

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WOLSTON, ST MARGARET'S

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Details

Other names	WOLSTON, ST MARGARET'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, WOLSTON ST MARGARET'S PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-22
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: Religious activities in Warwickshire

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£100,219	£97,530	-	-
2024-12-31	£119,958	£110,524	-	-
2023-12-31	£101,243	£106,008	-	-
2022-12-31	£99,327	£91,488	-	-
2021-12-31	£97,001	£96,988	-	-
2020-12-31	£92,790	£98,388	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID RALPH GADSBY		
Dawn Katherine Webb		2023-03-01
Derek Howard Jon Leaf		2023-03-01
Elizabeth Egan		2024-04-25
Graham Michael Clark		2023-03-01
HELEN SIMMONDS		
JOSEPHINE GADSBY		
Jennifer Jane Lumsden		2019-04-28
MELISSA JANE RALPH		2018-01-01
NAOMI ALICE ANNE FRASER BROWN		
REV PAUL ANDREW HOWARD SIMMONDS		
Rev Malcolm John Ingham		2024-05-08
Ruth Esther McCartney		2021-10-01
SIMON WILLIAM MULLEY		2018-01-01

Accounts



St Margaret's Church Wolston, Brandon and Bretford

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

**For the financial year ended
31 December 2025**

and the PCC year to the end of April 2026

**APCM to be held on
Thursday 21 May 2026 @ 19.30**

Vicar:	Revd. Malcolm Ingham
Associate Minister:	Revd. Paul Simmonds
Church Administrator:	Mrs Jenny Lumsden
Family's Worker:	Mrs Ellie Gallant
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Josie Gadsby

Bank:	HSBC Bank, Church Street, Rugby
Independent Examiner:	Mr Keith Francis
Church Architect:	Mr Simon Bird

PCC Members:

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM), co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or represent the parish on a Synod.

Incumbent:	Revd. Malcolm Ingham [Chair]
Wardens:	Mrs Ruth McCartney Mr Simon Mulley

Elected Members:

Miss Naomi Brown, Mr Graham Clark, Mrs Elizabeth Egan, Mrs Josie Gadsby, Mrs Dawn Webb, Mr Derek Leaf, Mrs Jenny Lumsden, Mr John Marlow, Mr Robert Thompson

Co-opted members :

Ex officio:	Revd Paul Simmonds
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Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:	Mrs Helen Simmonds
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Representatives on the Deanery Synod:	Revd. Malcolm Ingham, Mr David Gadsby , Mrs Jayne Hayward, Mrs Melissa Ralph & Mrs Helen Simmonds [Lay Dean]
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Officers:	Mr David Gadsby (Church Secretary & Lay Chair) Dr Stephen Wigmore (Treasurer, for part of the year) Mr Simon Mulley (Treasurer since January 2026) Mrs Jayne Hayward [Electoral Roll Officer & minute secretary]
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Mission Statement

We, as the Parish church of Wolston, Brandon and Bretford, exist to:-
Worship God.
Be and make disciples.
Serve and care for those around us.

Vision Statement

We have a vision to see: -
A people who are encountering God in their day to day lives.
A people that are being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.
A people who are learning and are equipped to live Jesus' way.
A people who are courageous, who take risks for Jesus.
A people who are reaching out to a new generation.
A people who will serve and care for those around them (at home, in the street, at work, and in the wider world).

Church Organisation

At the centre of the church leadership structure is the two way organisational link of the Vicar and the PCC all ably supported by the church office.

However, we believe that everyone should be involved in different aspects of ministry, in whatever way suits their skills, gifts and temperaments, both inside and outside the church building itself.

Each Anglican church has in place a series of groups and processes which enable the safe and smooth running of a church within the Church of England.

Other groups exist which are individual to each church. Here at St Margaret's these groups have been in existence for many years, to enable the church to meet its aims.

For the sake of clarity, we will deal with these different reports in two different sections:- Church Organisation and Structure, and St Margaret's Group reports.

Vicar's Report 2025

At the end of 2024 St. Leonard's, Ryton-on-Dunsmore joined the benefice, but it wasn't until the start of 2025 that this became more of a reality with a new benefice pattern of services that allowed me, as vicar to get round to all the churches every week.

It has been a real labour of love to draw the three fellowships together as we followed shared preaching series, enjoyed United Benefice Services that have moved around the churches on the fifth Sundays and spent time with each other at various social events as well a joint Lent Group and a Christianity Explored course as well as looking ahead to Christmas with an Advent Carol service together.

Our verse for the year was "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" which comes from Philippians 1:3-5. As 2025 progressed it felt more and more as if that partnership in the Gospel – working prayerfully together to spread the Good News of Jesus was becoming a reality.

One of the great helps has been to have members from all three fellowships on the rota planning meetings so that we can work together in partnership and shared ministry as we put together our plans for the week-by-week services, seeking to serve and equip each other.

It has also been lovely to share in the diversity of worship styles across the benefice recognising that no one church has it right, but that together

we grow in our spirituality as we learn from one another and become deeper in our relationship with God as we worship him in diverse ways rooted in Scripture and empowered by his Holy Spirit.

Having recently announced that I will be moving on in the late summer, my hope and prayer is that the benefice will fix their eyes on Jesus, stand firm in the Gospel, love one another more deeply and bless their communities by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus as they serve those in need, but I especially long for the fellowships to continue to grow together, to have a unity of mind and purpose and encourage and build one another up in the faith. As we look forwards as well as backwards, may St. Leonard's, St. Peter's and St. Margaret's truly be partners together in the Gospel.

Malcolm Ingham

PCC Report 2025/26

Since the APCM in May last year the PCC has met 11 times. Regular items have been:

Monitoring all aspects of Church finances and agreeing actions to improve them.

Regular updates on safeguarding policy and procedures to ensure our culture and practice are compliant with what is needed.

Agreeing and monitoring of Church maintenance as outlined in the fabric report.

Consideration of Deanery Synod issues particularly the parish share.

Specific items which the PCC have discussed, approved and subsequently supported include:

- Production of a Holy Communion booklet for use in the benefice.
- Development and increased frequency of Messy Church.
- Changes to the management of finances.
- Changes to Avon Grapevine under its new team.
- Expenditure on roadway repairs.

In addition we have received reports on all the ongoing ministries of the church and discussed/agreed action to support them.

Thanks to all members who have contributed to discussions and decisions this year.

David Gadsby, Lay Vice Chair

Treasurer's Report year ending 31st Dec 2025

In 2025, we maintained three types of funds - the General Fund (covering regular income and expenditure of the Church), Designated Funds (which the PCC has set aside for specific purposes) and Restricted Funds (where the donor has specified the purpose on which the funds must be spent).

2025 saw the Church record a general fund surplus of £6,717, compared to a deficit of £4708 in 2024.

Expenditure decreased by around £9,000 due to a one-off cost of £5,000 in 2024 to settle a historic underpayment of electricity costs, and a reduction in our quota to the Diocese as our benefice has increased from 2 to 3 churches so some costs are now shared.

Income rose by £3,300 which was mainly due to an increase in fees as there were a large number of funerals and internments and also an increase in generous donations from the congregation.

Maggie's café continues to provide a very valuable source of income for the church with over £9,000 raised. Many thanks to all the volunteers and cake makers who help to keep the café running.

Our grants to support other Christian ministries and needs in the local community and abroad were £3,710; with regular donations made to Coventry Youth for Christ, Interface Uganda, OMF International, Scripture Union, Coventry Foodbanks and Eco Church. Following a review by the PCC, the list of organisations we will be supporting with grants will now be: Open Doors, Church Mission Society, Mercy Ships, Scripture Union, Rugby Youth for Christ, Coventry Foodbank and Eco Church, and the overall total increased to £4,760 per year. This was due to take place in 2025 but was unfortunately missed and will now start in 2026.

The net result of the above is that we now have £33,435 in the General Fund and £22,741 in Designated/Restricted funds. The policy of the PCC

is to keep at least 3 months' running costs in the General Fund and this is currently being met.

Our Children's work Team Leader, Ellie Gallant, has been part funded by the Youth and Children's fund. This fund has now run out and the PCC has agreed to draw this money from the Legacy fund from 2026 onwards. To make the accounts easier to understand, it has been decided to close the Church (Maggie's) Café fund and make the café a straight income and expenditure account as is already done for the Parish magazine.

The 2026 forecast is for the church to see a small surplus of £100. Of course, this is only our best estimate. It is entirely dependent on the continuing generosity of our community, successful fundraising from operations, and the development of our ministry in the coming year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Stephen Wigmore for continuing in his role as Treasurer for most of 2025 despite wanting to resign after last year's AGM, to Chris Carter for handling the Gift Aid claims, David Gadsby for banking the cash, Kevin Payne for helping me understand the church accounts, Keith Francis for providing an independent examination and to Jenny Lumsden with all the office admin.

Treasurer - Simon Mulley

Fabric Report & Church Maintenance Group 2025/26

The major work last year was the retiling of the tower roof including installing felt under the tiles. This should keep the tower water proof for many years. We had to have a bat survey undertaken and bat friendly felt installed which did increase the cost slightly. We were fortunate in receiving a £2000 grant from the Diocese which covered just under half of the costs.

We have also had a section of the access road tarmacked to a professional standard so this should last a lot longer than the had hoc repairs. This is very expensive and there is fundraising in progress to enable us to progress down the drive. Any contribution vert welcome! Lots of small jobs have been completed to keep the church buildings and the church in good repair and to ensure that our services run smoothly. A few of the activities that have taken place over the last year

- Boundary wall near Brandon gate repaired after a section was damaged by cattle.
- 2 blinds replaced in the Church rooms.

- New exterior motion detector lights installed
- New radio microphones for church services
- Wifi extender installed in church rooms
- Post box installed by Main gate

Larger jobs that need to be planned and funds raised for long term improvements are the repairs to stonework on the outside and inside of the church building.

Thanks to all those who have helped keep the church safe and fit for all our services, and a special thanks to Keith Hayward who gives so much of his time to helping with the upkeep of the church, and to Jake Huddleston for donating lights and microphones.

Simon Mulley & Ruth McCartney - Churchwardens

Electoral Roll 2025/26

There are currently 80 people on the Church Electoral Roll, of these 19 live outside the parish.

Jayne Hayward - Electoral Roll officer.

Safeguarding 2025/26

The care and protection of children, young people and adults is the responsibility of the whole church. The PCC plays a key role and receives a safeguarding report each month. We use the Parish Dashboard which is an excellent tool to help us review documents shown on the Mandatory Actions at the appropriate time and keep us up to date with the National Safeguarding Standards. We have used worksheets to assist our discussions on various topics so that our church has a safe and healthy culture, and to put plans in place to make sure that everyone is treated in an appropriate way.

All those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults are safely recruited and are required to undertake training. Some roles also require a DBS check.

In the summer our church hosted a course run by the diocese Raising the Awareness of Domestic Abuse. Nineteen people from our church attended and found it extremely useful. This year the Diocese of Coventry is having a Safeguarding Audit and as part of that there is a Safeguarding Survey. This survey is for everyone in the diocese clergy, officers, congregations, young people and children. We hope many from our church will take part.

We are fortunate that our church family understands why we need DBS certificates and undertake training and the majority of those who need this are up to date so that activities for children, young people and vulnerable adults can take place.

During the past year there have been no safeguarding issues.

Our grateful thanks to all those who give their time to nurture and support children, young people, vulnerable adults and all in our church.

Josie Gadsby – Parish Safeguarding Officer

Rugby Deanery Synod 2025/26

Area Dean Revd Edmund Newey

Lay Dean Helen Simmonds

St Margaret's representatives Malcolm Ingham, David Gadsby, Jayne Hayward, Melissa Ralph, Helen Simmonds – but in 2026/7 we will only have 3 lay reps

Our church is part of Rugby Deanery. 11 clergy look after 27 church communities but at Easter 3 of them retired. That is a lot all at once. We all know the extra pressures this puts on those churches as they continue their ministry and look for a new vicar and a bit more work for Edmund and me as we have meeting to support them and discussions with the diocese and more work for some wonderful, retired clergy.

The clergy meet in regular Chapter meetings.

To keep an overall eye on the delights and challenges in the deanery, 4 clergy and 4 laity meet as the Deanery Leadership Team. As Lay Dean, Helen Simmonds is part of the team which at times is a challenging job. We plan the 3 synod meetings each year aiming to make them interesting and informative for all who come. In June we heard about 'Racial justice developments in Coventry Diocese & beyond'. In June it was "Going to Prison" some insights from our Prison Chaplains Rosemary Lowden and Charles Ndigirwa and in March John Witcombe the Dean of Coventry

Cathedral joined us shortly before he retired. As that is also the last meeting for some lay reps we're wondering how to celebrate.

The Deanery Leadership Team recommend the Parish Share each year then this is verified at the last synod of the year once Diocesan Synod has met and we are certain of the amount we need to pay. As some of you are aware, not all churches are able to pay for their clergy so the deanery works together to try to pay the full amount. This is becoming more difficult. The Area and Lay Deans often work with churches to encourage them to allocate their money wisely and generously.

Helen Simmonds on behalf of our Deanery Reps

St Margaret's School, Governors Report 2024/25*

Jenny Lumsden has recently finished her current term with the board and has decided not to renew her membership. We thank Jenny for the service she has given, especially to the EYFS part of the school. The board is now looking for a new Foundation Governor to replace Jenny, so anyone interested should talk to Malcolm.

We recently had a SIAMS inspection of the school and received a glowing report, which reflects the hard work of the school staff and celebrates the Christian distinctiveness of the school. We are very proud of this.

The school is now looking to the next OFSTED inspection, which is likely to be around April 2027 and many of the conversations at board meetings are centred around preparing for this.

Sam Gallant - on behalf of the Foundation Governors

St Margaret's School Chaplaincy 2025/26

During the past year we have continued our close links with the school. Weekly assemblies have been led by our team of Josie Gadsby, Ellie Gallant, Malcolm Ingham, Chris Mulley and Eva Leaf (until Christmas). We have been using bible stories from both the Old Testament and the New Testament and linking these to the school values and their commitment to 'Let your light shine'. The second half of the spring term we introduced stories about love and forgiveness. Now we are finding famous Christians from the past leading to present day famous Christians. It is a pleasure for all of us as the children are so responsive, remembering previous stories and even linking Old Testament to New

Testament. They are amazing. Church Chat in the school's newsletter Brookside is hosted by Malcolm Ingham, Chris Mulley, Jenny Lumsden and Josie Gadsby. Our thanks to Eva Leaf, Helen Simmonds and Paul Simmonds for their contribution to Chaplain's Chat over many years. Ellie assisted by Jayne Hayward now leads 'Rooted', a lunchtime group for Key Stage 2 with stories, games and activities.

Josie spent time with Year 6 children towards the end of the summer term using Scripture Union's It's Your Move to support them as they prepared to move to secondary school. It was a truly rewarding afternoon as they shared their concerns and hopes and realising how much they cared about their time at school in Wolston. The school has held Harvest, Christmas and Easter services in church which are mainly led by the children. In February the church was the venue for a Faith Festival where the children shared their experiences of spending time with Emma Kenyon of iSingPOP with comments, songs, action and dancing. At these services the church is full of children, staff and parents. The school had a SIAMS inspection in February where Ellie and Josie represented the church and were able share what we do and how we feel about our links with the school.

We are all grateful for the opportunity to share our time with the children as they learn more about Christianity.

Josie Gadsby on behalf of the Chaplaincy Team.

Sunday Morning Children's Groups 2025/26

We have seen a decrease in the number of leaders for children's work this year, which now means that there are two teams that lead the Sparklers group for pre-school and primary aged children: Sam and Ellie Gallant, and Dawn Webb and Simon Jones. The youth group is still run by Chris Mulley and another helper.

Sparklers takes place twice a month on a Sunday morning alongside the service and the youth group takes place one Sunday a month. The sessions for both are usually planned around the reading for that week's service. These both include bible teaching, with Sparklers including games and crafts along the same theme, whilst the youth group is more discussion based. Sparklers tends to have between 3-5 children attending every week and the youth group is attended by 1-2 young people. Special services, such as Remembrance Day and Easter, have seen numbers between 10-30 for these groups.

One Sunday a month the children are all in the church service for a Family Service and one Sunday a month, activities are planned for children to do in church during the service. The aim is to recruit a few more leaders for children's groups so that we can run more sessions during the month.

Ellie Gallant – on behalf of the Children's Work Team

Arise! Men's Breakfast 2025/26 This group continues to flourish and currently has 62 men on its active contact list and we are regularly getting attendance figures in the high thirties with the men coming from a wide area, centered on Wolston, we reach out as far as Nuneaton and to Kenilworth and Leamington.

Our speakers are recruited by Paul Bowes who this year has brought us Rev Owens speaking about Jesus in the Old Testament, Roger Berrie on Lighthouse and Star of India. Malcolm Ingham spoke to us in November, followed in December by our own in-house celebration with contributions from the men. January saw an innovation which we named 'Been there, got the T shirt'; the men were encouraged to wear the shirt of an association to which they belonged, and be prepared to give a short presentation about it. We have also had talks about Mercy Ships and raised a significant sum as a donation to bless this ministry. Then there was a talk from a representative of Christian Firefighters

Our cooks are principally Phil Scullion and George Browning, ably assisted by Gordon Gore. Bob Grainger is in charge of logistics for the meetings.

Nigel Malka writes a regular contribution in the Avon Grapevine.

We make a charge of £5 per person, from which we donate £1 to St Ms PCC, for the use of the rooms, as of February we have given £330 into St Margaret's funds. In addition, we have funded the cost of replacing one of the overhead blackout blinds in the church rooms at a cost of £87. In October we contributed £50, in response to a local appeal, towards the purchase of an airline ticket to Hong Kong for a lady who, for medical reasons, needed to return there. After the February talk about Mercy Ships we donated £200 to them. In March the men were entertained by singer, songwriter Wes Finch. Our guest speaker for April was Simon Hewitt presenting the work of Firefighter for Christ.

Any men are welcome to join us irrespective of his belief, or indeed absence of one. Our aim is to offer a platform where men can establish friendships, and offer each other mutual support and encouragement.

Avon Grapevine 2024/25*

There have now been two editions of the Avon Grapevine published by a new team and in a new format.

There is a new feature in the introduction of articles at the front of the magazine to increase interest for readers.

We are trialling selling the Avon Grapevine in locations in the village. The Village Green Fish Bar has taken a stand and all five that were left there have gone. We will have more copies available in months to come.

There has been a smooth transfer between the two teams for the Avon Grapevine. My thanks to Brenda and Jayne for all their work in facilitating the hand over and thanks to them for the great work they have done in past years.

Thanks to Hannah Leaf for a great design. The new format has gained a lot of very positive feedback. There was an issue concerning the lightness of the text. This is currently being addressed.

We have had a celebration meal. The new team – Derek, Chris Mulley and Jenny – were able to thank Brenda and Jayne for their labour of love on the Avon Grapevine over the past years. We will also thank Hannah for her design.

The advertising slots are basically taken and largely paid for. Most have gone for colour, with one page of Black and White adverts. This extra has paid for the magazine going to roughly half colour content. This has been appreciated.

Derek Leaf on behalf of the AG Team

Bells Report 2025/26

The bells were rung on the following dates by visitors.

25/1/25 Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
22/2/25 Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
29/3/25 Ladies Guild of Bellringers
12/4/25 Wedding
31/5/25 Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
28/6/25 Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
26/7/25 Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
27/9/25 Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
25/10/25 Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers

There was no ringing in the latter months of the year due to the projected tower roof repairs which after some delays has now been completed. It now remains for the bells to be given their annual service in the near future by members of the Coventry DG bellringers bells maintenance group to check that nuts and bolts are kept tight and also greasing of moving parts.

The bells are booked for 5 occasions in 2026 and no doubt there will be more as the year progresses,

Tower Captain - Keith Chambers

Caleb Cinema Club 2025/26

The Caleb Cinema Club continues to attract a regular audience of about 15 to 20 people, including many regulars who enjoy the film and the social companionship, especially the informal chats over tea and cake after the film.

We show a wide variety of films and try to meet requests for specific titles but are constrained by the film length, type of content and licence conditions.

We meet on the second Friday of every month at 1.30 pm in the church rooms. Cost is £2 each to cover the cost of the tea and biscuits etc..

Do come and join us !

Bob Grainger

Foodbank 2025/26

St Margaret's continues to deliver food, personal hygiene, laundry & baby items etc to the food bank in Willenhall, in Coventry, every week.

We now have two different sites which are established as drop off points, the St Margaret's church in Wolston & "Fourways", Station Rd, Brandon.

Very sadly the amount of food etc items being dropped off has reduced considerably, with nothing at all to take away on some weeks.

Some people who struggle to get out to shop have also supported the food bank financially and the PCC on the church's behalf are committed to making a regular monthly donation.

Thank you to everyone, you does make donations or your incredible generosity during the past year, and I hope it will continue during the year to come.

Keith Hayward

Little Stars - 2025/26

Sadly, after Christmas last year a decision was made to suspend Little Stars. Eva, after many years of faithful service had decided to step back and Ellie planned to take over; but other commitments within church and school made her workload too heavy. Also, at this time the numbers of children & carers attending reduced significantly.

A celebratory end of 'season' party took place, which was a fitting end to something that had been such a blessing to the community.

Maggie's Café 2025/26

The café will have been running for 5 years in June and the team have continued to provide coffee and cakes to around 60 plus members of the community who turn up regularly every week.

One or two extra volunteers have been added to the regulars, and we are very grateful for their support, serving drinks, taking the payments on the till and providing cakes. We are still be happy to have others join us as it all helps to cover holidays etc and if you can offer cakes, a one-off day in the café, or are happy to go on the rota once a month, it all helps.

Who let the Dads Out (WLTDO) 2025/26

Who Let The Dads Out runs on the second Saturday of the months and is a group for dads/male carers and their children. We provide tea/coffee/squash and bacon batches and biscuits, as well as toys for the children to play with. The aim of this ministry is to bring dads together to encourage bonds to grow between them so that they can create lasting friendships both at and away from the church. In the last year we have seen attendance grow further, with around 15 dad's attending on average each week, with nearly 50 now having attended at least once. Many of the dads also attend Messy Church with their partners and children and we are planning a BBQ alongside Messy Church in June 2026.

Sam Gallant on behalf of WLTDO team.

Pastoral Care 2025/26

The Pastoral Care group continues to support lots of people in many ways. By visiting, phoning, meeting up for coffee and taking to appointments. There are people that we are unable to meet, these we hold in our prayers.

We meet every couple of months to support each other and share news. We have a good relationship with St Margaret's school and the school invites us to join them for celebrations throughout the year. When possible the school children will take part in the socials that we organise. We try to arrange at least two socials a year, which is always well attended.

We are happy to receive the names of anyone who needs a bit of support, a friendly visit or prayer. We always ask the person first if they want us to be involved.

