enquired if he might experience leading the Annual Meeting. Everyone in the room was in favour of this motion. Revd. Paul then opened the meeting with prayer.

Meeting of the Parishioners

Purpose to elect two Church Wardens for 2022 – 2023 or until the next APCM. Two nominations have been received and they are from Christine Horne and Susan Squirrell. No other nominations had been received and they were duly elected. A formal vote of thanks was made to Joy Chaplow for her 3 years as Warden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence: Diana and Mike Carter, Marian and Syd Carter, David Illing, Sarah and Stephen Rhodes, Pauline Mallinson and Sarah Turnbull.
2. Minutes of the APCM 2021: No amendments to the meeting held on 16th May 2021. These were signed as a true record of the meeting.
3. Formal Reports: Every report was listed with time for people to ask questions and none were asked.
4. Elections and Appointments: Elect members to the PCC. We have received five applications to join or re-join the PCC for a period of three years from the following.... Sarah Rhodes, Catherine Gallagher, Elizabeth Dawes, Simon Bartholomew and Joy Chaplow. A vote of thanks was given to Jenny Hall and Mike and Diana Carter who were retiring from the PCC. Appointment of an Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms has kindly agreed to continue in this role for the next 12 months.
5. Safeguarding: Joy Chaplow will continue to act as our Safeguarding Officer. She thanked those PCC members who had completed their "Basic Awareness" training and explained that there would be a discussion at the next PCC meeting as to whether DBS clearances should be done as a matter of good practice for all PCC members.
6. Time for Questions: No questions.
7. Any Other Business: Revd. Paul told members that with the support of Occupational Health and the Diocese that Revd. Mike hopes to return on 23rd May. Revd. Mike wanted to express his thanks for all the support and love he has been shown during his absence.

Howard Barker asked how much longer Revd. Paul would be with us and the answer was that he would definitely be with us until the end of June but that this may be extended as he didn't start his curacy with us until September. He thanked us for the support and encouragement over the past few months and ended by saying that where God calls, we follow and trust in him. The formal meeting ended in prayer

Members of the PCC were asked to remain behind for a very short PCC Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a Vice Chair. John Molloy was stepping down as Vice Chair after 31 years in the position. Simon Bartholomew was willing to take on this role and was duly elected.

Simon thanked John for his many years of service to the church. He has been on the PCC for 50 years and served on the Deanery Synod for 41 years.

The next meeting of the PCC is scheduled to be held on Monday, 30th May at 7.30 pm at St Luke's.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the membership/trustees of
St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston, Parochial Church Council, Chester Diocese.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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

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

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

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.

Signature: Kathleen Simms

Date: 8 March 2023

Mrs K Simms, 35 Berkeley Crescent, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 6QB

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 20/3/2023

Signed by the Treasurer: Diane-Heather Edge

Name: Diane-Heather Edge - Robinson

Signed by the Rector: M.F. Turnbull

Name: Michael Francis Turnbull

20 March 2023

St Marys Wistaston
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	201,844.04	30.00	-	201,874.04	78,128.40
Income from charitable activities	22,444.21	-	-	22,444.21	21,918.80
Other trading activities	22,057.47	-	-	22,057.47	10,621.79
Investments	146.57	-	-	146.57	5.81
Other income	156.00	-	-	156.00	1,703.60
Total income	246,648.29	30.00	-	246,678.29	112,378.40
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	135,028.71	19.50	-	135,048.21	140,113.20
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	135,028.71	19.50	-	135,048.21	140,113.20
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	111,619.58	10.50	-	111,630.08	(27,734.80)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,340.00	1,600.00	-	2,940.00	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(2,940.00)	-	-	(2,940.00)	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	110,019.58	1,610.50	-	111,630.08	(27,734.80)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	47,432.43	(793.24)	-	46,639.19	74,373.99
Total funds carried forward	157,452.01	817.26	-	158,269.27	46,639.19

Notes from the Treasurer regarding the 2022 accounts:

War Memorial (Restricted) Closed.

War Memorial Correction (Designated) Created. Used as a fund to pay off War Memorial (Restricted) which was in a negative value. Total reached in War Memorial Correction (designated) and funds transferred to War Memorial (Restricted) Fund closed down.

Boiler Fund (Designated) Created.

6590 Cash in Hand at St Mary's – Closed no longer required.

6592 Cash in Hand at Church Office – Closed no longer required.

St Marys Wistaston

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6431: CHURCH HALL EQUIPMENT	19,395.00	-	-	-	19,395.00	19,395.00
6432: ST LUKE'S CHURCH	2,663.00	-	-	-	2,663.00	2,663.00
6433: NEW BELLS	6,628.00	-	-	-	6,628.00	6,628.00
Total	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Co-op Bank Current Account	32,892.08	130,883.47	789.17	-	164,564.72	52,852.55
6505: CCLA(CBF) CHURCHYARD DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	2,856.91	-	-	-	2,856.91	2,819.82
6510: CCLA(CBF) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	8,433.24	-	-	-	8,433.24	8,323.76
6511: TOWER A/C - BELFRY	20.00	-	-	-	20.00	20.50
6512: TOWER A/C - WEDDINGS	175.12	(11.90)	-	-	163.22	95.72
6520: LAG BANK ACCOUNT	190.74	-	-	-	190.74	380.41
6590: Cash in hand ST MARYS	(117.00)	-	117.00	-	-	117.00
6592: CASH IN HAND CHURCH OFFICE	(2.39)	-	2.39	-	-	2.39
6593: CASH IN HAND LAG	32.90	-	-	-	32.90	23.40
6594: CASH IN HAND ST LUKE'S FLOWERS	44.40	-	(35.50)	-	8.90	5.00
Total	44,526.00	130,871.57	873.06	-	176,270.63	64,640.55
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	55.80	-	55.80	55.80
Total	-	-	55.80	-	55.80	55.80
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
6601: Loans received	46,631.56	-	-	-	46,631.56	46,631.56
Total	46,631.56	-	-	-	46,631.56	46,631.56
Net total assets	26,580.44	130,871.57	817.26	-	158,269.27	46,639.19
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	26,580.44	-	-	-	26,580.44	(67,365.32)
Designated - BOILER	-	(0.39)	-	-	(0.39)	-
Designated - ChHall	-	19,832.29	-	-	19,832.29	17,203.64
Designated - ChYard	-	37,854.92	-	-	37,854.92	35,783.64
Designated - Gift Aid	-	64,923.84	-	-	64,923.84	54,967.96
Designated - JnChurch	-	120.01	-	-	120.01	120.01
Designated - KITCHEN FUND	-	3,255.00	-	-	3,255.00	3,131.15
Designated - Mag	-	-	-	-	-	(1,048.61)
Designated - StLsFundraising	-	1,625.55	-	-	1,625.55	1,625.55
Designated - StStones	-	1,095.25	-	-	1,095.25	1,128.81
Designated - Tower Fund Wed	-	2,165.10	-	-	2,165.10	1,885.60
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	697.87	-	697.87	687.37
Restricted - None	-	-	119.39	-	119.39	119.39
Restricted - War Memorial DO NOT USE	-	-	-	-	-	(1,600.00)

