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

England & Wales · Charity number 1130802

Details

Other names	PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, SHORTLANDS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-07-28
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

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£227,870	£243,009	-	-
2024-12-31	£237,064	£235,192	-	-
2023-12-31	£209,552	£201,718	-	-
2022-12-31	£227,323	£205,988	-	-
2021-12-31	£226,947	£202,049	-	-
2020-12-31	£261,734	£198,212	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN-MARIE JEFFERYS		2009-04-29
Ann Shirley Dalton		2024-05-19
Catherine Bingham		2021-05-01
Claire Tillotson		2024-05-19
Craig Benjamin Myers		2024-05-19
Deborah Speller		2026-05-03
Dr DAVID BARRINGTON JEFFERYS		2026-05-03
Gloria Sherman		2019-04-07
Helen Jane Bird		2025-05-11
Julie Nicola Fox		2025-05-11
PATRICIA CHASE		
ROBIN HOGG		2014-04-27
Rev David Philip Thomas Edmondson		2025-05-06
Robert Charles Friday		2026-05-03
Susan Jane Evans		2025-05-11
Timothy Dawson		2000-05-01
Toks Taylor		2025-05-11

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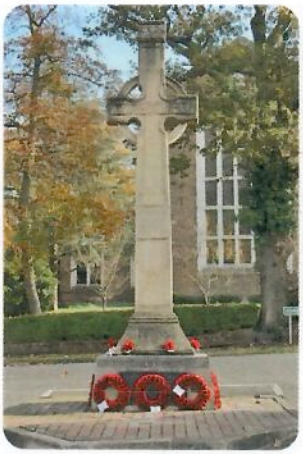
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ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL of St Mary's Shortlands for the year ended 31st December 2025










Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Shortlands

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings, halls and grounds of St Mary's, Shortlands. This year the PCC defined its purpose as "The PCC is a group which acts as Trustees, working alongside the Vicar to govern the church responsibly, spiritually, legally, and financially, while supporting its mission of sharing God's love."

Aims And Purposes

Our Mission is "Sharing the love of God" and we as a PCC place great value on being welcoming and inclusive to all. Our Vision develops our Mission in four key areas: our heart for God; building fellowship and confidence; becoming a community hub; and, in time, becoming prophetic and challenging - the 'go to place' in the community for spiritual support and encouragement.

The PCC aims to reflect our mission, values and strategic objectives in its development of leadership, programme planning, site development and governance of the church.

Key activities in the church are under the leadership of many people, often volunteers, and supported in some cases by paid staff. The main activities of the Church are outlined in the report below. We are also committed to serving our local community with representatives on Deanery Synod, Churches Together in Beckenham, Welcare and Shortlands Residents' Association. The PCC is reliant on volunteers who contribute to various tasks, including maintaining the buildings and grounds, ensuring a warm welcome to our services, decorating the church weekly and especially for major festivals, catering for events, administration and ushering for occasional services. The officers of St Mary's are also volunteers, specifically the Treasurer, the Secretary to the PCC and the Churchwardens.

Our Vision and Mission was adopted at the beginning of 2023, after extensive consultation, under the guidance of our Vision and Mission team. This has given us a strong foundation to build on, and we have a clear sense that there is much more that God is calling us to be and to do. As a PCC we have continued to work on embedding the Vision and Mission values and ensuring we have a healthy culture.

Vicar's Report – Rev. Dave Edmondson

I was licensed to this parish in May 2025. It was such a special service, and I felt truly affirmed and welcomed. My family and I were made to feel part of St Mary's so quickly, and I want to thank you for the part you played in that.

Before reflecting on May 2025 onwards, I would like to thank everyone for the part they played during the interregnum, for both the seen and unseen work that so many people did. There were many who gave so much of their time and energy. Thank you.



Throughout 2025 there has been much to be thankful for. The parade services across the year were full of joy and life. Mothering Sunday, with the pre-school children leading some of the worship, was particularly special for many who attended. It has been a delight to celebrate together at baptisms, weddings, birthdays, and a wide range of special and social events throughout the year. We have also shared the tears and challenges of this year as we have grieved together at funerals and memorial services.

This year I have had the joy of getting to know you, whether at a service, an activity, or informally over a cup of tea. There have been so many community events at St Mary's, including the plant sale, parish picnic, Christmas fair, and many more.

It has been a real privilege to minister alongside you this year. St Mary's is built by many committed people who give their time, money, and talents so that St Mary's can show the love of God in all that it does. Whether you lead ministries, bake cakes, clean gutters, or offer a warm welcome thank you. To those who do both the seen and unseen work, we are deeply grateful.



As we continue to share the love of God across the parish of Shortlands, we are reminded that this work is done together. It takes a whole community, not just one or two people. I would particularly like to thank Glo and Robin our incredible Church Wardens, and Tim our Treasurer for hundreds of unseen hours, along with the ministry team and our paid staff, Claire, Rachel, Elizabeth, and Emma for all they do, especially the often unglamorous but vital work behind the scenes.

I have been encouraged to see that St Mary's is growing. Growth is about more than numbers, but our numbers have been increasing throughout 2025, which has been a real joy. Alongside this, our growth in faith and as a community has continued whether through gathering socially, worshipping together, or studying together.



In my first year as vicar, I have deliberately not sought to bring large-scale change, mainly because there has been no need for radical change. God is at work at St Mary's and has been for some time. That said, there have been some changes: adjustments to services, the regathering of the ministry team, and a renewed focus by the PCC on its purpose. I have spent much of this year getting to know St Mary's and Shortlands, and it has been a joy to see where God is already at work and to consider how we can best serve our parish.

This year the PCC also decided to introduce a single St Mary's logo, as several were in use. This simple and clear logo reflects something of my hope for St Mary's: that we know what makes St Mary's St Mary's, and that we can clearly and simply share the love of God in all that we do. St Mary's itself continues to change as our congregation grows and new people bring different skills, gifts, and personalities.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am hopeful about how God will continue to move at St Mary's. Throughout this year, the PCC and the Future Generations Project team have been planning and thinking carefully about how best to redevelop our halls and carry out our projects, to future-proof St Mary's and make it accessible and practical for all. I am looking forward to these plans developing further and being able to share them more fully.



It has also been a joy to see our children's and young people's work develop, and I am hopeful that this will continue to grow. I am keen to keep making sure our worship and activities are accessible to all. That all of Shortlands can come and know the love of God through all that we do here at St Mary's. We are blessed that hundreds of people use our site every week, and in 2026 the ministry team, PCC, and I are keen to explore how we can better connect with all those who use our church and halls, not simply so that Sunday numbers might grow, but so that all may come to know the love and good news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers throughout 2025. Please continue to pray for me, as I pray for you.

Dave

Worship – Rev. Dave Edmondson

Worship at St Mary's continues to follow a regular pattern, with Sunday Holy Communion at 10.30am, Wednesday services in the Chapel, monthly Choral Evensong and termly evening services led by the Music Group, offering different styles of worship. During the interregnum, I am grateful to Rev. Jane Peters and our Licensed Lay Ministers, alongside visiting clergy for faithfully leading our services.

Since my arrival, alongside Rev. Jane and the Licensed Lay Ministers, there has been a focus on ensuring our worship is accessible and welcoming to all. Wednesday services are now Holy Communion on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of the month. The ministry team has also reviewed how our liturgy is presented, introducing standalone service booklets for special services and recognising the need to further review our regular service booklets.



Particular attention has been given to family and parade services, where the liturgy has been redeveloped to ensure it is accessible, engaging and relevant to those attending. Music remains central to our worship. We are blessed by our choir, wonderfully led by Claire Tillotson, who enrich our services week by week. We also value the contribution of the music group, who lead at various services and special evening worship, helping us to explore different styles of worship.

Worship is at the heart of St Mary's. As we look ahead, our aim is to ensure it remains central to our life together, accessible, welcoming, and prayerful, so that all may encounter the majesty and love of God.

Governance and PCC Report – Helen Bird

Incumbent: Vacancy (01.01.25 – 05.05.25) Rev. David Edmondson (From 06.05.25)
Churchwardens: Robin Hogg & Gloria Sherman

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England which operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It is a Registered Charity.

At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, the two Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll. This makes them eligible to stand for election to the PCC, and to vote at elections.

This year we will have 3 vacancies for elected members of the PCC: Keith Mills, Sue Slaney and Pat Chase have reached the end of their second 3 year term. We will also be carrying out elections at the APCM in 2026 for 2 Deanery Synod representatives. As our electoral roll fell below 151 last year we will now only have 2 Deanery Synod representatives in accordance with the Church of England's rules.

In particular, we thank those members who are standing down from the PCC this year having served two consecutive terms, as well as our deanery representatives. We also thank Jay Sharma, who stood down as PCC Secretary in May 2025, for her faithful service.

The PCC comprised for the year 2025/26:

Name	Role	Status
Dave Edmondson	Vicar	Ex Officio
Robin Hogg	Warden	Ex Officio
Glo Sherman	Warden	Ex Officio
Tim Dawson	Treasurer	Elected
Helen Bird	Secretary	Elected
Ann-Marie Jefferys	Deanery Synod	Ex-Officio
Glo Sherman	Deanery Synod	Ex-Officio
Jan Boam	Deanery Synod	Ex-Officio
Keith Mills		Elected
Sue Slaney		Elected
Pat Chase		Elected
Catherine Bingham		Elected
Claire Tillotson		Elected
Craig Myers		Elected
Ann Dalton		Elected
Suzie Evans		Elected
Julie Fox		Elected
Toks Taylor		Elected

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. They meet regularly, at least 6 times a year. The PCC takes great care to act in their capacity as trustees for the parish and to help matters run smoothly, whilst always having an eye to future developments.

The PCC has had a busy year and we thank all those involved for their time and contribution. We were delighted to welcome our new incumbent, Dave Edmondson, after his installation in May 2025.

In particular, we have looked at maintenance of the site as a whole and the need to replace church hall buildings in due course, but we have also reflected on our role as trustees for the parish:

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The PCC has also reflected on safeguarding issues and how to tackle them. And in February we had an Away Day to consider what we value about our church life and how to ensure we grow and serve our community.

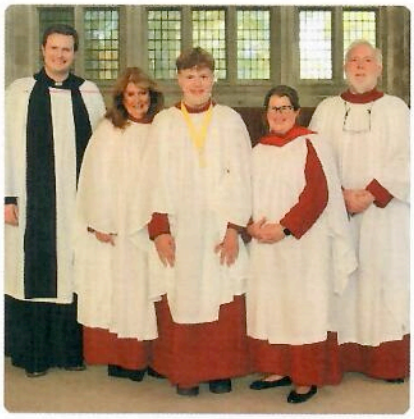


Choir – Claire Tillotson

The choir this year continues to be busy!



We were invited by the Worshipful Company of Apothecaries to sing at St Andrew by the Wardrobe for the installation of David Jefferys as Master in August which was an honour. In December we sang again for ABCD Bethlehem at their annual Carol concert and have been asked by them to sing for their service in July to celebrate their 40th anniversary. In August 2026 we will be singing services at St Geroge's Chapel Windsor and are very excited by this.



The choir continues to go from strength to strength and we currently have 7 members in our junior choir, who bring their own energy and excitement. We continue to sing for the Sunday services and Choral evensong once a month as well as Advent Carols, 9 Lessons and Carols and all the Easter services. I would like to thank the choir for their commitment to me and the Church. They really are a choir to be proud of!

Music Group – Catherine Bingham

St Mary's Music Group provides alternative music for worship. The group currently consists of 5 instrumentalists and 6 singers and is overseen by Claire. We create and lead informal evening services each term on various themes, which have been very well received, as well as playing at some morning services, including parade services. The group sings and plays more contemporary hymns and songs, seeking to reach those who respond to modern worship music. In April this year the music group and choir combined to provide a Taizé service which is a more reflective form of worship. The music group are a valuable part of the music at St Mary's and thanks go to them

for their commitment and hard work in making each service so effective. We are always interested in hearing from potential new members.

Children and Youth – Rachel Tillotson

Children and Youth ministry continues to grow at St Mary's. It was a delight to welcome so many families to our Christmas services, especially the crib service and Christingle. These were both were slightly different to what we have done in the past but were very successful and enjoyed by all. Both Youth Group and Teatime Together are thriving, with several of the same families attending regularly and we have started seeing some of them at other services too. We are also seeing good numbers of families on Sunday mornings regularly attending Junior Church.