Sue Burdett on behalf of the Pastoral group.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025**

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		General	Designated		2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	72,817	-	-	72,817	90,812
Other voluntary income	2(b)	2,936	-	100	3,036	5,859
Investments	2(c)	1,240	972	14	2,226	2,083
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	22,139	-	-	22,139	21,204
Total Income		99,133	972	114	100,219	119,958
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	3,710	-	-	3,710	3,930
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	78,846	5,014	100	83,959	97,182
Church management & administration	3(c)	9,860	-	-	9,860	9,413
Total Expenditure		92,416	5,014	100	97,530	110,524
Net Income/(Expenditure)		6,717	-4,042	14	2,689	9,433
Transfers between Funds		1,063	-1,063	-	-	0
Net movement in funds		7,781	-5,105	14	2,689	9,433
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		25,655	27,509	323	53,487	44,054
Total funds carried forward		33,435	22,404	337	56,176	53,487

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2025

2) INCOME:-	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	56,556			56,556	57,209
Collections	8,009		-	8,009	7,710
Gift Aid recovered	6,012		-	6,012	6,052
Sundry donations	2,005		-	2,005	394
Gift Aid recovered	235		-	235	3
Legacies	-	-	-	-	19,443
	<u>72,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,817</u>	<u>90,812</u>
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,936			2,936	2,859
Building Fund			100	100	3,000
	<u>2,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>3,036</u>	<u>5,859</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CCCLA deposit account	1,240	972	14	2,226	2,083
	<u>1,240</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>2,083</u>
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Church (Maggie's) Café	10,575	-	-	10,575	10,649
Sale of magazine	2,992	-	-	2,992	3,306
Fundraising Events	2,298	-	-	2,298	2,942
Fees	4,161	-	-	4,161	1,923
Contribution for use of Church Room	1,896	-	-	1,896	2,304
Garden of Remembrance deposits written off	216	-	-	216	80
	<u>22,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,139</u>	<u>21,204</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>99,133</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>100,218</u>	<u>119,958</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

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31st DECEMBER 2025

3) EXPENDITURE:-

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	2025	2024
	General £	Designated £	Funds £	£	£
3(a) Donations to Charities	3,710	-	-	3,710	3,930
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : diocesan quota	54,000	-	-	54,000	58,600
: clergy expenses	3,596	-	-	3,596	2,007
Church - running expenses	10,175	-	-	10,175	16,692
Church - maintenance	351	-	-	351	712
Buildings and equipment	3,010	1,381	100	4,492	3,000
Magazine Printing	2,102	-	-	2,102	2,292
Ministry Consumables	2,536	-	-	2,536	3,875
Youth & Children Work	1,766	3,632	-	5,398	4,209
Church (Maggie's) Café	1,309	-	-	1,309	694
Building Fund				-	4,950
	78,846	5,014	100	83,959	97,182
3(c) Church management & administration					
Administration					
Printing and stationery	1,220	-	-	1,220	327
Consumables and IT Contracts	1,271	-	-	1,271	2,098
Staff costs - Administrators	6,434	-	-	6,434	6,568
Cleaning	935	-	-	935	420
	9,860	0	0	9,860	9,413
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	92,416	5,014	100	97,529	110,524



The Parochial Church Council
of
St. Margaret's Wolston

Financial Accounts
Year ended 31st December 2025

Registered as a charity in England and Wales (No. 1130693)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	72,817	-	-	72,817	90,812
Other voluntary income	2(b)	2,936	-	100	3,036	5,859
Investments	2(c)	1,240	972	14	2,226	2,083
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	22,139	-	-	22,139	21,204
Total Income		99,133	972	114	100,219	119,958
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	3,710	-	-	3,710	3,930
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	78,846	5,014	100	83,959	97,182
Church management & administration	3(c)	9,860	-	-	9,860	9,413
Total Expenditure		92,416	5,014	100	97,530	110,524
Net Income/(Expenditure)		6,717	-4,042	14	2,689	9,433
Transfers between Funds		1,063	-1,063	-	-	0
Net movement in funds		7,781	-5,105	14	2,689	9,433
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		25,655	27,509	323	53,487	44,054
Total funds carried forward		33,435	22,404	337	56,176	53,487

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2025	2024
		£	£
Debtors	6	11,510	4,716
Short term deposits		50,000	50,000
Cash at bank		2,763	2,407
Current Assets		64,273	57,122
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	8,096	3,635
Net Current Assets		56,176	53,487
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		55,839	53,164
Restricted		337	323
Total		56,176	53,487

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

M.Ingham

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

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31st DECEMBER 2025

2) INCOME:-	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	General	Designated		2025	2024
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	56,556			56,556	57,209
Collections	8,009		-	8,009	7,710
Gift Aid recovered	6,012		-	6,012	6,052
Sundry donations	2,005		-	2,005	394
Gift Aid recovered	235		-	235	3
Legacies	-	-	-	-	19,443
	<u>72,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,817</u>	<u>90,812</u>
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,936			2,936	2,859
Building Fund			100	100	3,000
	<u>2,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>3,036</u>	<u>5,859</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CCCLA deposit account	1,240	972	14	2,226	2,083
	<u>1,240</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>2,083</u>
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Church (Maggie's) Café	10,575	-	-	10,575	10,649
Sale of magazine	2,992	-	-	2,992	3,306
Fundraising Events	2,298	-	-	2,298	2,942
Fees	4,161	-	-	4,161	1,923
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

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31st DECEMBER 2025

3) EXPENDITURE:-

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	2025	2024
	General	Designated	Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
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Ministry : diocesan quota	54,000	-	-	54,000	58,600
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2025

4) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year ended 31st December 2024

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Funds	£
	£	£		
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	71,369	19,443	-	90,812
Other voluntary income	2,859	3,000	-	5,859
Investments	1,229	840	14	2,083
Income earned from operating activities	10,555	10,649	-	21,204
Other				-
Total Income	<u>86,012</u>	<u>33,931</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>119,958</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants	3,930	-	-	3,930
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	87,178	7,372	2,632	97,182
Church management & administration	9,413	-	-	9,413
Total Expenditure	<u>100,521</u>	<u>7,372</u>	<u>2,632</u>	<u>110,524</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	- 14,508	26,560	- 2,618	9,433
Transfers between Funds	9,800	- 9,800	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 4,708	16,760	- 2,618	9,433
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	30,363	10,750	2,941	44,054
Total funds carried forward	<u>25,655</u>	<u>27,509</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>53,487</u>

	2025	2024
	£	£
5) Staff Costs		
Wages & Salaries	11,655	9,050
National Insurance	0	0
	<u>11,655</u>	<u>9,050</u>

The PCC employed 1 (2024: 1) part time administrator throughout the year,
and 1 (2024: 1) part-time children and families team leader

	2025	2024
	£	£
6) Debtors		
Gift Aid Accrual - unrestricted	9,510	3,262
Gift Aid Accrual - restricted	-	0
CAF donation received, not yet banked	-	500
Diocese grant towards Tower Roof repairs	2,000	
Church Lawford wages & expenses contribution		953
	<u>11,510</u>	<u>4,716</u>

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31st DECEMBER 2025

7) Liabilities (Creditors)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Diocesan Quota and Fees outstanding	4,678	55
Electricity and Gas Bills outstanding	0	1,400
Invoices and expenses not paid in December	1,288	
Deposits - Garden of Remembrance	2,130	2,180
	<u>8,096</u>	<u>3,635</u>

8) Fund Details

Movements in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Interest	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	25,655	97,893	92,416	1,063	1,240	33,435
	<u>25,655</u>	<u>97,893</u>	<u>92,416</u>	<u>1,063</u>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>33,435</u>
Designated funds:						
Building Fund	1,353	0	1,381	0	28	0
Parish Weekend	1,603	0	0	0	69	1,672
Maggie's Café	1,042	0	0	-1,063	22	0
Youth & Children	3,632	0	3,632	0	0	0
Legacy	19,879	0	0	0	852	20,732
Total Designated Funds	<u>27,509</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,014</u>	<u>-1,063</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>22,404</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>53,164</u>	<u>97,893</u>	<u>97,429</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,212</u>	<u>55,839</u>
Restricted Funds						
Bible Fund	323	0	0	0	14	337
Building Fund	0	100	100	0	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	<u>323</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>337</u>
Total Funds	<u>53,487</u>	<u>97,993</u>	<u>97,529</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>56,176</u>

9) PCC Expenses and Remuneration

Under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, it is now required to report certain information relating to remuneration and expenses paid to members of the PCC and their immediate families.

In accordance with this requirement, it is reported that expenses of £3,596 (2024: £2007 for 8 months) were paid to Malcolm Ingham during the year.

Of the wages referred to in note 5, £3,227 were paid to Jayne Hayward, and £3224 to Jenny Lumsden, who are both PCC members, for their work as Church Administrator.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statement has been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of any investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

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

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of these funds are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.

Funds raised by garden parties, the church café and similar events, or by sales of books and magazines, are accounted for gross.

Investment and other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental income is paid. Interest from investments or deposits are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000, or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as a debtor less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Margaret's Church, Wolston.

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the regulations of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mr Keith Francis B.Sc., FCMA, CGMA, MCT
50B Main Street
Wolston
CV8 3HJ



14 April 2026

Accounts



St Margaret's Church Wolston, Brandon and Bretford

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

**For the financial year ended
31 December 2024**

and the PCC year to the end of April 2025

**APCM to be held on
Thursday 1 May 2025 @ 19.30**

Vicar:	Revd. Malcolm Ingham
Associate Minister:	Revd. Paul Simmonds
Church Administrator:	Mrs Jayne Hayward
Children's Work Team Leader:	Mrs Ellie Gallant
Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Josie Gadsby

Bank:	HSBC Bank, Church Street, Rugby
Independent Examiner:	Mr Keith Francis
Church Architect:	Mr Simon Bird

PCC Members:

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM), co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or represent the parish on a Synod.

Incumbent:	Revd. Malcolm Ingham [Chair]
Wardens:	Mrs Ruth McCartney Mr Simon Mulley

Elected Members:

Miss Naomi Brown, Mr Graham Clark, Mrs Josie Gadsby,
Mrs Jain Galliford, Mrs Dawn Webb, Mr Derek Leaf,
Mrs Jenny Lumsden, Mr John Marlow, Mrs Kate Willis

Co-opted members :

Dr Stephen Wigmore

Ex officio:	Revd Paul Simmonds
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Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:

Mrs Helen Simmonds

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Revd. Malcolm Ingham, Mr David Gadsby ,
Mrs Jayne Hayward, Mrs Melissa Ralph &
Mrs Helen Simmonds [Lay Dean]

Officers:	Mr David Gadsby (Church Secretary & Lay Chair)
	Dr Stephen Wigmore (Treasurer)
	Mrs Jayne Hayward [Electoral Roll Officer & minute secretary]



Mission Statement

We, as the Parish church of Wolston, Brandon and Bretford, exist to:-
Worship God.
Be and make disciples.
Serve and care for those around us.

Vision Statement

We have a vision to see: -
A people who are encountering God in their day to day lives.
A people that are being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.
A people who are learning and are equipped to live Jesus' way.
A people who are courageous, who take risks for Jesus.
A people who are reaching out to a new generation.
A people who will serve and care for those around them (at home, in the street, at work, and in the wider world).

Church Organisation

At the centre of the church leadership structure is the three way organisational link of the Vicar, the PCC and the MLT [Ministry Leadership Team], all ably supported by the church office.

However, we believe that everyone should be involved in different aspects of ministry, in whatever way suits their skills, gifts and temperaments, both inside and outside the church building itself. Each Anglican church has in place a series of groups and processes which enable the safe and smooth running of a church within the Church of England.

Other groups exist which are individual to each church. Here at St Margaret's these groups have been in existence for many years, to enable the church to meet its aims.

For the sake of clarity, we will deal with these different reports in two different sections:- Church Organisation and Structure, and St Margaret's Group reports.

Vicar's Report March 2024/25*

Well, it's a sorry state of affairs when the vicar only does half a job, but the reality is that I wasn't around for a significant portion of 2024 and so my report can only be a partial one.

It was lovely (although stressful and exhausting) moving into Wolston at the beginning of May and being licenced to St. Margaret's and St. Peter's a few days later, we enjoyed getting to know the villages and the people as I had opportunity to get around as many groups as I could in those initial weeks.

Much of 2024 was about trying to establish and build up relationships, getting to know people, finding out who's who, and how things work, see what's going well and can grow, identify what is struggling and needs a little TLC and spot what has, perhaps, had its day.

Of course, being new means introducing new things accidentally as well as deliberately, but it has been good to consciously introduce things like a Lamas service at Church Lawford, baptism preparation evenings on Zoom as well as reintegrating baptisms into our main services.

During 2024, our benefice has become part of the Mission Hub hosted by St. Paul's, Leamington Spa. This is a diocesan initiative to help resource our ministry and it has been a good support. We are still an active member of the deanery and working together with Wolston Baptist Church at Remembrance and Christmas has been a great witness of Christian unity.

In our Sunday services we have worked through several sermon series including ones on Acts and Habakkuk. As leaders in the churches we are constantly looking at how we can make our worship more intention and meaningful as we draw close to God in our weekly gatherings.

In November, it was a joy to finally be licenced to St. Leonard's, Ryton although the existing pattern of services across all three churches made Christmas quite tricky to navigate.

As always, the vicar cannot do his job without the help and support of the parishes, however, there just isn't enough space to thank everyone here but I would be remis if I didn't, at least, thank the Church Warden's, PCC's and staff for all that you have done since May, but also during the vacancy.

Together as church fellowships, my hope and prayer is that we will seek to build our faith, lives and ministries on God's Word, be equipped by his Spirit, glorify God and point people to Jesus. That should keep us busy.

Malcolm Ingham

PCC Report 2024/25*

Since the APCM held in March last year the PCC has met 12 times.

Regular items have been:

Monitoring of all aspects of Church finance and agreeing actions to improve them.

Regular updates on safeguarding policy and procedures, to ensure all our practice is compliant with what is needed.

Agreeing and monitoring of Church maintenance as outlined in the fabric report.

Consideration of Deanery Synod issues, particularly the Parish share and plans for potential changes to benefices.

Specific items which the PCC have discussed, approved and subsequently supported include:

- The arrival & installation of Revd Malcolm Ingham as Priest-in-Charge
- Agreed to continue employing a part time children's and family worker to develop our outreach to young families.
- Agreed the changes to service time and pattern.
- Agreed to hire a cleaner for 3 hours / week
- In addition, we have received reports on all the ongoing ministries of the church and discussed/ agreed actions to support and develop them.

Thanks to all members who have contributed to discussion and decisions this year.

Jayne Hayward Minute Secretary & PCC member.

Treasurer's Report year ending 31st Dec 2024 *

In 2024, we maintained three types of fund – the General Fund (covering regular income and expenditure of the Church), Designated Funds (which the PCC has set aside for specific purposes) and Restricted Funds (where the donor has specified the purpose on which the funds must be spent).

2024 saw the Church record a general fund deficit of £4,708, compared to a surplus of £91 in 2023. Expenditure increased by around £10,000, of which around half was due to the ongoing effects of high inflation affecting utilities, insurance and wages; and the fact we began paying for a cleaner. The other £5,000, which produced the deficit, was due to settling a historic underpayment of electricity costs caused by a lack of meter readings over the previous four years. This has now been resolved by installing a smart meter, which should prevent any future underpayments.

Against the increase in expenditure, we saw a £4,000 increase in regular giving, thanks to the continuing generosity of church members following the financial appeal in 2023; and a record contribution from Maggie's Café of £9,800 across the year, £1,300 higher than in 2023. Many thanks to all the volunteers and customers who make the café such a success. These increases in income were offset by a £2,000 reduction in grants received, due to one-off grants the previous year from Coventry Diocese that weren't repeated.

We were also blessed to receive a generous bequest from the Last Will and Testament of Richard Postlethwaite, amount to £19,800. This money is being kept as a separate fund for the time being, and church members are encouraged to pray and consider how we can best use this money to advance God's work in our parish.

Our grants to support other Christian ministries and needs in the local community and abroad were £3,930; with regular donations made to Coventry Youth For Christ, Interface Uganda, OMF International, Scripture Union, Coventry Foodbanks and Eco Church. Following a review by PCC, we have updated the list of organisations we will be supporting by grants, and these will now be: Open Doors, Church Mission Society, Mercy Ships, Scripture Union, Rugby Youth for Christ, Coventry Foodbank and Eco Church.

The net result of the above is that we now have £25,655 in the General Fund and £27,832 in Designated/Restricted funds. The policy of the PCC

is to keep at least 3 months running costs in the General Fund and this is currently being met.

The 2025 forecast is for the church to see a small surplus of £500, similar to 2024 (once the effect of the historic electricity settlement is removed). Of course, this is only our best estimates and is entirely dependent on the continuing generosity of our community, successful fundraising from operations, and the development of our ministry in the coming year.

On a personal note, I am standing down as Treasurer after six years in the role, so thank you to everyone who has assisted me with the finances over that time: particularly Chris Carter for handling the Gift Aid claims and previously the cash, David Gadsby for taking over banking the cash, Keith Hayward with building matters, Jayne Hayward with all the office admin, and church wardens with a wide range of small and large tasks.

Honorary Treasurer - Dr Stephen Wigmore

Fabric Report & Church Maintenance Group 2024/25*

Lots of small jobs have been completed to keep the church buildings and the church in good repair and to ensure that our services run smoothly.

A few of the activities that have taken place over the last year

- Path under main gate re-laid with paving blocks and drainage channel installed.
- Path by the Brandon Gate repaired
- Both main gates and Brandon gates painted
- Main path lights repaired, and additional path light fitted
- Nave roof repointing and parapet top slabs repaired.
- TV monitor mounted on wall at back of church and a new Projector and
- Lectern microphone installed.
- Ground levelled paving installed for bins outside Boiler house
- Church door and Priest's door rubbed down and preservative applied.
- Kitchen floor repaired
- Old church rooms painted including doors and windows. Main church room doors painted. Outside guttering repaired
- Wild flowers have been planted at the back of the churchyard near the container.

We plan to re-tile the tower and install felt this summer - waiting for faculty approval.

Larger jobs that need to be planned and funds raised for long term improvements are the repairs to stonework on the outside and inside of the church building.

On-going is how best to repair the potholes on the access driveway to the church

Thanks to all those who have helped keep the church safe and fit for all our services, and a special thanks to Keith Hayward who gives so much of his time in helping with the upkeep of the church.

Simon Mulley & Ruth McCartney - Churchwardens

Electoral Roll 2024/25 *

A new Electoral Roll has been compiled in 2025 as required under the Church Representation Rules. There are now 81 members, with 20 living outside the parish.

Jayne Hayward - Electoral Roll officer.

Safeguarding 2024/25 *

The care and protection of children, young people and adults is the responsibility of the whole church.

The PCC plays a key role and receives a safeguarding report each month. During the year the PCC has reviewed various documents and the Action Plan which shows our progress with safeguarding requirements and what more needs to be done. You must all be aware of the criticism of the Church of England because of past safeguarding issues. As a result we now have a new learning framework for working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This includes Mandatory Actions such as DBS certificates and training and also National Safeguarding Standards. These are the broad statements of what the Church of England wants to achieve within safeguarding work eg safer recruitment, assessing and managing risk and supervision and support. The Parish Dashboard a tool to help us with this shows 80% on Mandatory Actions and we are making progress with the newly introduced standards from 100% in some but others which need to be looked at. The Parish safeguarding Officer's Forum which takes place via Zoom 3 times a year can be useful. It has included talks from outside speakers one of which

was about support from other organisations. This came just when I needed it. Also talking to those from other churches makes me realise how fortunate I am to be surrounded by people who understand what we are trying to achieve. We are fortunate that most of our church family understand why we need DBS certificates and why we need to undertake training. If we don't have these then activities cannot take place. During the past year there have been no safeguarding issues. Our grateful thanks to all those who give their time to nurture and support children, young people and adults in our church.

Josie Gadsby - Safeguarding Officer

Rugby Deanery Synod 2024/25*

Area Dean Revd Steve Gold

Lay Dean Helen Simmonds

St Margaret's representatives Malcolm Ingham, David Gadsby, Jayne Hayward, Melissa Ralph, Helen Simmonds

Our church is part of Rugby Deanery. 11 clergy look after 27 church communities.

The clergy, they meet in regular Chapter meetings.

To keep an overall eye on the delights and challenges in the deanery, 4 clergy and 4 laity meet as the Deanery Leadership Team. Helen Simmonds is part of the team which at times is a challenging job. We plan the 3 synod meetings each year aiming to make them interesting and informative for all who come. Last June we were visited by Bp Ruth who spoke about the place of Children & Angels in the Church. She asked who has inspired our faith which resulting in several touching responses. In November, April Gold who is the leader of the schools' work for the whole diocese challenged us to make full use of our links with schools in our parishes and introduced the idea of getting year 6 children together at Harris School in the summer term. (The team organising this have decided to limit it to those children preparing to go to Harris School.) At our meeting in March we heard about the sort of structures that can make life less complicated for us all.

The Deanery Leadership Team recommend the Parish Share each year then this is verified at the last synod of the year once Diocesan Synod has met and we are certain of the amount we need to pay. As some of you are aware, not all churches are able to pay for their clergy but the deanery works together to try to pay the full amount. This is becoming

more difficult. The Area and Lay Deans often work with churches to encourage them to allocate their money wisely and generously.

Helen Simmonds on behalf of our Deanery Reps

St Margaret's School, Governors Report 2024/25*

At the beginning of this academic year, David Gadsby stood down as a Foundation Governor after many years of service in this role. I know I speak for the board when I say how much his calm, considered insight and advice was valued by us all. Thank you, David, for your dedication and support over the years.

Malcolm has joined Sam Gallant and myself as Foundation Governors, and together we work to form a visible link between St Margaret's Church and School. Under the leadership of Mrs Michelle Clemons, the school is keen to further develop its distinct Christian identity, and this has formed a considerable part of discussions in recent meetings.

Wolston St Margaret's is due to be inspected by SIAMS (The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) soon, so we, along with the other governors, will be doing all we can to support the school as they prepare for this.

Jenny Lumsden - on behalf of the Foundation Governors

St Margaret's School Chaplaincy 2024/25 *

During the past year we have continued our close links with the school. Weekly assemblies have been led by our team of Josie Gadsby, Chris Mulley, Eva Leaf, Malcolm Ingham and Ellie Gallant. We have used New Testament stories of parables and miracles, and this last term have been talking about Christianity and Christians answering many questions raised by the children. It is a pleasure to go into school to share our faith with the children who listen, take part in a wide variety of presentations and respond as necessary. We are truly blessed. Chaplin's Chat in the school's newsletter Brookside continues to be hosted by Eva Leaf, Helen Simmonds and Paul Simmonds. Classes from Wolston St Margaret's School and Binley Woods Primary School have visited the church as part of their RE lessons becoming more aware of various parts of the church building and its contents and the significance of some of our services. Josie spent time with Year 6 children towards the end of the summer term

using Scripture Union's It's Your Move to support them as they prepared to move to secondary school. It was a truly rewarding afternoon sharing their concerns and hopes and realising how much they cared about their time at school in Wolston. The school has held Easter, Harvest and Christmas Services in church, the latter being ably led by children from Year 2. At these services the church is full of children, staff and parents.

Josie Gadsby on behalf of the Chaplaincy team

Sunday Morning Children's Groups 2024/25 *

We continue to run a Sparklers session for children every Sunday and this is aimed at children from pre-school through primary school age. The sessions are planned around the reading for that week's service and include bible teaching, games and crafts along the same theme. We have seen a wonderful increase in numbers of children that attend on a regular basis and probably have a core group of around 10 children. Ellie Gallant plans sessions for each week and the sessions are currently led by Ellie and Sam Gallant, Maddy and Steve Wigmore and Dawn Webb and Paul Ralph, on a rota basis.

A group for older children is run once a month, planned and lead by Chris Mulley. Currently we have one young person who regularly attend these sessions which usually include discussion based around the week's Bible reading.

Ellie Gallant - On behalf of the Children's Work Team

Arise! Men's Breakfast 2024/25 *

The ARISE group has been going for 15 years now and we often get up to 30 men attending. In the last meeting we had 4 people.

The ethos of the group is not just a men's club, it is to encourage men in their faith, so that they are able to take their place in the world and fulfil God's purpose for their lives. It is of course open to men of faith and those who do not have faith, yet. Long may it continue.

This year we had an eclectic group of speakers who graced our 'after-breakfast' speaker slot.

A number of individuals from the group shared their personal lives and achievements including Phil Scullion (May), Alan Williams who told us about his work life and interest in all things technical in the NHS and Military (Sep). Nigel Malka has written a book that seeks to combine the four Gospel narratives together (Oct). Rev Rob Ballard has also written a

book on 'Spiritual Warfare' and shared aspects of his life and ministry in various parts of the world (Nov). Closer to home we invited the Rev John Taylor of St Bartholomew's Church in Binley to share aspects of his life and ministry. In December we had our usual gathering but with carols and input of a Christmas nature from the members. A group of men also went out and about singing carols.

Invited visitors were David Malam of 'SASRA' (July) who takes the Gospel and Christian faith to the British military, who were also active during the 1st. World War. After two years of sending emails I finally got Rev Lynda-Rose of 'Voice for Justice UK' (April), to share about her work with the Government, challenging them and keeping them on their toes as to matters pertaining to Christian ethics, and the rights and wrongs in the governing process.

January 2025 was started off with a different input because the British Motor Museum sent two guys from Gaydon to talk about the design and building of that British icon 'The Mini'. In February we had the charity 'Greenpastures' which invests in houses for those without a home, ably led by Nick Darlington who supports the charity but was a stand in for the speaker who couldn't attend. Our last meeting (March) was led by Siby Namkha who explained about his work in bringing the Gospel to Muslim folk in the Coventry area, especially students.

During the year our £1 per person levy on each Breakfast has enabled us to contribute £200 to St Margaret's PCC.

Peter Bridges

Avon Grapevine 2024/25*

My thanks to the individuals and organisations who provide the articles which change from month to month. Many of them are busy people but try to hold to my requested deadlines, and occasionally my request for their contribution to be sent in a different format.

My thanks also to the small group of people who generously "top-up" the funds so that we have colour pages back and front each publication. The village events featured on the back page benefit from being in colour. I am frequently told how much the coloured cover enhances the presentation of the Avon Grapevine.

Perhaps we will have an extended version again this summer after the Garden Walkabout. The double page centre spread of gardens was a great success in 2023. That too will be dependent on funding.

Some articles would benefit from an occasional rewrite, eg The Food Bank, to re-focus attention.

Some of you know that I hope to pass on the baton for 2026, but that is still under “negotiation” so I cannot say more on that. It has been a privilege to pick up the editing of this vital mouthpiece for the village. Final thanks to our printers, who make our magazine look quite professional and do so in quite impressive timescales.

Brenda Reeves, Grapevine Editor

Bells Report 2024/25 *

There have been requests from visiting teams to ring but due to the church and hall being in use for other activities we had to refuse permission.

The bells have been rung on the following occasions.

Saturday 24th February	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
Saturday 23rd March	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
Saturday 28th September	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
Saturday 26th October	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
Saturday 25th November	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
Saturday 25th January	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
Saturday 22nd February	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers
Saturday 29th March	Ladies Guild of Bellringers

The bells and fittings remain in good condition requiring only general maintenance

Tower Captain - Keith Chambers

Caleb Cinema Club 2024/25*

The Club meets regularly in The Church Rooms on the second Friday of each month. The doors open at 1.15 pm with the intention of starting the film show at 1.30 pm. Peter and Sheila Bridges continue to work in the background, while Bob Grainger, Carol and Bernard Fry work front of house, they are ably assisted most months by Jane (the Bridges daughter) and Sarah, her friend who come over from Bedworth to help

serve refreshments. The bulk of our supporters are drawn from outside Wolston, mainly from Binley Woods, Bedworth and Coundon.

The film for the coming month is selected by the filmgoers from a selection offered to them at refreshment time. All the films are vetted to ensure that they comply with the terms of the rules dictated by The Church Video License. The films are shown without charge, but we do ask for a small contribution, (currently £2) towards the cost of the refreshments. A small surplus accrues from these transactions, which when large enough is passed on to church funds.

The idea of showing films to young families, during school holidays, has taken a firm root and is developing into a separate entity thanks to the efforts of Bob Grainger and Ellie Gallant.

Peter Bridges on behalf of Caleb Cinema Club

Foodbank 2024/25 *

St Margaret's continues to deliver food, personal hygiene, laundry & baby items etc to the food bank in Willenhall, in Coventry, every week. From reports received from the team there, the last year has proved to be a difficult year for many people, and the numbers attending the food bank have fallen due to a change in the criteria for eligibility.

We now have two different sites which are established as drop off points, the St Margaret's church in Wolston & "Fourways", Station Rd, Brandon. Generally speaking. The amount of food etc items being dropped off has dropped considerably.

Some people who struggle to get out to shop have also supported the food bank financially.

Thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity during the past year, and I hope it will continue during the year to come.