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted) Designated Restricted Endowment				Total	Last year
Total	26,580.44	130,871.57	817.26	- 158,269.27	46,639.19	

Initial


St Marys Wistaston

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General Designated Restricted Endowment				Total	
					This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - PLANNED GIVING - BANK (for standing orders)	30,467.00	-	-	-	30,467.00	27,562.00
0110 - GIFT AID ENVELOPES	1,343.86	-	-	-	1,343.86	1,725.30
0110A - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes) DO NOT USE	-	-	-	-	-	(20.00)
0201 - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes)	2,751.17	-	-	-	2,751.17	3,592.95
0201A - GIFT AID ENVELOPES DO NOT USE	-	-	-	-	-	30.00
0202 - PLANNED GIVING - CAF & GAYE	3,665.00	825.00	-	-	4,490.00	5,088.00
0203 - PAYPAL GIVING	-	-	-	-	-	50.00
0204 - SUM UP GIVING	1,917.53	431.42	-	-	2,348.95	1,993.19
0205 - GIVE A LITTLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
0206 - AD HOC BANK DONATIONS	2,738.98	1,288.13	-	-	4,027.11	5,279.12
0301 - Open Plate Giving - (cash & cheques on plate excluding envelopes)	4,551.10	-	-	-	4,551.10	3,679.11
0303 - STEPPING STONES - subscriptions	-	378.80	-	-	378.80	38.00
0401 - SUNDRY DONATIONS	4,242.00	2,772.78	-	-	7,014.78	6,916.51
0402 - FLOWER DONATIONS	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	99.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	0.63	8.05	-	-	8.68	95.00
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	-	360.00
0550 - Donations - special appeals	-	-	-	-	-	1,388.82
0601 - Taxrecoverable on Gift Aid	-	9,955.88	-	-	9,955.88	10,240.39
0701 - Legacies	129,632.14	-	-	-	129,632.14	1,595.40
0801 - Recurring grants	1,500.00	2,000.00	-	-	3,500.00	8,167.13
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,085.77	-	-	-	1,085.77	-
0901 - Other funds generated - funds from Easy-fundraising	192.75	96.05	-	-	288.80	248.48
Donations and legacies Totals	184,087.93	17,756.11	30.00	-	201,874.04	78,128.40
Income from charitable activities						
0910 - FUNDRAISING - FETES, sales etc	1,640.71	-	-	-	1,640.71	897.30
0911 - BOOKSTALL SALES - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	(59.00)
1101 - Fees for weddings, funerals & BAPTISMS	11,374.00	9,131.50	-	-	20,505.50	20,868.00
1102 - TOWER	-	298.00	-	-	298.00	212.50
1240 - Church Hall Lettings - Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	13,014.71	9,429.50	-	-	22,444.21	21,918.80
Other trading activities						
1210 - BOOKSTALL - money received from the sale of books, periodicals etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - HALL - rent	37.50	16,561.47	-	-	16,598.97	8,562.30
1241 - ST LUKE'S - rent	5,453.50	-	-	-	5,453.50	1,984.50
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	4.00	1.00	-	-	5.00	74.99
Other trading activities Totals	5,495.00	16,562.47	-	-	22,057.47	10,621.79

	General Designated Restricted Endowment			Total	
				This year	Last year
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	146.57	-	-	146.57	5.81
Investments Totals	146.57	-	-	146.57	5.81
Other income					
1234 - Ladies Afternoon Group Income LAG Income	1,709.60	-	-	1,709.60	
1310 - Insurance claims	(1,553.60)	-	-	(1,553.60)	1,703.60
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	156.00	-	-	156.00	1,703.60
Income and endowments Grand totals	202,900.21	43,748.08	30.00	- 246,678.29	112,378.40
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1831 - LOCAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,887.00	-	-	1,887.00	1,232.00
1832 - NATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,765.00	-	-	1,765.00	1,416.00
1833 - INTERNATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,740.00	-	-	1,740.00	1,545.00
1850 - Home mission	40.00	-	-	40.00	40.00
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	72,493.01	-	-	72,493.01	86,513.76
2000 - Employee Tax/NI Due to HMRC	329.60	-	-	329.60	636.00
2002 - VERGER FEES	417.60	-	-	417.60	347.20
2003 - ORGANIST FEES	421.00	-	-	421.00	191.00
2004 - BELL RINGERS HONORARIUM & RECTORS BOOK ALLOWANCE	210.50	231.00	-	441.50	698.00
2005 - SUPPORT COSTS - includes training and education	83.76	-	-	83.76	-
2101 - RECTOR - expenses	124.99	-	-	124.99	50.00
2102 - HOSPITALITY	1,043.25	-	-	1,043.25	-
2120 - RECTORY - council tax	2,393.18	-	-	2,393.18	2,317.29
2145 - RECTORY - water rates	476.42	-	-	476.42	507.64
2150 - RECTORY - telephone	180.00	-	-	180.00	-
2151 - CURATE - expenses	131.17	-	-	131.17	435.48
2201 - CHURCH EXPENSES - mission & evangelism	-	-	-	-	-
2202 - CHURCH EXPENSES - Stepping Stones	-	112.36	-	112.36	7.02
2203 - EXPENSES LAG	1,889.77	-	-	1,889.77	60.00
2301 - ST MARYS - insurance	2,077.83	-	-	2,077.83	2,181.85
2302 - ST LUKE'S - insurance	1,025.78	-	-	1,025.78	1,070.67
2330 - ST MARYS - maintenance	3,473.99	3,962.31	-	7,436.30	389.77
2331 - ST LUKE'S - maintenance	1,344.05	-	-	1,344.05	1,124.02
2332 - ST MARYS - cleaning	276.83	-	-	276.83	748.81
2333 - ST LUKE'S - cleaning	319.94	-	-	319.94	756.85
2340 - UPKEEP OF CHURCH SERVICES	2,514.80	-	-	2,514.80	3,358.61
2341 - FLOWER EXPENSES	-	-	19.50	19.50	34.00
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	8,875.77	-	8,875.77	12,438.56
2371 - Church office - BUILDING EXPENDITURE ONLY	-	-	-	-	-