Thank you to all those who support Junior Church, preparing and leading on Sunday mornings, the Youth Club Team, those who regularly lead and support Teatime Together. Finally, a huge thank you to the congregation of St Mary's for supporting Rachel in all she is trying to do to increase family participation at St Mary's.

Baby and Toddler Group – Sue Harrison

The toddler group at St Mary's Shortlands is thriving. We had an Easter puppet service which was well attended. Our summer party was a great success with probably about 60 children attending (it was difficult to get exact numbers as people came and went during the day). The bouncy castle and ball pond contributed to the fun on a lovely sunny day. We had 49 children and 38 adults to our Christmas Service with a puppet nativity.

We usually have 35-45 children attending in the morning (9.30-11.30) and at least 20 children in the afternoon (12.30 - 2.00), We encourage our pre-school children and parents to stay to have a packed lunch with us after picking up. We have a lot of grandparents and childminders in the morning but recently have had quite a few mothers with small babies which is a bit of a change and lovely. The afternoon group tends to be more parents, mums or dads with older children. We are usually alright for volunteers in the morning but for the afternoon group it is more difficult to find constant help. It has been the same volunteers for a very long time, but our regular group of childminders can be very helpful if we are a bit stretched.

We run a system that does not require any booking as operating in the back of the church gives us plenty of space. Setting up and putting things away is quite time consuming.

Schools – Rev. Dave Edmondson

Since I have joined St Mary's I have sought to continue and deepen our relationships with the two schools in our Parish: Highfield Primary School and Harris Academy Shortlands. It has been a delight to welcome both for visits and lessons around the Christian faith. We hosted both of their Christmas Carol performances for year five and six for Highfield and key stage two for Harris. This was the first time Harris hosted their carol concert at St Mary's. I have delivered assemblies in Harris and links with both schools are deepening.

Discipleship – Rev. Dave Edmondson

Discipleship lies at the heart of our life together at St Mary's Shortlands. At its simplest, discipleship means learning to follow Jesus more closely in the whole of life. It is about being shaped by prayer, scripture, worship and service so that, day by day, we grow more into the likeness of Christ. Discipleship underpins everything we do; it is not an optional extra, but vital to who we are as a church community.



There are core aspects we seek to nurture: worshipping together, learning together, praying together and serving others. Our Sunday services and Wednesday Communion remain central moments where we gather around Word and Sacrament. Alongside this, we recognise that discipleship is something each person must take responsibility for themselves. The habits of prayer, reading the Bible, reflection and faithful living and service are practices we each choose to cultivate.

Discipleship can be helped by supportive groups and courses. Earlier this year before I joined there was a Lent group and this Advent the Advent Course 'They Sang' offered space to reflect more deeply on preparing our hearts for Christ. We are thankful for our two homegroups, where faith is explored in conversation and friendship, and for the Take Time group, which provides a gentle, reflective space for prayer and discussion. It is encouraging to see steady growth in these areas. My prayer is that we continue to deepen our commitment to Christ, supporting one another as we grow in faith together.



Take Time – Cathy Myers

The Take Time second Saturday Christian meditation group has been running monthly throughout 2025. Take Time is centred on an Ignatian style visualisation. This is always based on a passage from the Gospels and is an opportunity to imagine oneself in the unfolding scene, near to where Jesus is.

The meditation always ends with Jesus inviting the listener to draw near and to share whatever is on their heart or mind. Afterwards, there is a chance for everyone to reflect on their encounter with Jesus and to share in fellowship over a warm drink.

In lots of ways, it is a Bible study with no biblical knowledge required, and the sharing afterwards is designed not to make distinctions based on how much everyone knows about theology.

Usually, Take Time is attended by 10-15 people including some people who are new to St Mary's or who attend other local churches.

Cathy (Myers) is delighted to have been joined by Glo, Suzie Evans, and Caitlin in leading the meditation group. She is also very grateful to Jo Eade, Sara Hope and Sue Harrison for helping with refreshments. The meditations are conceived and written by a Methodist minister.

More information on Take Time at https://taketime.org.uk/

Catherine's House Group – Catherine Bingham

Our House Group meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at Catherine and Adrian's home. No preparation or knowledge is needed, and there is no requirement to attend every meeting – people are welcome whenever they can make it.

We find that reading the bible together, talking about what we have read, sharing the thoughts and questions we have, deepens our understanding and helps us support each other in our faith.

This year we looked together at Colossians and Esther and spent a couple of sessions getting an overview of the Prophets. We followed the Lent course "Rhythm of Life" and members of the group joined the Advent course "They Sang" run by Rev. Dave.

Ann-Marie's House Group – Ann-Marie Jefferys

Our Online House Group has been running for 3 years and has ten members. We meet once a month on Zoom, on Monday evenings and all are welcome to join us!

This year we completed the weekly Lent course 'Rhythm of Life' where we looked at the events of Jesus' life whilst considering our own lives in terms of resting, creating, sharing, encouraging and celebrating. We celebrated the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed by completing the Pilgrim Course on the Creeds and completed the Advent Course 'They Sang', both of which helped us to see our weekly services in a different light, helping us to better understand our liturgy. Besides studying the Bible, we support each other on our Christian journey.

Nachos and Natter – Rev. Dave Edmondson

In the Autumn, Debbie Speller and myself started a group which meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Chapel. This is specifically for those in secondary school. We eat Nachos and talk about an aspect of the Christian faith. Our numbers are not huge but our conversations are deep and encouraging.

Archivist – Kay Coleman



I was pleased to be appointed the church archivist last year but am still really learning what the role involves.

I very much enjoyed leading the VE/VJ Day displays, commemorations and tea party with a lot of help from Helen Bird, Robin Hogg, Cecilia Willatt, the Flower team, Craft and Chatter and the Café team.

We had found an incomplete Remembrance book designed by a local resident who was an artist and thanks to the Friends of St Mary's this was able to be beautifully finished by F G Marshall. Betty Rider generously paid for a case to be made to hold this book, also made by F G Marshall. This now stands in St George's Chapel.

During the 100th WW1 commemorations I researched all the soldiers named in the WW1 book of remembrance. Since finding the partly finished Remembrance Book I have been researching the lives of all the casualties of HMS, Civil Defence and Civilians named in it. The results of my researches, together with those of the WW1 casualties, are now on a shelf in the Church Office for anyone to read. I have since discovered that there are names on our war memorial that were not included in the WW1 Book of Remembrance and I intend to research these at a later date.

Dave and I will keep investigating the potential of an honour board to be placed in the church for those killed in WW2 and named in the new Remembrance book. Research is needed into what exact permissions are necessary and we hope to achieve this as soon as we can.

Glo Sherman and I worked together to catalogue and sell a quantity of old furnishings which did not fit anywhere in the church and were believed to have never been part of St Mary's fabric. This raised the sum of £500 towards church funds.

My next project is to start a Church photograph album commencing with the photographs from Dave's installation. Then I intend to start cataloguing and filing our many old records and memorabilia. I will also familiarise myself with the keeping of church baptism, wedding and funeral records and liaise with the Bromley Archives concerning the old St Mary's records that they are storing for us and where they will be kept when the new library opens.

Flower Team – Cecilia Willatt



For a long time, the decorating of St Mary's Church Shortlands has been an important part of our community. Our team is made up of people with many different skills, all enthusiastic to make the Church look welcoming and beautiful, from the little table vases on the Café tables each week, to the many decorations put up for the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Harvest, or making up the bunches of daffodils for mothering Sunday, to special displays for occasions like the VE Day commemorations.

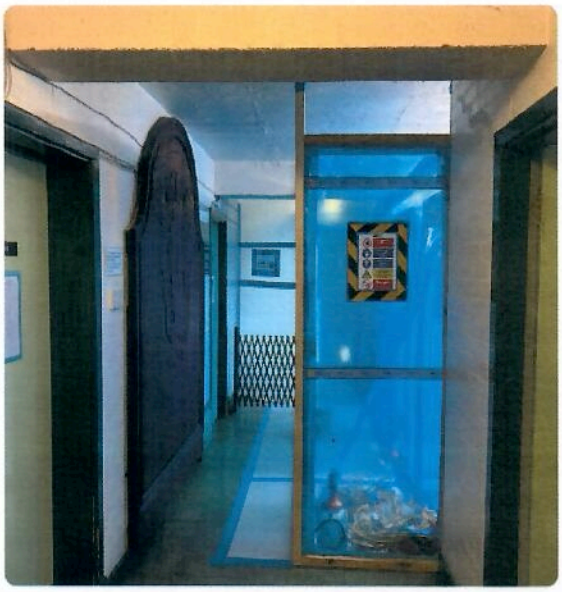
Anyone is welcome to join us as there are many different skills required, but no experience is necessary and help is always at hand. On a weekly basis, we usually have a pedestal at the front, by the pulpit, and a welcoming arrangement either in the south porch or on the table just as you enter the Church. On some weeks there will be flowers placed by the book of remembrance; these are requested for an anniversary in remembrance of a loved one. We also place flowers in the little chapel at the side of our church; this space lends itself to a smaller arrangement.





I feel it is a privilege to be part of the team that looks after the Flowers at St Mary's. Adding fresh flowers to a building shows that someone has recently been there to spend time and care to beautify the Church, and to welcome people.

Fabric and Maintenance - Robin Hogg



We continued to follow an agreed plan to address the findings of The Quinquennial Review of the Church at the end of 2022. We are now preparing for our next Quinquennial in 2027.

Work has been carried out to address many of the high priority issues, including work on repairs to the roof and the retesting followed by removal of asbestos in the Basement of Church House. The Hall was found to be asbestos free. Maintenance has included the upkeep of the grounds and work on the lighting and heating in the church. We are grateful to the teams of volunteers who carry out much of this work. A detailed report on the Fabric and Ornaments for 2025 is circulated separately.

Mission Of the Month – Susie Shelton

For many years the church has nominated and supported many worthy causes close to the hearts of the congregation and the wider parish. In October each year a meeting is held to decide which charities will be supported the following year. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in this aspect of our outreach, not just those who are nominating a particular charity. A different charity is supported each month, and the aim is to have a mix of local, national and international charities each year. Some are supported annually, including The Children's Society (through the Christingle service) and Welcare in Bromley. Others are supported every few years or as "one offs", and the charities do not have to be Christian, but many are. Some have a particular resonance with individuals because of a family connection with loved ones having need of a charity's input, such as St Christopher's Hospice or the Chartwell trust (cancer care).

Those nominating a charity usually become its "rep", acting as the liaison between the charity and St Mary's, writing a short article for SPAN plus providing information on the charity board at the back of church. With recent charities as varied as The Leprosy Mission, Mines Advisory Group, the McCabe Educational Trust, and continuing support to ABCD (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disabilities), it is important that St Mary's continues to help those in need both at home and abroad.

Pastoral Team – Sue Harrison



There are 6 members of the pastoral team who meet on a Monday at 4.30 to discuss church members with physical, mental or spiritual needs and pray for them. Home communion is offered monthly by a licensed pastoral assistant usually accompanied by a pastoral visitor. This year it has been offered to 3-5 individuals. We also have offered a monthly service at Durham House led by Jan Boam with a sing along carol service in December and a carol service with readings and poems at Blenheim court.

Pastoral needs are often picked up at the mobility class, craft and chatter and the café. Follow up for these is part of the ministry as well as being aware of church attendance.

Deanery Synod – Ann-Marie Jefferys

Beckenham Deanery Synod continues to move and grow the Anglican churches and Christians. Our reps are Gloria Sherman, Jan Boam and myself. In March, Rev. Richard Jones (Christ Church & St Paul's Anerley) became the Area Dean of Beckenham, after Canon Jeremy Blunden's (St George's) term of office ended. This year as a deanery we welcomed two new clergy: Rev. David Edmondson (St Mary's), Rev. Nicholas Pucenot (St John's Beckenham). Also, Rev. Jessica Smith, (Holy Trinity with St John's, Penge) joined the Deanery Synod Standing Committee.

In our March meeting at Christ Church Chislehurst, we met with the Bromley Deanery to hear Bishop Jonathan talk about the Vision and Strategy of the Diocese. He laid out the diocesan strategy and vision, building on 'Change, Serve and Grow' to give hope to all our churches. The underlying message was of growth at parish level, and being missional in all that we do, underpinned by seeking first the kingdom of God. Rev Richard Jones was commissioned as the Area Dean of Beckenham.

As part of our Deanery focus on Worship and Encouragement and to experience different styles of worship, represented across the Deanery, we held services inviting PCC members to attend as well as Deanery members. In June we held a service of Holy Communion at Christ Church Beckenham, and in October, a service was held at St James' where a Mass was held for St Edward the Confessor, following the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Both services were followed by refreshments and a time to socialise with Christians across the Deanery.