Keith Hayward

Little Stars - 2024/25*

Team: Eva Leaf, Ellie Gallant, Pauline Caldicott, Maddy Wigmore, Jenny Lumsden, Ginny

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We thank God for this year. For fun with families. For Jesus, who gives us wisdom and

strength. For the church for supporting this important adventure.

To start, we said goodbye to 12 of the Little Stars families. It was wonderful to watch

those little children grow up, but so hard to see them go. And even though we know that

they are ready for their new adventures, we miss them all. Yet, the remaining parents

and carers have been great recruiters, and with it has come a new initiative from Ellie –

opening the church an hour before Little Stars begins. Families are coming early to have

their lunch. It is a precious and unhurried time.

The Little Stars team has been wonderful and cheerful. It is our pleasure to work

together. However, many of us have had significant challenges:

- We have missed Ginny for the last few months.
- Eva's mother died, so Ellie took over while Eva regained her bearings.
- Maddy moved house.
- Pauline has stepped up to the mark, but serving coffee/tea is a two-person job.

We are deeply grateful to Jenny for stepping in to fill that essential gap.

- Chris Carter and Derek Leaf always come in an hour early to help set up. Peter and Mary pop in at the very end to finish tidying up. Thank you.

Last, we would like to thank Pauline for creating a beautiful greeting card for Little Stars. We are delighted to have found a printer through Jenny.

Thanks to Emily Lumsden for making this happen.

As for content this past year, we have explored EMOTIONS, SHAPES, and CREATION. As a team, we thank God for Little Stars and this precious opportunity to serve our community.

Eva, Ellie, Pauline, Jenny, Maddy, and Ginny.

Maggie's Café 2024/25*

Maggie's has continued to draw in members of the village for coffee and cake on Wednesday mornings.

Our volunteer numbers have grown this year with new people offering to make cakes and assist with waitressing which has been a huge help, but a big thank you to everyone who helps regularly as we couldn't run it without them.

As well as the usual replacements for coffee etc we have also bought extra teapots and cups this year.

Most of all I would like to thank everyone for their continued support

On behalf of the Maggie's Team - Ruth McCartney

Who let the Dads Out (WLTD0) 2024/25*

This is a group for Dads/male carers and their children. We run the group on the second Saturday of the month and provide tea & coffee, bacon batches, squash and biscuits. There are plenty of toys to entertain the children and there is also a bouncy castle. The group is attended regularly by 12+ Dads and their children, with more than 30 Dads having attended at some stage.

The group also offers Dads a chance to socialise with other Dads and some lasting friendships have been formed in this safe space. Many Dads have offered their help in clearing away/setting up and have also made donations of pre-loved toys to the group.

Please pray for this time will be a blessing to all who come.

Sam Gallant on behalf of the WLTD0 team

Pastoral Care 2024/25*

We have had a difficult year with illnesses in our pastoral group, which has meant some changes have been made. We are sad to say that Sue Marlow has had to step down as group lead, but we are pleased to keep her as a link person. Sue's knowledge and experience in this field is of great value. Sadly Juliet is another person in the group that we miss greatly. We welcomed back Jenny Lumsden to the group which brings our number to ten members. I'm pleased to say that Melissa has agreed

to assist with the running of the group and this is a great asset, she also is our official school liaison person. We have managed to maintain contact with a fair few people, phoning, visiting, arranging lifts, and social events. I thank the group for their continued hard work and commitment. We have maintained our link with the school and have managed to run two socials this last year. We have also completed training courses and enjoyed a spiritual retreat day.

Sue Burdett - on behalf of the PCT

St. Margaret's Wolston

Church Running Costs in 2024 (General Fund)

Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Regular running costs:		
Quota to Diocese (Clergy Costs)	58,600	57,800
Vicar's Expenses	2,007	1,033
Running the Services	3,875	1,728
Building Maintenance and Running Costs	20,404	13,714
Training Courses, Alpha & Messy Church	-	316
Administration costs	11,705	11,509
	96,591	86,100
Other costs:		
Donations made (general)	3,930	4,423
Youth work	-	-
	3,930	4,423
Total Expenditure	100,521	90,522

Income

	£	£
	2024	2023
Donations and legacies:		
Direct Giving from Congregation	71,369	67,458
Donations/Grants (including Clerk's Close)	2,859	4,884
	74,228	72,343
Other income:		
Fees (Funerals and Weddings)	1,923	1,471
Church rooms	2,304	1,566
Investment Income	1,229	957
Magazine Income	3,306	3,404
Reimbursement for photocopying	-	70
Maggie's Café	9,800	8,500
Events	2,942	2,304
Sundry income	80	-
	21,585	18,271
Total Income	95,812	90,613
Net Income (General Fund)	-£4,708	£91

Movement in Other Funds (Restricted and Designated)			
Youth and Children	-1,534	-1,506	
Garden Walkabout		-672	
Building Fund	-1,850	-	565
Church Gates and Pathway		-2,753	
Maggie's Café	196		418
Postlethwaite Legacy	19,879		0
Other Funds	-2,549		223
	14,141	-	4,856
Net increase in Funds	£ 9,433	-£	4,765

Movement in Funds 2024

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General Reserve					
General Fund	30,363	86,012	100,521	9,800	25,655
Designated funds:					
Building Fund	3,203	3,100	4,950	0	1,353
Parish Weekend	1,534	69	0	0	1,603
Church (Maggie's) Café Fund	846	10,690	694	-9,800	1,042
Youth & Children	5,166	193	1,727	0	3,632
Legacy	0	19,879	0	0	19,879
Total Designated Funds	10,750	33,931	7,372	-9,800	27,509
Total Unrestricted Funds	41,113	119,944	91,915	0	53,164
Restricted Funds					
Youth & Children	2,479	0	2,482	2	0
Bible Fund	309	14	0	-	323
Ukraine	152	0	150	-	0
Total Restricted Funds	2,941	14	7,426	0	323
Total Funds	44,054	119,958	99,341	-	53,487

Our Benefice verses for 2025



I thank my God every time I
remember you. In all my
prayers for all of you, I
always pray with joy because
of your partnership in the
gospel from the first day
until now, being confident
of this, that he who began a
good work in you will carry
it on to completion until the
day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1 : 3-6

Our Benefice verses for 2025



The Parochial Church Council
of
St. Margaret's Wolston

Financial Accounts
Year ended 31st December 2024

Registered as a charity in England and Wales (No. 1130693)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	71,369	19,443	-	90,812	67,458
Other voluntary income	2(b)	2,859	3,000	-	5,859	13,194
Investments	2(c)	1,229	840	14	2,083	1,411
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	10,555	10,649	-	21,204	19,179
Total Income		86,012	33,931	14	119,958	101,243
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	3,930	-	-	3,930	4,423
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	87,178	7,372	2,632	97,182	91,820
Church management & administration	3(c)	9,413	-	-	9,413	9,765
Total Expenditure		100,521	7,372	2,632	110,524	106,008
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-14,508	26,560	- 2,618	9,433	-4,765
Transfers between Funds		9,800	-9,800	-	-	0
Net movement in funds		-4,708	16,760	- 2,618	9,433	- 4,765
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		30,363	10,750	2,941	44,054	48,819
Total funds carried forward		25,655	27,509	323	53,487	44,054

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2024	2023
		£	£
Debtors	6	4,716	3,546
Short term deposits		50,000	35,000
Cash at bank and in hand		2,407	13,583
Current Assets		57,122	52,129
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	3,635	8,075
Net Current Assets		53,487	44,054
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		53,164	41,113
Restricted		323	2,941
Total		53,487	44,054

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

M.Ingham

The notes on pages 3 to 8 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2024

2) INCOME:-	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	General	Designated		2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	57,209			57,209	45,033
Collections	7,710		-	7,710	6,252
Gift Aid recovered	6,052		-	6,052	10,913
Sundry donations	394		-	394	4,664
Gift Aid recovered	3		-	3	595
Legacies	-	19,443	-	19,443	-
	<u>71,369</u>	<u>19,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,812</u>	<u>67,458</u>
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,859			2,859	2,820
Amazon Smile & Give-As-You-Live				-	163
Building Fund		3,000	-	3,000	8,310
Youth & Children's Fund				-	-
<i>(from Diocese of Coventry and WPC)</i>	<u>2,859</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,859</u>	<u>13,194</u>
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CBF deposit account	1,229	840	14	2,083	1,411
	<u>1,229</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2,083</u>	<u>1,411</u>
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	10,649	-	10,649	10,365
Sale of magazine	3,306	-	-	3,306	3,404
Fundraising Events	2,942	-	-	2,942	2,304
Fees	1,923	-	-	1,923	1,471
Contribution for use of Church Room	2,304	-	-	2,304	1,566
Reimbursement for photocopying	-	-	-	-	70
Garden of Remembrance deposits written off	80	-	-	80	-
	<u>10,555</u>	<u>10,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,204</u>	<u>19,179</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>86,012</u>	<u>33,931</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>119,958</u>	<u>101,243</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2024

3) EXPENDITURE:-

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	2024	2023
	General	Designated	Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Grants/Giving	3,930	-	-	3,930	4,423
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : diocesan quota	58,600	-	-	58,600	57,800
: clergy expenses	2,007	-	-	2,007	1,033
Church - running expenses	16,692	-	-	16,692	11,668
Church - maintenance	712	-	-	712	1,046
Buildings and equipment	3,000	-	-	3,000	1,000
Magazine Printing	2,292	-	-	2,292	1,743
Ministry Consumables	3,875	-	-	3,875	1,728
Youth & Children Work	-	1,727	2,482	4,209	1,608
Garden Walkabout Fund	-	-	-	-	672
Alpha	-	-	-	-	266
Messy Church	-	-	-	-	50
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	694	-	694	1,468
Building Fund	-	4,950	-	4,950	8,985
Churchyard	-	-	-	-	2,753
Ukraine Appeal	-	-	150	150	-
	87,178	7,372	2,632	97,182	91,820
3(c) Church management & administration					
Administration					
Printing and stationery	327	-	-	327	1,853
Consumables and IT Contracts	2,098	-	-	2,098	2,120
Staff costs - Administrators	6,568	-	-	6,568	5,792
Cleaning	420	-	-	420	0
	9,413	0	0	9,413	9,765
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	100,521	7,372	2,632	110,524	106,008

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2024

4) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>£</u>
	£	£		
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	67,458	-	-	67,458
Other voluntary income	4,884	1,000	7,310	13,194
Investments	957	338	116	1,411
Income earned from operating activities	8,814	10,365	-	19,179
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Income	<u>82,113</u>	<u>11,703</u>	<u>7,426</u>	<u>101,243</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants	4,423	-	-	4,423
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	76,334	1,468	14,018	91,820
Church management & administration	9,765	-	-	9,765
Total Expenditure	<u>90,522</u>	<u>1,468</u>	<u>14,018</u>	<u>106,008</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	- 8,409	10,236	- 6,592	- 4,765
Transfers between Funds	8,500	- 10,175	1,675	-
Net movement in funds	<u>91</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>- 4,917</u>	<u>- 4,765</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	<u>30,272</u>	<u>10,690</u>	<u>7,858</u>	<u>48,819</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>30,363</u>	<u>10,750</u>	<u>2,941</u>	<u>44,054</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
5) Staff Costs		
Wages & Salaries	9,050	7,400
National Insurance	0	0
	<u>9,050</u>	<u>7,400</u>

The PCC employed 1 (2023: 1) part time administrator throughout the year, and 1 (2023: 1) part-time children and families team leader

	2024	2023
	£	£
6) Debtors		
Gift Aid Accrual - unrestricted	3,262	3,371
Gift Aid Accrual - restricted	-	175
CAF donation received, not yet banked	500	-
Church Lawford wages & expenses contribution	953	-
	<u>4,716</u>	<u>3,546</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2024

7) Liabilities (Creditors)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Diocesan Quota outstanding	55	5,115
Electricity and Gas Bills outstanding	1,400	900
Deposits - Garden of Remembrance	2,180	2,060
	<u>3,635</u>	<u>8,075</u>

8) Fund Details

Movements in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Interest	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	30,363	84,783	100,521	9,800	1,229	25,655
	<u>30,363</u>	<u>84,783</u>	<u>100,521</u>	<u>9,800</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>25,655</u>
Designated funds:						
Building Fund	3,203	3,000	4,950	0	100	1,353
Parish Weekend	1,534	0	0	0	69	1,603
Maggie's Café	846	10,649	694	-9,800	41	1,042
Youth & Children	5,166	0	1,727	0	193	3,632
Legacy	0	19,443	0	0	436	19,879
Total Designated Funds	<u>10,750</u>	<u>33,092</u>	<u>7,372</u>	<u>-9,800</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>27,509</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>41,113</u>	<u>117,875</u>	<u>107,892</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,069</u>	<u>53,164</u>
Restricted Funds						
Youth & Children	2,479	0	2,482	2	0	0
Bible Fund	309	0	0	0	14	323
Ukraine	152	0	150	2	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	<u>2,941</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,632</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>323</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>44,054</u></u>	<u><u>117,875</u></u>	<u><u>110,524</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>2,083</u></u>	<u><u>53,487</u></u>

9) PCC Expenses and Remuneration

Under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, it is now required to report certain information relating to remuneration and expenses paid to members of the PCC and their immediate families.

In accordance with this requirement, it is reported that expenses of £2,007 (2023: £0) were paid to Malcolm Ingham during the year. In addition, although remunerated by the Diocese of Coventry, the Diocesan quota referred to in note 3(b) is primarily used to fund his stipend and housing, while the remaining quarter contributes to training new clergy.

Of the wages referred to in note 5, £6,568 were paid to Jayne Hayward, who is currently a PCC member, for her 12 hours a week working in the Church Office. The wage rate for her and the families worker is the current National Living Wage.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statement has been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of any investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

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

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of these funds are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.

Funds raised by garden parties, the church café and similar events, or by sales of books and magazines, are accounted for gross.

Investment and other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental income is paid. Interest from investments or deposits are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Expired Cheques

From the start of 2021, cheques issued by the Church that have not been cashed for over 1 year will be written off to income (having been originally recorded as expenditure when issued).

Fixed Assets***Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000, or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as a debtor less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Margaret's Church, Wolston.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the regulations of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mr Keith Francis B.Sc., FCMA, CGMA, MCT
50B Main Street
Wolston
CV8 3HJ

11 April 2025

Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		General	Designated		2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	67,458	-	-	67,458	73,500
Other voluntary income	2(b)	4,884	1,000	7,310	13,194	10,076
Investments	2(c)	957	338	116	1,411	103
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	8,814	10,365	-	19,179	15,367
Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques		-	0	0	-	282
Total Income		82,113	11,703	7,426	101,243	99,327
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	4,423	-	-	4,423	3,998
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	76,334	1,468	14,018	91,820	78,991
Church management & administration	3(c)	9,765	-	-	9,765	8,499
Total Expenditure		90,522	1,468	14,018	106,008	91,488
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-8,409	10,236	- 6,592	- 4,765	7,840
Transfers between Funds		8,500	-10,175	1,675	-	0
Net movement in funds		91	60	- 4,917	- 4,765	7,840
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		30,272	10,690	7,858	48,819	40,979
Total funds carried forward		30,363	10,750	2,941	44,054	48,819

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St Margaret's Church Wolston, Brandon and Bretford

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the financial year ended
31 December 2023
and the PCC year ended March 2024

APCM to be held on
Thursday March 21st 2024 @ 19.30

Legal and administrative information:

Clergy: Vacancy
Associate Minister: Revd Paul Simmonds
Church Administrator: Mrs Jayne Hayward
Children's Team Leader: Mrs Ellie Gallant
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Josie Gadsby

Bank: HSBC Bank, Church Street, Rugby
Independent Examiner: Mr Keith Francis
Church Architect: Mr Simon Bird

PCC Members:

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM), co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or represent the parish on a Synod.

Incumbent: Vacancy
Wardens: Mrs Ruth McCartney Mr Simon Mulley

Elected Members:

Miss Naomi Brown, Mr Graham Clark, Mrs Josie Gadsby,
 Mrs Jain Galliford, Mrs Dawn Webb, Mr Derek Leaf,
 Mrs Jenny Lumsden, Mr John Marlow, Mrs Kate Willis

Co-opted members :

Dr Stephen Wigmore

Ex officio: Revd Paul Simmonds

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:

Mrs Melissa Ralph

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr David Gadsby, Mrs Jayne Hayward,
 Mrs Melissa Ralph & Mrs Helen Simmonds [Lay Dean]

Officers: Mr David Gadsby (Church Secretary & Lay Chair)
 Dr Stephen Wigmore (Treasurer)
 Mrs Jayne Hayward [Electoral Roll Officer & minute secretary]

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2023	2022
		£	£
Debtors	6	3,546	4,124
Short term deposits		35,000	40,000
Cash at bank and in hand		13,583	8,665
Current Assets		52,129	52,789
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	8,075	3,970
Net Current Assets		44,054	48,819
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		41,113	40,961
Restricted		2,941	7,857
Total		44,054	48,818

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22nd February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

D.Gadsby

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

Messy Church is currently suspended

Pastoral Care 2023/24

We have had a very busy year, our team continues to give support both to the church and the community. We have been stretched to the limit at times as we have had particularly complex problems to deal with.

Our greatest joy is to have links with the school, the children entertain the people we look after at all our socials. To this end we are in discussions with the school to develop greater links which we hope will benefit both parties. We look after around 50 people within the villages and greater community, the work is hard, but our team are committed wholeheartedly. To give us strength we all give support and care for each other.

Sue Marlow / Sue Burdett.

(Ephesians 6 v10-12)

Sue Marlow & Sue Burdett - on behalf of the PCT



Mission Statement

We, as the Parish church of Wolston, Brandon and Bretford, exist to:-

Worship God.

Be and make disciples.

Serve and care for those around us.

Vision Statement

We have a vision to see: -

A people who are encountering God in their day to day lives.

A people that are being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A people who are learning and are equipped to live Jesus' way.

A people who are courageous, who take risks for Jesus.

A people who are reaching out to a new generation.

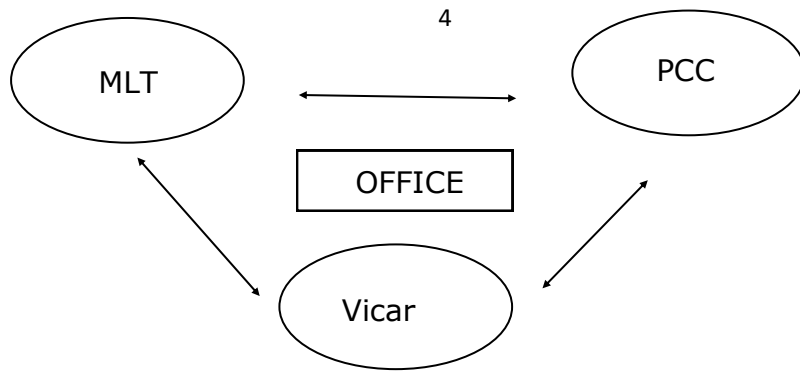
A people who will serve and care for those around them (at home, in the street, at work, and in the wider world).

Church Organisation

At the centre of the church leadership structure is the three way organisational link of the Vicar, the PCC and the MLT [Ministry Leadership Team], all ably supported by the church office.

However, we believe that everyone should be involved in different aspects of ministry, in whatever way suits their skills, gifts and temperaments, both inside and outside the church building itself.

Each Anglican church has in place a series of groups and processes which enable the safe and smooth running of a church within the Church of England.



Other groups exist which are individual to each church. Here at St Margaret's these groups have been in existence for many years, to enable the church to meet its aims.

For the sake of clarity, we will deal with these different reports in two different sections:- Church Organisation and Structure, and St Margaret's Group reports.

Vicar's Report March 20 23/24

Paul Simmonds (Associate Minister) writes:

I hope you will grab a cup of something and sit down and read these reports with thankfulness to God for one another. They make inspiring reading. Behind every report is a great deal of hard work and commitment. We all want to thank everyone in each team for what they do.

Just before the last Annual meeting some of us went to Meriden on a snowy night to see Kevin made vicar of Meriden, and we now know he and Jayne are settled happily in their new church.

Meanwhile back in Wolson we have discovered what the New Testament calls 'the priesthood of all believers.' We have continued to be God's people in this community sharing God's love and concern with those around us.

Worship and Prayer

At the heart of our Christian community is our worship and prayer together; learning, praying, sharing and listening to God – on Sunday mornings and in our small groups. We have seen a steady trickle of people joining us and our numbers are slowly but surely moving towards pre Covid levels. Some significant things have happened this year.

Finding faith

We always want to give people the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed group and this year's Alpha course did just that. Each evening a group of about 10 people sat round Derek and Eva's dining table to enjoy a good meal provided by various volunteers and then watched the Alpha talk on video and spent time thinking about questions of life. Some of the group have continued to meet using a follow on course.

Information about services is available¹⁷ on the tables and also activities provided by St Margaret's are advertised to make the community aware of all that is on offer by the church.

We are always looking for help to assist with baking and delivering orders to tables as recent illness has highlighted the advantage of having others who can be drawn on to help when numbers are low. So even if you are not free on a regular basis a reserve list of volunteers would be really useful, please get in touch.

On behalf of the Maggie's Team - Ruth McCartney

Who let the Dads Out (WLTD0) 2023/24

This is a group for Dads/male carers and their children. We run the group on the second Saturday of the month and provide tea & coffee, bacon batches, squash and biscuits. There are plenty of toys to entertain the children and there is also a bouncy castle. The group is attended regularly by 12+ Dads and their children, with more than 30 Dads having attended at some stage. The group also offers Dads a chance to socialise with other Dads and some lasting friendships have been formed in this safe space. Many Dads have offered their help in clearing away/setting up and have also made donations of pre-loved toys to the group.

Please pray for this time will be a blessing to all who come.

Sam Gallant on behalf of the WLTD0 team

**WHO LET THE
DADS OUT?**

Little Stars - stay & play baby & toddler group 2023/24

Team: Eva Leaf, Ellie Gallant, Ginny Haw, Pauline Caldicott, Maddy Wigmore

We thank God for the steady growth this year, despite 10 of the Little Stars children moving on to reception or fulltime nurseries this past July. The remaining mums and carers have been wonderful recruiters, so our numbers are increasing again.



In September the team attended an excellent training day with Care for the Family and as a result we implemented something new in Little Stars - 'TEAPOT PRAYERS'.

Adults have the opportunity to write down their anonymous

prayer requests and the team will faithfully pray for them.

So, thanks to a wonderful team:

Ginny and Pauline oversee the snack time and make sure everyone is okay. Ellie and Maddy lead music, chat with adults and children, and help everywhere.

Eva coordinates Little Stars and leads the early learning Bible stories, because Little Stars is all about children growing socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Chris Carter and Derek Leaf always come an hour early to help set up. Thank you.

Last, we thank the mums/carers who are so supportive. Without them Little Stars wouldn't be what it is, and they are always ready to help where needed. As for content, in 2023 we did Bible stories about ANIMALS, OPPOSITES and EMOTIONS. Each story session started with an early learning concept which was linked to a puppet Bible story. It always ended with a theme-related bean-bag prayer.

As a team, we thank God for Little Stars and this precious opportunity to serve our community.

Maggie's Café 2023/24

Over this last year Maggie's has gone from strength to strength welcoming regulars from the village and local area as well as members of the church family. Ages range from babies and toddlers with their parents through to older members of the community. This growth has been due to the hard work of the regular team of about 7 who turn out every week to make and serve drinks and cake, those who set up ready for the Wednesday mornings and also others who arrive to put tables etc away afterwards. There is also a group of 10 or so who bake the cakes. Thankfully the team of bakers has increased this year with a couple of members of the WI generously agreeing to help as well as it was becoming difficult to meet the demand. More help is always gratefully accepted.

Children and young people

The PCC took the bold decision that we needed to invest in work among children and asked Ellie to join the staff as a Children's work team leader.

That title is deliberate. Parents and others take it in turns to run the children's groups on Sundays. We are very encouraged that the number of children coming each week is increasing. It's a team effort!

We've had several Baptisms this year and have sometimes had up to seventy people at the Baptism services in the afternoon. It has been great to welcome these families to church on Sunday mornings, especially for the family service.

It is always good to hear what God is doing in other churches and the vacancy has given us the opportunity to hear from visiting preachers once a month.

A lot of preparation goes on for every service. Sermon preparation takes many hours, the music group get up early on a Sunday and go through the music before the service.

As we look forward to Malcolm Ingham joining us as our new vicar, let's all recommit ourselves to the roles we have and the jobs we do. Someone described the work of a vicar as like the conductor of an orchestra. They can't possibly do all the jobs themselves, neither should they, but they can co-ordinate us so that we work efficiently and effectively for God. We look to them for spiritual leadership in helping us work out our priorities as a Christian community - what things we should continue to put effort into and what things we need to set aside. We will need to accept that we have to say 'No' to certain things so that when we say 'Yes' we have the resources to do things well.

Malcolm also brings with him gifts of teaching and preaching, but with Ryton joining us at some time in the future, we will need to continue to work as teams to lead services.

This booklet shows how many people are involved and how much work they do for St Margaret's. Finally, I am sure you would want to put on record our huge debt to so many people who have worked hard week after week in the various teams described in this booklet. Let's give thanks for the Holy Spirit's leading and energising of all these activities.

I said last year that the MLT is just that – a Ministry Leadership Team. It's a Team because ministry in the church is never solo. From Moses in the Old Testament to Paul in the New, responsibility is shared. Jesus' first job before he began his mission was to pull together a disciple team.

The MLT supports the vicar in the week by week running of the church, and in an interregnum ensures there is continuity and 'continuing service'. During this year the MLT has met every two weeks to do just that. We spend the first half of our meeting in prayer, listening to God and dwelling on a Bible passage to help us.

A constant on our agenda this year has been the needs of children and young people and in particular how we can rebuild our children's ministry post pandemic. These are some of the other areas we worked on: Alpha, Small groups, Holiday Bible Club, Sunday services especially Christmas, Easter and other festivals as well as national days like Remembrance and the Coronation.

The MLT regularly reports to the PCC who are legally responsible for the church.