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
2401 - ST MARYS - electric	838.12	-	-	-	838.12	759.62
2402 - ST LUKE'S - electric	693.29	-	-	-	693.29	480.76
2410 - ST MARYS - gas	1,292.77	-	-	-	1,292.77	2,393.82
2421 - ST LUKE'S - water	330.68	-	-	-	330.68	222.69
2530 - HALL - electricity	-	740.46	-	-	740.46	579.70
2540 - HALL - gas	-	2,208.65	-	-	2,208.65	2,442.57
2550 - HALL - insurance	-	2,077.83	-	-	2,077.83	2,181.85
2560 - HALL - maintenance	-	4,904.33	-	-	4,904.33	2,164.11
2561 - HALL - cleaning	-	999.82	-	-	999.82	1,387.77
2580 - HALL - water	-	1,068.62	-	-	1,068.62	854.96
2581 - Magazine expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
2602 - CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	2,300.83	-	-	-	2,300.83	2,068.18
2603 - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	5,799.29	1,933.11	-	-	7,732.40	6,477.64
2701 - ST MARYS - major repairs structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2702 - ST LUKE'S - major repairs structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2710 - ST MARYS - major repairs installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2711 - ST LUKE'S - major repairs installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - ST MARYS - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2721 - ST LUKE'S - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - HALL - major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - HALL - major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - HALL - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	107,914.45	27,114.26	19.50	-	135,048.21	140,113.20
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Grand totals	107,914.45	27,114.26	19.50	-	135,048.21	140,113.20

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Accounts

St Mary, Wistaston with St Luke, Willaston
Trustees' Report and
Financial Statement for 2021
for the Parochial Church Council of
Registered Charity number 1130599

This report was written and/or compiled by Revd Turnbull. E&OE. 20 April 2022.

Reports acknowledged when written by others and it comprises of

- **A Trustees' Report for 2021 on pages TR2 – TR14**
- **A Financial Statement for 2021 on pages FS1 – FS7**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022 will be held on
Sunday 8 May 2022 12 noon at St Mary's Church

If you are on the Electoral Roll your attendance is required. Please take some time to read through this report before the meeting so as you may be fully informed.

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

Meeting of the Parishioners - to appoint the Churchwardens

1. Election of the Churchwardens (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo). All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting *Only those on the church Electoral Roll are allowed to comment or vote*

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
 2. Minutes of the APCM 2021 (pages TR13 & TR14)
 3. Formal Reports (TR8-TR12)
these are published 14 days before the meeting so won't be read out - [please read them before the meeting](#)
 - a. Fabric Report
 - b. Financial report and Accounts: *questions on the finances, which have been Independently Examined and accepted by the PCC, should be directed to the Treasurer, Diane, (d.edgerobinson.der@gmail.com or call the Church Office on 567119) 4 days before the meeting so as to ensure an informed reply at the meeting.*
 - c. PCC Secretary's Report
 - d. Deanery Synod
 - e. Electoral Roll
 4. Elections and Appointments (Nomination Forms available in church & at bit.ly/apcminfo).
All nominations must be with the Chair before the meeting begins.
 - a. Elect Members for the PCC (5 places)
 - b. Appointment of an Independent Examiner
 5. Safeguarding (see TR3 and stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguardingpage.html)
 6. Time for questions or comments
 7. Any other Business – to be notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting
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- The first meeting of the new PCC is on Monday 16 May, 7:30pm at St Luke's.
 - The Archdeacon's Visitation is the 15 June, 7:30pm, Christ Church, Alsager.

Trustees' Report 2021

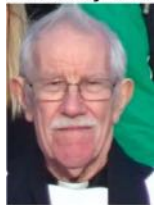
Reflecting on 2021 – Revd Mike (Rector)

Before we delve into the data and financials of 2021, I'd like to ask you to take some time to pause, reflect and give thanks.

2021 was a difficult year in church life just as it was in the country generally. It began with another Lockdown as the Delta variant took hold in the country. To keep everyone as safe as possible, I took the decision to close our churches from the 1st Sunday of January and we remained closed for public worship (along with many other churches) until 21 March. During this time Rev Paul & I (along with Bob on the sound desk) kept the online worship going from church. In fact, since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, we have had online worship each Sunday. I am grateful to the those who have assisted in making sure we could be open when it was safe to do so; those who opened & cleaned the church for Private Prayer times, those who cleaned the churches following Sunday Worship, Funeral & Baptisms, those who did extra practical things to ensure the buildings could open safely. I would also like to thank our Wardens, Joy & Sue, who have been so supportive through out all of 2021. Also a special mention for Bob Squirrell & Rev Paul who, along with myself, spent many hours (and head scratching) to produce smooth, simultaneous, in church, online & telephone worship which has made a huge difference to isolated people.



Prebendary Frank



Reverend Ken

However, it was the latter part of 2021 that dealt the severest blow to our church family when Revd Frank Powell and Revd Ken Sambrook passed away within 5 weeks of each other. The grief within the church family was palpable and it was particularly challenging time for myself.

As we reflect on 2021 we give thanks for Frank & Ken, for their ministry among us that touched so many lives, for their faith, for their wisdom, for their humour and for their service to God and our churches stretching back over so many years. *'Well done, true and faithful servants'*, Matthew 25:21.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

The 26 December 2021 marked the final service at St Mary's & St Luke's for Revd Malcolm Shaw who decided it was time to *'fully'* retire and not renew his annual license from the Bishop. I'm sure you would join me in thanking Malcolm for his ministry within the parish, for sharing his faith with us, for his stories and his fellowship. We wish him and Sandy the best for the future.