St Mary's continues to play a part in the Deanery with Glo Sherman on the Deanery Synod Standing Committee, and on Diocesan Synod.

Craft and Chatter – Jan Boam

This is a small group of 'crafters' who meet on Tuesday mornings in the Friends Room. We also have additional members who usually craft at home as they're unable to attend the sessions.

We primarily knit and sew seasonal items to sell at Easter and Christmas. In addition, we have a small number of cards and prayer cloths on sale in church throughout the year. The proceeds usually go into the general church funds unless specified for a particular project.

The group regularly produce non-sale items such as hats and teddies for the Mission to Seafarers, blankets for Moldova and occasional items for the charity of the month.

Over the years we have been grateful to receive donations of wool, fabric and haberdashery items, even a sewing machine, to supplement our purchased materials. In fact, far too much for our small group to use so we have been able to share with other organisations such as the Bethlem Hospital, the Beckenham Quilters, Twam (Tools with a Mission) plus other local charities.

Mobility – Jan Boam

The Mobility Group is an exercise group for seniors founded some thirteen years ago. Although set up by a Personal Trainer/Physiotherapist, we now classify ourselves as a 'self-help' group as there is no professional present (apart from a retired physio). The exercises are all recognised and approved by physiotherapists and many members have been encouraged in their participation by their own doctors.

The first part of the routine takes place seated for approximately 30 minutes, some exercises with balls and resistance bands, this is followed by approximately 10-15 minutes of balance work. The group then separately follow a circuit around the church, again involving balls and bands plus weights for an additional 10-15 minutes.

After all this exercise, the group gathers together at tables and chairs for well-deserved tea and cake. The members are asked to make a voluntary contribution of £3 per session. After minimal deductions for cake ingredients the Tea and Cake Fund is distributed to charities of the members' choice plus donations to church funds towards heating and electricity expenses.

The acknowledgement letters from the recipients are posted on the charities board in church. The members are a very caring and supportive group who are a credit to St Mary's.

SPAN – Heather Wills

SPAN (Shortlands Parish Newsletter) is published 11 times a year and, thanks to the efforts of a dedicated band of collators and deliverers, is delivered to every home in the parish. This enables us to share the love of God with the local community, as well as promoting events and activities taking place at St Mary's and in the area.

A small editorial team, including the vicar and members of the PCC, collaborate to identify, produce, edit and proofread content, and Elizabeth in the Parish Office turns the pictures and articles into the finished product.

Each edition includes faith-based reflections from the vicar or another member of the ministry team, provides information about the church's mission of the month and promotes special services and events. Advertisements from local businesses on the back page contribute to the costs of production.

During 2025 we enjoyed David Linstead's articles and photographs about local flora and fauna to look out for in each season, and included several articles in the lead-up to and following the church's commemoration of VE Day. Memories provided by church and community members continue to be featured as occasional articles.

This year, the opportunity was taken to update SPAN's design, using St Mary's new logo. SPAN continues to welcome articles and photographs relevant to the local community.

Website and Social Media – Rev. Dave Edmondson



Over the past year we have developed a new logo, with the support of the PCC, bringing together elements of our existing designs into one simple, clear brand. Our hope is that this creates a consistent and recognisable identity across everything we share, reflecting both our history and our vision for the future.

We have also started to redevelop and clarify our website. A huge thank you to Heather and Elizabeth who do so much behind the scenes. This is still a work in progress, but the aim is to make it more welcoming, easier to navigate, and clearer about our services, groups and events. There is more work to do, and we look forward to continuing to improve it over the coming year.

Alongside this, we are seeking to grow our online presence. Activity on our Facebook page is increasing, helping us connect with our community more regularly, and we have recently launched a new Instagram account to reach a wider audience.

Please do follow, like and share; it's a simple but valuable way to support the life and witness of St Mary's.

Community Café – Fiona Bratt

I took over the coordination of the Community Café in September 2025. I would like to thank those who had previously run the café and their ongoing support.

The Café is held every Wednesday morning from 10:30am to 12:30pm. A number of people attend the 10am service in the Chapel beforehand. We try to run the Café 52 weeks a year although we decided not to open on Christmas Eve this year and we will not be open on Christmas Day next year.

We have around 40 people attending the Café each week and are delighted to welcome new people, who sometimes come in having seen the signs outside. We provide fresh baked cakes and biscuits with Fair-Trade refreshments. We try to acknowledge and celebrate significant birthdays with cake and a card.



To improve the signage and make ourselves more visible we put in a bid to the Shortlands Residents Association for a grant of £200 towards signage. This was granted in September, and we purchased a feather flag which we now put out to advertise that we are open, alongside our previous signs. We also post on social media to advertise specific weeks.

Our volunteer rota of servers and bakers involves over 20 people, mainly coming from St Mary's congregation but also from the community at large. The Fair Trade stall is available at the Café on the 3rd or 4th Wednesday each month.

Electoral Roll – Helen Bird

Every 6 years, the parish is required to set up a new electoral roll and this last took place in 2025. The number on the roll as at the last APCM was 145 people. At that time, it was noted that 68 people were resident within the parish and 77 resident outside.

During the year, 17 names have been added to the roll, and five names have been removed after those members died. The Electoral roll now stands at 157 with 76 resident within the Parish and 81 resident outside.

Safeguarding – Pauline Lambourne

Following a very useful meeting recently between Rev. Dave, Robin and myself we agreed to include ourselves as a church in the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard Scheme. With enormous help from Adrian, we transferred all the safeguarding details of all those needing Diocesan Safeguarding training onto the computerised Dashboard scheme. The Dashboard system is very useful at monitoring training needs and highlights any deficits which need to be rectified.

Following on from our Dashboard input there were a number of gaps in training which were highlighted by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Most of these were in relation to Domestic Abuse training and this is now being addressed.

Earlier in the year we had a very successful and enjoyable learning session as part of the PCC meeting where we discussed in groups a variety of various safeguarding scenarios and put our points of view in how the particular issues should be addressed. We all learned a lot from this exercise, and this is something we should do again.

Safeguarding is not just checking up on people to ensure that they are up to date with training, although this is important, but more importantly to use your training to remain vigilant and to act on any situation or experience you feel unhappy about. Rev. Dave and myself will do our utmost to ensure that any issues which are raised will be dealt with speedily and in confidence and with kindness and understanding.

Disclosure and Barring Service Report – Robin Hogg

DBS is the Disclosure and Barring Service, which requires checks to be carried out on all staff and volunteers working with Children and Vulnerable Adults. A certificate is issued if the check shows the individual has no convictions recorded that would prevent them carrying out a role. These have to be renewed at a frequency dictated by the Church of England.

Roles covered by DBS at St Mary's include:

- Sufficient members of the Choir to ensure chaperoning of the junior choristers
- Helpers at Junior Church
- The Leader of the Flower Team
- Licensed Lay Ministers
- Pastoral Team members
- Parish Safeguarding Officer
- PCC members
- Sacristan
- Helpers at Toddlers
- Helpers at Youth Club

At the start of the church year there were 38 post holders that held a DBS certificate. Under the "3-year rule", which was introduced in January 2022, as at 31st December 2025 there were none that were awaiting renewal.

Over the year we have also added a further 6 new DBS certificate holders, including the 3 new members of the PCC. Clergy DBS is held by the Diocese.

Risk Register – Robin Hogg

The PCC, having introduced a Risk Assessment document and evaluation procedure in 2022, has reviewed and kept the risk assessments up to date.

The PCC must identify, review and manage the risks facing the Church and the Risk Register currently lists 23 risks. For each one there is a rating of severity and likelihood, mitigation actions have been identified and a team or individual tasked with responsibility for managing the risk.

This Register was last reviewed by the PCC in May 2025 and will be reviewed again as soon as the new PCC is in place in 2026, or as and when one of the risks changes or a new risk is identified.

In addition, the PCC and its sub-committees ensured there were up to date Risk Assessments in place for such events as: the Parish Picnic, The Remembrance Service, the Christmas Fayre and the Christingle Service.

Jumelage – Gill Dawson

In 2025 we celebrated 30 years of sharing fun, friendship and faith with our French friends in the Parish of St Francis of Assisi in Douai. A small group of them came to Shortlands and enjoyed home hospitality, we celebrated the Eucharist together along with the Mayor & Mayoress and our local MP. On Saturday afternoon we visited Hever Castle and enjoyed a cream tea together. Three of our friends stayed on so they could be present at the installation of our new Vicar Dave. They brought us a beautiful gift of a stained glass window to mark our 30 years of Jumelage, a picture of St Francis which now hangs in our church.



With dwindling numbers and everyone getting older, a decision has been taken that the annual visits are no longer practical. But the personal friendships which have developed over the years will continue, and visits may still take place for special events, such as the installation of their new Priest, Pere Felice, in September when a small group from Shortlands visited Douai. There is still a close link between our 2 parishes, and a video celebrating the life of Pili, one of the longest standing members of the Jumelage who recently died, was shared with all who remembered her and condolences sent to Douai from her friends in Shortlands.



Pre-School – Christine Hall

During our Spring term we had a visit from ZooLab, who came in with some insects and animals for the children to learn about and touch and hold if they wanted to. Susie Shelton came in and played her flute for the children, a staff member played the saxophone and we were invited into church by Claire Tillotson to play the church organ. We sang in Church on Mothering Sunday and went on a spring walk around the church grounds to look at nature. We enjoyed a puppet show in Church and some of the older children sang easter songs at Durham house.

During our Summer term we went on our annual train trip to Beckenham Place Park. We held a taster afternoon session for all of the new families joining us. Forest play started in April. The children were invited to bring in their pets for a visit so that we could all learn about them. We had live caterpillars at pre-school which we watched hatch into butterflies before releasing them. Pat came in and planted potatoes which we watered and watched grow, when ready we cooked and ate them. We said goodbye to 29 children.

During the Autumn term we welcomed 19 new children. We introduced 'Rainbow Drops' to pre-school, it is a program designed to support self-regulation in the Early Years. We took the children on an autumn walk around the church grounds. Some of the older children sang Christmas songs at Durham house. We ran a toy table at the church fair, held a Christmas party for the children with an entertainer and a visit from Father Christmas, thank you to Derek Cooper. We finished our year with a nativity service in church.

Sidespeople and Welcoming – Gloria Sherman

St Mary's is a church that places great importance on being welcoming to those who join us for worship services. Generally, the first person one meets when coming to our services will be one of the sidespeople. However, before welcoming those who attend our services, working with wardens and deputy wardens, the sidespeople are busy preparing the church for the arrival of those coming through our doors. Their duties include collating and then giving out orders of service, pew sheets, hymnals, and other papers that are used in the service. They assist in helping people to and from the altar for communion, collecting and counting the offering; generally preparing the church for worship, helping during the service, and then putting it all away.



They are a very dependable team of volunteers who play a big part in making our worship accessible to all of us, especially to those who are new or visiting for the first time.

Towards the end of the year, as we discussed additional ways in which to be welcoming, we launched a Welcome Team. The initial team incudes those who have been at St Mary's for many years, some who are finding new ways to serve, and some who are very new to us. During 2026, this team will share their experiences and ideas to help us focus our welcoming spirit even more.

Future Generations Project – Tim Dawson

The Future Generations Project (FGP) is looking at how we can make our buildings the best they can be to deliver our mission statement. This means making sure that they are fit for purpose, accessible and future proof. The governance is carried out by a Steering Group that reports to the PCC. The FGP comprises several projects each with a team leader, who sits on the Steering Group. The projects are as follows:

- Hall development: The Church Hall, which is in constant use, is suffering subsidence and heave and has no insulation. Although it has been underpinned in the past, the problem still exists and insulation cannot easily be added. Replacement with a new hall would solve both problems. We are investigating options.
- Ramps: The church has steps in the Church and steps from the nave to the chancel. This makes it difficult for people with limited mobility to easily get into and around the Church. We are looking to improve access.
- Solar panels: We are looking at how we could use solar panels to reduce our electricity cost and work towards net zero by 2030.
- Tea Station: We have a temporary tea station at the back of Church, but we need to replace this with a permanent one. We are looking at options.
- Storage: We have limited storage in church for items such as tables and chairs. We are looking at how we can resolve this problem.
- Audio: There are areas of the Church where it is difficult to hear. We are investigating how to upgrade the system.

Fair Trade – Cecilia Willatt

St Mary's has been registered as a Fair Trade Church for nearly 20 years now.