The members of the MLT during the past year were: Naomi Brown, Jayne Hayward, Derek Leaf, Chris Mulley and Paul Simmonds. We are sure Malcolm will bring fresh thinking to our church life and we are prepared for creative change!

Rev. Paul Simmonds

A development this year has taken the form of a special holiday film event for children, so last year, in the week after Christmas, we showed 'Finding Nemo'. This was so well received that we hope to arrange similar events during future school holidays.

We are grateful for our updated projector and eagerly anticipate the installation of the new wide screen.

Peter Bridges on behalf of Caleb Cinema Club

Foodbank 2023/24

St Margaret's continues to deliver food, personal hygiene, laundry & baby items etc to the food bank in Willenhall, in Coventry, every week. From reports received from the team there, the last year has proved to be a difficult year for many people, and the numbers attending the food bank is still increasing.

We now have two different sites which are established as drop off points, the St Margaret's church in Wolston & "Fourways", Station Rd, Brandon.

It has been a real blessing, in particular, to see the amount of food dropped off at St Margaret's increase as Maggie's Café has become more popular.

Some people who struggle to get out to shop have also supported the food bank financially.

Thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity during the past year, and I hope it will continue during the year to come.

Keith Hayward



Brenda Reeves has now taken up the editing reins - again we are very grateful to her. The magazine remains available on line and in print. The annual subscription remains at to £6 per year for 10 issues.

Jayne Hayward

Bells Report 2023/24

The bells have been rung on the following occasions.

15th February	Stoke St. Michael Coventry bellringers.
25th February	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
25th March	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
3rd June	Visiting ringers from Cannock.
20th June	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, Coventry Spires youth team.
27th June	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, Coventry Spires youth team.
4th July	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, Coventry Spires youth team.
23rd September	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
7th October	Visiting ringers from Daventry
25th November	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringer
9th December	Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers annual carol service.

The bells and fittings remain in good condition.

Tower Captain - Keith Chambers

Caleb Cinema Club 202/24

The Cinema Club has continued to meet on the second Friday of each month in the Church Rooms. The organization being undertaken by Peter and Sheila Bridges, with help from Carol and Bernard Fry.

We continue to operate under the rules dictated by The Church Video License. This allows us to browse the products of numerous film producers, but unfortunately not all, and we are further restrained by the length of the running time of films, being limited to about 120 minutes.

The shows begin at 1.30, and the afternoon ends with cups of tea and a selection of delicacies. This affords the opportunity to join in the most important element of the afternoon, a good chat with new and old friends.

Our audience is drawn mainly from local people, a group of ladies from Binley Woods have become regular attenders as are a group from Bedworth, our fame has even spread as far as Coundon and Thurlaston.

By and large the film chosen for each month is done by the filmgoers from a selection which they are offered.

There is a small charge for all of this, £2, which covers costs, any accrued surplus being donated to the Church Funds.

PCC Report 2023/24

Since the APCM was held in March last year the PCC has met 9 times.

Regular items have been:

Monitoring of all aspects of Church finance and agreeing actions to improve them.

Regular updates on safeguarding policy and procedures, to ensure all our practice is compliant with what is needed.

Agreeing and monitoring of Church maintenance as outlined in the fabric report.

Consideration of Deanery Synod issues, particularly the Parish share and plans for potential changes to benefices.

Specific items which the PCC have discussed, approved and subsequently supported include:

- Management of the interregnum.
- Producing the Parish Profile.
- With the Diocese setting up and carrying out the advertising, interviewing and appointment of a new incumbent.
- Appointing a part time children and family worker to develop our outreach to young families.
- Setting up financial appeal (prayer and giving) to close our deficit.

In addition, we have received reports on all the ongoing ministries of the church, and discussed/ agreed actions to support and develop them.

Thanks to all members who have contributed to discussion and decisions this year.

David Gadsby Lay Chair & Church Secretary

Treasurer's Report year ending 31st Dec 2023

In 2023, we maintained three types of fund – the General Fund (covering regular income and expenditure of the Church), Designated Funds (which the PCC has set aside for specific purposes) and Restricted Funds (where the donor has specified the purpose on which the funds must be spent).

2023 saw the Church record an unexpected General Fund surplus of £91, compared to a surplus of £1,754 in 2021. Expenditure increased by £5,000 due to significant inflation, particularly affecting utilities, insurance and wages. By October, we were facing a £4,000 deficit, but thanks to increased income from Maggie's Café and a very generous response to our Financial Appeal towards the end of the year, this was turned around. In the end, our income increased by £3,000 over the year, resulting in that £91 overall surplus.

Our grants to support other Christian ministries and needs in the local community and abroad were £4,400; with regular donations made to Coventry Youth For Christ, Interface Uganda, OMF International, Scripture Union and Coventry Foodbanks.

The church received grants from the diocese of £2,950 towards our work on the Lady Chapel and a £1,950 to help with energy costs. A £1,500 grant was also received from Warwickshire County Council towards refurbishing the Church Rooms Kitchen. Pursuing more grants, particularly towards building repair costs, is an important part of our financial strategy for the next years. If anyone can volunteer to help with that work, it would be of real benefit to the church.

In terms of expenditure, these grants, along with generous donations, helped fund £11,700 of expenditure on repairs and improvements to our church buildings and churchyard, including laying the path to the Garden of Remembrance, repairing and repainting the Lady Chapel ceiling, installing new speakers at the front of church, and purchasing a dishwasher for the Church Rooms kitchen.

Another significant financial decision this year was to recruit Eleanor Gallant as a part-time Children's Work, Team Leader for 2 years from June 2023, using the £5,000 bequest left by Lorrie Brown in 2022, and £4,000 in existing funds for youth and kids work. She was paid £1,500 in total in 2023.

The net result of the above is that we now have £30,400 in the General Fund and £13,700 in Designated/Restricted funds. The policy of the PCC is to keep at least 3 months running costs in the General Fund, and the current figure is 4 months.

The 2024 forecast is for the church to see a small deficit of £1,200 due to continuing inflation in costs, and a matching boost in income following our successful financial appeal. Of course, these figures are only our best estimates, and are entirely dependent on the continuing generosity of our community, successful fundraising from operations, and the development of ministry in the coming year. My thanks to everyone who donates to our church, or works to support the Café and other operations; and particularly to everyone who started a regular donation, or increased their regular donation, in response to our financial appeal.

Honorary Treasurer - Dr Stephen Wigmore

Arise! Men's Breakfast 2023/24

This group continues to flourish, new men joining quite frequently. We meet, usually on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting at 9.00am.

The morning begins with an informal gathering and a chance to chat, followed by a substantial breakfast. The morning continues with either a presentation from a visiting speaker, or an 'in house' activity of some kind.

Our speakers this year have included Theresa Burton, soon after her establishment at The Baptist Chapel, Nigel Malka gave us a presentation about Mission. In May Davide Valentine invited us to 'Come see the Fireworks', followed in June by Paul Gask, then in July Darren Burgess from CCM gave us some insights into his world. In October we listened to Daniel Burke from Open Doors, followed in November by an in-house discussion entitled 'The Future'. The year ended with our own Christmas entertainment. The New Year began with an inspirational presentation from Mattie Lote from Willenhall Men's Support Group.

In the Autumn the men decided that the price of attendance should be raised, and unanimously agreed that it should be priced at £5.00.

Since our foundation in 2012 about 170 men have been members at one time or another, but the membership is constantly changing. Currently we have about fifty active members with a regular attendance of 25.

Our urgent need is for men of younger hearts to step forward into leadership roles. My thanks go to our volunteers who continue despite increasing age and infirmity.

As always, the aim of the group remains, which is to encourage the men in their walk with Christ.

Peter Bridges



St Margaret's School Chaplaincy 2023/24¹²

Our close links with the school continue and our team of Josie Gadsby, Chris Mulley and Eva Leaf have led weekly assemblies. These consist of Bible stories from both the Old and New Testament which are linked to the school values. We are blessed with presenting these to children who listen, remember and act on what they have heard. It is a pleasure for each one of us. Chaplain's Chat in the school's newsletter Brookside continues to be hosted by Eva Leaf, Helen Simmonds and Paul Simmonds. Classes from Wolston St Margaret's School and Binley Woods Primary School have visited the church as part of their RE lessons. They have become more aware of the building, its contents, and the significance of some of our services. Josie spent time with Year 6 children using the Scripture Union book Your Move to support them as they prepared to move to secondary school. The school have held Easter, Harvest, and Christmas services in church. Parents were invited to the Christmas service which was the first time since Covid.

Josie Gadsby on behalf of the Chaplaincy team

Sunday Morning Children's Groups 2023/24

Sunday morning groups for children are going very well. Sparklers runs every week alongside the main service and has a regular attendance of around five to eight children. This is attended by pre-school and primary aged children. We have also seen many new children attend the group over the year when their families are visiting St Margaret's or attending to prepare for baptisms. The sessions are planned by Ellie Gallant. They usually teach the same theme of the main church service and are delivered by a core group of volunteers; Sam and Ellie Gallant, Maddy and Stephen Wigmore, Paul and Melissa Ralph, Dawn Webb and Gemma Jenkins. The Explosion group still runs once a month on the 4th Sunday and is planned for and run by Chris Mulley and Lisa. This is usually attended by one to three young people of secondary school age. Although there is not a group for the older children every week, they are welcome in sparklers every week where they can still access material and conversations with the leaders.

Ellie Gallant - On behalf of the Children's Work Team -



Fabric Report & Church Maintenance Group 2023/24⁹

The Lady Chapel has been the major project for the last year with the repairs to the ceiling completed in 2023, then the walls painted, and recently the floor has been tiled with matching tiles to the Nave. Fortunately, we have received a Diocesan grant to help us with the project.

Several other minor jobs have been carried out over the year including a new dishwasher in the church rooms and looking shortly at replacing the fridge and cookers, which should be complete before summer. Fortunately, we have received a grant towards this from Warwickshire County Council. In the church rooms we have also fitted a new projector and blue ray player, and hopefully a new screen is to be fitted shortly. The lights in the church room storage cupboard, toilets and kitchen were replaced with energy efficient LED units.

In the church, new speakers have been fitted on the walls in the Nave to improve the sound quality and over the year we have had several issues with the heating systems both in the church and church rooms that have been dealt with.

Outside the church, ivy has finally been removed from the wall and a small team continue to work hard to keep the churchyard neat and tidy. The main entrance path has been levelled with improved drainage to prevent the large puddle forming through the entrance.

In the next few years, we will have to start on some repairs to the external stonework around the windows and doors that could be very costly. We will shortly be looking to see what grants we can raise to help with this.

Outstanding is the need to upgrade the outside path lights and we have had difficulty in finding a contractor who will give us quotes and do the work at sensible price. Work is also ongoing to see if we can find ways to fund improvements to the road access to the church, which is in urgent need of repair.

Thanks to all those who have helped keep the church safe and fit for all our services, and a special thanks to Keith Hayward who gives so much of his time to helping with the upkeep of the church.

Why not come and give a helping hand this Saturday, March 23rd to help inside or outside and let's get the church looking it's best for Malcolm's arrival.

Simon Mulley & Ruth McCartney - Churchwardens

A working party was arranged to help¹⁰ with the larger items in the churchyard and maintenance of the churchyard but sadly numbers available on that date were not enough to complete the tasks, so please look at dates offered this coming year if you would be able to offer help.

Ivy has been cut through on the adjoining wall with the Stables as it was a concern that it may cause damage during the winter months and the area behind the church rooms is in need of attention.

From the Churchwardens **Simon Mulley & Ruth McCartney**

Electoral Roll 2023/24

The Electoral Roll has 103 members, with 28 living outside the parish.

Jayne Hayward - Electoral Roll officer.

Safeguarding 2023/24

As a church we are committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children and adults. The PCC and all church leaders are aware of their safeguarding role.

The PCC play a key role and receive a safeguarding report at each meeting. During the year the PCC have reviewed several safeguarding documents including being aware of the recruitment of ex-offenders by making sure that everyone is treated fairly. From the Parish Safeguarding Dashboards, we have been able to review the Action Plan which shows our progress with safeguarding requirements and what more needs to be done. At present we are at 92% on Level 3. DBS certificates are now being renewed every 3 years as is Safeguarding Training. The majority of these are in date.

The PCC and all church leaders have been asked to do the online Domestic Abuse Course to make us more aware of what is involved and our part in understanding and responding to concerns. Reviewing our non-church activities makes us more aware of our service to the wider community who use our facilities. They receive a copy of our Safeguarding Policy and their agreement includes a safeguarding statement.

There have been no safeguarding concerns during the past year. At all times we are aware of providing a safer environment for all.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who give their time to nurture and support all our children, young people and adults.

Josie Gadsby - Safeguarding Officer

Rugby Deanery Synod 2023/24

Area Dean Revd Steve Gold

Lay Dean Helen Simmonds

St Margaret's representatives David Gadsby, Melissa Ralph (also a member of Diocesan Synod), Helen Simmonds & Jayne Hayward

Our church is part of Rugby Deanery.¹⁴ We have 29 church communities and 10.8 clergy posts.

To provide support and to encourage the clergy, they meet in regular Chapter meetings.

To keep an overall eye on the delights and challenges in the deanery, 4 clergy and 4 laity meet as the Deanery Leadership Team. Helen Simmonds is part of the team which at times is a challenging job. We recommend parish boundary changes to the Bishop and his team. St Margaret's is aware of this as we know Ryton will join our benefice once the legal changes are completed. We are also responsible for planning the 3 synod meetings each year aiming to make them interesting and informative for all who come. Last week our synod was here to find out 'How our church buildings can achieve, or move towards, net zero.' I wonder what we learned. At last we have Standing Orders for the Deanery Synods in the diocese. This may sound trivial but it has been a major piece of useful work. At each synod meeting we worship – and eat cake!

We also recommend the Parish Share and this is verified at the last synod of the year once Diocesan Synod has met and we are certain of the amount we need to pay. Not all churches are able to pay for their clergy but the deanery works together to try to pay the full amount. The Area and Lay Deans often have to work with churches to encourage them to allocate their money wisely.

Helen Simmonds on behalf of our Deanery Reps

St Margaret's School, Governors Report 2023/24

There are three Foundation Governors on the Governing Body of Wolston St. Margaret's Primary School. They are all representatives of St Margaret's Church and this reflects the fact that it is a Church of England School. This year they were Jenny Lumsden and David Gadsby and Jen Hawker until the summer. Our thanks go to her for several years of outstanding service. Newly appointed is Sam Gallant who is beginning to get into the role.

They have taken a full role in assisting the school in its work of educating the children within a Christian framework, monitoring, questioning and where able advising on finance, curriculum and learning outcomes.

Specifically Jen has reported on how the Christian ethos of the school is developed and maintained; David has had an overview of safeguarding policies and procedures. Jenny is Looking at the English provision within the school.

They are pleased to report that the recent OFSTED inspection gave the school a rating of Good. Under Headteacher, Michelle Clemons, the school is moving forward and providing, in our view, a good education underpinned by Christian values.

David Gadsby - on behalf of the Foundation Governors.



The Parochial Church Council
of
St. Margaret's Wolston

Financial Accounts
Year ended 31st December 2023

Registered as a charity in England and Wales (No. 1130693)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

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

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:	Note					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	67,458	-	-	67,458	73,500
Other voluntary income	2(b)	4,884	1,000	7,310	13,194	10,076
Investments	2(c)	957	338	116	1,411	103
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	8,814	10,365	-	19,179	15,367
Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques		-	0	0	-	282
Total Income		82,113	11,703	7,426	101,243	99,327
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	4,423	-	-	4,423	3,998
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	76,334	1,468	14,018	91,820	78,991
Church management & administration	3(c)	9,765	-	-	9,765	8,499
Total Expenditure		90,522	1,468	14,018	106,008	91,488
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-8,409	10,236	- 6,592 -	4,765	7,840
Transfers between Funds		8,500	-10,175	1,675	-	0
Net movement in funds		91	60	- 4,917 -	4,765	7,840
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		30,272	10,690	7,858	48,819	40,979
Total funds carried forward		30,363	10,750	2,941	44,054	48,819

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2023	2022
		£	£
Debtors	6	3,546	4,124
Short term deposits		35,000	40,000
Cash at bank and in hand		13,583	8,665
Current Assets		52,129	52,789
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	8,075	3,970
Net Current Assets		44,054	48,819
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		41,113	40,961
Restricted		2,941	7,857
Total		44,054	48,818

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22nd February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

D.Gadsby

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2023

2) INCOME:-	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	General	Designated		2023	2022
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	45,033			45,033	48,331
Collections	6,252		-	6,252	3,237
Gift Aid recovered	10,913		-	10,913	11,430
Sundry donations	4,664		-	4,664	9,413
Gift Aid recovered	595		-	595	1,089
	67,458	-	-	67,458	73,500
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,820			2,820	2,809
Amazon Smile & Give-As-You-Live	163			163	240
Building Fund		1,000	7,310	8,310	3,875
Youth & Children's Fund				-	15
Ukraine Appeal				-	2,887
Cost of Living Donation				-	250
Grants for Heating Costs	1,902			1,902	
<i>(from Diocese of Coventry and WPC)</i>	4,884	1,000	7,310	13,194	10,076
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CBF deposit account	957	338	116	1,411	103
	957	338	116	1,411	103
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	10,365	-	10,365	8,114
Sale of magazine	3,404	-	-	3,404	3,406
Fundraising Events	2,304	-	-	2,304	2,102
Fees	1,471	-	-	1,471	2,102
Contribution for use of Church Room	1,566	-	-	1,566	1,457
Reimbursement for photocopying	70	-	-	70	288
	8,814	10,365	-	19,179	15,367
TOTAL INCOME	82,113	11,703	7,426	101,243	99,327

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

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31st DECEMBER 2023

3) EXPENDITURE:-

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Designated	Funds	£	£
	£	£	£		
3(a) Grants/Giving	4,423	-	-	4,423	3,998
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : diocesan quota	57,800	-	-	57,800	55,976
: clergy expenses	1,033	-	-	1,033	991
Church - running expenses	11,668	-	-	11,668	7,120
Church - maintenance	1,046	-	-	1,046	1,025
Buildings and equipment	1,000	-	-	1,000	3,100
Printing the magazine	1,743	-	-	1,743	1,510
Upkeep of services	1,728	-	-	1,728	1,188
Training and courses	-	-	-	-	-
Youth & Children Work	-	-	1,608	1,608	29
Garden Walkabout Fund	-	-	672	672	150
Alpha	266	-	-	266	-
Messy Church	50	-	-	50	157
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	1,468	-	1,468	637
Building Fund	-	-	8,985	8,985	2,263
Churchyard	-	-	2,753	2,753	1,907
Ukraine Appeal	-	-	-	-	2,739
Cost of Living	-	-	-	-	200
	76,334	1,468	14,018	91,820	78,991
3(c) Church management & administration					
Administration					
Printing and stationery	1,853	-	-	1,853	1,019
Sundry	2,120	-	-	2,120	2,135
Staff costs - Administrators	5,792	-	-	5,792	5,345
Independent Examiners' Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	9,765	-	-	9,765	8,499
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	90,522	1,468	14,018	106,008	91,488

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2023

4) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year ended 31st December 2022

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>£</u>
	£	£		
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	68,500	5,000	-	73,500
Other voluntary income	3,049	3,100	3,927	10,076
Investments	68	15	19	103
Income earned from operating activities	7,253	8,114	-	15,367
Other	282	-	-	282
Total Income	<u>79,152</u>	<u>16,230</u>	<u>3,946</u>	<u>99,327</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants	3,998	-	-	3,998
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	71,004	637	7,351	78,991
Church management & administration	8,499	-	-	8,499
Total Expenditure	<u>83,500</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>7,351</u>	<u>91,488</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-	4,349	15,593	-
Transfers between Funds	6,102	-	7,388	1,286
Net movement in funds	<u>1,754</u>	<u>8,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,119</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	28,518	2,484	9,976	40,979
Total funds carried forward	<u>30,272</u>	<u>10,690</u>	<u>7,857</u>	<u>48,819</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
5) Staff Costs		
Wages & Salaries	7,400	5,345
National Insurance	0	0
	<u>7,400</u>	<u>5,345</u>

The PCC employed 1 (2022: 1) part time administrator throughout the year, and recruited 1 part-time children and families team leader in June 2023.

	2023	2022
	£	£
6) Debtors		
Gift Aid Accrual - unrestricted	3,371	3,177
Gift Aid Accrual - restricted	175	477
Prepayments and interest receivable	-	0
Church Lawford wages contribution	-	471
	<u>3,546</u>	<u>4,124</u>

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31st DECEMBER 2023

7) Liabilities (Creditors)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Diocesan Quota outstanding	5,115	0
Electricity and Gas Bills outstanding	900	900
Vicar's expenses outstanding	0	181
Deposits - Garden of Remembrance	2,060	2,220
Magazine Costs	0	169
WRCC Grant - Deferred Income	0	500
	<u>8,075</u>	<u>3,970</u>

8) Fund Details

Movements in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	30,272	80,212	88,620	8,500	30,363
	<u>30,272</u>	<u>80,212</u>	<u>88,620</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>30,363</u>
Designated funds:					
Building Fund	3,769	1,110	0	-1,675	3,203
Parish Weekend	1,487	48	0	0	1,534
Maggie's Café	428	10,385	1,468	-8,500	846
Youth & Children	5,006	160	0	0	5,166
Total Designated Funds	<u>10,690</u>	<u>11,703</u>	<u>1,468</u>	<u>-10,175</u>	<u>10,750</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>40,962</u>	<u>91,915</u>	<u>90,088</u>	<u>-1,675</u>	<u>41,113</u>
Restricted Funds					
Youth & Children	3,985	102	1,608	0	2,479
Bible Fund	300	10	0	0	309
Building Fund	0	7,310	8,985	1,675	0
Garden of Remembrance	2,753	0	2,753	0	0
Ukraine	148	5	0	-	152
Total Restricted Funds	<u>7,186</u>	<u>7,426</u>	<u>13,346</u>	<u>1,675</u>	<u>2,941</u>
Funds Held In Trust					
Garden Walkabout Fund	672	0	672	0	0
	<u>672</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>48,819</u></u>	<u><u>99,341</u></u>	<u><u>104,106</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>44,054</u></u>

9) PCC Expenses and Remuneration

Under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, it is now required to report certain information relating to remuneration and expenses paid to members of the PCC and their immediate families.

Of the wages referred to in note 5, £5,792 were paid to Jayne Hayward, who is currently a PCC member, for her 12 hours a week working in the Church Office. The wage rate for her and the families worker is the current National Living Wage.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statement has been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of any investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

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

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of these funds are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when received.

Funds raised by garden parties, the church café and similar events, or by sales of books and magazines, are accounted for gross.

Investment and other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental income is paid. Interest from investments or deposits are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Expired Cheques

From the start of 2021, cheques issued by the Church that have not been cashed for over 1 year will be written off to income (having been originally recorded as expenditure when issued).

Fixed Assets***Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000, or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as a debtor less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Margaret's Church, Wolston.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the regulations of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mr Keith Francis B.Sc., FCMA, CGMA, MCT
50B Main Street
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19 February 2024

Accounts



St Margaret's Church Wolston, Brandon and Bretford

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council**

**For the financial year ending
31 December 2022
and the PCC year ending March 2023**

**APCM to be held on Thursday 23rd March
2023 @ 19.30**

Legal and administrative information:

Clergy: Revd Kevin Flanagan [*until January 2022*]

Assistant Clergy: Revd Paul Simmonds

Church Administrator: Mrs Jayne Hayward

Bank: HSBC Bank, Church Street, Rugby

Independent Examiner: Mr Keith Francis

Church Architect: Mr Simon Bird

PCC Membership:

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Incumbent: Revd Kevin Flanagan [*interregnum since January 2022*]

Wardens: Ms Ruth McCartney Mr Simon Mulley

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod: Mrs Melissa Ralph, Revd Kevin Flanagan & Mr David Gadsby

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr David Gadsby (Vice Lay Chair)

Mrs Helen Simmonds , Mrs Melissa Ralph

Elected Members:

Miss Naomi Brown , Mrs Juliet Carter, Mrs Josie Gadsby, Ms Jain Galliford, Mrs Dawn Jones [nee Webb], Mrs Jenny Lumsden, Mr John Marlow, Mrs Kate Willis

Co-opted members :

Mr Chris Carter, Mrs Jayne Hayward, Dr Stephen Wigmore

Ex officio: Revd Paul Simmonds

Officers: Mr David Gadsby (Church Secretary & Lay Chair)

Elected

Dr Stephen Wigmore (Treasurer) - Co-opted

Mrs Juliet Carter [Electoral Roll] - Elected

Cathedral Parish Partner: Mrs Jain Galliford - Elected



Mission Statement

We, as the Parish church of Wolston, Brandon and Bretford, exist to:-

Worship God.

Be and make disciples.

Serve and care for those around us.

Vision Statement

We have a vision to see: -

A people who are encountering God in their day to day lives.

A people that are being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A people who are learning and are equipped to live Jesus' way.

A people who are courageous, who take risks for Jesus.

A people who are reaching out to a new generation.