For me personally this year, 2022, has been a difficult year. I have suffered with my mental health and in particular with stress and anxiety. By the time you read this I may or may not be back, however, I would like to thank you for the prayers, cards and kindness I have received from the congregation over the past few months, it has really helped.

I look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you again soon. God Bless.

Revd Mike – 20 April 2022

Our Aims and Purposes

St Mary's & St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Mike Turnbull, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Churchyard and Church Hall Wistaston, and St Luke's Church Willaston.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at both churches. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of all the buildings mentioned above.

Safeguarding

We understand safeguarding to be an integral part of the life and ministry of our Church. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults visiting and participating in Church activities is important to us, everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all. All our Safeguarding policies and documents can be found here:

www.stmaryswistaston.org.uk/safeguarding.html

In March 2019 the PCC adopted the House of Bishops' National Safeguarding Policy & Practice guidance which has now been formally adopted by the Diocese and throughout the Church of England. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding . If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding .

The PCC have appointed Joy Chaplow as our Parish Safeguarding Officer. You can find our Safeguarding Policy on the Safeguarding Page of our website – see above. The Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Promoting a Safer Church, can be accessed online here: bit.ly/psh2019 or we have copies in the Church Office, Rector's Vestry and the Vestry at St Luke's. Our own website has details of Safeguarding Contacts and our policies.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community may find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. We have a range of services throughout the month, including Holy Communion, All Age Worship & Baptism services and a midweek BCP Holy Communion. There is Morning Prayer on a Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (during 2021 this was held on Zoom) and our Sunday Worship provides opportunities for all ages to worship including those in our Junior Church. Our worship music is a mixture of traditional and contemporary with a mix of the organ, music group (which is yet to reform following the pandemic) and video hymns.

All are welcome to attend our regular services and as well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. In 2021 we celebrated 15 Baptisms (these restarted in August following the pandemic), 3 Weddings and conducted 28 Funerals in church and 18 at the Crematorium.

Since the pandemic began we have livestreamed all our Sunday Services and many of our special services including Easter, Christmas, Commemoration and funerals upon request. This was made possible through individual donations given to purchase a new computer and cameras. Each Sunday during 2021 we would have an average of around 28 online. It's worth pointing out that this could be multiple people watching for each of the 30.

The Church of England uses October as a 'usual' month to collect attendance data. The figures for 2021 were affected by the pandemic, in October 2021 we had a usual Sunday attendance of 42.

Deanery Synod

Our current members of Deanery Synod are: Howard Barker, Simon Bartholomew, John Molloy, Revd Paul North & Revd Mike Turnbull. Revd Ken Sambrook had been a member this year until his death. Our members of the Deanery Synod provide the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. Please see the included report for the activities of the Synod this year.

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.

We aim to achieve this by:

1. Looking to the Future - ensuring we encourage, support, nurture and help our young people so they can pray together, worship together, learn together, live out their faith together, grow in faith together.
2. Working with and in our Local Community - serving our community and showing God's love through our actions.
3. Developing Discipleship - praying together, worshipping together, learning together, living out our faith together, growing in faith together.

Parish Magazine

The magazine returned to print in March 2021 and was in the form of a 1st Sunday supplement of the Weekly Sheet. However, due to the lack of articles and news submitted, the last edition was January 2022. All news and articles given via the Church Office are now included on the Weekly Sheet and the Blog (the same articles on both). This keeps things more up to date and relevant. The PCC will consider the future of the magazine during 2022.

Social Media

We have a presence on Social Media as follows: stmaryswistaston.org.uk
facebook.com/stmaryandstluke :: youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1 :: Twitter: @maryandluke :: Instagram: @stmarywistaston. Nearly all enquiries for Weddings & Baptisms come via the Website. The Facebook page has 640 followers, YouTube 102, Twitter 295 and Instagram 91. Facebook & Twitter are popular for general enquiries. Bob Squirrell & Mike Turnbull look after the website & Mike Turnbull manages the Facebook, YouTube, Twitter & Instagram accounts. If you are on Social Media please Like or Follow us and share what we do - it's an effective way to share what we do.

Outward Giving

As a church the PCC have agreed for many years to give away 10% of our planned and plate giving to various Charities each year. In 2021 we gave away £4,640 and it was given to: Church Missionary Society, Crosslinks, Tear Fund, USPG, The Bible Society, The Children's Society, The Church Army, CPAS, Clergy Pensions, St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy, Chester Clergy Family Trust, Crewe Christian Concern, The YMCA Crewe, Christians Against Poverty, Nantwich Food Bank & St Paul's Pantry. These Charities were chosen in 2019 and will be reviewed by the PCC in 2023. Individual amounts are available from the Treasurer on request.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Crewe and we have been involved, where possible, with meetings, services and events through the year.

Reserves Policy

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Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is – we really couldn't do it without you!! In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens Joy Chaplow & Sue Squirrell who have worked tirelessly on our behalf and to Diane Edge-Robinson who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Registered Charity number 1130599. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's & St Luke's the membership of the PCC consists of the Rector, Associate Priest, Churchwardens, the Reader, Pastoral Worker, Deanery Synod Members, there is also the opportunity for 12 members to be elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and are then eligible to stand for election to the PCC after a 6 month period.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. Due to the pandemic, the PCC only met twice in person during the year – all other business was conducted by email.

PCC Sub-Committees – did not meet in 2021

Administrative information

The correspondence address is C/O The PCC Secretary, Church Office, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 8HA. 01270 567119. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011). Registered Charity number 1130599.

PCC Membership 2021-2022

Name	Elected or Role	Retire
Mike Turnbull	Rector	Ex Officio
Paul North	Curate	Ex Officio
Ann Stubbs	Pastoral Worker	Ex Officio
Mike Carter	Elected	2022
Jenny Hall	Elected	2022
Simon Bartholomew	Elected	2022
Vacant	Elected	2022
Joan Cadman	Elected	2023
Mike Felton	Elected	2023
Chris Horne	Elected	2023
Diane Edge-Robinson	Elected	2023
Di Carter	Elected	2024
Daphne Gregory	Elected	2024
Margaret Shephard	Elected	2024
Frances Latham	Elected	2024
John Molloy	Deanery Synod	30 June 2023
Howard Barker	Deanery Synod	30 June 2023
Simon Bartholomew	Deanery Synod	30 June 2023
David Illing	Co-opted	2022
Joy Chaplow	Warden	2022
Sue Squirrell	Warden	2022

Appointed by the PCC

Electoral Roll Officers: Sue & Bob Squirrell :: Safeguarding: Joy Chaplow

Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms.