Through this time, I have worked as a volunteer fair trader. To meet with the criteria of being a Fair Trade Church, we run two monthly stalls one after the 10.30 service on a Sunday and one with the Wednesday café. The stall is stocked with a variety of Fair Trade goods, including many food items, jams, dried fruit, olive oil, pasta, teas, coffee, and of course not forgetting the delicious chocolate. We also sell household items and gifts.

Wherever possible we supply Fair Trade refreshments, so the delicious tea and coffee you drink at the café is Fair Trade. We Hold special events during Fair Trade Fortnite, and once a year we have a "Big Brew" to raise funds for the charity Transform Trade.

Eucharistic Assistants – Mark Fox

The Sacristan and a team of Servers (or Eucharistic Assistants) are involved in assisting the priest presiding at services and supporting the congregation in celebrating together and sharing the love of God. At every communion service, the assistants prepare the Sanctuary, support the vicar and the ministry team during the service and afterwards, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Since everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table, the assistants assist the vicar in distributing the bread and wine to all members of the congregation, both at the altar rail and in the pews for those less mobile.

In addition, one of the team may also act as Crucifer for services where there is no communion, such as parade services and Choral Evensong, or be asked to read the Gospel. Supporting worship at St Mary's in this way is very rewarding, a privilege, a responsibility and an excellent way of meeting people. The highlight of the past year was the team's involvement in the Induction and Installation of our new vicar, Dave, in May. We also added to our team during 2025, but more help is always appreciated. If you would like to find out more, please approach one of us who would be happy to discuss the role in more detail and offer you the opportunity to work shadow. New members are always welcome – no previous experience is necessary!

Financial Giving and Finances – Tim Dawson

You will see from the financial statements that we made a small loss £2,832 on our General fund. This is the fund that pays the day-to-day running costs of the church. Unfortunately, Stewardship income has not kept pace with our rising costs, hence a small loss. We have implemented some cost saving measures and these should benefit us in 2026. We are also focused on growing our Stewardship income.

Our restricted funds can only be used for specific types of expense. We hold three restricted funds. The first is for repairs to the Church Hall and the second is for repairs to the Church. The third and final restricted fund is for our Future Generations Project (FGP). We transfer £6,000 a year into each of the two repair funds but not to the FGP which is funded by specific fundraising activities or donations. Fortunately, this year we have received bequests of £21,000 for the FGP.

In 2025, we have also spent £17,000 to remove asbestos, found in our boiler room; £4,400 repairing the roof over the organ loft, which had failed in a number of places; £12,000 to install a new heater at the back of church, to replace the two heaters removed from the middle of the nave; and £3,200 on a new water heater for the Church Hall. These expenses have been charged to the Church and Hall repair funds respectively.

Meanwhile, we have taken steps forward with plans for the Church Hall and are looking forward to hopefully being able to share plans later this year. We spent

£7,000 in these investigations last year, which have been charged to our restricted FGP fund.

Looking ahead, our focus on Stewardship will hopefully yield results and allow us to break even on the General fund. We will also be spending more money on our Future Generations Project as we have a number of projects to help make the church more flexible and as futureproof as possible for both the congregation and the local community.

Report approved by: Rev. David Edmondson

Signature: David Edmondson

Date: 18.04.2026

Reports Below

1. **Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2025**

   Treasurer: Tim Dawson

   Independent Examiner: Graham Smedley

2. **Fabric Report – Robin Hogg**

3. **St Mary's Preschool Accounts**

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

SHORTLANDS, KENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2025

Incumbent:	Rev. David Edmondson
Churchwardens:	Mr Robin Hogg Mrs Gloria Sherman
Secretary:	Ms Helen Bird
Treasurer:	Mr Timothy Dawson
Independent Examiner:	Mr Graham Smedley

Independent Examiner's Report
to the St Mary's Shortlands Parochial Church Council

I report on the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out in pages 1 to 34

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145 (1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as an independent examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Graham Smedley

GP Smedley

Date 28/4/26

Address:

30 Scotts Lane
Bromley
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2025

All figures in £'s

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	4(a)	129,680	21,000	150,680	*154,825*
Activities for generating funds	4(b)	15,303	0	15,303	*12,832*
Income from investments	4(c)	5,380	8,726	14,106	*15,610*
Income from Church activities	4(d)	47,781		47,781	*49,802*
TOTAL INCOME		198,144	29,726	227,870	*233,069*
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	5(a)	188,131	47,315	235,446	*235,192*
Raising Funds	5(b)	80	0	80	*0*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		188,212	47,315	235,527	*235,192*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		9,933	(17,589)	(7,657)	*(2,123)*
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		(765)	(6,717)	(7,482)	*3,995*
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		9,168	(24,306)	(15,139)	*1,872*
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(12,000)	12,000	0	*0*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(2,832)	(12,306)	(15,139)	*1,872*
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		46,028	404,204	450,232	*448,360*
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		43,196	391,898	435,093	*450,232*

ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

All figures in £'s

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	8(a)	750,000	750,000
Investment assets	8(b)	181,728	184,042
		931,728	934,042
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	6,597	3,717
Short term deposits:			
Diocese of Rochester		258,695	290,412
Cash at bank and in hand		33,268	19,299
		298,560	313,428
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: - Amounts fall due within one year	10	(45,195)	(47,238)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		253,366	266,190
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,185,094	1,200,232
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - General	13(a)	43,196	46,028
Restricted - Development fund	13(a)	230,939	216,182
Restricted - Church repair fund	13(a)	66,142	95,329
Restricted - Hall repair fund	13(a)	94,816	92,692
		435,094	450,232
Restricted - Hall valuation reserve		750,000	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS		1,185,094	1,200,232

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18/3/26 and signed on its behalf by:

David Edmondson (Vicar) David Edmondson

Tim Dawson (Honorary Treasurer) T M Dawson

The notes numbered one to eleven on the following pages form part of these Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the regulations "true and fair view" provisions, and also prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102))

2. ASSETS

Consecrated property
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furnishings
Movable church furnishings held by the Incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred during the year on movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is separately disclosed and usually written-off as expenditure in the accounts. Any exceptions to this policy are fully disclosed.

Other Property
SORP 102 was introduced in 2016 and allows three different bases for valuing fixed assets. We have opted to include the Church Hall in the accounts at its valuation on the introduction of SORP 102, in 2016. The Church Hall is therefore included in the accounts at its value on 1 January 2016. This represents the insurance value in 2006. No depreciation will be charged as any charge would be offset by an increase in the value of the Hall.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Other assets are usually charged to the income and expenditure account when purchased.

Investments
Investments are shown in the accounts at their mid market value at the year end and the un-realised gain or loss is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

Short term Deposits
These are cash deposits held with the Diocese or one of our banks.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2025

3. FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use for any purposes by the PCC.

Restricted Funds
These represent the funds that have been received that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Details of the restricted funds held and the relevant restriction are shown in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2025

4. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
4(a)	*Voluntary Income*				
	Planned Giving:				
	- Gift Aid donations	74,643	0	74,643	*76,872*
	- Income tax recoverable	32,524	0	32,524	*29,024*
	Collections	5,588	0	5,588	*6,384*
	Donations	16,925	1,000	17,925	*12,545*
	Legacies	0	20,000	20,000	*30,000*
		129,680	21,000	150,680	*154,825*
4(b)	*Activities for generating funds*				
	Span advertising	4,291	0	4,291	*2,680*
	Rent on Church House Flat	11,012	0	11,012	*10,152*
		15,303	0	15,303	*12,832*
4(c)	*Income from investments*				
	Dividends on CCLA Investments	5,168	0	5,168	*4,912*
	Interest on Funds held at the Diocese	212	8,726	8,938	*10,698*
		5,380	8,726	14,106	*15,610*
4(d)	*Income from Church activities*				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	4,667	0	4,667	*2,541*
	Hall lettings	43,114	0	43,114	*47,261*
		47,781	0	47,781	*49,802*
	TOTAL INCOME	198,144	29,726	227,870	*233,069*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2025

5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
5(a) *Church Activities*				
Missionary and charity giving				
- Home	5,130	0	5,130	*5,576*
- Overseas	0	0	0	*0*
	5,130	0	5,130	*5,576*
Parish share	72,885	0	72,885	*77,715*
Other Ministry costs	6,844	0	6,844	*6,270*
Church running and maintenance costs	58,065	0	58,065	*60,173*
Major repairs	0	0	0	*37,454*
Repairs and Maintenance	9,809	47,315	57,124	*2,907*
Grounds	562	0	562	*481*
Church development	0		0	*13,028*
Expenditure on Span	5,482	0	5,482	*435*
Organist, choir and music	7,813	0	7,813	*7,923*
Administrator's direct costs	20,827	0	20,827	*22,550*
Bank charges	714	0	714	*680*
	188,131	47,315	235,446	*235,192*
5(b) *Raising Funds*				
Stewardship expenses	80	0	80	*0*
	80	0	80	*0*
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	188,212	47,315	235,527	*235,192*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2025

6. STAFF COSTS

	2025	*2024*
Wages and salaries	41,371	*41,240*
	41,371	*41,240*
Average number of employees	4	*4*

During the year the Church staff comprised: a Director of Music, Administrator in the Church Office, a Youth Worker. and Cleaners. Payments to visiting clergy and organists are also made and included in staff costs.
The clergy are paid by the Diocese and their emoluments are therefore not included in this disclosure.
All staff are part time.

7. RELATED PARTIES

No payments or expenses of any kind, were paid to any PCC member, persons closely related to them or related parties, in connection with their role on the PCC.

8. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

8(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

	2025	*2024*
Church Hall		
Gross and Net Book Value	750,000	*750,000*
	750,000	*750,000*

The Hall, excluding its land, is included in the accounts at its valuation in 2006.
The current insurance value is £3.3 million (2023 £3.3 million). We have chosen not to revalue the property as allowed under SORP 102.

8(b) *Investments*

CCLA Investment Account	181,728	*184,042*

The Church investments are held in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund. No purchases or sales have taken place during the year.
Any dividends are automatically reinvested in the fund.

9. DEBTORS

	2025	*2024*
Debtors	6,597	*3,717*
	6,597	*3,717*

10. LIABILITIES

	2025	*2024*
Outstanding donations	(470)	*(4,759)*
Outstanding creditors	(18,129)	*(15,884)*
Retention and provisions	(26,596)	*(26,596)*
	(45,195)	*(47,239)*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2025

11. Contingency

St Mary's Preschool operates independently of the church but under the Church's Charity Number.
The PCC of St Mary's appoints three members to the Preschool Board each year and the vicar chairs the board meetings.
The examined accounts of the Preschool are attached to the Church Annual Report and Accounts, pages 20 & 21, presented to the APCM, and filed with the Charities Commission and Diocese.
The PCC considers that the Preschool continues as a going concern.
The PCC considers that the consolidation of the accounts with the church accounts would not add any significant clarity to the overall financial position
If the Pre School closed the residual assets and liabilities would become the responsibility of the PCC.

12. FUNDS

Certain funds have been designated for: the Church Repair Fund,
the Hall Repair Fund and the Future Generations Project.
The repair funds are maintained to cover the costs associated
with the Quinquennial inspection of the Church and Church Hall.
The Future Generations Project Fund is maintained to meet the
costs associated with the possible redevelopment of the Church premises.