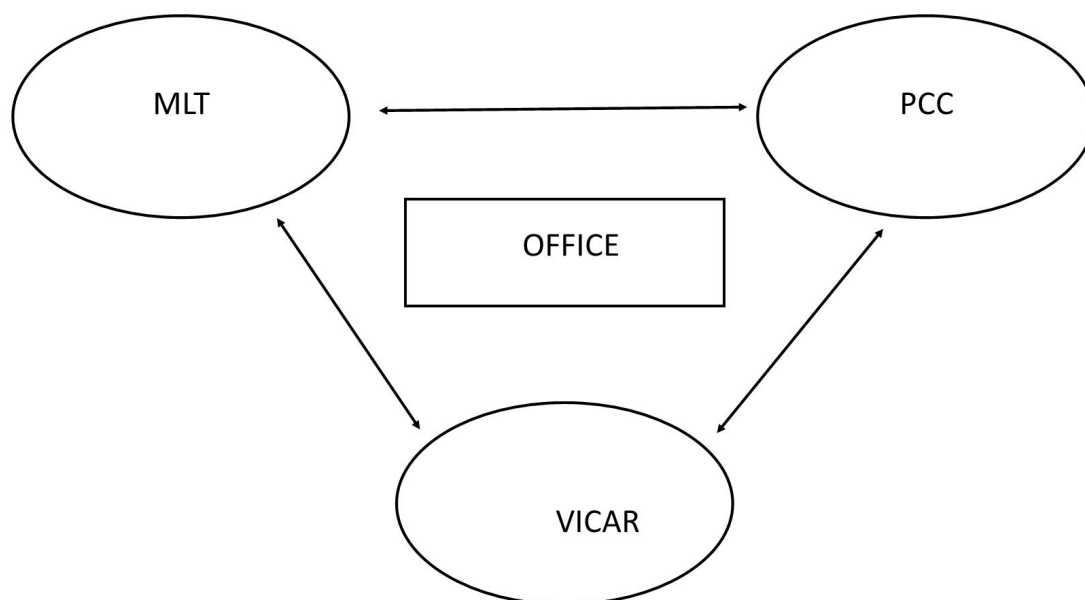
A people who will serve and care for those around them (at home, in the street, at work, and in the wider world).

Church Organisation

At the centre of the church leadership structure is the three way organisational link of the Vicar, the PCC and the MLT [Ministry Leadership Team], all ably supported by the church office.

However, we believe that everyone should be involved in different aspects of ministry, in whatever way suits their skills, gifts and temperaments, both inside and outside the church building itself.

Each Anglican church has in place a series of groups and processes which enable the safe and smooth running of a church within the Church of England.



Other groups exist which are individual to each church. Here at St Margaret's these groups have been in existence for many years, to enable the church to meet its aims over the next 5 years.

For the sake of clarity, we will deal with these different reports in two different sections:- Church Organisation and Structure, and St Margaret's Group reports.

Vicar's Report

March 2022

This booklet shows how many people are involved and how much work they do for St Margaret's. So together we want to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who contributes to church life here in Wolston, Brandon and Bretford.

We will press on and continue while we are without a vicar.

Kevin has given the vicar's report at every AGM since 2010. I don't think we can do better than quote from his farewell sermon and hear his message to us.

"Leaving is hard. It's emotional. This church has meant more to me and Jayne than most of you can ever know. It is the right time for me and the family to be leaving and the right time, I believe, for you as a church.

When I look back over the last 14 years there's been times of great joy and times of great sadness. We can all look round the church and remember friends and family no longer with us."

We've had times of great challenge – moving to the community centre, getting the floor done, then the pandemic and the challenge of putting the church online. Despite all of that, as we look around this congregation, we see that God is faithful.

Not only have we have we got through these tough times, we have grown and flourished. I see shoots of new birth. New people who were not here 14 years ago... new children and we are in fantastic new building. It's a great place for a new vicar to come to.

“Looking the forward, it is the same God who has led us in the past who will lead you in the future and will lead us as we move to pastures move. Put simply we worship and follow a faithful God.”

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 23 - 25

“I want to thank you personally for the love, for the support you've shown me and my family over the years we have been in Wolston. And promise that you will remain in my prayers now and in the future.”

We also want to record our thanks to Kevin and Jayne and their family for all they have given to us in their time here.

It will be a fitting compliment to them if we heed those words from Hebrews ‘**And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...**

Rev Paul Simmonds

MLT Report 2022/23

The MLT has continued to be just that – a Ministry Leadership Team. It's a Team because ministry in the church is never a 'one person band'. From Moses in the Old Testament, to Paul in the New, responsibility is shared. Why leadership? Leadership in the Bible is 'Servant Leadership' and each of us on the MLT serves the church and I hope we are servant hearted in doing that.

The MLT regularly reports to the PCC who are legally responsible for the church. The MLT is largely responsible with the vicar for the day to day running of the church, and in an interregnum or a sabbatical ensures there is continuity and 'continuing service' until the new incumbent arrives!

The MLT also regularly reviews strategy in various areas of the Church's life and make recommendations to the PCC and until the Pandemic was responsible for overseeing the 'Healthy Churches' input.

This all involves a lot of talking and discussion and at the end we would usually pray. This year we have reversed that order and now spend the first half of our meeting in prayer, listening to God and dwelling on a Bible passage to help us. We then move on to discussion. We believe this is a significant and deliberate rebalancing of priorities.

Since the last Annual meeting, we have seen the church released from the strictures of the pandemic; the church, a bit like a recovering plant has put out new leaves, new blossom and new fruit.

A constant on our agenda this year has been the needs of children and young people and in particular how we can rebuild our children's ministry post pandemic.

More recently, we took time planning our response to national events such as the Platinum Jubilee, the Queens' death, and more locally to the

Christmas services and those leading up to and including Kevin's farewell, and the start of the interregnum.

The members of the MLT during the past year were: Kevin and Jayne

Flanagan, Naomi Brown, Jayne Hayward, Derek Leaf, Paul Simmonds and from November, Chris Mulley.

PCC Report 2022/23

Since the AGM was held quite late last year, in April, the PCC has only met 5 times.

Regular items have been:

Monitoring of all aspects of Church finance.

Regular updates on safeguarding policy and procedures, to ensure all our practice is compliant with what is needed.

Reporting and monitoring of Church maintenance as outlined in the fabric report.

Consideration of Deanery Synod issues, particularly the Parish share and plans for potential changes to benefices.

Specific items which the PCC have discussed, approved and subsequently supported include:

- Fees for the use of Church and Church Rooms.
- Appointment of a sexton to do work in the Garden of Remembrance.
- Setting up and supporting a Pastoral Care team to reach out to those in need in the villages.
- Discussing, approving and supporting Maggie's Café, which has proved a real service to the community and is developing possibilities of further outreach.
- Developing a Church strategy for using the Internet, including use and control of Social Media – this is work in progress.

Thanks to all members who have contributed to discussion and decisions this year.

David Gadsby Lay Chair & Church Secretary

Treasurer's Report year ending 31st Dec 2022

In 2022, we continued to maintain three types of fund – the General Fund (covering regular income and expenditure of the Church), Designated Funds (which the PCC has set aside for specific types of expenditure) and Restricted Funds (where the donor has specified the purpose on which the funds must be spent).

2022 saw the Church record a General Fund surplus of £1,754, compared to a surplus of £4,050 in 2021. Expenditure increased by £3,000 due to repairs to the Lady Chapel and general inflation. Income also grew by around £1,000, thanks to increased income from

Maggie's Café offset by a fall in direct giving.

Our grants to support other Christian ministries and needs in the local community and abroad increased from £3,500 to £6,900 due to a new regular donation to the Willenhall Food Bank and the successful effort to raise £2,800 to purchase a car for the use of the Ukrainian families that have joined our community.

In other funds, the church received a generous £5,000 bequest from the estate of Lorry Brown, who was for many years a part of the church community. Discussions around the use of this money are still ongoing.

£1,900 was spent on the new gates for the churchyard from the funds raised in 2021 and a £1,500 grant was received from the diocese to cover capital costs incurred in starting Maggie's Café.

The net result of the above is that we now have £30,272 in the General Fund and £17,875 in Designated/Restricted funds. The policy of the PCC is to keep 3 months running costs in General Fund and the current figure is 4 months.

The forecast for 2023 is for the church to see a small deficit of £900, largely due to a substantial increase in our energy bills, forecast to rise from £3,000 to £7,000; alongside wage and other cost increases. These increases are offset by increased interest received on our reserves and falls in clergy expenses during the interregnum. Of course, these figures are only our best estimates, and are entirely dependent on the continuing generosity of our community, successful fundraising from operations, and the development of ministry in the coming year.

Honorary Treasurer - Dr Stephen Wigmore

Fabric Report & Church Maintenance Group 2022/23

In 2021 we fundraised for new church gates and a paved path to the Garden of Remembrance. The gate was installed in Spring 2022 and the path has recently been completed.

The ceiling of the Lady Chapel was identified as needing urgent repair and work started in January. Unfortunately, the plasterer has found further areas of the ceiling that need attention and following a visit from the Church Architect it has been confirmed that there are 2 further areas that need repair.

Upgraded projectors have been installed in both the church and in the church rooms.

A number of other minor jobs have been carried out over the year.

We will have to start on some repairs to the external stonework around the windows and doors within the next few years that could be very costly. We will shortly be looking to see what grants we can raise to help with this.

Work is also ongoing to see if we can find ways to fund to improve the road access to the church.

Thanks to all those who have helped keep the church safe, clean and fit for all our services.

A special thanks to Keith Hayward who gives so much of his time to helping with the upkeep of the church.

A working party was arranged to help with the larger items in the churchyard and maintenance of the churchyard but sadly numbers available on that date were not enough to complete the tasks, so please look at dates offered this coming year if you would be able to offer help.

Ivy has been cut through on the adjoining wall with the Stables as it was a concern that it may cause damage during the winter months and the area behind the church rooms is in need of attention.

Simon Mulley & Ruth McCartney - Churchwardens

Electoral Roll 2022/23

The Electoral Roll has a total of 100 on the Roll, with 23 members living outside the parish.

Juliet Carter/ Jayne Hayward - Electoral Roll officer.

Safeguarding 2022/23

As a church we are committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children and adults. The PCC and all church leaders are aware of their safeguarding role.

The PCC play a key role and receive a safeguarding report at each meeting. During the past year several policies and documents have been reviewed. These include our Safeguarding Policy, Responding to a concern or allegation, the Policy Statement on the recruitment of Ex-Offenders and our use of Social Media. We are now on level 3 of the Parish dashboards and have received an action plan. Following this we have dealt with further requirements including the safe storage of safeguarding information during a clergy vacancy. All those working on behalf of the Parish with children, young people and adults need to be aware of what is required to provide a safer environment for their activities. All those who use our premises for non church activities for children and young people are aware of our Safeguarding Policy. During the year several people have been safely recruited, DBS certificates have been updated and new ones issued. Everyone is aware of the training required and the majority of people have

completed or renewed it as necessary. There have been a few concerns during the past year. Action has been taken on these following advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and they are being monitored.

We are very grateful to all those who give their time to nurture and support all our children, young people and adults

Josie Gadsby - Safeguarding Officer

Rugby Deanery Synod 2022/23

Area Dean Revd Steve Gold

Lay Chair Helen Simmonds

St Margaret's representatives David Gadsby, Melissa Ralph (also a member of Diocesan Synod), Helen Simmonds

Our church is part of Rugby Deanery. We have 29 church communities and 11.8 clergy posts.

To provide support and to encourage the clergy, they meet in regular Chapter meetings. To keep an overall eye on the delights and challenges in the deanery a small group of clergy and laity meet as DMPC which is about to be renamed as The Rugby Deanery Leadership Team.

To inform and inspire churches (and to set the parish share) we meet as synod three times a year.

During the year we have been taught the Hollywood method of Bible study, been inspired by the Canon for Arts and Reconciliation and been told of the many resources available to us as laity and clergy – we only have to ask! The Deanery Plan has been revised to reflect what has been done so far and what still needs doing.

At each meeting we are reminded of our responsibilities regarding Creation Care – and we eat cake!

Helen Simmonds on behalf of the Deanery Reps.

Margaret's School, Governors Report 2022/23

There are three Foundation Governors on the Governing Body of Wolston St. Margaret's Primary School. They are all representatives of St Margaret's Church and this reflects the fact that it is a Church of England School. This year they were Jen Hawker, Jenny Lumsden and David Gadsby.

They have taken a full role in assisting the school in its work of educating the children within a Christian framework, monitoring, questioning and where able advising on finance, curriculum and learning outcomes.

Specifically Jen has reported on how the Christian ethos of the school is developed and maintained; David has had an overview of safeguarding policies and procedures. Jenny is Looking at the English provision within the school.

They are pleased to report that as the new Head, Michelle Clemons, settles in the school is moving forward and providing, in our view, a good education underpinned by Christian values.

David Gadsby - on behalf of the Foundation Governors.

St Margaret's School Chaplaincy 2022/23

Our close links with the school continue.

Our thanks to Jayne Flanagan for all she did as School Chaplain both in school with assemblies, lunch time club and work with various classes. We also remember her time spent in church with each class involved in various activities about the building and aspects of church life. Although at present we do not have a School Chaplain the team of Josie Gadsby, Chris Mulley, and Eva Leaf continue to do weekly assemblies. Chaplain's chat in the school's newsletter Brookside has been hosted by Eva Leaf, Helen Simmonds and Paul Simmonds. Josie also spent time with Year 6 children using the Scripture Union book Your Move to support them as they prepared to move to secondary school. The school has also held their Easter, Harvest and Christmas Services in church. On Friday March 31st they will once again have their Easter Service in church.

Josie Gadsby on behalf of the Chaplaincy team

Sunday Morning Children's Groups 2022/23

Every week we are able to offer our Sparklers group for the younger children. This group is led by an increased team of volunteers; Sam and Ellie Gallant, Maddie and Steve Wigmore, Paul and Melissa Ralph, Dawn Webb and Gemma Jenkins. This group is attended by a small core group of children of pre-school and primary age and is occasionally joined by others visiting.

We currently use resources from Scripture Union to help us plan sessions for the children.

The Family Service still runs on the 4th Sunday of the month and includes our Dynamite group for the older children which is run by Chris Mulley. There are not many young people of this age group that attend church regularly so currently resources are more focused on the younger group. Older children are welcome in Sparklers when there is no Dynamite group and can still access activities and have discussions with the leaders.

Ellie Gallant - On behalf of the children's team

Arise! Men's Breakfast 2022/23

This group continues to flourish, with new men joining quite frequently. Originally formed to support Christian Men from St Margaret's / St Peters Parish, and The Church in Binley Woods, we now have members from St Johns, Willenhall, and also men from Kenilworth.

We meet, usually on the third Saturday of each month, starting at 9.00 am, but this is sometimes changed due to outside influences,

especially in December. Attendance is frequently in the mid twenties.

The morning begins with an informal gathering and a chance to chat, this is followed by a substantial cooked breakfast. After the meal the morning continues with either a presentation from a visiting speaker, or an 'In House' activity of some kind.

Most men are then wending their way homeward by about 11.30.

Presentations since last AGM include Peter Beresford speaking about his elderly friend Eric Cull, a Talk from two visiting Pastors from India, Jain Galliford spoke to us about Coventry Street Pastors. In October David Valentine captivated the men with his recollections about a Police activity, Operation Carter, followed a month later by Gareth Edwards from The Christian Institute... December was celebrated with our In House Party Pieces, and in January Paul Bowes spoke about a Spiritual 'MOT' for Men.

There is a growing awareness that Arise needs to be something more than the breakfast, but the aim of the group remains, as always, to encourage the men in their walk with Christ.

Peter Bridges

Avon Grapevine 2022/23

Chris & Juliet Carter gave up editing the AG at the end of 2022; we remain very grateful for all of the effort they put into keeping the AG 'live' all through the pandemic.

Brenda Reeves has now taken up the editing reins for the time being - again we are very grateful to her. The magazine remains available on line and in print.

Unfortunately due to increased printing costs the annual subscription has had to increase to £6 per year for 10 issues.

Jayne Hayward

Caleb Cinema Club 2022/23

The Caleb Magic Lantern Cinema Club has continued to meet in the Church Rooms on the second Friday of each month. The organization and running of this event is supported by Bob Grainger and Peter and Sheila Bridges, with increasing help from Carol and Bernard Fry.

We continue to operate under the rules imposed by Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) which allows us the use of products from a wide range of film producers, but unfortunately not all. Although we show a wide variety of films, increasingly chosen from our library by the filmgoers, we are necessarily constrained by the genre of films suitable for the type of audience we attract. We also have to limit ourselves, for practical and comfort purposes, to a maximum running time of 120 minutes. Another challenge we will need to face is the increasing use of streaming services with the parallel decreasing use of DVDs, so it is becoming increasingly difficult to source a range of modern quality films to show. The film show begins promptly at 1.30, followed by tea and a wide choice of delicacies, surrounded by the sound of people enjoying a good chat with friends old and new which is, of course, the main purpose of the event. There is a nominal charge of £2 for the afternoon which covers the cost of the food with any small accruing profit given to charity. This Christmas we sent £100 to The Navigators 'Ukraine at Christmas Appeal'.

Our audience has grown and is now regularly about twenty, drawn mainly from Wolston and Brandon but extending out to nearby Binley Woods and even further to a group of dedicated ladies from Bedworth. Special thanks are due to them for their practical support in sometimes helping to set up, but always with washing up and clearing away.

The Caleb Magic Lantern Cinema Club was recently awarded a grant by WCC for upgrade of the projection equipment, to provide for a larger screen and a modern brighter high resolution projector. The items needed have already been delivered and may be in place by the time that you read this. We wish to record our special thanks to Keith Hayward for his time and expertise in specifying and installing the equipment

Bob Grainger
Jayne Hayward

Bells Report 2022/23

The bells remain in good order with bell maintenance and bell-chamber cleaning being carried out during the year. Keith and Jake have been putting additional wiring in the tower ready for the installation of a electric bell-rope hoist in the near future to replace the present heavy manual pulley system. New lighting has been installed in the ground floor tower area this has made this area much brighter. Thank you to Keith and Jake for all their efforts in the tower.

The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church-bell Ringers continue to ring the bells on a regular basis for their meetings. Ringing has also taken place for weddings and a bell was tolled prior to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the bell used was the one cast c.1350 so must have tolled for many monarchs in the past. A quarter peal was rung on 29th January as a farewell to the vicar leaving for Meriden.

Tower Captain - Keith Chambers

Foodbank 2022/23

St Margaret's and St Peters continue to come together to deliver food etc to the food bank in Willenhall, in Coventry, every week. From reports received from the team there, the last year has proved to be a difficult year for many people, and the numbers attending the food bank has increased.

We now have three different sites which are established as drop off points, the Old Rectory in Church Lawford, and the Vicarage and St Margaret's church in Wolston.

It has been a real blessing to especially see the amount of food dropped off at St Margaret's increase as Maggie's Café has become more popular.

Some people who struggle to get out to shop have also supported the food bank financially. The funding raised has been given to Pam, the vicar, in Willenhall who has used at her discretion to help families in real need in a variety of ways.

Thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity during the past year, and I hope it will continue during the year to come.

Jayne Hayward

Little Stars - stay & play baby & toddler group 2022/22

Team: Eva Leaf, Maddy Wigmore, Ginny Haw, Pauline Caldicott, (Ellie Gallant, when she is able)

In this past year we have seen steady growth – from three families to twelve families.

This in part is thanks to a wonderful team.

Ginny and Pauline do a sterling job mingling with mums and carers, helping the children, serving cups of tea, and praying for Little Stars. Thanks to Pauline for joining us this academic year.

Maddy has led the song/rhythm time, done the social media, and always helped with the final tidy and locking up. She is taking a break now, after the birth of her second child.

Eva coordinates Little Stars. She combines early learning with Bible stories and makes sure that it is fun. It is a place where children can grow socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Chris Carter and Derek Leaf are always there, setting up Little Stars beforehand. We are deeply thankful. We also thank Juliet for all her help in the first half of the year.

Last, but definitely not least, we thank the Mums/carers who come. They have extended most of the invitations to new mums. They have supported each other. Without them Little Stars wouldn't have flourished. And they are always ready to help where needed.

As per content, in 2022 we did SHAPES and ANIMALS. Each story session started with an early learning concept which linked in with a puppet Bible story. It always ended with a theme-related bean-bag prayer.

As a team, we thank God for Little Stars and this precious opportunity for children to grow.

Please pray for us.

Eva Leaf on behalf of Little Stars

Maggie's Café

Maggie's has now been running for almost 2 years between 9.00 and 12.00 on a Wednesday morning.

During this time numbers have grown and we are now delighted to have regulars who return each week. Some of these are from the church but the vast majority are members of the village community.

The regular team of 5-6 serve cakes and coffee and there is also a group of volunteers who help with the set up and clearing away and others who make cakes each week, without whom we could not manage. More help with the baking is always gratefully received and if you would be interested in assisting in this way please get in touch.

The focus of the café is to welcome local residents into the church building but services are advertised throughout the year and Kevin has often been there to help in serving the orders and to chat to everyone whilst doing so, along with other members of the MLT on an informal basis.

It certainly is part of God's plan for us to serve his people as we see each trust and new relationships are growing between the Maggie's team and their customers.

On behalf of the Maggie's Team - Ruth Mc

Who let the Dads Out (WLTD0)

Kevin Flanagan who launched WLTD0 with a team in 2016 was ready to relaunch post Covid by November 2022. Of course, many of the children who came prior to the pandemic, were now too old and so we were looking for a whole new group of Dads.

One of the ways we publicised the relaunch was through an existing network of Dads who play football together, a group of which Sam Gallant is part. So, the word went out and at our first meeting we had around 12 Dads and 15 children. We have had similar numbers since.

'Who Let the Dad's Out' is part of a national movement (pioneered by a church in Liverpool) with over a hundred groups nationwide. It is now linked to Care for the Family.

WLTD0 meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Church Rooms from 10.00 - 12.00. It is for Fathers, Father figures and their children up to about 8. The team arrives early, or the evening before, and sets out the hall with a bouncy castle, tubes and blocks, toys such as Lego, cars, Brio, a drawing table, dressing up stuff, etc. On the morning, the air is soon full of the smell of bacon cooking and coffee brewing. Alongside the bacon butties we have tea, coffee with squash and biscuits for the children. Please pray for this time will be a blessing to all who come.

Paul Simmonds on behalf of the WLTD0 team

Messy Church 2022/23

Since the last APCM things for Messy Church have changed immensely. Due to a lack of volunteer helpers we have had to reduce the frequency of Messy Church to 3-4 times year.

The leaders, MLT & PCC agreed that it is better to run a really good well supported Messy Church less often and build up again from there.

We have also noted that the average of children attending is 3 or 4 years old as opposed to children of 7 - 8 years as before Covid.

We put on an excellent Messy Church Christmas which was well attended and our next will be on Palm Sunday

We are very grateful to the MLT & PCC for their continued support both through prayer & finances.

We trust God will continue to guide us with his wisdom and we bring hope and light to many families and we will be blessed in seeing new families turn to Christ. Please pray.

Jayne Hayward - on behalf of the Messy Church Team

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team [PCT] that was set up 18 months ago has been very pro-active. We have upwards of 50 people that we look after, and have 12 fabulous members in our team. We meet roughly every 8 weeks to pray and support one another and check on how things are going. We also hold training sessions in the meetings to learn more about our work in the parish. We had a Christmas social and invited all those people that we minister to and it was such a huge success we are holding another one at Easter time. We look forward to another year of positive thinking.

We go forward in Christ's love with the armour He provides for us in difficult situations. (Ephesians 6 v10-12)

Sue Marlow & Sue Burdett - on behalf of the PCT

St. Margaret's Wolston

Church Running Costs in 2022 (General Fund)

Expenditure

	2022 £	2021 £
Regular running costs:		
Quota to Diocese (Clergy Costs)	55,976	55,160
Vicar's Expenses	991	1,636
Running the Services	1,188	609
Building Maintenance and Running Costs	11,245	9,444
Training Courses, Alpha & Messy Church	94	13
Administration costs	10,009	9,919
	79,503	76,781
Other costs:		
Donations made (general)	3,998	3,515
Youth work	-	-
	3,998	3,515
Total Expenditure	83,500	80,296

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:	Note					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	68,500	5,000	-	73,500	71,618
Other voluntary income	2(b)	3,049	3,100	3,927	10,076	15,995
Investments	2(c)	68	15	19	103	-
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	7,253	8,114	-	15,367	9,021
Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques		282	0	0	282	367
Total Income		79,152	16,230	3,946	99,327	97,001
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	3,998	-	-	3,998	3,515
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	71,004	637	7,351	78,991	79,135
Church management & administration	3(c)	8,499	-	-	8,499	8,800
Total Expenditure		83,500	637	7,351	91,488	91,449
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-4,349	15,593	- 3,405	7,840	5,552
Transfers between Funds		6,102	-7,388	1,286	-	0
Net movement in funds		1,754	8,205	- 2,119	7,840	5,552
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		28,518	2,484	9,976	40,979	35,428
Total funds carried forward		30,272	10,690	7,857	48,819	40,980



The Parochial Church Council
of
St. Margaret's Wolston

Financial Accounts
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Church management & administration	3(c)	8,499	-	-	8,499	8,800
Total Expenditure		83,500	637	7,351	91,488	91,449
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-4,349	15,593	- 3,405	7,840	5,552
Transfers between Funds		6,102	-7,388	1,286	-	0
Net movement in funds		1,754	8,205	- 2,119	7,840	5,552
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		28,518	2,484	9,976	40,979	35,428
Total funds carried forward		30,272	10,690	7,857	48,819	40,980

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2022	2021
		£	£
Debtors	6	4,124	4,384
Short term deposits		40,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		8,665	40,968
Current Assets		52,789	45,352
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	3,970	4,372
Net Current Assets		48,819	40,980
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		40,961	31,002
Restricted		7,857	9,976
Total		48,818	40,979

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

D.Gadsby

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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31st DECEMBER 2022

2) INCOME:-	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	General	Designated		2022	2021
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	53,962			53,962	57,143
Collections and other giving	3,237		-	3,237	2,211
Gift Aid recovered	5,798		-	5,798	6,471
Sundry donations	4,413	5,000	-	9,413	5,238
Gift Aid recovered	1,089		-	1,089	556
	68,500	5,000	-	73,500	71,618
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,809			2,809	2,737
Amazon Smile & Give-As-You-Live	240			240	79
Building Fund		3,100	775	3,875	3,830
Youth & Children's Fund			15	15	80
Ukraine Appeal			2,887	2,887	
Cost of Living Donation			250	250	
Church Gates & Pathway			-	-	3,400
Messy Church			-	-	13
Garden Walkabout Fund			-	-	2,730
Advent Lunch			-	-	3,125
	3,049	3,100	3,927	10,076	15,995
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CBF deposit account	68	15	19	103	-
	68	15	19	103	-
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	8,114	-	8,114	3,018
Sale of magazine	3,406	-	-	3,406	2,210
Fees	2,102	-	-	2,102	2,427
Contribution for use of Church Room	1,457	-	-	1,457	910
Reimbursement for photocopying	288	-	-	288	11
	7,253	8,114	-	15,367	9,021
2(e) Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques	282			282	367
TOTAL INCOME	79,152	16,230	3,946	99,327	97,001

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3) EXPENDITURE:-

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	2022	2021
	General	Designated	Funds	£	£
	£	£	£		
3(a) Grants/Giving	3,998	-	-	3,998	3,515
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : diocesan quota	55,976	-	-	55,976	55,160
: clergy expenses	991	-	-	991	1,636
Church - running expenses	7,120	-	-	7,120	7,003
Church - maintenance	1,025	-	-	1,025	1,440
Buildings and equipment	3,100	-	-	3,100	1,000
Printing the magazine	1,510	-	-	1,510	1,120
Upkeep of services	1,188	-	-	1,188	609
Training and courses	-	-	-	-	13
Youth & Children Work	-	-	-	-	125
Garden Walkabout Fund	-	-	150	150	2,419
Messy Church	94	-	63	157	450
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	637	-	637	2,619
Building Fund	-	-	2,263	2,263	4,282
Advent Lunch	-	-	-	-	1,000
Who Let The Dads Out	-	-	29	29	-
Churchyard	-	-	1,907	1,907	-
Ukraine Appeal	-	-	2,739	2,739	-
Cost of Living	-	-	200	200	-
	71,004	637	7,351	78,991	79,135
3(c) Church management & administration					
Administration					
Printing and stationery	1,019	-	-	1,019	1,226
Sundry	2,135	-	-	2,135	1,974
Staff costs - Administrators	5,345	-	-	5,345	5,249
Office in Chapel - running costs	-	-	-	-	350
Independent Examiners' Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	8,499	-	-	8,499	8,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	83,500	637	7,351	91,488	91,449

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4) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year ended 31st December 2021

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>£</u>
	£	£		
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	71,618	-	-	71,618
Other voluntary income	2,816	1,000	12,178	15,995
Investments	-	-	-	-
Income earned from operating activities	5,557	3,464	-	9,021
Other	367	-	-	367
Total Income	<u>80,358</u>	<u>4,464</u>	<u>12,178</u>	<u>97,001</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants	3,515	-	-	3,515
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	67,981	2,753	8,401	79,135
Church management & administration	8,800	-	-	8,800
Total Expenditure	<u>80,296</u>	<u>2,753</u>	<u>8,401</u>	<u>91,449</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	63	1,711	3,777	5,551
Transfers between Funds	3,987	- 3,314	- 673	-
Net movement in funds	<u>4,050</u>	<u>- 1,602</u>	<u>3,104</u>	<u>5,551</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	24,468	4,087	6,872	35,428
Total funds carried forward	<u>28,518</u>	<u>2,484</u>	<u>9,976</u>	<u>40,979</u>

	2022	2021
	£	£
5) Staff Costs (including Youth Worker)		
Wages & Salaries	5,345	5,249
National Insurance	0	0
	<u>5,345</u>	<u>5,249</u>

The PCC employed 1 (2021: 1) part time administrator throughout the year.