Architect – Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6DL

Our Bank - The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale. WN8 6WT.

Day to day management of the Church is exercised by the Rector and Wardens.

Formal Reports

Fabric Report

Quinquennial Inspection

The architect Graham Holland has now been commissioned to carry out this work. No date as yet agreed for inspection.

Attempted break-in

Sometime around 20th January 2022 there was an attempted break-in at St Mary's – both the Church and Choir Vestry. Ongoing Police investigation. This included: The side choir vestry door, fire door and side window. Details of a faculty, 'List B' below:

List B Application Archdeacon's Written Notice (Rule 3.3)

In the diocese of Chester Parish of Wistaston Church of Wistaston: St Mary
The Venerable Ian Bishop Archdeacon of Macclesfield Application Details:
(B1-1)

Works of repair affecting the fabric or historic material.

Repair/replace damaged Choir Vestry door and reglaze two glass panels within a fire door and replace glass pane (pre 1960) in opening window - side elevation. You have consulted me on a proposal to undertake the above matter without a faculty under rule 3.3 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules ("the Rules") on the basis that it falls within List B.

I have consulted the Diocesan Advisory Committee, or such of its members or officers as I thought fit, on the proposal.

I am satisfied that the proposal is a matter prescribed in List B and that none of what is proposed is excluded by rule 3.5 of the Rules.

The works may be implemented without faculty, subject to the following conditions: The works to be under the direction and subject to inspection by the church architect Specified conditions:

- The repair does not introduce material of a type that does not already form part of the fabric or historic material that is to be repaired.
- The repair does not involve the substantial replacement of a major part of the fabric or of historic material.
- Details of any materials to be used are submitted to the archdeacon when the archdeacon is consulted on the proposal to undertake the matter.
- The works do not involve any new disturbance below ground level.
- The parochial church council's insurers are notified if external scaffolding is to be erected.

Signed: Ian Bishop Date: 03/03/2022

Damaged External Wall

Damage to wall caused by van collision. The driver has admitted liability and we will not have to pay any excess on our insurance policy. It is hoped that the repair work will commence week beginning 14th March 2022.

Most of the chairs which were removed from St Luke's and stored at St Mary's during the pandemic have been returned to St Luke's.

The kneelers which were stored in the Choir Vestry have been placed back in St Mary's.

St Luke's

As above, most of the chairs have been returned to St Luke's.

Church Hall

The Kitchen upgrade project has not yet started.

Churchyard

Contractors Sivoris continue to maintain the areas around the churches, churchyard and hall to a high standard.

Sue Squirrell and Joy Chaplow, Church Wardens 03/22

Financial (Treasurer's) Report

I look back at my first 12 months in the role of Treasurer. First and foremost, I have to thank Daphne Gregory for taking on the task of training me in such difficult and challenging circumstances, when we could not get together or have access to each other's screen.

High level overview from the financial report 2021:

- Our income last year was £112,378.40 and our expenditure was £140,113.20, overspent in the books by £27,734.80. However as per note 1 on the accounts £46,631.56 of the expenditure was the 'loan/liability' total of the deviation from our Parish Share payments for 2020 and 2021.
- Our Parish Share payment to the diocese was £39,882.20 (£32,996.20 deviation for 2021). Note the report shows £86,513.76 against 1910 however this includes the raising of the 'loan/liability' for both 2021 and 2020, as per above.
- Utilities were all affected by the ups and downs of use during Covid and the way in which data was communicated to the supplier. I would like to say we will get a better view next year but this will be affected by the large increases that have already been predicted.
- Upkeep of Church Services is up on 2020, which may be a result of the recommencement of services and additional equipment needed for on-line connection.

- Cleaning is up on last year as the Hall and St Luke's reopen for hire.
 - Generally all giving us up on last year, with a few exceptions. I believe that giving through the bank should be promoted as one of the best ways of giving, due to little third-party input, no collection fee and it gives us a regular income, which helps forecasting.
 - Once again, a fabulous total on the Fetes and Sales, which is all down to Mike and Chris Horne and Joan Cadman; to be clear they ask for no contribution towards ingredients, jars, packaging etc. This was our biggest fund-raising event in 2021 due to ongoing Covid restrictions.
 - Gift Aid recoverable tax was slightly down on the previous year.
- Communication between the Giver and the Church during the pandemic has been more challenging.
- Letting income totalled £8562.30 from the Church Hall and £1984.50 from St Luke's. Polly is working hard to maximise the potential.
 - The upkeep of our churchyard is an ongoing challenge, and we are grateful for grants to help with this. In 2021 we received £3000 from Wistaston Parish Council and £300 from Rope Parish Council.
 - Furlough Grants continued for a period of time through 2021.
- Finally from me, a special thanks goes to the approvers who I constantly pester for their 'tick' on payments within the banking system, your patience is very much appreciated.

Diane-Heather Edge-Robinson

Treasurer, St Mary's Wistaston PCC

Parochial Church Council – Secretary's Report

In the first half of the year, the PCC continued to conduct its business by email, in the ongoing Covid situation. Most of this related, inevitably, to the continuing impact of the pandemic on our worship services and our finances, as well as Church Hall lettings.

In February, our long-serving treasurer indicated that she wished to step down. In an email, Revd Mike expressed the PCC's thanks for her dedicated service:

"We are all deeply indebted to Daphne for the fantastic work she's done over many years and not least in transitioning the accounts to the new software in 2020"

Also that month, we agreed proposals for the reopening of our churches, and set a date for our APCM, with plans to conduct this as an online meeting.

In May, the APCM duly took place, with only Revds Mike and Paul in church, together with the Wardens. Unusually, the wardens were sworn in at St Mary's, there being no Archdeacon's Visitations taking place this year.

Following the APCM elections, the PCC welcomed Diane Edge-Robinson as our new treasurer, and also Frances Latham as a new PCC member – again, inevitably, by email!

In September, we were finally able to organize a formal meeting of the PCC. This took place physically in church, but with some members "attending" virtually via the internet. By this time both churches were fully open, but with restrictions in place.

A regular item on our agenda is "Our Worship: looking back and looking ahead": on this occasion, Revd Mike observed that it was "Good to have some live music back in church with Ian playing the organ again." He also expressed his thanks "to everyone who has made worship possible in church and also online."