13.(a) SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	*Hall Repair Fund*	*Total*
Balance at 1st January 2025	46,028	216,182	95,329	*92,693*	*450,232*
Income	198,144	25,040	2,023	*2,662*	*227,870*
Expenditure	(188,212)	(6,690)	(35,627)	*(4,999)*	*(235,527)*
Investment (Losses)/Gains	(765)	(3,593)	(1,584)	*(1,540)*	*(7,482)*
Transfer between funds	(12,000)		6,000	*6,000*	*0*
Balance at 31st December 2025	43,196	230,939	66,142	*94,816*	435,093

13.(b) SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	*Hall Repair Fund*	*Total*
Fixed Assets	47,349	125,345	4,662	*4,372*	*181,728*
Current Assets	41,042	105,594	61,480	*90,444*	*298,560*
Current Liabilities	(45,195)	0	0	*0*	*(45,195)*
	43,196	230,939	66,142	*94,816*	*435,093*

St Mary's Pre-School Shortlands

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds		
	General Funds	Designated funds		Total 2024	Total 2023
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Fees					
From parents	11,525	0	0	11,525	16,671
From the London Borough of Bromley	94,837	0	0	94,837	76,427
	106,362	0	0	106,362	93,098
Other income					
Restricted Grants (See note below)	0	0	14,557	14,557	10,983
Voluntary Fund	2,068	0	0	2,068	1,599
Fundraising Income (includes photo commission)	0	1,085	0	1,085	1,196
Other income (includes "Sporty stars")	2,184	0	0	2,184	284
	4,252	1,085	14,557	19,894	14,062
	110,614	1,085	14,557	126,256	107,160
Expenditure					
Wages and salaries	84,988	0	6,975	91,963	80,585
Hall hire and other occupancy costs	13,668	0	0	13,668	12,822
Equipment, materials and other educational services	1,415	637	4,267	6,319	5,728
Other costs (includes Sporty Stars)	1,802	292	879	2,973	2,031
	101,873	929	12,121	114,923	101,166
Operating Surplus/(deficit) before interest	8,741	156	2,436	11,333	5,995
Interest income	897	0	0	897	580
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	9,638	156	2,436	12,230	6,575

Note: Wages and salaries expenditure

In 2023 the preschool retrospectively claimed back 4 years of Employer's National Insurance paid to HMRC following HMRC confirmation that the Preschool was eligible to claim this (the "Employment allowance"). In total, £8,324 was owed by HMRC to preschool at the start of 2023. From April 2023, payments due to HMRC were netted off against this. Total wages and salaries expenditure in 2023 was reduced by £4,256 that would normally have been due to HMRC. The balance of £4,068 still owed to preschool at the end of 2023 was taken off payments due to HMRC in 2024. Without this adjustment , the surplus on general funds in 2024 would have been £5,570.

St Mary's Pre-School Shortlands

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors and prepayments	343	0
Cash at bank and in hand	57,574	45,203
	57,917	45,203
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	(694)	(210)
	57,223	44,993
Reserves		
Opening balance	44,993	38,418
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	12,230	6,575
Closing reserves	57,223	44,993
Closing reserves comprise:		
Unrestricted Funds -general Fund	48,366	38,728
Unrestricted Funds -designated for future equipment purchases	2,593	2,437
Restricted Funds -See note below	6,264	3,828
Total	57,223	44,993

Note: Detail of restricted funds

	EYPP	SEN & DAF	Beckenham Parochial Charity	Total
Opening balance	629	3,194	4	3,828
Income	3,528	11,030	0	14,557
Expenditure	(3,807)	(8,310)	(4)	(12,121)
Closing balance	350	5,914	0	6,264

Cathryn Mitchell
Treasurer
12th March 2025

P.A. Horsman
Penny Horsman
Chair
15th March 2025

Report of Independent Examiner

I have examined the account records of St Mary's Pre-School Shortlands in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. I hereby certify that the accounts above properly reflect the financial activities of the Pre-School for the year ended 31 December 2024

Lin Gui
Lin Gui
Independent Examiner
12th March 2025

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

England & Wales - Charity number 1130802

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS
ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL for the year ended 31st December 2024



Incumbent:	Vacancy
Churchwardens:	James Hollingdale (until 19/05/2024) Robin Hogg (from 19/05/2024) Glo Sherman (from 19/05/2024)
Treasurer:	Tim Dawson
Independent Examiner:	Graham Smedley

Trustees' Annual Report 2024
Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Shortlands

Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (**PCC**) has the responsibility under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings, halls and grounds of St Mary's, Shortlands.

Objectives and Activities

Our Mission is "Sharing the love of God" and we as a PCC place great value on being and welcoming and inclusive to all. Our Vision develops our Mission in four key areas: our heart for God; building fellowship and confidence; becoming a community hub; and, in time, becoming prophetic and challenging - the 'go to place' in the community for spiritual support and encouragement.

The PCC aims to reflect our mission, values and strategic objectives in its development of leadership, programme planning, site development and governance of the church.

Key activities in the church are under the leadership of committees; mainly managed by volunteers and supported in some cases by paid staff. Committees include Standing and Finance, Children and Youth (including Uniformed representation), Fabric, Future Generations (physical development of site), Vision and Mission, Pastoral and Worship and Ministry.

We are also committed to serving our local community with representatives on Deanery Synod, Churches Together in Beckenham, Welcare and Shortlands Residents' Association. The PCC is reliant on volunteers who contribute to various tasks, including maintaining the buildings and grounds, ensuring a warm welcome to our services, decorating the church weekly and especially for major festivals, catering for events, administration and ushering for occasional services. The officers of St Mary's are also volunteers, specifically the Treasurer, the Secretary to the PCC and the Churchwardens.

Achievements and Performance

Our Vision and Mission was adopted at the beginning of 2023, after extensive consultation, under the guidance of our Vision and Mission team. This has given us a strong foundation to build on and we have a clear sense that there is much more that God is calling us to be and to do.

This year we have continued to work on embedding the Vision and Mission values and ensuring we have a healthy culture.

Our Values are that we should be:

- Christ-centred
- Inclusive and Flexible
- Kind and Caring
- Learning and Growing

- Open and Nurturing
- Welcoming and Valuing

Rev Jane Kustner continued to support us through to 31st March 2024 as our interim priest in charge and we would like to register our thanks for her leadership, guidance and loving care over that period after which we were in an interregnum.

After the departure of Rev Jane Kustner we were able to advertise the post for a new incumbent quickly as we had been developing our draft parish profile as part of our preparation for looking for a new incumbent when Rev Jane left after Easter in 2024.

During that year, we completed our parish profile as part of our preparation for looking for a new incumbent. Describing our activities in our draft parish profile has helped us focus on how we are applying our Vision and Mission in practice and how we are looking to develop our Mission. This in turn has enabled us to clarify what we are looking for in a new incumbent, and the commitments we need to make as a church family, as reflected in the draft parish profile. We see huge potential for St Mary's through carrying out our Vision and Mission, as it evolves over time. To do this though we will need to harness our collective gifts, working together as a church under the leadership of our new incumbent.

Worship

We celebrate the diversity of Anglican worship and seek to give people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to worship in ways that enable them to build their spiritual lives, reflecting the first part of our Vision: *"it starts with us and our heart for God."*

In seeking to grow as disciples, we want to:

- ensure that our Liturgy reflects our rich heritage and meets diverse needs;
- embrace our vibrant musical offering: choral tradition, modern and other worship music;
- encourage wider participation in leading worship; and
- encourage our young people to create and deliver worship.

We are blessed with a relatively high attendance at our main Sunday services with 65-70 adults and between four and eight children joining us and especially at the major Christian Festivals. Mothering Sunday, Parish Picnic, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday services attract around 40+ children and 100-130 adults. These are parade services which include our uniformed organisations and are Services of the Word. Services during Advent are also very popular, attended by members of the local community with 62 children and 135 adults joining for Christingle, 312 for our service of Nine Lessons and Carols – which was the Civic service for our LLM David Jefferys' year as Mayor of Bromley – 63 children and 158 adults for our very popular Crib Service and 90 sharing Midnight Mass.

There is a wide-ranging programme of other special and occasional services which take place throughout the year, including informal evening services led by the Music Group. There are opportunities to introduce new ways to worship, such as our Come Holy Spirit offering, and to experiment with different timing. We now hold a 9.00 am Sunday Said Holy Communion (CW) when a Service of the Word has been our main service. Occasional services for 2024 have also included seven Baptisms, with one child prepared for first communion, and we had two weddings and five interments.

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. In addition to our 10.30 am Sunday and 10.00 am Wednesday services, services take place on major feast days such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Ascension Day. We were pleased to be able to continue providing these services during the vacancy. All these services demonstrate how we are looking to build on and to realise the third part of our Vision: "*reaching out to the community.*"

Music

The musical tradition of St Mary's comprises the robed choir and the music group. Claire Tillotson, Director of Music, (DOM) has embraced both groups and enabled greater cooperation and creativity, including the combined Taizé service which is very popular. In response to requests for increased diversity in worship our 'Come Holy Spirit' has been well received, and is led by our lay ministers and other lay members as well as the incumbent and ordinands.

The Choir

The choir have had a very successful year and continue to develop and flourish.

In June we hosted a concert with The Ynysowen Male Voice Choir which was highly attended and both choirs were given a wonderful applause. We hope to continue this friendship with them and hope to go to Wales to return the favour. In early July the choir was invited to sing at Holy Trinity Church on Bromley Common for the Mayor of Bromley's Civic Service and we also hosted the Mayor's Civic Carol Service at St Mary's.

July saw the choir sing the weekend services at Rochester Cathedral where they received a warm reception and have been invited back. They will be looking to do another Cathedral trip in 2026.

Last Palm Sunday the choir sang Stainer's Crucifixion, and this year will be doing a joint Taizé service with the music group.

The choir also sang at St George's Bloomsbury for the annual ABCD Carol service and again they are looking forward to our being back with them next year.

We are always looking for new junior members to augment our junior choir. The juniors are doing really well and Isaac in particularly is proving to be an excellent Tenor.

We continue to provide Choral Evensong once a month as well as the usual Sunday morning Eucharist services.

The DOM extends her thanks to the choir for all their support and commitment to her and the Church. She is also very grateful to Richard Pilliner and Adrian Lambourne for playing the organ.

The Music Group

The music group continue to play for some morning services and their evening liturgies are very popular. They are a very committed group of people who provide alternative music to that of the choir and there have been services where the music group and the choir have sung together. The music group are a valuable asset to the music at St Mary's and thanks go to them for their hard work in making each service so successful.

Children and Youth

Children and Youth ministry continues to grow at St Mary's. A new children's service was introduced in January which, whilst not well attended by families, was well received by our regular congregation with many enjoying the different service, especially the puppet show. Good numbers attended services over Christmas, especially the crib service and Christingle which were well attended and enjoyed by all. Both Youth Group and Teatime Together are thriving, with a number of the same families attending regularly, and we have started seeing some of them at other services too. Thanks are extended to all those who support Junior Church, preparing and leading on Sunday mornings; the Youth Club team, who help control the many teenagers who come on a Sunday evening; to those who regularly lead and support Teatime Together; and finally to the congregation of St Mary's for supporting Rachel in all she is trying to do to increase family participation at St Mary's.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group at St Mary's continues to attract large numbers, having 35-45 children in the morning group with at least 30 adults. It runs from 9.30 until 11.30 am. 15-20 children attend the afternoon group which runs from 12.30 to 2.00 pm. Many parents and children from the Pre-school come to this session, bringing their lunch along, and it is a good social learning experience for them.

The Group had a very successful summer party with over 70 children attending with their carers. There was a summer service and puppet bible story. A bouncy castle and ball pond were hired which will be used again this year. The Christmas service with puppets attracted at least 65 children, and nativity story books and little stockings knitted by the craft and chatter group, and containing a chocolate figure of a snowman, were given to the children by Father Christmas after the service. The Group is looking forward to its Easter puppet service and Easter egg hunt at the end of this term.

At present the Group has three/four helpers for the morning but only one for the afternoon which adds pressure on tidying up the equipment, although some help has been given with that. No other volunteers have come forward on a regular basis for the afternoon. At present someone from the morning session has to wait until the leader for the afternoon session arrives at about 1.45 pm as she works at the Pre-school in the morning. Hopefully the afternoon group will be able to continue.

Pre-school

St Mary's Pre-school Shortlands is held in the church hall each weekday morning during term time. The Pre-school is a separate organisation which is financially independent, but operates under the oversight of the PCC and uses the same Charity number. The PCC also approves the three trustees for St Mary's Pre-school board and the Chair of the board.

The children sing in church during the Mothering Sunday service and visit the church at other times such as taking Harvest goods into church. The children are sometimes allowed to play the organ under the guidance of the DOM. The parents are invited into church for the pre-school AGM, a Christmas service and the end of school year leavers' service. Parents are also encouraged to join in with church activities such as the Parish Picnic and Christingle which help families feel part of the church community. A recent OfSTED inspection graded the Pre-school as "Good" which was an excellent result.

Stewardship

Stewardship is the Christian expectation that, as a demonstration of our discipleship, members of the congregation make regular donations to finance the activities of their Church. Regular giving is currently by standing orders and weekly envelopes. A Stewardship campaign was held early in 2024 to focus on promoting regular giving. The church joined the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) in 2024, which is run on behalf of parishes by the Church of England. This was a great success with 35 members switching to the PGS from other schemes.

We also receive donations from members of the community who, while not active members of the Church, appreciate the presence of the Church which is open to the whole community.

Fabric and Maintenance

Following an agreed plan to address the findings of The Quinquennial Survey report delivered in late 2022, work has been carried out to address all the high priority, and almost all of the medium priority, issues. A detailed report on the Fabric and Ornaments for 2024 is circulated separately.