	2022	2021
	£	£
6) Debtors		
Gift Aid Accrual - unrestricted	3,177	3,419
Gift Aid Accrual - restricted	477	965
Prepayments and interest receivable	-	0
Church Lawford wages contribution	471	
	<u>4,124</u>	<u>4,384</u>

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7) Liabilities (Creditors)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Electricity and Gas Bills outstanding	900	943
Vicar's expenses outstanding	181	428
Deposits - Garden of Remembrance	2,220	2,220
Quinquennial Inspection (Maintenance)	0	645
Church (Maggie's) Café	0	135
Magazine Costs	169	0
WRCC Grant - Deferred Income	500	0
	<u>3,970</u>	<u>4,372</u>

8) Fund Details

Movements in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	28,518	79,152	-83,501	6,102	30,272
	<u>28,518</u>	<u>79,152</u>	<u>-83,501</u>	<u>6,102</u>	<u>30,272</u>
Designated funds:					
Building Fund	2,150	3,107	0	-1,488	3,769
Parish Weekend	0	2	0	1,485	1,487
Church (Maggie's) Café Fund	335	8,115	-637	-7,385	428
L.Brown Legacy		5,006	0	0	5,006
Total Designated Funds	<u>2,484</u>	<u>16,230</u>	<u>-637</u>	<u>-7,388</u>	<u>10,690</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>31,002</u>	<u>95,381</u>	<u>-84,137</u>	<u>-1,286</u>	<u>40,961</u>
Restricted Funds					
Messy Church	63	0	-63	0	0
Youth & Children	3,961	24	0	0	3,985
Bible Fund	299	1	0	0	300
Building Fund	0	775	-2,263	1,488	0
"Who Let The Dads Out"	181	0	-29	152	0
Garden of Remembrance	1,251	3	0	0	1,254
Church Gates & Pathway	3,400	6	-1,907	0	1,499
Ukraine	0	2,887	-2,739	0	148
Cost of Living	0	250	-200	-50	0
Total Restricted Funds	<u>9,155</u>	<u>3,945</u>	<u>-7,200</u>	<u>1,286</u>	<u>7,186</u>
Funds Held In Trust					
Garden Walkabout Fund	821	0	-150	0	671
	<u>821</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>671</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>40,979</u></u>	<u><u>99,327</u></u>	<u><u>-91,488</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>48,818</u></u>

9) PCC Expenses and Remuneration

Under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, it is now required to report certain information relating to remuneration and expenses paid to members of the PCC and their immediate families.

In accordance with this requirement, it is reported that expenses of £991 (2021: £1,636) were paid to Kevin Flanagan during the year. In addition, although remunerated by the Diocese of Coventry, the Diocesan quota referred to in note 3(b) is primarily used to fund his stipend and housing, while the remaining quarter contributes to training new clergy.

The wages referred to in note 5 were paid to Jayne Hayward, who is currently a PCC member, for her 12 hours a week working in the Church Office. The wage rate is the current National Living Wage.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statement has been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of any investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

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

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of these funds are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and the ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by garden parties, the church café and similar events, or by sales of books and magazines, are accounted for gross.

Investment and other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental income is paid. Interest from investments or deposits are accounted for when received.

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Expired Cheques

From the start of 2021, cheques issued by the Church that have not been cashed for over 1 year will be written off to income (having been originally recorded as expenditure when issued).

Fixed Assets***Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000, or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as a debtor less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Accounts



St Margaret's Church Wolston, Brandon and Bretford

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Parochial Church Council**

**For the financial year ended
31 December 2021
and the PCC year ended March 2022**

Legal and administrative information:

Clergy: Revd Kevin Flanagan

Assistant Clergy: Revd Paul Simmonds

Church Administrator: Mrs Jayne Hayward

Bank: HSBC Bank, Church Street, Rugby

Independent Examiner: Mr Keith Francis

Church Architect: Mr Simon Bird

PCC Membership:

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Incumbent: Revd Kevin Flanagan

Wardens: Ms Ruth McCartney Mr Simon Mulley

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod: Mrs Melissa Ralph, Revd Kevin Flanagan & Mr David Gadsby

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr David Gadsby (Vice Chair) Mrs Helen Simmonds
Mrs Melissa Ralph

Elected Members:

Miss Naomi Brown, Mrs Juliet Carter, Miss Latoyah Flanagan,
Mrs Josie Gadsby, Ms Jain Galliford, Mrs Dawn Jones [nee Webb]
Mrs Jenny Lumsden, Mr John Marlow, Mr Christopher Ryde, Mrs Kate Willis

Ex officio: Revd Paul Simmonds

Officers: Mr David Gadsby (Secretary) - Elected

Dr Stephen Wigmore (Treasurer) - Co-opted

Mrs Juliet Carter [Electoral Roll] - Elected

Cathedral Parish Partner: Mrs Jain Galliford

St. Margaret's Wolston**Church Running Costs in 2021 (General Fund)****Expenditure**

	2021 £	2020 £
Regular running costs:		
Quota to Diocese (Clergy Costs)	55,160	56,917
Vicar's Expenses	1,636	1,846
Running the Services	609	1,168
Building Maintenance and Running Costs	9,444	7,545
Training Courses, Alpha & Messy Church	13	65
Administration costs	9,919	11,394
Church Rooms	-	41
	76,781	78,975
Other costs:		
Donations made (general)	3,515	3,042
Youth work	-	-
	3,515	3,042
Total Expenditure	80,296	82,017

The Pastoral Care Team [PCT] that was set up 18 months ago has been very pro-active. We have upwards of 50 people that we look after, and have 12 fabulous members in our team. We meet roughly every 8 weeks to pray and support one another and check on how things are going. We also hold training sessions in the meetings to learn more about our work in the parish. We had a Christmas social and invited all those people that we minister to and it was such a huge success we are holding another one at Easter time. We look forward to another year of positive thinking.

We go forward in Christ's love with the armour He provides for us in difficult situations.

(Ephesians 6 v10-12)

Sue Marlow & Sue Burdett - on behalf of the PCT

Say One for Me

This has proved to be a very frustrating period because of the implied restrictions created by the Covid Pandemic. There have not been any further visits since those reported last year. Not only that, many of the then team members have moved on into other roles, or have withdrawn totally, or have been inhibited by physical ailments. All of this combines, in effect, to requiring us to go back and start from the beginning.

As I write the plan is that Jain Galliford and I will resume visiting as soon as she is able. We plan to recruit a new team of visitors to help, and to liaise this outreach closely with the work of The Pastoral Care Team.

Peter Bridges - on behalf of the Say One for Me Team.



Mission Statement

We, as the Parish church of Wolston, Brandon and Bretford, exist to:-

Worship God.

Be and make disciples.

Serve and care for those around us.

Vision Statement

We have a vision to see: -

A people who are encountering God in their day to day lives.

A people that are being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A people who are learning and are equipped to live Jesus' way.

A people who are courageous, who take risks for Jesus.

A people who are reaching out to a new generation.

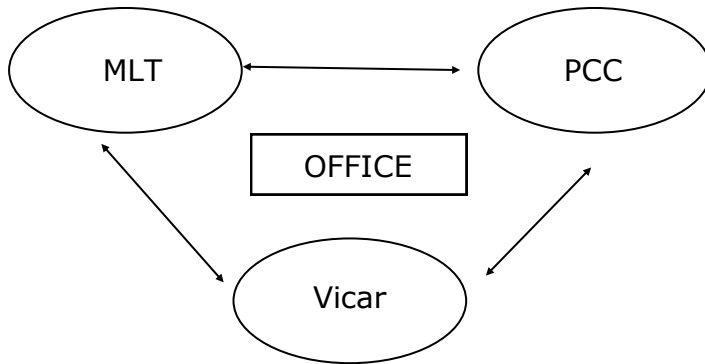
A people who will serve and care for those around them (at home, in the street, at work, and in the wider world).

Church Organisation

At the centre of the church leadership structure is the three way organisational link of the Vicar, the PCC and the MLT [Ministry Leadership Team], all ably supported by the church office.

However, we believe that everyone should be involved in different aspects of ministry, in whatever way suits their skills, gifts and temperaments, both inside and outside the church building itself.

Each Anglican church has in place a series of groups and processes which enable the safe and smooth running of a church within the Church of England.



Other groups exist which are individual to each church. Here at St Margaret's these groups have been in existence for many years, to enable the church to meet its aims.

For the sake of clarity, we will deal with these different reports in two different sections:- Church Organisation and Structure, and St Margaret's Group reports.

Vicar's Report

March 2022

I remember writing this last year, and finding it an incredibly difficult task with the covid situation around us. While this year things have improved, thankfully, things have not still got back to normal. This has been made very clear when I went through the church register of Services.

In the last year we have performed one Wedding, one Baptism, one renewal of Wedding Vows, and fourteen Funerals. While I would never claim that all these funerals were caused by covid, it just seems a cumulative effect of what was for everyone a very tough year.

It has become clear that, countrywide the last two years have had a severe effect in certain areas of church ministry. Looking just at this Diocese, finances have been severely affected, although thanks to people's incredible generosity, here at St Margaret's we have managed to continue to meet our parish share and pay all our other costs without delving into our reserve.

In other areas however we have not managed to escape the general trends that covid has brought.

Firstly, the number attending church on a Sunday has dropped, looking at figures for churches around the Diocese it seems that they have dropped by anything between 25% to 50%

¹⁷
The vision for a café at St Margaret's grew out of many chats amongst various members about how the newly reordered church could be used for the benefit of the whole parish as well as for worship. And so the idea of Maggie's was born.

It certainly is part of God's plan for us to serve his people as we see each trust and new relationships are growing between the Maggie's team and their customers.

Thank you Lord for faithfully providing all that we needed for Maggie's to be a success - although more volunteers are always very welcome.

As an added bonus the church office is based at Maggie's on Wednesdays giving parishioners easy access if they want a face to face chat about anything.

Messy Church 2021/22

As with all things we have been significantly affected by C-19 with our numbers falling greatly despite our efforts to stay in touch with Messy families, attempt on-line Messy Church and offer a socially distanced version as soon as we could. We did learn many things and God has directed us into to offering MC in a slightly altered format. We have noticed the children attending are considerably younger than before C-19 and we have adjusted what we do accordingly, **please pop along and be nose to see what that actually means.**

Another thing that changed is the planning team as Jayne F, Jake & Kaylum felt it was time to move on - we thank God for them as they continue to support MC. The new team are Jayne Hayward, Graham Clark & Dawn Webb.

It is a great privilege for us to reach out to young families in the villages with the Gospel in a really fun and engaging way, we believe absolutely in relational evangelism and trust that we will bear fruit for Christ. We thank the PCC for offering their supportive prayers and sometimes in practical ways too, not least with our expenses.

Latterly we have had several new helpers come along and one of them is a Mum who brings her children, they have fun and Mum organises a craft/ activity and others are members of the church.

We trust God will continue to guide us with his wisdom and we bring hope and light to many families and we will be blessed in seeing new families turn to Christ. Please pray

Jayne Hayward - on behalf of the Messy Church Team

Little Stars - stay & play baby & toddler¹⁶ group

It has been an exciting year for Little Stars. We started meeting in person after Easter 2021 and are now into our third term of weekly, term-time meetings. The highlights include our summer teddy bears picnic and Christmas party which were well attended by the community. We have half a dozen families who attend regularly and others who sometimes join us. We have arts and crafts, singing, play activities, bean bag prayers and interactive Bible stories for children (from birth to starting school). It is also a privilege getting to know the parents and grandparents who bring their children along, and we keep them updated on church events.

Little Stars would like to thank the church for their practical support.

Chris and Juliet come weekly to help setup beforehand. Ginny joins us, making teas and coffee, and is a helping hand. Kevin and Jayne drop in on occasion. And those who regularly move chairs for us. But we also say goodbye to Ellie and Dot, lovely women who have brought Little Stars much joy and creativity. We thank God for them and pray his blessings upon them. Right now, the team is Eva Leaf and Maddy Wigmore. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to bring hope and light to those who attend.

Maddy Wigmore - on behalf of Little Stars Team

Maggie's Café

In July 2021 we opened up Maggie's in the church for the first time. The aim of this project was, and still is, to offer a pleasant place in the parish for folks to pop in and enjoy a barista style coffee and lovely cakes.

Having received a grant from the Diocesan Mission Fund the PCC agreed to the café starting up with a lot of new equipment and sundry times you may find in a high street coffee shop.

Maggie's has become popular very quickly with all sorts of people including retirees, parents with small children and dog walkers.

Every week we see our 'regulars' but there are always new people to meet and greet. We regularly serve 30-50 customers each week.

Initially Nikita Flanagan was our barista and 'manager' and has done a fabulous job of getting Maggie's off the ground. Nikita is now working full time so isn't able to help. But we thank her for her enthusiasm and hard work to get the project up and running and even more so for the tempting sweet treats each week.

From the start there has been a wonderful team of volunteers who spend a lot of time on Wednesday mornings setting up serving and clearing away. Ruth McCartney has taken over as barista in chief and on the day management of Maggie's.

⁵The reasons why are still being discussed; while some people are still too scared to return to church, it seems others now attend twice a month, whereas they used to attend weekly. Others seem to have just lost the habit of church attendance all together.

Here at St Margaret's, I would say that our attendance has dropped by approx. a third from two years ago, although there are starting to be signs of hope as numbers are once again starting to slowly increase. I hope this will continue to improve as the year progresses and things get more back to normal.

It has been great to watch and hear singing return to worship services and refreshments following services, and hopefully as the cold weather gives way to summer, covid will continue to regress, and so things will get more back to more normal times.

Having said all that, it is great to be able to report that the Thursday Communion is very much bucking the national attendance trend. Before covid, attendance varied between six and eight people. That figure has now more than doubled, and last Thursday we had seventeen people in attendance. One of the exciting things is that, while some of the new people are from Sunday morning worship, others are completely new to church. I'd like to especially thank, not just Paul and Pam for taking services, but everyone who works behind the scenes to make these services the success that they have become.

Reflecting on last year, on a more negative point, last Christmas we unfortunately saw a spike in infections with the arrival of the omicron variant. As a result, it was decided on health and safety grounds to close church over Christmas week, something I hope we never have to do again. Ironically, two positives came out of it as we struggled to put something on for people wishing to worship at Christmas. Firstly, we twice opened church up for a time of silent prayer, which was very appreciated by those who attended. Secondly, we held a short, outdoor service, made up of readings and carols. Despite the extremely cold weather it was enjoyed both by those who attended, and people who were passing by.

While this has been spoken of elsewhere, one of the areas of ministry most affected across the diocese has been children's ministry, and that has been the same here at St Margaret's. As a result, we would sometimes have new families come and there be no other children present. Other times people have spent hours of work preparing and there being no children at all present, or only one. After a lot of thought and prayer, it was decided that instead of trying for children's work every week, we would aim for every second week, having Messy Church on the second Sunday and Family Service on the fourth Sunday.

While still ensuring that the children's area & creche are always available for anyone who comes on the other Sundays. It is too early to judge the results of this change; however, the first few services seem to have been very successful.

This year it has been great to watch Maggie's Café grow from nothing to a point where you can struggle to get a seat on a Wednesday morning. I'd especially like to thank all the staff there who work so hard, and those behind the scenes who bake such delicious cakes. I think I can say, without fear of contradiction, that especially following the last two years, having a place where people can meet and socialise in such pleasant surroundings is a joy, and a great example of the church providing a service to the community around it.

Looking forward to the coming year, it is still very hard to get into specifics, but as covid wanes and life begins to return to something nearing normality, so we need to work on developing our strengths even further, while also looking at areas where we are weaker.

This will very much be the challenge for 2022. We need to recognise that while nothing can happen overnight, we are called to both serve those around us, and to spread the Gospel to those who have yet to hear. The question we face is how to develop the ministries of St Margaret's within both our limited financial and human resources, while never forgetting that we are not in this alone, we serve a great God.

I cannot finish this report without a big thank you. There are so many people that I really need to thank that I simply can't name everyone, but all the people who serve the church and keep it functioning, I know you do it for God and not for public appreciation but thank you anyway!

Even so, there are four people who over the last year, of covid and difficult decisions, church would really have struggled without, and they Jayne Hayward in the Church Office, and Simon and Jayne M succeeded by Ruth Mc, in their role as Church Wardens. I don't know if any of them knew quite what they were taking on when they said yes to their current roles, but behind the scenes they have been rocks, and without them St Margaret's would not be the church it is now. So many thanks, God Bless

Kevin

MLT Report 2021/22

While the last year has not been as dominated by Covid as the year before was, it is fair to say that it still cast a long shadow. While we have managed (for most of the year) to go ahead with services, they have still been subject to a variety of restrictions such as wearing masks, limited refreshments

Each matinee concludes with the consumption of tea and cakes, seasoned with an ample sprinkling of good conversation.

The work is done by a small team, Peter and Sheila Bridges, and Bob Granger, who are ably assisted on the day by Carol and Bernard Fry.

Peter Bridges on behalf of Caleb Cinema Club

Foodbank 2021/22

For over a year now, St Margaret's and St Peters have come together to deliver food etc to the food bank in Willenhall, in Coventry, every week. From reports received from the team there, the last year has proved to be a difficult year for many people, and the numbers attending the food bank has increased.

We now have three different sites which are established as drop off points, the Old Rectory in Church Lawford, and the Vicarage and St Margaret's church in Wolston.

It has been a real blessing to especially see the amount of food dropped off at St Margaret's increase as Maggie's Café has become more popular.

Some people who struggle to get out to shop have also supported the food bank financially. The funding raised has been given to Pam, the vicar, in Willenhall who has used at her discretion to help families in real need in a variety of ways.

The desperate need here was really brought home to me when I arrived to drop off food just before Christmas, to find a long queue of people, both adults and children, queuing in the pouring rain just waiting for the food bank to open.

I just want to thank people for their incredible generosity during the past year, and I hope it will continue during the year to come.

While I am on Sabbatical, please continue to use the vicarage as a drop off point, or if you'd rather not then please use the church! The deliveries will continue as usual.

Kevin

Chris & Juliet Carter continue to edit the Grapevine. It has been available on-line on the church website throughout the year and we started printing paper copies again with the April 2021 issue, using a commercial printing company. Numbers of paper copies are gradually building up again, with about 310 now printed per issue. The subscription remains at £5.00 per year, for ten issues with the December/January and July/August being joint issues.

Juliet Carter

Bells Report 2021/22

There has been little bellringing during the past year due to covid. It is hoped that more ringing will follow by the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers this year.

A Quarter Peal (45mins) was rung on Sunday 30th January 2022 for the 40th anniversary of the first Quarter Peal on the bells since augmentation from four to eight, they were dedicated by the Bishop of Warwick the previous day. We remembered three of the original team who have now passed away, two of us rang in the original one as well as the latest. We also remembered Beryl Jenson a lifetime member of St Margaret's.

The bells remain in good condition although like any machinery require maintenance occasionally and with this in mind the order was placed with J. Taylor Bell-founders of Loughborough, who have been involved with St. Margaret's since 1894, with the refurbishment of the four smallest bell clappers, the four largest were refurbished in 2012. 50% of the cost was funded by the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers bell maintenance fund. Keith Hayward and myself removed the clappers to the church floor ready for collection by Taylor's. We also cleaned the tower of dust and an influx of flies ready for the clappers to be returned and installed by Taylor's with help from Keith and myself.

Keith Chambers - Tower Captain

Caleb Cinema Club

As soon as restrictions on gatherings were eased, the Cinema Group began to meet again on the second Friday of each month. Perhaps as a result of being confined to home for so long our numbers have grown, with an attendance of about 20 people. A large contingent coming from Bedworth, and a similar number from Binley Woods. Sad to say we have very little support from members of the church family.

We continue to wear masks as a protection. This policy was vindicated when one of our supporters tested positive the day after attending a film. The films that we show are all allowed by the Church's Christian Copyright Licensing International Certification. Since resuming again in Sept 2021 the films that we show are very varied and are advertised in advance in the Avon Grapevine.

A lot of what the MLT have discussed has been related to this, while also looking at the best way to move the church forward again. Like all churches; that I am aware of; covid has hit us on several different levels, in terms of attendance, in terms of finance, in terms of people being available to serve and in terms of children's work. As a result, the question has arisen should we just aim to do what we did before, (if indeed that is possible) or should we use this opportunity to review much of what the church does, and see if we can improve it. As well as discussing these more long-term issues, the MLT has also become more focussed on prayer. We recognised that at times we were so busy discussing issues, that prayer was almost in danger of becoming an add on. So recently we have attempted to rectify this by starting with prayer, and looking to spend at least an hour in prayer before we even begin discussing the agenda.

On behalf of the MLT - Kevin

PCC Report 2021/22

Since the AGM was held quite late last year, in April, the PCC has only met 5 times. Regular items have been:

Monitoring of all aspects of Church finance.

Regular updates on safeguarding policy and procedures, to ensure all our practice is compliant with what is needed.

Reporting and monitoring of Church maintenance as outlined in the fabric report.

Consideration of Deanery Synod issues, particularly the Parish share and plans for potential changes to benefices.

Specific items which the PCC have discussed, approved and subsequently supported include:

- Fees for the use of Church and Church Rooms.
- Appointment of a sexton to do work in the Garden of Remembrance.
- Setting up and supporting a Pastoral Care team to reach out to those in need in the villages.
- Discussing, approving and supporting Maggie's Café, which has proved a real service to the community and is developing possibilities of further outreach.
- Developing a Church strategy for using the Internet, including use and control of social media – this is work in progress.

Thanks to all members who have contributed to discussion and decisions this year.

David Gadsby.

PCC Secretary & Lay Chair

Treasurer's Report year ending 31st Dec 2021

In 2021, we continued to maintain three types of fund – the General Fund (covering regular income and expenditure of the Church), Designated Funds (which the PCC has set aside for specific types of expenditure) and Restricted Funds (where the donor has specified the purpose on which the funds must be spent).

2021 saw the Church record a General Fund surplus of £4,050, compared to a deficit of £819 in 2020. Expenditure fell by approximately £2,000 largely due to savings from closing the physical Office. Income also grew by around £3,000, due to new income from Maggie's Café and the generous donation towards the Advent Lunch.

Although it remains the PCC's wish to tithe our income to support other causes, it was again decided to limit this amount in 2021 to £3,600 until St Margaret's income allows this to be increased.

In other funds, a successful fundraising campaign saw £3,400 raised for replacing the Churchyard gates and installing a pathway to the Garden of Remembrance. We also received a £500 donation from the biannual Garden Walkabout and £450 from the Ceilidh in November.

The net result of the above is that we now have £28,518 in the General Fund and £11,640 in Designated/Restricted funds. The policy of the PCC is to keep 3 months running costs in General Fund and the current figure is 4 months.