The final meeting of the year, in November, was tinged with sadness, as we noted the absence of one of our longest-standing members, Revd Ken Sambrook. Tribute was paid to his wise counsel and vast experience, which are sorely missed. We remembered, too, the ministry of Revd Frank Powell, also recently departed.

Going forward in 2022, it is inevitable that the PCC, and by extension, the whole church family, will face some challenges on the financial front; but we can take encouragement from the fact that a continuing increase of attendance in person at our services promises some return to normality, with the prospect of planning social events and a renewal of shared fellowship.

David Illing
12.04.2022

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod met three times during 2021: 23 February (on Zoom), 17 June (St Mary's, Nantwich) and 8 November (St Chad's, Wybunbury). Along with worship and the usual business of Synod the following items were discussed: Worship during Lockdown, Livestreaming Services & Living in Love and Faith. There were also elections to Diocesan Synod and Revd Mike was elected to it.

Electoral Roll

After a revision of the Electoral Roll which was 'closed off' on 17th April 2022 in preparation of the 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the figures stood at: Total: 176, of which 127 are resident and 49 are non-resident. This compares with figures at the

last APCM: Total: 177, of which 130 were resident and 47 non-resident.

Sue & Bob Squirrell Electoral Roll Officers

Sidespeople at our Churches

[Appointed at the first PCC Meeting following the APCM]

The following people are willing to carry on with their duties as Sidespeople at both our Churches

St Mary's

'Head' Sidespeople: Marian Carter, Joy Chaplow (new) and Margaret Shephard.

Sidespeople: Frances Barker (new), Howard Barker, Syd Carter, Diane Edge-Robinson, Catherine Gallagher, Camilla Green, Alex Percival, Pam Pritchard, Jenny Varty,

St Luke's

'Head' Sidespeople: Daphne Gregory, Frances Latham, John Molloy and Brian Simpson

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the smooth running of both churches in their capacity as sidesperson. This is a much valued role in God's Ministry.

We also welcome Frances Barker and Joy Chaplow as new members at St Mary's.

Sue Squirrell and Joy Chaplow

Church Wardens

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 16 May 2021

Rev. Mike Turnbull welcomed attendees opened the meeting with a prayer, thinking back over the year and a blessing for the meeting. This was followed with an explanation of the purpose of the meeting and that the meeting is split into 2 parts as listed above. He also explained the difference this year as there are no visitation services due to COVID therefore, the wardens would be sworn in during the meeting which is different to previous years. Thanks were given to Joy and Sue for their encouragement and support in 2020 during this difficult year.

Meeting of the Parishioners

Two nominations for Church Warden for 2021 - 22 or until the next APCM. The two nominations are Joy Chaplow and Sue Squirrel they will be the wardens until the next meeting. Both were sworn in by Rev Turnbull and admitted to the office of church warden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Rev. Mike Turnbull reminded attendees that the Trustees Report and Financial Statement have been available in church and online for more than 14 day so there is no legal requirement for these to be read during the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Catherine Gallagher, Di and Mike Carter

2. Minutes of the APCM 2020

No amendments to the meeting of Oct 2020. These were signed as a true record of the meeting

3. Formal Reports - No questions

- a. Daphne Gregory retires at this meeting as Treasurer and Rev. Mike Turnbull thanked her for her encouragement and support in this role. She has made sure that we are compliant with laws and dealing with correspondence including electronic paperwork. In 2020, she successfully transitioned the accounts to a new online accounting package which will give us better financial data. The role is a very important role in the church life.

4. Elections and Appointments

- a. Elect Members for the PCC. The following will serve for 3 years: Daphne Gregory, Margaret Shephard, Diana Carter, Francis Latham, Diane Edge-Robinson
Also David Illing was Co-opted on to the PCC (David had recently retired as a Reader. Rev Mike thanked David for service as a reader for many years. It has been fantastic to have his support over the years).
David Illing will continue as PCC Secretary
John Molloy will remain as Vice Chair
Diane Edge-Robinson will be Treasurer
- b. Assistant Wardens: These will be the same as last year and they are: Marianne Carter, Margaret Shephard, Di Carter, Chris Horne

- c. Appoint Sidespeople: Thanks to those who have offered to be sidespeople. Particular thanks to Neil Cadman who after many years of service has stood down from the role. We also give thanks Josie Percival who sadly passed away in March this year, we give thanks for her life today and for her role as sidesperson and all the welcoming she did over the years. She will be sorely missed.
- d. Appointment an Independent Examiner: Kathy Simms will continue in this role and we look forward to working with her again this year.

5. Safeguarding

Joy Chaplow continues as our safeguarding officer. She is up to date with safeguarding matters and procedures and on 30 March 2021 she completed the Diocesan Safeguarding Leadership Course so she is a fully qualified Safeguarding Officer. In 2020 we completed the Past Cases Review 2 and nothing was found to report and the Diocese was informed of this. Our website has Safeguarding links and is kept up to date with the latest news and information. All those who work with young people have an enhanced DBS and all PCC members are encouraged to read and familiarize themselves with our safeguarding policy. Speak to any of the clergy or Joy Chaplow if you have any questions or concerns.

6. Time for questions: No questions

7. Any other Business

Special vote of thanks from Simon Bartholomew on behalf of the parish to the wardens as they have gone above and beyond the expectations. Also thanks from Howard and Frances Barker, to Mike and Paul for all they have done this year. Mike thanked Rev. Paul North for his assistance in the technical and production side of the online services, his creativity and eye for detail as this has been amazing. Also to Bob Squirrell for working on the sound so that parishioners get the same service online as in church.

Joy Chaplow (on behalf of her and Sue) added her thanks to Rev. Mike Turnbull and Rev. Paul North for ensuring that the congregation had spiritual nourishment throughout the past year. Mike acknowledged the thanks.

Jenny Hall from St Luke's has temporarily stepped down as sidesperson but the hope is that she will be able to return to the role.

Rev. Turnbull closed the meeting with a reminder to read the reports if not already done so and ended with a prayer of thanks.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the membership/trustees of
St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston, Parochial Church Council, Chester Diocese.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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

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

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

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.