Mission and Evangelism

Mission and evangelism are what we, as individuals and a church, are called to do. These take many forms, and at St Mary's they are part of all that we do in sharing God's love with the community and beyond. We have an open doors policy of welcoming all to our services and to our regular and special events. Our spaces are used by many in the community for meetings, social activities and charity events. Our Mission Beyond the Parish exemplifies our care for others.

Mission Beyond the Parish – Mission of the Month

For many years the Church has nominated and supported many worthy causes close to the hearts of the congregation and the wider parish. In October each year a meeting is held to decide which charities will be supported the following year. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in this aspect of our outreach, not just those who are nominating a particular charity. A different charity is supported each month and the aim is to have a mix of local, national and international charities each year. Some charities are supported annually, including Christian Aid and the Children's Society, with others supported every few years or as "one offs", and the charities do not have to be Christian, but many are. Some have a particular resonance with individuals because of a family connection with loved ones having need of a charity's input, specifically St Christopher's Hospice or The Chartwell Trust.

Those nominating a charity usually become its "rep", acting as the liaison between the charity and St Mary's, writing a short article for SPAN plus providing information on the charity board at the back of church. With recent charities as varied as Welcare in Bromley, Mission to Seafarers, Bromley Homeless Shelter, the Mines Advisory Group and ABCD Bethlehem (Action

around Bethlehem Children with Disabilities), it is important that St Mary's continues to help those in need both at home and abroad.

Pastoral Care

Several members of our congregation are unable to attend church services or events because of infirmity and illness. The pastoral team visit, run services in nursing and residential homes and take home communion as requested. They also are present at our weekly Community Café sessions should anyone need their support. They meet weekly for sharing in confidence, mutual support and prayer. Healing prayers are also offered monthly during the main Sunday service.

Deanery Synod

The Beckenham Deanery Synod continues to move and grow the Anglican churches and Christians. We welcomed Revd. Rachel Winn (St Paul's), Fr Russell Stagg (St James with St Michael and St Augustine), and Rev Andrew Smith as Curate (St George's Beckenham) and said goodbye to Rev Jane Kustner (St Mary's) and Rev David Jones (St John's).

In our February meeting at St John's Penge the main topic was a presentation by Anna Khan, the CEO of Welcare, a charity that works with families and young children. She highlighted the work being done in schools with the well-being and mental health of vulnerable children and the work with Dads and their children. She thanked the churches for their continued support in their vital work.

At our June meeting, held at Christ Church, Anerley, we worshipped together on the topic of Fragrance, followed by Deanery discussions around diversity and inclusion. We recognised that we Christians were the living Bible that used to be on shelves in every home. Parishes shared good news including the successful bereavement course at Christ Church. The Area Dean reported that he had had contact with our new MP Liam Conlon, a practising Christian, as had the Lay Chair, and he was keen to visit a Deanery Synod or Chapter meeting.

Our October meeting was held at St George's Beckenham. The Area Dean spoke on diversity and inclusion, stating that diversity is a given whilst inclusion is a choice. There was discussion about the spiritual and practical implications of both within our churches. There was a report from the meeting held between Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) and Deanery churches clergy with Liam Conlon. There was an opportunity to share good news from around the parishes, and CTiB are holding a Lent Course in 2025 which was warmly welcomed.

St Mary's continues to play a part in the Deanery, with Glo Sherman on the Deanery Synod Standing Committee and on Diocesan Synod. We look forward to continuing our engagement with our Deanery colleagues to further God's kingdom in Beckenham.

Ecumenical Relationships

Our church is committed to Churches Together in Beckenham and several members of the church take part in CTiB activities. CTiB is an active group which organises a range of joint activities. Over recent years St Mary's has maintained links with CTiB through participation in their regular meetings of clergy and lay representatives. These occur four or five times a year, with representation from most churches in Beckenham, and they provide an opportunity to plan and pray together and to share fellowship and news. A small number of church members participate in CTiB and related activities, including the Good Friday Walk of Witness, services

and activities in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, CTiB Lent groups in 2024 and services for the World Day of Prayer, and some joint fund-raising activities for Christian Aid were arranged.

Twinning/Jumelage

This year marks the 30th anniversary of our Twinning/Jumelage with the Parish of St Francis of Assisi in Douai. We look forward to welcoming a group of French parishioners on the weekend of 3rd/4th May to celebrate this great achievement. Realistically it may be the last such exchange visit as everyone is getting older, and travel from France is not so easy in this post-Brexit era. Our French friends will enjoy a trip to a local place of interest, evening meal and home hospitality with parishioners from St Mary's. On the Sunday we will celebrate the Eucharist together in a bi-lingual service attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bromley, our own David Jefferys and his wife Ann-Marie, followed by a special lunch in the church hall. We are looking for ways in which the Jumelage could be preserved/continued without the annual visits and would welcome any suggestions towards this.

Social Media

As well as the website, we use Facebook for streaming services and have several WhatsApp groups for wider communication. Our church newsletter, SPAN, is produced 11 times a year and is published on the church website. The Facebook page has over 778 followers and seeks to provide real time, more informal updates about St Mary's. During the pandemic services were streamed via Facebook, with up to 50-80 viewers remaining online for the whole service. Online numbers reduced substantially at the end of lockdown, but the streaming of Sunday services remains particularly important for congregation members with access issues. Services were livestreamed on our Facebook page up until July, where unfortunately due to lack of trained personnel we had to stop streaming the services. Funerals were also livestreamed, which was welcomed by those who could not attend in person. A new, improved system was installed to livestream services and there is a pressing need for more volunteers to help run the streaming and audio-visual system. A detailed social media policy is in place, and we subscribe to music copyright licences suitable for online services. The website is also a good place for information about the church and what's going on, as well as giving access to the weekly pew paper and SPAN.

Café

St Mary's Community Café, on Wednesday mornings, clearly fulfils a need in the community to bring people together. It is a thriving hub of warmth and conviviality. The atmosphere in the Café is relaxed and congenial. It is a popular meeting place for those who look forward to the companionship on offer as well as the delicious homemade cakes. We always welcome new visitors. It is now traditional to celebrate milestone birthdays for our regular Café guests and during the year we had several birthdays in the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Community Café takes place every Wednesday of the year except if it is on Christmas Day. The Café welcomes people from our parish and beyond.

As a dementia-friendly church, we welcome those who might need a bit of extra help, and their helpers who might appreciate a chat. We try to ensure the church is a safe, warm space in winter (and a safe, cool space in summer!). Members of the pastoral team are always on hand should anyone require a deeper conversation. The Café is approaching its 4th Anniversary, and this would not have been possible without the full support of St Mary's

Church and the Team of Volunteers who transform the Church into a Café or bake for and serve in the Café .

Volunteers

Thanks are extended to all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant Christian community it is, especially considering the difficult year we have all experienced. The time and effort put in by so many is greatly appreciated, including the flower arrangers who keep the Church looking splendid week by week playing an important role in preparing the Church for our worship and special services; the Churchwardens, who have worked tirelessly on our behalf; Tim Dawson and Robin Hogg who continue to provide sound guidance and judgement on the Church's accounts and its finances; the grounds and buildings team who ensure everything is in order; and those who staff the Community Café, bakers, servers, flower arrangers and the team who set up the tables and chairs every week.

Financial Review

The Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2024 are appended at the end of this report. The financial position is set out on pages 12 to 20. As can be seen on page 13 our General Fund, which covers the day to day running of the Church, made a loss for the year of £16,000 while our restricted funds, which are restricted to be spent on major repairs and our Future Generation Project, show a surplus of £18,000, so our net position improved slightly. The overall position is reasonable, but we need to increase the income in the General Fund with the objective of breaking even. In 2025 we will focus on Stewardship to achieve this objective.

During the year the restricted funds benefited from a very generous bequest of £30,000 which will be spent on improvements to the tea station at the back of church. We also spent £37,000 on repairs to the Church roof.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge, Churchwardens (2), Deanery Synod representatives (3), members elected (12) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church and one co-opted member. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The PCC has six regular meetings during the year, but in 2024 met on seven occasions. An extra meeting called a Section 11 meeting was needed to address the recruitment of a new incumbent.
The Standing and Finance Committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between the meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC to and financial limits. Other committees - Children and Youth, Mission Beyond the Parish, Twinning, Fabric Committee and Future Generations - report back to the PCC as required.

The Friends of St Mary's is a separate charity which supports the Church in practical ways, raising funds through subscriptions from members and fund-raising social events for "those little extras" that the Church cannot always afford.

Electoral Roll

At the last APCM there were 168 members on the Church Electoral Roll, 78 living inside the parish and 90 living outside the parish. A report from the Electoral Roll officer has been included with the papers presented to the APCM.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). There were no events reported during the year within our Church.

There has been a complete overhaul of most of the training needs for the Foundation module and both the Safeguarding Office training and Leadership courses. These training courses are all offered online under the direction of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The Diocese has a comprehensive Safeguarding website which gives details of all those who need particular levels of training and how to access them. In addition to the online Zoom training there are now face-to-face training sessions being offered in Chislehurst with plans for further venues. All details of face-to-face training sessions can be obtained from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Seismic shifts are taking place within the Church of England's Safeguarding structures and proceedings. Following on from Professor Alexis Jay's report on Safeguarding within the Church, the Church of England was found to be sadly wanting in many of its safeguarding procedures. Prof Jay reported that the Church needed a clear emphasis on independent scrutiny and the importance of professional advice in all the Church's Safeguarding work. These new recommendations would be implemented following the termination of the current ISB (Independent Safeguarding Board).

Sadly, following hard on the heels of Prof Jay's extensive review we had The Makin Report which dealt with extensive abhorrent and long-term predatory activities of the late John Smyth. Kevin Makin pulled no punches when he stated the following: "*Despite the efforts of some individuals to bring the abuse to the attention of the authorities, the responses by the Church of England and others were wholly ineffective and amounted to a cover up.*" He also stated that the Church and its associated organisations must learn from this review and implement robust procedures across their organisations that are governed independently (a very similar finding to that of Prof Jay).

From the ground level we still need to be alert to unacceptable behaviours, and to be aware of those who appear to be nervous or apprehensive around certain people. All of us in the PCC owe it to our Church family to make sure we are aware of our safeguarding responsibilities. It is for this reason our Safeguarding Officer recommends that we make use of the excellent supplementary safeguarding training material, which comprises 16 realistic safeguarding scenarios. These typical scenarios offer suggested ways of dealing with each one after they have been discussed.

DBS

At the start of the Church year there were 34 post holders that should have held a DBS certificate. Under the "3-year rule", which was introduced in January 2022, on 31st December 2024 there were none that were awaiting renewal. Since that date a 35th has been added.

Risk Register

The PCC, having introduced a Risk Assessment document and evaluation procedure in 2022, has reviewed and kept the risk assessments up to date. The PCC must identify, review and manage the risks facing the Church and the Risk Register currently lists 23 risks. For each one there is a rating of severity and likelihood, mitigation actions have been identified and a team or individual tasked with responsibility for managing the risk. This Register was last reviewed by the PCC in October 2024 and will be reviewed again as soon as the new PCC is in place, or when one of the risks changes or a new risk is identified.

Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Shortlands, and it is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley, BR2 0HG. Registered charity number 1130802.

PCC members who have served at any time from the date of the last APCM until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Jane Kustner (until March 2024) Interregnum
Wardens:	James Hollingdale (until May 2024)
	Robin Hogg (from May 2024)
	Glo Sherman (from May 2024)

Elected Members:

Catherine Bingham (LLM)
Jan Boam (representative on Deanery Synod)
Pat Chase (Deputy Warden)
Tim Dawson (Treasurer and Deputy Warden)
Robin Hogg (Churchwarden & Assistant Treasurer)
Ann-Marie Jefferys (LLM) (representative on Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod)
Dr David Jefferys (LLM) (Deputy Warden)
Pauline Lambourne (Safeguarding Officer)
Keith Mills
Jay Sharma (Secretary)
Glo Sherman (Churchwarden, representative on Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod)
Sue Slaney
Ann Dalton (Deputy Warden)
Canon Claire Tillotson (Director of Music)
Craig Myers

PCC Attendance in 2024.