The forecast for 2022 is for the church to achieve a smaller surplus of £1,200, based on the assumption the Advent Lunch donation won't be received again, combined with small increases in wages and utility costs. Of course, these figures are only our best estimates, and are entirely dependent on the continuing generosity of our community, successful fundraising from operations, and the development of ministry in the coming year.

Dr Stephen Wigmore

The Family Service is a more child centred service with groups. As well as Dynamite for the older group we are now able to offer more organised group for the younger children led by Sam and Ellie Gallant and Maddie and Steve Wigmore. The vision is that as we build up our children's work, attracting more families to church and having more volunteers, so we will be able to ultimately increase our provision.

Jayne Flanagan is stepping down as her role in co-ordinating the children's work. Please pray for God to provide someone else to take on this role.

Jayne Flanagan.

Arise! Men's Breakfast 2021/22

We were able to start meeting again in September 2021 and have managed to meet every month since. Our guests speakers have been Nigel Malka about his experiences as he "walked the way" [Via Beata] with Through Faith Missions. Andre Friedli about our vision for "Men in Sheds". Paul Simmonds recounting the fascinating story of the recovery of a Morgan car once owned by his Grandfather. People from The Coalition for Marriage and also speakers from The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer. A small group of men joined in with carol singing around the village, which was received with much pleasure by villagers.

Attendance is variable with approx. 20 men most months - we are gathered from far and wide. Despite being a not for profit activity we were still able to fund ourselves, and make a contribution of £70 towards church funds.

3 of us took on the last minute task of collecting shoe boxes full of toys etc for Carriers of Hope in Coventry - which was very well supported by the church and we managed to provide 30 boxes for the children of refugees & asylum seekers. We will start earlier this year.

A lot of time since the autumn has been spent trying to find a base for our "Men in Sheds" project; with all opportunities locally falling away from us; we have now teamed up with a group of men in Willenhall who are offering support by allowing our shed to be sited in their car park. Perhaps this is where God wants us to be?

A few of us have also expended much time and energy in gathering together some re cycled materials to be used for a proposed footpath to the Garden of Remembrance.

Peter Bridges - on behalf of Arise

For the second year running the way we connect with school has been extremely limited because of the pandemic. Jayne Flanagan, our School Chaplain, has tried hard to maintain the connection whenever possible.

However, because of the wonders of technology we have been able to continue to do assemblies via pre-recorded videos. Thanks to Josie and Kevin and Jayne for keeping this going. A special thanks to Josie that she will keep doing fortnightly assemblies during Kevin and Jayne's sabbatical.

Jayne has continued to write 'Chaplain's Chat', a brief 'Godly' thought published in the school newsletter. Thanks to Paul, Helen and Eva who will keep this going during the sabbatical.

We have still been able to host church groups in church. The whole school came into church (in several smaller groups) to celebrate Harvest. Jayne was also able to show the Reception class around church as part of their RE lesson.

After the sabbatical Jayne Flanagan will be stepping back from leading the chaplaincy work. Please pray for the church leadership as they see how they can maintain our close relationship with St Margaret's School. Please pray for this vital ministry that we would know God's leading for the way forward.

Jayne Flanagan - School Chaplain.

Sunday Morning Children's Groups

These were able to start back in September.

The older group is led by Jayne Flanagan and Chris Mulley, helped by Alison Evans and Lisa Hodgkinson. Despite so much effort and planning it was disappointing that young people who came to church before the pandemic have not returned or did not come very regularly. This made doing planned activities very difficult.

The younger group, Sparklers, ran into difficulties because of a lack of volunteers. Thanks to Sally Clarke who organised resources and activities which parents and carers were able to do with their children in the crèche. Thank you also to those who volunteered to read the Bible stories, this was really appreciated.

Because of the struggles of getting things up and running after not having children's groups during the pandemic the MLT has introduced some changes. We have decided to concentrate our resources into Messy Church on the 2nd Sunday of the month and the Family Service on the 4th Sunday.

Over the last year lots of minor projects have been completed both in the church and church rooms. This has included completing the outstanding work around the re-ordering of the church and installation of the server.

A new portable lectern was purchased using the donation from Bishop Christopher.

Fundraising has covered the cost of new gates and a path to the Garden of Remembrance. New oak gates have been ordered, and we are waiting on completion of the faculty and planning permission before starting work on the path.

The Quinquennial Inspection for the church was held in October. This is the Church building "MOT" which is held every 5 years. A lot of work was undertaken to ensure that this passed smoothly.

Quinquennial Report Summary from Simon Bird, Architect

"Generally the Church is in good condition, well maintained and cared for. It was good to see the new re-ordering being used for the café on the day of the inspection and to witness first-hand how busy it was.

The damp issues regarding the west end of the Church are one of the most pressing matters."

There are several actions that are recommended to be completed within one year mainly concerning guttering, drainage and repointing.

More major works are screwing and re-fixing the plaster ceiling in the Lady Chapel which has separated from the ceiling in places. There is also evidence of woodworm in the Lady Chapel void ceiling void timbers which require specialist treatment.

In the medium term the stonework around several windows and the main door need repairs or replacement. This will be a significant cost.

The church has successfully passed the criteria for the EcoChurch Silver award which is a major achievement.

Throughout the year on going maintenance has been carried out by a small group, of three and later two as Jayne Murdy moved away, on the flowerbeds etc within the churchyard. Bulbs have been planted; after being donated by Marian Lyall in remembrance of her parents & partner; through the grass along the Wolston pathway. Shrubs have been maintained and replenished as needed and general tidying up of pathways.

We currently have a problem with moles within the churchyard and this is attempting to be addressed.

A working party was arranged to help¹⁰ with the larger items in the churchyard and maintenance of the churchyard but sadly numbers available on that date were not enough to complete the tasks, so please look at dates offered this coming year if you would be able to offer help.

Ivy has been cut through on the adjoining wall with the Stables as it was a concern that it may cause damage during the winter months and the area behind the church rooms is in need of attention.

From the Churchwardens **Simon Mulley & Ruth McCartney**

Electoral Roll 2021/22

The Electoral Roll has 99 members, with 20 living outside the parish.

Juliet Carter - Electoral Roll officer.

Safeguarding 2021/22

As a church we are committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children and adults. The PCC and all church leaders are aware of their safeguarding role. We follow the National Safeguarding Policy. This has now been reviewed and there have been some changes. At the end of last year, we used the assessment tool to discover what we had achieved and were pleasantly surprised. The PCC reviewed the action plan and we have clear goals to follow. We have used Safer Recruiting for Youth and Children's Leaders and for the Pastoral Care Team. Those involved in this ministry have applied for a DBS check where necessary and all are aware of the Safeguarding Training that they need to undertake. Those working with children and young people will also receive a volunteer agreement which includes information to help them in their role. New members of the PCC have also applied for a DBS check and the majority have completed training. Most training is done online and it has to be renewed after 3 years. DBS checks now have to be done every 3 years. The PCC has received a report each month and has agreed the safeguarding Policy and also the Safeguarding procedure to follow if there are allegations and concerns. It has also approved the use of social media where online groups are set up on the church's behalf. This will be monitored.

There have been no concerns during the past year.

We are very grateful to all those who give their time to nurture and support all our children, young people and adults.

Josie Gadsby - Safeguarding Officer

Rugby Deanery Synod

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The Deanery Synod met three times during the year.

Main issues considered were:

The Clergy Covenant. A national initiative designed to ensure all clergy are cared for by their congregations. Our PCC has been briefed and will look at in detail during next year.

Parish share – looking at how it is agreed and what it means for individual churches.

Deanery plan developments – looking at training, restructuring and stipendiary posts. Main organisational difference is the merging of Draycote and Leam Valley benefices (7 churches) with two stipendiary posts.

Eco-church developments within the diocese and deanery,

David Gadsby- On behalf of the Deanery Reps.

St Margaret's School, Governors Report 2021/22

There are three Foundation Governors on the Governing Body of Wolston St. Margaret's Primary School. They are all representatives of St Margaret's Church and this reflects the fact that it is a Church of England School. This year they were Jen Hawker, Andy Murdy and David Gadsby. Following Andy's departure for Scotland he was replaced during the year by Jenny Lumsden.

They have taken a full role in assisting the school in its work of educating the children within a Christian framework, monitoring, questioning and where able advising on finance, curriculum and learning outcomes.

Specifically Jen has reported on how the Christian ethos of the school is developed and maintained; Andy has advised on Health and Safety issues; David has had an overview of safeguarding policies and procedures. Jenny is to be asked which area she would like to focus on.

They are pleased to report that despite the huge challenges caused by the pandemic the school is moving forward and providing, in our view, a good education underpinned by Christian values.

David Gadsby - on behalf of the Foundation Governors.

The Parochial Church Council
of
St. Margaret's Wolston

Financial Accounts
Year ended 31st December 2021

Registered as a charity in England and Wales (No. 1130693)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		General	Designated		2021	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	71,618	-	-	71,618	74,807
Other voluntary income	2(b)	2,816	1,000	12,178	15,995	14,105
Investments	2(c)	-	-	-	-	53
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	5,557	3,464	-	9,021	3,575
Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques		367 0	0		367 0	
Total Income		80,358	4,464	12,178	97,001	92,540
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	3,515	-	-	3,515	3,042
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	67,981	2,753	8,401	79,135	83,952
Church management & administration	3(c)	8,800	-	-	8,800	9,994
Total Expenditure		80,296	2,753	8,401	91,449	96,988
Net Income/(Expenditure)		63	1,711	3,777	5,551	-4,449
Transfers between Funds		3,987	-3,314	- 673	-	0
Net movement in funds		4,050	-1,602	3,104	5,551	- 4,449
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		24,468	4,087	6,872	35,428	41,026
Total funds carried forward		28,518	2,484	9,976	40,979	36,578

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2021	2020
		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	4,384	4,610
Short term deposits		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		40,968	38,548
		45,352	43,158
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	4,372	6,784
Net Current Assets		40,980	36,374
Net Assets		40,980	36,374
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		31,002	28,555
Restricted		9,976	6,873
Total		40,979	35,428

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 27th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

K. Flanagan

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2021

2) INCOME:-	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	General	Designated		2021	2020
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	57,143			57,143	56,752
Collections and other giving	2,211		-	2,211	3,491
Income tax recovered	6,471		-	6,471	7,108
Sundry donations	5,238		-	5,238	6,166
Income tax recovered	556		-	556	1,289
	71,618	-	-	71,618	74,807
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,737			2,737	2,683
Amazon Smile & Give-As-You-Live	79			79	98
Building Fund		1,000	2,830	3,830	9,574
Garden of Remembrance			-	-	1,250
Childrens Fund			80	80	-
Church Gates & Pathway			3,400	3,400	
Messy Church			13	13	500
Garden Walkabout Fund			2,730	2,730	-
Advent Lunch			3,125	3,125	-
	2,816	1,000	12,178	15,995	14,105
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CBF deposit account	-	-	-	-	53
	-	-	-	-	53
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	3,018	-	3,018	-
Sale of magazine	2,210	-	-	2,210	672
Fees	2,427	-	-	2,427	1,365
Contribution for use of Church Room	910	-	-	910	869
Reimbursement for photocopying	11	-	-	11	670
Ceilidh	-	446	-	446	-
	5,557	3,464	-	9,021	3,575
2(e) Income from Writeoff of Aged Cheques	367			367	-
TOTAL INCOME	80,358	4,464	12,178	97,001	92,790

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER 2021

3) EXPENDITURE:-

TOTAL FUNDS

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted	2021	2020
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Funds</u>	£	£
	£	£	£		
3(a) Grants/Giving	3,515	-		3,515	3,042
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : diocesan quota	55,160	-	-	55,160	56,917
: clergy expenses	1,636	-	-	1,636	1,846
Church - running expenses	7,003	-	-	7,003	7,190
Church - maintenance	1,440	-	-	1,440	355
Buildings and equipment	1,000	-		1,000	-
Church Room - running costs	-	-	-	-	41
Printing the magazine	1,120	-	-	1,120	-
Upkeep of services	609	-	-	609	1,168
Training and courses	13	-	-	13	65
Youth & Children Work	-	-	125	125	13
Garden Walkabout Fund	-	-	2,419	2,419	-
Carol Service Donations	-	-	125	125	125
Messy Church	-	-	450	450	-
Church (Maggie's) Café	-	2,619	-	2,619	-
Building Fund	-		4,282	4,282	-
Reordering Project	-		-	-	16,233
Advent Lunch			1,000	1,000	-
Ceilidh	-	134		134	-
	67,981	2,753	8,401	79,135	83,952
3(c) Church management & administration					
Administration					
Printing and stationery	1,226	-	-	1,226	957
Sundry	1,974	-	-	1,974	2,680
Staff costs - Administrators	5,249	-	-	5,249	6,357
Office in Chapel - running costs	350	-	-	350	1,400
Independent Examiners' Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	8,800	-	-	8,800	9,994
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	80,296	2,753	8,401	91,449	98,388

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4) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year ended 31st December 2020

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>£</u>
	£	£		
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	74,807	-	-	74,807
Other voluntary income	2,781	-	11,574	14,355
Investments	36	9	9	53
Income earned from operating activities	3,575	-	-	3,575
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Income	<u>81,199</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11,583</u>	<u>92,790</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants	3,042	-	-	3,042
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	68,981	1,056	15,315	85,352
Church management & administration	9,994	-	-	9,994
Total Expenditure	<u>82,017</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>15,315</u>	<u>98,388</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-	819	-	1,047
Transfers between Funds	-	-	2,485	2,485
Net movement in funds	-	819	-	3,533
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	25,287	7,619	8,120	41,026
Total funds carried forward	<u>24,468</u>	<u>4,087</u>	<u>6,873</u>	<u>35,428</u>

	2021	2020
	£	£
5) Staff Costs (including Youth Worker)		
Wages & Salaries	5,249	6,357
National Insurance	0	0
	<u>5,249</u>	<u>6,357</u>

The PCC employed 1 (2020: 2) part time staff members (Administrators) throughout the year.

	2021	2020
	£	£
6) Debtors		
Income Tax Recoverable - unrestricted	3,419	3,658
Income Tax Recoverable - restricted	965	250
Prepayments and interest receivable	-	702
	<u>4,384</u>	<u>4,610</u>

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31st DECEMBER 2021

7) Liabilities (Creditors)

	2021	2020
	£	£
Diocesan Quota outstanding	0	0
Electricity and Gas Bills outstanding	943	613
Vicar's expenses outstanding	428	430
Share of Fees due to Diocese	0	819
Deposits - Garden of Remembrance	2,220	2,360
Re-ordering Retention accrual	0	2,562
Quinquennial Inspection (Maintenance)	645	0
Church (Maggie's) Café	135	0
	<u>4,372</u>	<u>6,784</u>

8) Fund Details

Movements in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	24,468	80,358	-80,296	3,987	28,518
	<u>24,468</u>	<u>80,358</u>	<u>-80,296</u>	<u>3,987</u>	<u>28,518</u>
Designated funds:					
Building Fund	2,601	1,000	0	-1,452	2,150
Ceilidh	0	446	-134	-312	0
Church (Maggie's) Café Fund	1,485	3,018	-2,619	-1,550	335
Total Designated Funds	<u>4,087</u>	<u>4,464</u>	<u>-2,753</u>	<u>-3,314</u>	<u>2,484</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>28,555</u>	<u>84,822</u>	<u>-83,048</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>31,002</u>
Restricted Funds					
Messy Church	500	13	-450	-	63
Youth & Children	4,006	80	-125	-	3,961
Bible Fund	299	0	0	-	299
Building Fund	0	2,830	-4,282	1,452	0
"Who Let The Dads Out"	181	0	0	-	181
Garden of Remembrance	1,251	0	0	-	1,251
Advent Lunch	0	3,125	-1,000	-2,125	0
Church Gates & Pathway	0	3,400	0	0	3,400
Total Restricted Funds	<u>6,238</u>	<u>9,448</u>	<u>-5,857</u>	<u>-673</u>	<u>9,155</u>
Funds Held In Trust					
Garden Walkabout Fund	510	2,730	-2,419	-	821
Carol Service Donations	125	0	-125	-	0
	<u>635</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>-2,544</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>821</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>35,428</u></u>	<u><u>97,001</u></u>	<u><u>-91,449</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>40,979</u></u>

9) PCC Expenses and Remuneration

Under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, it is now required to report certain information relating to remuneration and expenses paid to members of the PCC and their immediate families.

In accordance with this requirement, it is reported that expenses of £1,636 (2020: £1,846) were paid to Kevin Flanagan during the year. In addition, although remunerated by the Diocese of Coventry, the Diocesan quota referred to in note 3(b) is primarily utilised to fund his stipend and housing.

Of the wages and salaries referred to in note 4, none was paid to any PCC member or the family or a PCC member

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The financial statement has been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of any investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

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

Restricted funds are those that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of these funds are shown in note 9 to the accounts.

Income

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and the ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Funds raised by fetes, garden parties and similar events, or by sales of books and magazines, are accounted for gross.

Other income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental income is due.

Income from investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue

Expenditure

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if payment of that award is probable.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Expired Cheques

From the start of 2021 cheques issued by the Church that have not been cashed for over 1 year will be written off to income (having been originally recorded as expenditure when issued).

Fixed Assets***Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings***

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life on a straight line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £5,000 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as a debtor less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Margaret's Church, Wolston.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the regulations of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met, or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mr Keith Francis B.Sc., FCMA, CGMA, MCT
50B Main Street
Wolston
CV8 3HJ

1 March 2022

Accounts



St Margaret's Church Wolston, Brandon and Bretford

**Annual Report and Financial
Statements of the Parochial Church
Council**

**For the financial year ended
31 December 2020
and the PCC year ended March 2021**

**APCM to be held on
Wednesday 14th April @ 19.30**

Legal and administrative information:

Clergy: Revd Kevin Flanagan
Assistant Clergy: Revd Paul Simmonds

Bank: HSBC Bank, Church Street, Rugby
Ind. Examiner: Mr Keith Francis
Church Architect: Mr Simon Bird

PCC Membership:

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Incumbent: Revd Kevin Flanagan
Wardens: Mrs Jayne Murdy, Mr Simon Mulley

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:
Mrs Helen Simmonds, Revd Kevin Flanagan & Mr David Gadsby

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:
Mr David Gadsby (Vice Chair), Mrs Helen Simmonds, Mr Andy Murdy

Elected Members:
Miss Naomi Brown, Mrs Juliet Carter, Mr Christopher Carter, Miss Latoyah Flanagan, Mrs Jennifer Lumsden, Mrs Melissa Ralph, Mr Christopher Ryde.

Ex officio: Revd Paul Simmonds
Officers: Mr David Gadsby (Secretary)
- Elected
Dr Stave Wigmore (Treasurer)
- Co-opted
Mrs Juliet Carter [Electoral Roll]
- Elected

Cathedral Parish Partner: Mrs Jain Galliford



Mission Statement

We, as the Parish church of Wolston, Brandon and Bretford, exist to:-

Worship God.

Be and make disciples.

Serve and care for those around us.

Vision Statement

We have a vision to see: -

A people who are encountering God in their day to day lives.

A people that are being set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A people who are learning and are equipped to live Jesus' way.

A people who are courageous, who take risks for Jesus.

A people who are reaching out to a new generation.

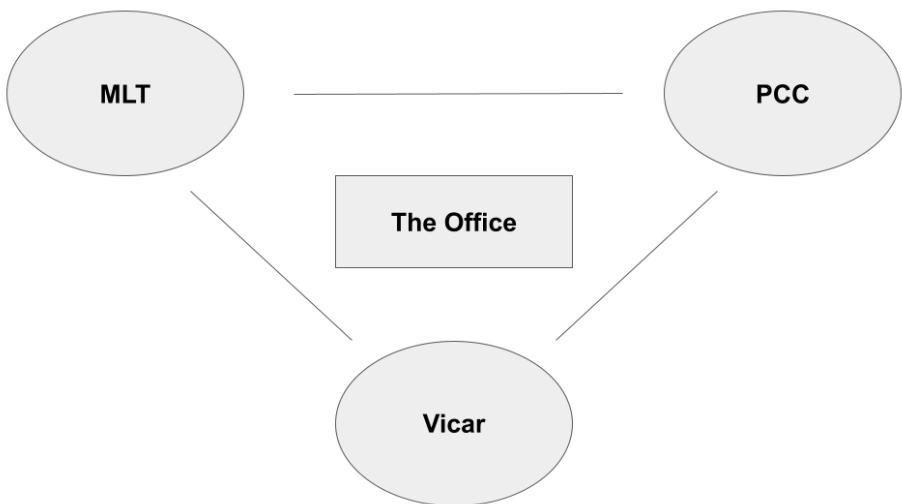
A people who will serve and care for those around them (at home, in the street, at work, and in the wider world).

Church Organisation

At the centre of the church leadership structure is the three way organisational link of the Vicar, the PCC and the MLT (Ministry Leadership Team), all ably supported by the church office.

However, we believe that everyone should be involved in different aspects of ministry, in whatever way suits their skills, gifts and temperaments, both inside and outside the church building itself.

Each Anglican church has in place a series of groups and processes which enable the safe and smooth running of a church within the Church of England.



I decided to put the date down at the top of this Vicar's report this year.

The reason for this is that it is that I'm writing it about three weeks before the APCM, and over the last year things have changed so quickly, that I'm aware that what I write now may be forced to change by circumstances.

It was so strange reading the Vicars Report from last year, not a mention of Covid or lockdown in it!

Everything was so exciting, as we had finally moved back into the church building, with the majority of the work completed. I suppose it all just goes to show, that as the Scottish poet Robert Burns wrote in 1786, "the best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry."

Looking back over the last year, never could a phrase be more apt! For a large part of this year the church has had to close, and services move online.

Even now, as they gradually re-open we are still limited in terms of attendance and what we can actually do on a Sunday morning.

For so many of us this has been an incredibly difficult year.

Some of us have lost loved ones, others have been in lockdown for so long that the very thought of actually opening up and going out for a meal or to visit friends has become a terrifying prospect.

This will be a process that we will all have to help each other through over the coming months!

Over the last year it has become clear (if it wasn't already obvious to us) just how blessed we now are to have a warm, comfortable and open space in the church building.

Not being constrained by pews has really proved its worth during services when we are limited to not only the number of people we can have, but also the makeup of individual family groups.

I'm just so thankful that the majority of the work on the floor was finished before Covid hit!

Moving on from thinking of the past year, on a more positive side, we are starting to look forward again, asking the hard, but exciting questions such as what will our post Covid world look like, and how will we as the Parish Church of St Margarets adapt to it.

Last week the MLT met together to tackle some hard questions.

Underlying everything is the basic thought, that in a strange way, this is a God given opportunity we need to grasp with both hands.

After being forcibly closed for so long, a lot of churches are facing a choice.

Do we just open up, and just go back to exactly as we were before?

Or do we use this time almost as a re-set button, and ask the question, can we rebuild church better than it was before?

So we literally started with a blank sheet of paper, and tried to imagine that we were a group of people moving to Wolston, Brandon and Bretford to set up a church, and what that church would look like.

While a few new thoughts emerged, it was quite encouraging to see a pattern emerge that was not that radically different from what we already have.

As a result the MLT are now in the process of completing a document which states:-

Firstly, our Mission Statement – Why we exist as a Church.

Secondly, our Vision Statement – Who we wish to develop into in the long term.

Thirdly, our One Year Goals – At a time of major change, what we hope to achieve within the next year. The success of which we will judge in a years' time.

Between writing this and the AGM, I hope to have the Mission Statement and Vision Statement ratified by the PCC, and so they will be written at the start of this magazine.

This is just the first stage in then putting together a plan for 2021 and beyond.

Following this we will be putting our results before the PCC.

To finish, one change that has already occurred and will be very obvious to everyone has been the closure of the church office and the retirement of Juliet Carter.

The 'foot traffic' through the office had already reduced, even before the pandemic, so it was judged a good use of financial resources for Jayne Hayward, the new Church Administrator to work from home.

The office is now open on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Friday's between 09.00 and 13.00.

It's new address is:-

**St Margaret's Wolston
Church Office
The Vines
5 Church Road
Church Lawford
CV23 9EG
07422715360**

church.office@wolston.net

I'd like to close this Vicar's Report with a huge thank you to Juliet, for all her years of service, not only in the office, but also always going the extra mile, and making that extra phone call to make sure people are alright.

She will be greatly missed!

God Bless

Kevin

MLT Report 2020

For the last year, as I'm sure you can imagine, much of the MLT's discussions have revolved around what the church can and should do during Covid.

To help with that Andy Murdy joined us for several meeting with his 'Health and Safety' hat on, and was a huge help.

While all the way through the pandemic, we had been discussing the big question of what happens next, but it is only in the last few months that we began to really put any form of concrete planning together.

In terms of personnel, Peter Bridges has stepped down. His wisdom, drive and passion for mission will be greatly missed.

On a positive point we have been joined by Derek Leaf. Derek brings a lot of experience from other churches and organisations, in regards to what has worked and what hasn't, which is proving invaluable as we look to the future.

PCC Report 2020

The PCC has met in alternate months over the last year via zoom and has been a great support when discussing and deciding on financial and practical issues to do with the future of the church.

All the other groups throughout the church are ultimately answerable to the PCC, and there have been discussions on many different issues, including decisions over opening/closing the church, financial monitoring and responding to external issues like the Deanery Reorganisation proposals.

Due to the wide variety of people on the PCC different aspects have been put forward which may not previously

have been considered by the MLT. The minutes of PCC meetings are always available on the church notice board at the back of church following each meeting for the congregation to read.

Church Mission Giving 2020

As a church, St Margaret's has four charities that we financially support on a regular basis:-

OMF:- (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) Started as China Inland Mission by Hudson Taylor, it now serves the church throughout the Far East.

Coventry Youth for Christ:- Works with young people throughout the Coventry area to bring them the knowledge of the love of Christ.

Interface Uganda:- A small medical charity, founded by Andrew Hodges in 2001, the son of Margaret Hodges. They conduct small, but potentially life changing reconstructive surgery for local people who would never be able to afford them, as well as aiming to equip and train local specialists in Uganda and the surrounding areas.