Signature: Kathleen Sim

Date: 14.2.22

Mrs K Simms, 35 Berkeley Crescent, Wistaston, Crewe. CW2 6QB

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: 21st March 2022

Signed by the Treasurer: Diane Heather Edge-Robinson

Name: Diane-Heather Edge-Robinson

Signed by the Rector: M.F. Turnbull 6 March 2022

Name: Michael Francis Turnbull

St Marys Wistaston
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	77,658.81	469.59	-	78,128.40	72,118.90
Income from charitable activities	21,918.80	-	-	21,918.80	14,832.53
Other trading activities	10,621.79	-	-	10,621.79	5,986.33
Investments	5.81	-	-	5.81	118.10
Other income	1,703.60	-	-	1,703.60	-
Total income	111,908.81	469.59	-	112,378.40	93,055.86
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	140,079.20	34.00	-	140,113.20	120,750.43
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	140,079.20	34.00	-	140,113.20	120,750.43
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(28,170.39)	435.59	-	(27,734.80)	(27,694.57)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	650.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	(650.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(28,170.39)	435.59	-	(27,734.80)	(27,694.57)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	75,602.82	(1,228.83)	-	74,373.99	102,068.56
Total funds carried forward	47,432.43	(793.24)	-	46,639.19	74,373.99

Notes from the Treasurer regarding the 2021 accounts:

- (1) Due to the impact of Covid-19, the Parish of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's have paid a deviation to the parish share. During 2020 the payments were tracked on an excel spreadsheet and were transferred into the accounts in August 2021 under 6601: Loan received.
- (2) The reduction of nominal account code 0911 Book Sales Fundraising, which is due to an incorrect posting in the prior year (2020) for this nominal account code and subsequently the reduction of 6591 Cash in Hand St Luke's Book Sales to NIL.

St Marys Wistaston

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2021

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
6431: CHURCH HALL EQUIPMENT	19,395.00	-	-	-	19,395.00	19,395.00
6432: ST LUKE'S CHURCH	2,663.00	-	-	-	2,663.00	2,663.00
6433: NEW BELLS	6,628.00	-	-	-	6,628.00	6,628.00
Total	28,686.00	-	-	-	28,686.00	28,686.00
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
6501: Co-op Bank Current Account	(61,183.27)	114,876.65	(840.83)	-	52,852.55	33,818.30
6505: CCLA (CBF) CHURCHYARD DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	2,819.82	-	-	-	2,819.82	2,818.35
6510: CCLA (CBF) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	8,323.76	-	-	-	8,323.76	8,319.42
6511: TOWER A/C - BELFRY	20.00	0.50	-	-	20.50	20.00
6512: TOWER A/C - WEDDINGS	175.12	(79.40)	-	-	95.72	76.72
6520: LAG BANK ACCOUNT	380.41	-	-	-	380.41	440.41
6590: Cash in hand ST MARYS	-	-	117.00	-	117.00	117.00
6591: CASH IN HAND ST LUKE'S BOOK SALES	-	-	-	-	-	59.00
6592: CASH IN HAND CHURCH OFFICE	-	-	2.39	-	2.39	2.39
6593: CASH IN HAND LAG	23.40	-	-	-	23.40	23.40
6594: CASH IN HAND ST LUKE'S FLOWERS	21.00	-	(16.00)	-	5.00	35.00
Total	(49,419.76)	114,797.75	(737.44)	-	64,640.55	45,729.99
Liability - Agency Accounts						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	55.80	-	55.80	42.00
Total	-	-	55.80	-	55.80	42.00
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
6601: Loans received	46,631.56	-	-	-	46,631.56	-
Total	46,631.56	-	-	-	46,631.56	-
Net total assets	(67,365.32)	114,797.75	(793.24)	-	46,639.19	74,373.99
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	(67,365.32)	-	-	-	(67,365.32)	(30,523.20)
Designated - ChHall	-	17,203.64	-	-	17,203.64	19,871.71
Designated - ChYard	-	35,783.64	-	-	35,783.64	34,756.70
Designated - Gift Aid	-	54,967.96	-	-	54,967.96	44,727.57
Designated - JnChurch	-	120.01	-	-	120.01	145.99
Designated - KITCHEN FUND	-	3,131.15	-	-	3,131.15	3,131.15
Designated - Mag	-	(1,048.61)	-	-	(1,048.61)	(1,154.88)
Designated - StLsFundraising	-	1,625.55	-	-	1,625.55	1,673.35
Designated - StStones	-	1,128.81	-	-	1,128.81	1,097.83
Designated - Tower Fund Wed	-	1,885.60	-	-	1,885.60	1,876.60
Restricted - Flowers	-	-	687.37	-	687.37	622.37
Restricted - None	-	-	119.39	-	119.39	119.39
Restricted - War Memorial	-	-	(1,600.00)	-	(1,600.00)	(1,970.59)

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted) Designated Restricted Endowment			Total	Last year
Total	(67,365.32)	114,797.75	(793.24)	- 46,639.19	74,373.99