Name	Total Meetings 2024	No of Absences
Glo Sherman- Churchwarden, & Deanery Synod	7	0
Robin Hogg- Churchwarden	7	0
Tim Dawson- Treasurer	7	0
Jay Sharma, Secretary	7	0
Jan Boam - Deanery Synod	7	1
Ann-Marie Jefferys- LLM, Deanery Synod	7	1
Catherine Bingham - LLM	7	2
Dr. David Jefferys- LLM,	7	3
Pat Chase	7	0
Ann Dalton	3	1
Keith Mills	7	1
Craig Myers	3	1
Sue Slaney	7	1
Canon Claire Tillotson- Director of Music,	3	2
Dr.Pauline Lambourne	7	4

We thank all those who contribute to the governance, running and mission and ministry of the church. In particular we thank those PCC members who retired during the year.

Report approved by ---- J SHARMA

Signature Sharma

Date 2/4/2025

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

SHORTLANDS, KENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2024

Incumbent:	Rev. Jane Kustner (until 31st March 2024) (Vacancy from 1st April 2024)
Churchwardens:	Mr Robin Hogg Mrs Gloria Sherman
Secretary:	Ms Jay Sharma
Treasurer:	Mr Timothy Dawson
Independent Examiner:	Mr Graham Smedley

Independent Examiner's Report
to the St Mary's Shortlands Parochial Church Council

I report on the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out in pages 1 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145 (1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as an independent examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Graham Smedley

G P Smedley

Date

3/4/25

Address:

30 Scotts Lane
Bromley
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2024

All figures in £'s

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	*Total 2023*
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	4(a)	124,701	30,125	154,826	130,485
Activities for generating funds	4(b)	12,832	0	12,832	14,791
Income from investments	4(c)	5,312	10,297	15,609	13,482
Income from Church activities	4(d)	49,802		49,802	50,793
TOTAL INCOME		192,647	40,422	233,069	*209,551*
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	5(a)	197,737	37,454	235,192	201,646
Raising Funds	5(b)	0	0	0	70
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		197,737	37,454	235,192	*201,716*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(5,090)	2,968	(2,122)	*7,835*
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		557	3,438	3,995	*14,967*
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(4,532)	6,405	1,873	*22,802*
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(12,000)	12,000	0	*0*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(16,532)	18,405	1,873	*22,802*
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		62,561	385,799	448,360	*425,558*
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		46,029	404,205	450,233	*448,360*

ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

All figures in £'s

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	8(a)	750,000	750,000
Investment assets	8(b)	184,042	175,136
		934,042	925,136
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	3,717	944
Short term deposits:			
Diocese of Rochester		290,412	293,472
Cash at bank and in hand		19,299	23,968
		313,428	318,384
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: - Amounts fall due within one year	10	(47,238)	(45,162)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		266,190	273,222
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,200,232	1,198,358
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - General	13(a)	46,028	62,561
Restricted - Development fund	13(a)	216,182	179,677
Restricted - Church repair fund	13(a)	95,329	123,131
Restricted - Hall repair fund	13(a)	92,693	82,990
		450,233	448,360
Restricted - Hall valuation reserve		750,000	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS		1,200,233	1,198,360

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2nd April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Robin Hogg (Warden)

Tim Dawson (Honorary Treasurer)

The notes numbered one to eleven on the following pages form part of these Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the regulations "true and fair view" provisions, and also prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102))

2. ASSETS

Consecrated property
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furnishings
Movable church furnishings held by the Incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred during the year on movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is separately disclosed and usually written-off as expenditure in the accounts. Any exceptions to this policy are fully disclosed.

Other Property
SORP 102 was introduced in 2016 and allows three different bases for valuing fixed assets. We have opted to include the Church Hall in the accounts at its valuation on the introduction of SORP 102, in 2016. The Church Hall is therefore included in the accounts at its value on 1 January 2016. This represents the insurance value in 2006. No depreciation will be charged as any charge would be offset by an increase in the value of the Hall.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Other assets are usually charged to the income and expenditure account when purchased.

Investments
Investments are shown in the accounts at their mid market value at the year end and the un-realised gain or loss is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

Short term Deposits
These are cash deposits held with the Diocese or one of our banks.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2024

3. FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use for any purposes by the PCC.

Restricted Funds
These represent the funds that have been received that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Details of the restricted funds held and the relevant restriction are shown in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2024

4. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
4(a)	*Voluntary Income*				
	Planned Giving:				
	- Gift Aid donations	76,872	0	76,872	73,930
	- Income tax recoverable	28,899	125	29,024	22,475
	Collections	6,384	0	6,384	7,254
	Donations	12,545	0	12,545	16,826
	Legacies	0	30,000	30,000	10,000
		124,701	30,125	154,826	*130,485*
4(b)	*Activities for generating funds*				
	Span advertising	2,680	0	2,680	4,942
	Rent on Church House Flat	10,152	0	10,152	9,849
		12,832	0	12,832	*14,791*
4(c)	*Income from investments*				
	Dividends on CCLA Investments	4,912	0	4,912	4,703
	Interest on Funds held at the Diocese	401	10,297	10,698	8,779
		5,312	10,297	15,609	*13,482*
4(d)	*Income from Church activities*				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	2,541	0	2,541	4,153
	Hall lettings	47,261	0	47,261	46,640
		49,802	0	49,802	*50,793*
	TOTAL INCOME	192,647	40,422	233,069	*209,551*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2024

5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	*Total 2023*
5(a) *Church Activities*				
Missionary and charity giving				
- Home	5,576	0	5,576	*2,475*
- Overseas	0	0	0	*825*
	5,576	0	5,576	*3,300*
Parish share	77,715	0	77,715	*76,831*
Other Ministry costs	6,270	0	6,270	*4,757*
Church running and maintenance costs	60,173	0	60,173	*62,958*
Major repairs	0	37,454	37,454	*7,065*
Repairs and Maintenance	2,907	0	2,907	*5,191*
Grounds	481	0	481	*5,515*
Church development	13,028		13,028	*10,000*
Expenditure on Span	435	0	435	*0*
Organist, choir and music	7,923	0	7,923	*7,874*
Administrator's direct costs	22,550	0	22,550	*17,566*
Bank charges	680	0	680	*590*
	197,737	37,454	235,192	*201,646*
5(b) *Raising Funds*				
Stewardship expenses	0	0	0	*70*
	0	0	0	*70*
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	197,737	37,454	235,192	*201,716*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2024

6. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
Wages and salaries	41,240	36,932
	41,240	36,932
Average number of employees	4	4

During the year the Church staff comprised: a Director of Music, Administrator in the Church Office, a Youth Worker. and Cleaners. Payments to visiting clergy and organists are also made and included in staff costs.
The clergy are paid by the Diocese and their emoluments are therefore not included in this disclosure.
All staff are part time.

7. RELATED PARTIES

No payments or expenses of any kind, were paid to any PCC member, persons closely related to them or related parties, in connection with their role on the PCC.

8. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

8(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

	2024	2023
Church Hall	750,000	750,000
Gross and Net Book Value	750,000	750,000

The Hall, excluding its land, is included in the accounts at its valuation in 2006.
The current insurance value is £3.3 million (2023 £3.3 million). We have chosen not to revalue the property as allowed under SORP 102.

8(b) *Investments*

CCLA Investment Account	184,042	175,136

The Church investments are held in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund. No purchases or sales have taken place during the year.
Any dividends are automatically reinvested in the fund.

9. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
Debtors	3,717	944
	3,717	944

10. LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
Outstanding donations	(4,759)	(5,739)
Outstanding creditors	(15,884)	(12,827)
Retention and provisions	(26,596)	(26,596)
	(47,238)	(45,162)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2024

11. Contingency

St Mary's Preschool operates independently of the church but under the Church's Charity Number.
The PCC of St Mary's appoints six members to the Preschool Board each year.
The examined accounts of the Preschool are attached to the Church Annual Report and Accounts, pages 20 & 21, presented to the APCM, and filed with the Charities Commission and Diocese.
The PCC considers that the Preschool continues as a going concern.
The PCC considers that the consolidation of the accounts with the church accounts would not add any significant clarity to the overall financial position
If the Pre School closed the residual assets and liabilities would become the responsibility of the PCC.

12. FUNDS

Certain funds have been designated for: the Church Repair Fund, the Hall Repair Fund and the Future Generations Project.
The repair funds are maintained to cover the costs associated with the Quinquennial inspection of the Church and Church Hall.
The Future Generations Project Fund is maintained to meet the costs associated with the possible redevelopment of the Church premises.

13.(a) SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Balance at 1st January 2024	62,560	179,677	123,131	82,991	*448,359*
Income	192,647	34,904	2,555	2,963	*233,069*
Expenditure	(197,737)	0	(37,454)	0	*(235,192)*
Investment gains	557	1,601	1,097	739	*3,995*
Transfer between funds	(12,000)		6,000	6,000	*0*
Balance at 31st December 2024	46,028	216,182	95,329	92,693	450,232

13.(b) SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Fixed Assets	72,233	96,908	5,028	9,874	*184,042*
Current Assets	21,033	119,275	90,301	82,819	*313,428*
Current Liabilities	(47,238)	0	0	0	*(47,238)*
	46,028	216,182	95,329	92,693	*450,232*

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

England & Wales - Charity number 1130802

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL for the year ended 31st December 2023



Incumbent:	Jane Kustner
Churchwardens:	James Hollingdale
Treasurer:	Tim Dawson
Independent Examiner:	Graham Smedley
Secretary:	Jay Sharma

Trustees' Annual Report 2023
Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary's Church, Shortlands

Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings, halls and grounds of St Mary's, Shortlands.

Objectives and Activities

Our Mission is "Sharing the love of God" and we as a PCC place great value on being and welcoming and inclusive to all. Our Vision develops our Mission in four key areas: our heart for God; building fellowship and confidence; becoming a community hub and, in time, becoming prophetic and challenging - the 'go to place' in the community for spiritual support and encouragement.

The PCC aims to reflect our mission, values and strategic objectives in its development of leadership, programme planning, site development and governance of the church.

Key activities in the church are under the leadership of committees; mainly managed by volunteers and supported in some cases by paid staff. Committees include: Standing and Finance, Children and Youth (including Uniformed representation), Fabric, Future Generations (physical development of site); Vision and Mission; Pastoral and Worship and Ministry.

We are also committed to serving our local community with representatives on Deanery Synod, Churches Together in Beckenham, Welcare and Shortlands Residents' Association. The PCC is reliant on volunteers who contribute to various tasks, including maintaining the property and grounds, ensuring a warm welcome to our services, decorating the church weekly and especially for major festivals, catering for events, administration and ushering for occasional services. The officers of St Mary's are also volunteers, specifically the Treasurer and Secretary to the PCC and Churchwardens.

Achievements and Performance

Our Vision and Mission was adopted at the beginning of 2023 after extensive consultation, under the guidance of our interim priest in charge, Rev Jane Kustner. This has given us a strong foundation to build on and we have a clear sense that there is much more that God is calling us to be and to do.

We recognise that there have been issues and challenges in the life of our church. We have been listening. This year we have adopted Values as part of our Vision and Mission work and committed to these in our PCC code of conduct. We are continuing to work on embedding these and ensuring we have a healthy culture.

Our Values are that we should be:

- Christ-centred
- Inclusive and Flexible
- Kind and Caring
- Learning and Growing
- Open and Nurturing
- Welcoming and Valuing

Rev Jane Kustner continued to support us through 2023 as our interim priest in charge and we would like to register our thanks for her leadership, guidance and loving care over the year.

During this year, we have been developing our draft parish profile as part of our preparation for looking for a new incumbent when Rev Jane leaves after Easter in 2024. Describing our activities in our draft parish profile has helped us focus on how we are applying our vision and mission in practice and how we are looking to develop our mission. This in turn has enabled us to clarify what we are looking for in a new incumbent, and the commitments we need to make as a church family, as reflected in the draft parish profile. We see huge potential for St Mary's if we can carry through our Vision and Mission, as it evolves over time. To do this though, we will need to harness our collective gifts, working together as a church under the leadership of a new incumbent.

Worship

We celebrate the diversity of Anglican worship and seek to give people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to worship in ways that enable them to build their spiritual lives, reflecting the first part of our Vision: *"it starts with us and our heart for God."*

In seeking to grow as disciples, we want to:

- ensure that our Liturgy reflects our rich heritage and meets diverse needs;
- embrace our vibrant musical offering: choral tradition, modern and other worship music;
- encourage wider participation in leading worship; and
- encourage our young people to create and deliver worship.

In 2023 we set up a service planning team with a wide representation across the different areas involved and have been experimenting with different types of worship and liturgy as we work through how best to achieve these objectives.