Scripture Union:- They provide free resources that we often use as a church for children's work

As well as the four mentioned above we have also held individual collections in church services at various points throughout the year to support emergency appeals as they have arisen.

Buildings Improvement Group 2020

The floor project, which included an internal porch and servery, has effectively been completed within budget

with only a handful of jobs remaining at the end of 2020, some of which have now been finished.

An unexpected archaeological find of a Norman font base led to the incorporation of a viewing window being incorporated within the floor. A balustrade to protect the slope to the creche was also added. The project would not have been financially possible without the enthusiastic support of volunteers at all stages.

The project was due to be signed off by the architect at the end of last year but restrictions on travel resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic, have meant that this has been delayed. The final part of retention (5%) is due to be paid on sign-off.

Going forwards, the work on the church, churchyard and church rooms requires a targeted programme of maintenance so a new maintenance group has been set up to address this in a systematic way. Accordingly, BIG has ceased and CMG has become active.

Chris Carter on behalf of BIG, March 2021

Say one for Me 2020

We have had to put this activity on hold.

Covid restrictions severely inhibited door to door, face to face visiting. Before lockdown about two thirds of the families living on Manor Estate had received a visit, together with a section of Main Street, from the River Bridge to St Margaret's Avenue, a total of 127 houses.

As to the future, some team members have assumed other roles and responsibilities , so there will be a need for further recruitments to re establish visitor teams.

Peter Bridges, Co-ordinator

Fused 2020

Has not been running at all last year and due to very low numbers in this age group it is under review

Diocesan Synod 2020

Whole Diocese is an integrated strategy to help us to focus on our mission purpose of:

Worshipping God

Making new disciples

Transforming communities

The Whole Diocese includes:

Churches

Schools

Chaplaincies

Cathedral

The diocesan synod has continued to meet – on zoom. It's been remarkably successful. One of the diocesan administration team acts as host and spotter so that anyone can contribute to the discussions which makes chairing possible.

In June 2020 we talked about 'Achieving Growth in the Church of England' after a presentation by John Spence who is chair of the Finance Committee for the national church. Our own diocesan strategy 'Growing the heart of England' is based around opening 150 new worshipping communities by 2030. This will be supported by Mission Hubs and Resource Churches. We have £1.25m of central grants to help with this in our inner cities. Archdeacon Missioner Barry is heading this work.

We also discussed the Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing. This is an important national initiative to

make sure that we care for one of our most valuable resources. Archdeacon Pastor Sue is supporting this.

We said goodbye to Linda Wainscott from Rugby who has led the Diocesan Board of Education for the last 15 years.

In November 2020 there was a focus on finance. It had not been an easy year! Fortunately we already had a policy in place to enable us to use historic assets and this has been necessary. A significant number of churches needed to use the Parish Share Relief scheme to reduce their payments for 2020. It will operate again in 2021.

We heard some moving reports from hospital and prison chaplains. Covid is devastating in these places.

April Gold, also from Rugby, we welcomed as the new leader for the Diocesan Board of Education. She is full of ideas.

March 2021 gave us the chance to find out about how the discussions about 'Living in Love and Faith' will be managed. LLF is a report that has been 5 years in the making. It addresses the church about the Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. We are asked to feed back before General Synod meets in November 2021. There will be local opportunities to be involved.

Dean John told us more about Coventry Cathedral and how it has tried to cope during the pandemic. In breakout groups we answered the questions, 'What can the cathedral do for you?'

We also received the annual safeguarding report which showed that the number of cases to deal with had increased significantly and we passed a measure to allow Bishop John to take over whilst Bishop Christopher goes on sabbatical. My term of office as Lay Chair comes to an end this summer and I will not be continuing.

Rugby Deanery Synod, 2020-21

Area Dean: Rev. Tim Cockell

Representatives: Helen Simmonds; David Gadsby; Andy Murdy

Meetings have been held online but managed to cover a range of issues. We received and discussed presentations on the following:

Growing Faith – a national initiative developing Religious Education in schools, especially Church Schools. This is ongoing and will have special relevance to our work in St Margaret's School.

Living in Love and Faith. This is the Church of England initiative concerning our approach to human sexuality. It is a national issue which is being developed locally through workshops to help us understand the issues and look at how as Christians we can treat all people with love whatever our personal beliefs. These workshops will become available when face to face is possible, as it is felt the issues are too sensitive for airing through social media.

Other business dealt with included:

The Deanery Plan, which is a continuously evolving approach to developing and improving the work of the church in the deanery.

Deanery reorganisation, a look at how we might reorder the structure of parishes in the deanery to make better use of people and resources. This was discussed at length at our PCC and our responses sent in to the Deanery. This reorganisation is a long term issue and revised proposals will be put forward over the next year.

Also, as is usual, we contributed to the decisions concerning the Parish Share – Wolston's contribution this

year will reduce slightly, for the first time in many years, as other churches contribute more fully.

St Margaret's School Governors Report 2020

As St Margaret's School is a Church school we have three Foundation Governors serving on the Governing Body. These are Jen Hawker, Andy Murdy and David Gadsby. They have played a full part in supporting the school through a particularly challenging year. A main function has been to ensure that the school continues to be well managed and provides a high quality education based on Christian principles. Jen Hawker has had a specific role in monitoring the Christian ethos of the school and is very positive about what she observes and experiences.

Electoral Roll 2020

The Electoral Roll has a total of 111 on the Roll, with 23 members living outside the parish.

Coventry Diocesan Cursillo

Unfortunately like so much Cursillo weekends have not been able to go ahead but have been postponed rather than cancelled.

This course continues to be of huge benefit to not only individuals but also to St Margaret's, refreshing and renewing new and mature Christians, taking them into a deeper and more personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

If you would like to attend and experience a Cursillo weekend please speak to any of these Cursillistas Keith & Jayne Hayward, Graham & Sally Clark, John & Sue

Marlow, Kevin & Jayne Flanagan, David & Josie Gadsby, Paul & Melissa Ralph, Ruth McCartney, Elizabeth Egan, Adam Holland, Naomi Brown, Marie Baggott, David Wormsley or Natalie Yu.

For information about weekends please use this link:

www.covcursillo.org.uk

St Margaret's School Chaplaincy 2020

Despite the pandemic and things being so different this year it's been good to have been able to maintain our links with the school. As Chaplain, Jayne Flanagan has been able to have regularly catch ups with Julia McLeod, to support and pray for the school.

Jayne, Josie and Kevin have continued weekly assemblies as a pre-recorded video. This is then watched by children in their classrooms. During lockdown when many children were learning from home, children were able to watch these assemblies at home as part of their daily learning.

Xtreme – unfortunately, this weekly lunch time club is one of the parts of the chaplaincy work that we have not been able to continue, as we have not been able to go into school. It will be great back to start back as soon as it is safe. We will be looking for people to work alongside us in this exciting ministry as Laurence is unable to continue. Thank you to Laurence for his commitment over the years and please get in touch with Jayne if you would like to get involved.

Jayne has continued to write 'Chaplain's Chat', a brief thought published in the school newsletter. It's been a real privilege to write a little bit of encouragement during these difficult times.

Even though we were in lockdown and schools were closed, we were still able partner up again to pray for children in year 6 as they were preparing to move onto secondary school. I'm grateful for the support of church members with this as it is a wonderful link between the church and the school.

It was also good to involve the school in our online Christingle service with classes recording the prayer and readings.

Jayne Flanagan

Fabric Report

The past year has seen a transformation of the interior of our church building. After many years of talking, planning, raising funds and finding a contractor and following lots of preparation, work finally began on removing our rotten floor. The last service in church was on May 12th and during the afternoon in surprisingly quick time the church was cleared, pews removed, and part of the floor taken up. During excavation Alex Thompson our archaeologist made some interesting discoveries, bones, pottery, tiles, coins but particularly a bell pit and the base of the original font, the latter being left uncovered as a feature. After many months of work by various contractors and many volunteers our 'new' church was formally opened and rededicated by the Bishop of Coventry on November 24th. Now we meet comfortably for worship in our warm welcoming building.

Other work carried out during the year was a check and repair of the lightning conductor, also other repairs as necessary. In the churchyard flowerbeds have been cleared and replanted, bushes and trees cut back and the garden of remembrance tidied. We are always eager to have a full green bin ready for collection fortnightly.

We were very pleased to be awarded our Bronze Eco Church Award in recognition of our efforts to care for God's earth in Worship, Teaching, Management of buildings, land and community and Global Engagement. We hope to have a spring clean very soon in church, church rooms and churchyard. We are very grateful to all who help to keep the church in good order and look forward to your continued support in the future.

Bell Ringers Report 2020

In common with all churches due to covid restrictions the bells have not been rung over the past year. When these restrictions are fully relaxed it will be possible to ring again subject to guidance from the Church of England and discussion with the vicar and churchwardens.

The bells, although in good condition do require an annual maintenance inspection and this will be need to be carried out prior to the bells being rung again, this is something which can be done by ourselves (small working party required).

It was with sadness Tony Hocking passed away, he was for many years a loyal member of St Margaret's ringing team. A bell was tolled as the cortege left the church.

Keith Chambers.

Arise!! Men's Breakfast 2020

This group has not met since the first lockdown. Although we have not met together the Leadership have endeavoured to maintain links to all members by means of a Newsletter. We hope to Arise again, but when is uncertain.

Little Stars 2020

Little Stars took an unexpected journey in 2020. It restarted as normal in January with Robyn Sherratt, Laura King and Sue Giles leading. Two months later, on March 17 it suddenly closed due to Covid 19. We are deeply grateful for the years of loving care these women put into running this group. Thank you!



But now there was no leader, so the church asked Eva Leaf if she could take up torch. A team formed with Maddy Wigmore, Ellie Gallant, Jayne Flanagan and Eva Leaf. They met and prayed in September..

In October, Jayne began posting a virtual Sunday School on the Little Stars Facebook page, and the team provided weekly activities in the church yard. In November, we went virtual and began a zoom series on numbers in the Bible. We advertised on Facebook and by word of mouth. We had puppets and songs, but only the team joined in.

Finally, in December we held a trial run in the church rooms to see how it would work with Covid restrictions and little ones. It went very well, but then the government took us into another lockdown.

Now, we await the easing of restrictions and hope to restart in person on April 12th, 2021. In the meantime, the team meets fortnightly for prayer, sharing and planning. Please pray with us for this important ministry within the community. Please pray that many people would join in and learn about our Great Big God. Thanks.

Eva Leaf, for the Little Stars team – March 15, 2021

Sunday Morning Groups 2020

Since the pandemic started a year ago we have not been able have our usual children's groups. We have tried to stay in touch with our children and families where possible. Jayne Flanagan posts a message on Facebook every Saturday, sharing a video by the excellent Virtual Sunday School team. Gift bags were also delivered to children with some treats and age-appropriate Bible reading material.

An Easter trail was put around the centre of Wolston called 'In Search of Easter' based on a Scripture Union resources. This involved posters with QR codes which linked to videos telling the Easter story.

Hopefully we will be able to restart our children's groups very soon. We have a challenge with organising our groups with such a small number of children but in a way that makes their time together interesting and exciting. We will, however, have a larger number of babies and younger children so that's really exciting.

Ignite+ 2020

Unfortunately, there was no way we could continue this group during the pandemic. We hope to be back in September. We will, however, be looking for more people to work with us as Laurence and Isobel Wickens are unable to carry on.

Once again we thank them for all their hard work and if you would like to know more about helping please see Jayne Flanagan.

Foodbank 2020

The last year has seen a huge increase in the need for basic provisions for some of the poorest of our Society.

Our previous drop off point was Queens Road Baptist church, but unfortunately the church closed due to Covid and, at the time of writing, has yet to re-open.

As a result, both St Margarets and St Peters began to deliver the food collected straight to the food bank in Willenhall, Coventry, where it was hugely appreciated as it is an area that has seen needs rise dramatically over the last year.

It has been great to see everyone really step up their giving as a result.

Once a week, on a Wednesday morning, a full car loads (on occasion two full car loads) have driven over to the food bank to deliver the donations.

I wish I could fully articulate the thanks we receive so that I could fully pass them on to you all, but please be assured, when you see a queue of people standing in the rain to get basic foodstuffs, then it just makes you so appreciative of what you have.

So please, continue with your donations. I will be very happy indeed to be able to announce the day that they are no longer needed.

However, at the moment, we will continue with two food bank drop of points:-

**The Vicarage
Brook Street
Wolston**

Or

**The Old Rectory
29 School Street
Church Lawford**

HOLY DUSTERS

During the re-ordering work on the church, between May and November, only the church rooms needed to be cleaned, but since November the whole church and rooms have been cleaned. We are most grateful to those who give their time and effort to ensure that the church is welcoming.

Juliet has taken over the organisation of the volunteers.

Messy Church 2020

This has been running for 4 in April years in the afternoon, latterly on the second Sunday of the month.

As with everything else we were severally affected by the Covid restriction and have only held 2 successful in person sessions. The YouTube and Zoom sessions were tried but really did not work out well so were stopped.

We very much look forward to re-starting properly later in 2021.

Messy Church is still proving to be an excellent way of meeting our aim of meeting up young families where they are and to introduce them to Jesus in a less 'churchy' way. In non Covid times we have a regular attendance of 40 -60 people each month; the majority of which are non-church families, with whom we're building excellent relationships.

There is a very loyal and dedicated group of people who pray, plan and prepare each month's meeting, but we're always very grateful for any help from anyone else. This is St. Margaret's most significant outreach to the community along with Little Stars and Who Let the Dads Out and if nothing else we appreciate your prayer support.

If you would like to know more about Messy Church please take look at their website:

<http://www.messychurch.org.uk/about-messy-church>

OR speak to Jayne H, Paul S or Kevin.

Jayne Hayward, on behalf of Messy Church March 2021

Thinking Ahead About Marriage 2020

[Marriage by Design by Care for the Family]

We managed to sneak in a course in February 2020 and of course not since, unfortunately all of the couples that attended this have either postponed or cancelled their weddings.

This course is held bi-annually as a full day on a Saturday, because as a church we believe in helping couples get off to the best start possible into the adventure of marriage and through this course encourage them to plan for their marriage at least as much as their wedding day.

Keith & Jayne Hayward, March 2021

Safeguarding Report 2020

As a church we are committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children and adults.

The PCC and all church leaders are aware of their safeguarding role.

During the past year we have had some new DBS certificates issued and a number have been renewed both for PCC members and for those working with children and young people.

Training has been done online and most people are up to date with this. It is important that we do our training, which needs renewing after 3 years.

The PCC has received a report each month and has reviewed the Safeguarding procedure following allegations and concerns and reviewed the Safeguarding Action Plan.

There has been one concern during the past year and this is being monitored.

We are very grateful to all those who give their time to nurture and support all our children, young people and adults.

Open Church 2020

Things were different. We like to have our church building open for people to visit and we are still required to do so because of the large sums of money we received in grants from Heritage England. However, that wasn't possible in 2020 and we haven't yet been asked to do so in 2021. We could hear from them any day. When it is safe we'll be looking for volunteers as this has proved to be a valuable way of making and keeping contact with the community in which we live.

Pastoral Care

Is currently under review, but we remain committed to supporting our members through any life difficulties in prayer and companionship as required.

Prayer Ministry after the Church Service 2020

This has not been possible over the past year but will re-start once Sunday Services are allowed to return to a more normal status.

Avon Grapevine 2020

Brenda Reeves has decided to stop helping to edit the parish magazine and Chris Carter is now helping Juliet. Many thanks go to Brenda for her sterling work with Juliet. The magazine has been on-line only for the majority of the past 12 months but will be published and printed again from April '21 . The printing will now be done by professional printers relieving the office of having to print the copies, although the number of copies requested has dropped dramatically. The subscription fee remains £5.00 per year.

Caleb Cinema 2020

We have not met at all during lockdown. The intention is to continue once we have clearance to do so. In essence we are faced with re-building, almost from scratch.

Peter Bridges, Caleb Cinema

Church Running Costs 2020 (General Fund)

Expenditure £	2020	2019
Regular running costs:		
Quota to Diocese (Clergy Costs)	56,917	56,918
Vicar's Expenses	1,846	2,056
Running the Services	1,168	1,601
Building Maintenance and Running Costs	7,545	8,330
Training Courses, Alpha & Messy Church	65	423
Administration costs	11,394	11,294
Church Rooms	41	1,450
SubTotal	78,975	82,071
Other costs:		
Donations made (general)	3,042	3,600
Youth work		
SubTotal	3,042	3,600
Total Expenditure	82,017	85,671

Income £	2020	2019
Donations and legacies:		
Direct Giving from Congregation	74,807	73,391
Donations/Grants (including Clerk's Close)	2,683	2,630
SubTotal	77,489	76,021
Other income:		
Fees (Funerals and Weddings)	1,365	2,131
Church rooms	869	1,426
Investment Income	36	181
Magazine Income (net of costs)	672	2,713
Reimbursement for photocopying	670	1,128
Sundry income	98	399
SubTotal	3,709	7,978
Total Income	81,199	83,999

Net Income (General Fund)	-819	-1,672
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Movement in Other Funds (Restricted and Designated)	2020	2019
Youth & Children	-7	-599
Garden Walkabout		101
Messy Church	500	
Re-Ordering Fund	-6,653	-98,295
Who Let the Dads Out		-30
Garden of Remembrance	1,251	0
Other funds (net)	129	-500
SubTotal	4,780	-99,324

Net increase in Funds	5,599 -100,996
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Treasurer's Report: Year ended 31st Dec '20

This report will be send out as a separate before the APCM.

Please see a numerical break down of our finances or please read the separate "PCC Accounts year end 31-12-2020"

Dr Stephen Wigmore

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Note	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	74,807	-	-	74,807	73,789
Other voluntary income	2(b)	2,781		11,574	14,355	70,616
Investments	2(c)	36	9	9	53	631
Income earned from operating activities	2(d)	3,575	-	-	3,575	8,899
Total Income		81,199	9	11,583	92,790	153,935
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Grants	3(a)	3,042	-	-	3,042	3,600
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	3(b)	68,981	1,056	15,315	85,352	241,482
Church management & administration	3(c)	9,994	-	-	9,994	8,898
Total Expenditure		82,017	1,056	15,315	98,388	253,980
Net Income/(Expenditure)		-819	-1,047	- 3,732	- 5,599	-100,045
Transfers between Funds		0	-2,485	2,485	-	0
Net movement in funds		-819	-3,533	- 1,247	- 5,599	- 100,045
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		25,287	7,619	8,120	41,026	141,572
Total funds carried forward		24,468	4,087	6,873	35,428	41,527

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Note	TOTAL FUNDS	
		2020	2019
		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	4,610	6,972
Short term deposits		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		38,548	38,548
		43,158	45,520
Liabilities: Amounts due within one year	7	6,784	4,496
Net Current Assets		36,374	41,025
Net Assets		36,374	41,025
Funds	8		
Unrestricted		28,555	32,907
Restricted		6,873	8,120
		35,428	41,027

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18th February 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

K. Flanagan

The notes on pages 3 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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2) INCOME:-	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	General	Designated		2020	2019
	£	£		£	£
2(a) Donations and legacies					
Planned giving	56,752	-		56,752	49,754
Collections and other giving	3,491	-	-	3,491	4,344
Income tax recovered	7,108	-	-	7,108	11,954
Sundry donations	6,166	-	-	6,166	6,886
Income tax recovered	1,289	-	-	1,289	852
	74,807	-	-	74,807	73,789
2(b) Other voluntary income					
Grants - Clerks Close Charity	2,683	-	-	2,683	2,630
Amazon Smile & Give-As-You-Live	98	-	-	98	-
Building Fund	-	-	9,574	9,574	16,061
Garden of Remembrance			1,250	1,250	-
Childrens Fund	-			-	60
Carol Service Donations			250	250	-
Messy Church			500	500	-
Garden Walkabout Retention Fund	-	-		-	2,600
	2,781	-	11,574	14,355	70,616
2(c) Income from investments					
Interest on CBF deposit account	36	9	9	53	631
	36	9	9	53	631
2(d) Income from operating activities					
Sale of magazine	672	-	-	672	4,213
Fees	1,365	-	-	1,365	2,131
Contribution for use of Church Room	869	-	-	869	1,426
Reimbursement for photocopying	670	-	-	670	1,128
	3,575	-	-	3,575	8,899
TOTAL INCOME	81,199	9	11,583	92,790	153,935

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3) EXPENDITURE:-

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted	2020	2019
	General	Designated	Funds	£	£
	£	£	£		
3(a) Grants/Giving	3,042	-		3,042	3,600
3(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry : diocesan quota	56,917	-	-	56,917	56,918
: clergy expenses	1,846	-	-	1,846	2,056
Church - running expenses	7,190	-	-	7,190	7,422
Church - maintenance	355	-	-	355	788
Buildings and equipment	-	-	-	-	120
Church Room - running costs	41	-	-	41	1,450
Office in Chapel - running costs	1,400	-	-	1,400	2,515
Printing the magazine	-	-	-	-	1,500
Upkeep of services	1,168	-	-	1,168	1,601
Training and courses	65	-	-	65	304
Youth work	-	-	13	13	621
Children work	-	-	-	-	38
Garden Walkabout Retention Fund	-	-	-	-	2,499
"Who Let the Dads Out"	-	-	-	-	30
Carol Service Donation	-	-	125	125	-
Reordering Project	-	1,056	15,177	16,233	163,621
	68,981	1,056	15,315	85,352	241,482
3(c) Church management & administration					
Administration					
Printing and stationery	957	-	-	957	1,345
Sundry	2,680	-	-	2,680	578
Staff costs - Administrators	6,357	-	-	6,357	6,975
Audit/Independent Examiners' Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	9,994	-	-	9,994	8,898
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	82,017	1,056	15,315	98,388	253,980

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - Year ended 31st December 2019

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total
	<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>		<u>£</u>
	£	£		
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	73,789	-	-	73,789
Other voluntary income	2,630	-	67,986	70,616
Investments	181	53	398	631
Income earned from operating activities	8,899	-	-	8,899
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Income	<u>85,499</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>68,384</u>	<u>153,935</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Grants	3,600	-	-	3,600
Charitable activities: directly relating to the work of the Church	74,673	-	166,809	241,482
Church management & administration	8,898	-	-	8,898
Total Expenditure	<u>87,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,809</u>	<u>253,980</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-	1,672	53 - 98,425	- 100,045
Transfers between Funds			-	500 - 500
Net movement in funds	-	1,672	53 - 98,925	- 100,545
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	26,959	7,567	107,046	141,572
Total funds carried forward	<u>25,287</u>	<u>7,619</u>	<u>8,120</u>	<u>41,027</u>

	2020	2019
	£	£
5) Staff Costs (including Youth Worker)		
Wages & Salaries	6,357	6,975
National Insurance	0	0
	<u>6,357</u>	<u>6,975</u>

The PCC employed 2 (2019: 2) part time staff members (Administrators) throughout the year.

	2020	2019
	£	£
6) Debtors		
Income Tax Recoverable - unrestricted	3,658	6,139
Income Tax Recoverable - restricted	250	637
Prepayments and interest receivable	702	195
	<u>4,610</u>	<u>6,972</u>

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7) Liabilities (Creditors)

	2020	2019
	£	£
Diocesan Quota outstanding	0	0
Electricity and Gas Bill outstanding	613	1,618
Vicar's expenses outstanding	430	418
Share of Fees due to Diocese	819	150
Deposits - Garden of Remembrance	2,360	2,310
Re-ordering Retention accrual	2,562	0
	<u>6,784</u>	<u>4,496</u>

8) Fund Details

Movements in Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	25,287	81,198	-82,017	0	24,468
	<u>25,287</u>	<u>81,198</u>	<u>-82,017</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,468</u>
Designated funds:					
Building Fund	6,136	6	-1,056	-2,485	2,601
Parish weekend fund	1,483	2	0	0	1,485
Total Designated Funds	<u>7,619</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-1,056</u>	<u>-2,485</u>	<u>4,087</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>32,907</u>	<u>81,207</u>	<u>-83,073</u>	<u>-2,485</u>	<u>28,555</u>
Restricted Funds					
Messy Church	0	500	0	-	500
Youth & Children	4,013	6	-13	-	4,006
Bible Fund	299	0	0	-	299
Building Fund	3,117	9,574	-15,177	2,485	0
"Who Let The Dads Out"	181	0	0	-	181
Garden of Remembrance	0	1,251	0	-	1,251
Total Restricted Funds	<u>7,610</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>-15,190</u>	<u>2,485</u>	<u>6,238</u>
Funds Held In Trust					
Garden Walkabout Retention Fund	510	1	0	-	510
Carol Service Donations	0	250	-125	-	125
	<u>510</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>-125</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>636</u>
Total Funds	<u>41,026</u>	<u>92,790</u>	<u>-98,388</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,428</u>

9) PCC Expenses and Remuneration

Under the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities, it is now required to report certain information relating to remuneration and expenses paid to members of the PCC and their immediate families.

In accordance with this requirement, it is reported that expenses of £1,846 (2019: £2,056) were paid to Kevin Flanagan during the year. In addition, although remunerated by the Diocese of Coventry, the Diocesan quota referred to in note 3(b) is primarily utilised to fund his stipend and housing.

Of the wages and salaries referred to in note 4, a total £3,146 was paid to Juliet Carter who is family member of a PCC member, in respect of her services as an administrator of the Church Office.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARGARET'S WOLSTON

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10) Re-ordering Commitments

In 2019 the largest area of Church expenditure was related to the Re-ordering scheme that was successfully completed with the Church reopening in November 2019.

In 2020 final costs for the re-ordering continued to be paid, including Architect's Fees and Contractor's retention, on which the Church spent £16,233 and recovered £9,365 in previously spent VAT. This expenditure includes £2,562 that has been accrued in year as provision against the remaining 2.5% retention owed to Bonsers (the main contractor) once final queries are resolved.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Margaret's Church, Wolston.

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the regulations of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the PCC as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the PCC those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met, or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mr Keith Francis B.Sc., FCMA, CGMA, MCT

50B Main Street
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24 March 2021