St Marys Wistaston

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

						Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - PLANNED GIVING - BANK (for standing orders)	27,562.00	-	-	-	27,562.00	24,224.00
0110 - GIFT AID ENVELOPES	1,725.30	-	-	-	1,725.30	-
0110A - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes) DO NOT USE	(20.00)	-	-	-	(20.00)	1,128.80
0201 - PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES (for weekly envelopes)	3,592.95	-	-	-	3,592.95	-
0201A - GIFT AID ENVELOPES DO NOT USE	30.00	-	-	-	30.00	3,047.15
0202 - PLANNED GIVING - CAF & GAYE	5,088.00	-	-	-	5,088.00	4,693.50
0203 - PAYPAL GIVING	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	464.12
0204 - SUM UP GIVING	1,961.91	31.28	-	-	1,993.19	2,583.65
0205 - GIVE A LITTLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
0206 - AD HOC BANK DONATIONS	4,993.60	-	285.52	-	5,279.12	2,824.24
0301 - Open Plate Giving - (cash & cheques on plate excluding envelopes)	3,675.61	-	3.50	-	3,679.11	3,310.97
0303 - STEPPING STONES - subscriptions	-	38.00	-	-	38.00	90.40
0401 - SUNDRY DONATIONS	6,834.94	-	81.57	-	6,916.51	3,649.09
0402 - FLOWER DONATIONS	-	-	99.00	-	99.00	54.00
0410 - Giving through church boxes	60.50	34.50	-	-	95.00	530.35
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	360.00	-	-	360.00	350.00
0550 - Donations - special appeals	1,388.82	-	-	-	1,388.82	4,050.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	10,240.39	-	-	10,240.39	12,415.44
0701 - Legacies	1,595.40	-	-	-	1,595.40	-
0801 - Recurring grants	4,867.13	3,300.00	-	-	8,167.13	8,183.78
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	-	-	-	313.65
0901 - Other funds generated - funds from Easy-fundraising	248.48	-	-	-	248.48	205.76
Donations and legacies Totals	63,654.64	14,004.17	469.59	-	78,128.40	72,118.90
Income from charitable activities						
0910 - FUNDRAISING - FETES, sales etc	897.30	-	-	-	897.30	852.50
0911 - BOOKSTALL SALES - fundraising	(11.20)	(47.80)	-	-	(59.00)	151.78
1101 - Fees for weddings, funerals & BAPTISMS	10,659.50	10,208.50	-	-	20,868.00	13,828.25
1102 - TOWER	-	212.50	-	-	212.50	-
1240 - Church Hall Lettings - Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	11,545.60	10,373.20	-	-	21,918.80	14,832.53
Other trading activities						
1210 - BOOKSTALL - money received from the sale of books, periodicals etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - HALL - rent	-	8,562.30	-	-	8,562.30	4,304.78
1241 - ST LUKE'S - rent	1,984.50	-	-	-	1,984.50	1,504.50
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	74.99	-	-	74.99	177.05
Other trading activities Totals	1,984.50	8,637.29	-	-	10,621.79	5,986.33

	General Designated Restricted Endowment			This year	Total Last year
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	5.81	-	-	5.81	118.10
Investments Totals	5.81	-	-	5.81	118.10
Other income					
1310 - Insurance claims	1,703.60	-	-	1,703.60	-
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income Totals	1,703.60	-	-	1,703.60	-
Income and endowments Grand totals	78,894.15	33,014.66	469.59	- 112,378.40	93,055.86

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-

Expenditure on charitable activities

1831 - LOCAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,232.00	-	-	1,232.00	940.00
1832 - NATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,416.00	-	-	1,416.00	375.00
1833 - INTERNATIONAL OUTWARD GIVING	1,545.00	-	-	1,545.00	375.00
1850 - Home mission	40.00	-	-	40.00	50.00
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	86,513.76	-	-	86,513.76	58,712.64
2000 - Employee Tax/NI Due to HMRC	636.00	-	-	636.00	579.80
2002 - VERGER FEES	347.20	-	-	347.20	246.40
2003 - ORGANIST FEES	191.00	-	-	191.00	64.50
2004 - BELL RINGERS HONORARIUM & RECTORS BOOK ALLOWANCE	417.00	281.00	-	698.00	343.50
2005 - SUPPORT COSTS - includes training and education	-	-	-	-	11.94
2101 - RECTOR - expenses	50.00	-	-	50.00	32.50
2102 - HOSPITALITY	-	-	-	-	31.13
2120 - RECTORY - council tax	2,317.29	-	-	2,317.29	2,207.29
2145 - RECTORY - water rates	507.64	-	-	507.64	534.66
2150 - RECTORY - telephone	-	-	-	-	-
2151 - CURATE - expenses	435.48	-	-	435.48	407.68
2201 - CHURCH EXPENSES - mission & evangelism	-	-	-	-	74.60
2202 - CHURCH EXPENSES - Stepping Stones	-	7.02	-	7.02	-
2203 - EXPENSES LAG	60.00	-	-	60.00	514.00
2301 - ST MARYS - insurance	2,181.85	-	-	2,181.85	2,176.85
2302 - ST LUKE'S - insurance	1,070.67	-	-	1,070.67	1,088.53
2330 - ST MARYS - maintenance	389.77	-	-	389.77	691.68
2331 - ST LUKE'S - maintenance	1,124.02	-	-	1,124.02	975.73
2332 - ST MARYS - cleaning	748.81	-	-	748.81	447.60
2333 - ST LUKE'S - cleaning	756.85	-	-	756.85	805.38
2340 - UPKEEP OF CHURCH SERVICES	2,998.61	360.00	-	3,358.61	359.32
2341 - FLOWER EXPENSES	-	-	34.00	34.00	-
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard	-	12,438.56	-	12,438.56	20,388.26
2371 - Church office - BUILDING EXPENDITURE ONLY	-	-	-	-	30.00
2401 - ST MARYS - electric	759.62	-	-	759.62	549.05

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
2402 - ST LUKE'S - electric	480.76	-	-	-	480.76	593.49
2410 - ST MARYS - gas	2,393.82	-	-	-	2,393.82	1,756.19
2421 - ST LUKE'S - water	222.69	-	-	-	222.69	87.97
2530 - HALL - electricity	-	579.70	-	-	579.70	598.15
2540 - HALL - gas	-	2,442.57	-	-	2,442.57	3,004.79
2550 - HALL - insurance	-	2,181.85	-	-	2,181.85	2,176.86
2560 - HALL - maintenance	-	2,164.11	-	-	2,164.11	1,548.36
2561 - HALL - cleaning	-	1,387.77	-	-	1,387.77	132.01
2580 - HALL - water	-	854.96	-	-	854.96	475.19
2581 - Magazine expenses	-	-	-	-	-	140.88
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
2602 - CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	2,042.20	25.98	-	-	2,068.18	2,160.00
2603 - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	4,858.23	1,619.41	-	-	6,477.64	6,708.61
2701 - ST MARYS - major repairs structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2702 - ST LUKE'S - major repairs structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2710 - ST MARYS - major repairs installation	-	-	-	-	-	865.05
2711 - ST LUKE,S - major repairs installation	-	-	-	-	-	3,280.00
2720 - ST MARYS - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2721 - ST LUKE'S - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - HALL - major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - HALL - major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	1,610.00
2830 - HALL - interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	599.84
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	115,736.27	24,342.93	34.00	-	140,113.20	120,750.43
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Grand totals	115,736.27	24,342.93	34.00	-	140,113.20	120,750.43

It is PCC's policy to maintain a balance on funds (if possible), which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £35,000 (based on last year's expenditure) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time and to cover liabilities. The PCC considered our finances at our March meeting and were confident that we could meet our liabilities as they fall due.