We are blessed with a relatively high attendance at our main Sunday services with 75-80 adults and 4-8 children joining us and especially at the major Christian Festivals. Mothering Sunday, Parish Picnic, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday services attract around 60+ children and 100-130 adults. These are parade services which include our uniformed organisations and are Services of the Word. Services during Advent are also very popular attended by members of the local community with 90 children and 120 adults joining for Christingle, 130 for our service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 90 children and 155 adults for our very popular Crib Service and 85 sharing Midnight Mass.

There is a wide-ranging programme of other special and occasional services which take place throughout the year, including informal evening services led by the Music Group. There are opportunities to introduce new ways to worship, such as our Come Holy Spirit offering, and to experiment with different timing. We now hold a 9.00 am Sunday Said Holy Communion (CW) when a Service of the Word has been our main service. Occasional services for 2023 have also included 21 Baptisms, 6 young people and 1 adult were confirmed during the year with 1 child prepared for first communion, we had 3 weddings and 1 wedding blessing plus 9 funerals/committals.

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. In addition to our 10.30am Sunday and 10.00am Wednesday services, services take place on major feast days such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Ascension Day. We aim to continue providing these services during the vacancy. All these services demonstrate how we are looking to build on and to realise the third part of our Vision: "*reaching out to the community*."

Music

The musical tradition of St Mary's comprises the robed choir and the music group. Claire Tillotson, Director of Music (DOM) has embraced both groups and enabled greater cooperation and creativity, including the combined Taizé service which is very popular. In response to requests for increased diversity in worship our 'Come Holy Spirit' has been well received, which is led by our lay ministers and other lay members as well as the incumbent and ordinands.

The Choir

The choir started the new academic term singing Choral Evensong at Rochester Cathedral in September. They were made so welcome and have been invited back to sing for the weekend of 20th/21st July 2024. It has been a busy year singing monthly Choral Evensongs and providing the music for the regular Sunday morning services. December was particularly busy starting with Advent Carols and the choir were then invited to sing at the annual Carol Concert for ABCD Bethlehem, at St Georges Bloomsbury, and have been asked back to sing this year. They also sang carols at Tesco in Holmesdale Road, raising over £30 for charity and a week later at The Bricklayers Arms on Masons Hill. This was very well received and raised £110 for Diabetes UK. The year ended with Nine Lessons and Carols and the regular Christmas services. Thanks go to the choir for their commitment and also to the congregation who are very positive and extremely supportive.

The Music Group

The music group continue to play for some morning services and their evening liturgies are very popular. They are a very committed group of people who provide alternative music from the choir and there have been services where the music group and the choir have sung together. The music group are a valuable asset to the music at St Mary's and thanks go to them for their hard work in making each service so successful.

Children and Youth

Children and Youth ministry continues to grow at St Mary's. Good numbers attended services over Christmas, especially the crib service which, with some revisions from last year, was a great success. A new service was introduced, a children's service, which whilst not well attended by families, was well received by our regular congregation with many enjoying the

different service, especially the puppet show! Both Youth Group and Teatime Together are thriving with a number of the same families attending regularly and we have started seeing some of them at other services too. Thanks are extended to all those who support Junior Church, preparing and leading on Sunday mornings; the Youth Club Team who help control the many teenagers who come on a Sunday evening and to those who regularly lead and support Teatime Together and finally the congregation of St Mary's for supporting Rachel in all she is trying to do to increase family participation at St Mary's.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group at St Mary's continues to attract large numbers having 35-45 children in the morning group with at least 30 adults and 15-20 children attending the afternoon group. Many parents and children from the Pre School come to the latter bringing their lunch along and it is a good social learning experience for them. We had a very successful summer party with over 65 children attending with their carers with a bouncy castle and ball pond which will be used again this year. The Christmas service with puppets attracted at least 45 children and nativity story books and little stockings knitted by the craft and chatter group were given to the children by Father Christmas after the service. The stockings contained a chocolate figure of Father Christmas. We look forward to our Easter puppet service and Easter egg hunt at the end of this term. Unfortunately, we will lose one of the helpers for the afternoon group after Easter, but hope to recruit someone else from the mothers that attend. At present we have three/four helpers for the morning and two for the afternoon and hopefully the latter group will be able to continue.

Pre School

St Mary's Pre-school Shortlands is held in the church hall each weekday morning during term time. The school is a separate organisation which is financially independent, but operates under the oversight of the PCC and uses the same Charity number. The PCC also approve three trustees for St Mary's Preschool board together with the chair of the board.

The children sing in church during the Mothering Sunday service and visit the church at other times such as taking Harvest goods into church. The children are sometimes allowed to play the organ under Claire, The Director of Music's guidance. The parents are invited into church for the pre-school AGM, a Christmas service and the end of school year leavers' service. Parents are also encouraged to join in with church activities such as the Parish Picnic and Christingle which help families feel part of the church community. A recent OfSTED inspection graded the Pre-school as "Good" which was an excellent result.

Stewardship

Stewardship is the Christian expectation that as a demonstration of their discipleship members of the congregation make regular donations to finance the activities of their Church. Regular giving is currently by monthly envelope and standing orders. A Stewardship campaign was held early in 2023 to focus on promoting regular giving. The church is joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) in 2024, which is run on behalf of parishes by the Church of England. This will reduce administration and improve cash flow as Gift Aid will be paid monthly in arrears rather than annually in arrears.

Fabric and Maintenance

The Quinquennial review of the Church was carried out at the end of 2022. During the year a plan to address the findings of the review has been prepared that ranks these issues in order of importance. Work has started to address all the high priority issues. A detailed report on the Fabric and Ornaments for 2023 is circulated separately.

Mission and Evangelism

Mission beyond the Parish

For many years the church has nominated and supported many worthy causes close to the hearts of the congregation and the wider parish. In October each year a meeting is held to decide which charities will be supported the following year. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in this aspect of our outreach, not just those who are nominating a particular charity. A different charity is supported each month and the aim is to have a mix of local, national and international charities each year. Some charities are supported annually, including Christian Aid and the Children's Society, with others supported every few years or as "one offs" and the charities do not have to be Christian, but many are. Some have a particular resonance with individuals because of a family connection with loved ones having need of a charity's input, specifically St Christopher's Hospice or The Chartwell Trust.

Those nominating a charity usually become its "rep", acting as the liaison between the charity and St Mary's, writing a short article for SPAN plus providing information on the charity board at the back of church. With recent charities as varied as Welcare in Bromley, Mission to Seafarers, Bromley Homeless Shelter, the Mines Advisory Group and ABCD Bethlehem (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disabilities), it is important that St Mary's continues to help those in need both at home and abroad.

Pastoral Care

Several members of our congregation are unable to attend church services or events because of infirmity and illness. The pastoral team visit, run services in nursing and residential homes and take home communion as requested. They also are present at our weekly Community Café sessions should anyone need their support. They meet weekly for sharing in confidence, mutual support and prayer. Healing prayers are also offered monthly during the main Sunday service.

Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod continues to move the Anglican churches and Christians of Beckenham forward. It welcomed Revd. Richard Jones and Ray Shergill and said goodbye to Fr Leon Carberry and Revd. Nigel Poole who both retired after many years of service.

The March meeting of the Synod focussed on the impact of the pandemic on our churches and the meeting in May welcomed the new Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley, the Ven. Allie Kerr. She was keen to learn how she could serve the Deanery, outlining her vision for the future of the Archdeaconry and her ministry. The September meeting was a social for new Synod members to enable then to meet and engage with longer-standing members and to elect the House of Laity and House of Clergy members to the Standing Committee. In November the group learnt about Hope into Action Bromley, based in Penge which aimed to mobilise, unite and unleash Christian prayer, investments, donations and relationships to

fight the injustice of homelessness. We look forward to working together to further God's kingdom in this community of Beckenham!

Ecumenical Relationships

Our church is committed to Churches Together in Beckenham and several members of the church take part in CTiB activities. CTiB is an active group which organises a range of joint activities. Over recent years St Mary's has maintained links with CTiB through participation in their regular meetings of clergy and lay representatives. These occur four or five times a year, with representation from most churches in Beckenham and they provide an opportunity to plan and pray together and to share fellowship and news. A small number of church members participate in CTiB and related activities, including the Good Friday Walk of Witness, services, and activities in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, CTiB Lent groups in 2023, services for the World Day of Prayer and some joint fund-raising activities for Christian Aid were arranged.

Twinning/Jumelage

St Mary's Twinning/Jumelage with the Parish of St Francis of Assisi in Douai, France has been going strong for nearly 30 years! It has survived the Covid lockdowns and problems posed by Brexit requiring French people to hold a full passport (which relatively few of them do, as their ID card used to be enough to get them into the UK) Nonetheless, a small group from Douai visited us in 2023 and enjoyed the Sweeps Festival in Rochester. This year it is our turn to visit them in France, then next year we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary here in Shortlands.

The Twinning/Jumelage has always been based on home hospitality and a warm welcome which enables each nationality to experience the ways and traditions of their friends from across the Channel.

Social Media

As well as the website, we use Facebook for streaming services and have several WhatsApp groups for wider communication. Our church newsletter, SPAN, is produced 11 times a year and is published on the church website. The Facebook page has over 700 followers and seeks to provide real time, more informal updates about St Mary's. During the pandemic services were streamed via Facebook, with up to 50-80 viewers remaining online for the whole service. Online numbers reduced substantially at the end of lockdown, but the streaming of Sunday services remains particularly important for congregation members with access issues. Funerals were also livestreamed, which was welcomed by those who could not attend in person. A new, improved system was installed to livestream services and there is a pressing need for more volunteers to help run the streaming and audio-visual system. A detailed social media policy is in place and we subscribe to music copyright licenses suitable for online services.

Café

St Mary's Community Café, on Wednesday mornings, clearly fulfils a need in the community to bring people together. Begun as a trial, during Covid 19 as soon as restrictions allowed, it was never anticipated the impact it would have. Many people who first came had nobody to talk to during Covid, so the Café met that need. The general consensus from our attendees is that the Café is a warm and welcoming place for everyone and offers friendship and kindness, in addition to delicious homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

The Café is open to the community and visitors as well as people from the church who enjoy the warmth and conviviality. The vicar and members of the pastoral team are usually on hand for anyone who needs a deeper conversation. It is now tradition to celebrate milestone birthdays for Café guests and fundraisers for worthy causes such as Macmillan Cancer and Christian Aid have been hosted. Our services have been extended to other church events such as plant sales, concerts and charity bridge afternoons to raise funds for the church. We have also hosted a funeral reception and memorial service for two of our regular church family. The Café is staffed by volunteers and all our baked goods are made by volunteers from the church and the community with a number undertaking serving and baking and also offering warmth and welcome to all.

Volunteers

Thanks are extended to all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant Christian community it is, especially considering the difficult year we have all experienced. The time and effort put in by so many is greatly appreciated, including the flower arrangers who keep the church looking splendid week by week playing an important role in preparing the church for our worship and special services; the Churchwardens, who have worked tirelessly on our behalf; Tim Dawson and Robin Hogg who continue to provide sound guidance and judgement on the Church's accounts and its finances; the grounds and buildings team who ensure everything is in order and those who staff the Community Café, bakers, servers, flower arrangers and the team who set up the tables and chairs every week.

Financial Review

The Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2023 are appended at the end of this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge. Churchwardens (2), Deanery Synod representatives (3), members elected (12) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church and one co-opted member. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The PCC has six regular meetings during the year, but in 2023 met on eight occasions. Extra meetings were needed to address the arrangements for extending the contract of the interim priest in charge to cover the busy periods at Christmas and Easter (attended by Acting Archdeacon Katrina Barnes) and a detailed discussion of the budget for 2024.
The Standing and Finance Committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between the meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC and financial limits. Other committees - Children and Youth, Mission Beyond the Parish, Twinning, Fabric Committee and Future Generations report back to the PCC as required.

The Friends of St Mary's is a separate charity which supports the Church in practical ways, raising funds through subscriptions from members and fund-raising social events for "those little extras" that the church cannot always afford.

Electoral Roll

At the last APCM there were 171 members on the Church Electoral Roll, 90 living inside the parish, with 81 living outside the parish. A report from the Electoral Roll officer has been included with the papers presented to the APCM.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). There were no events reported during the year.

There has been a complete overhaul of most of the training needs for the Foundation module and both the SGO training and Leadership courses. These training courses are all offered online under the direction of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The Diocese has a comprehensive Safeguarding website which gives details of all those who need particular levels of training and how to access them. An excellent supplementary safeguarding training session had been run by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team in early December, comprising 16 excellent, realistic safeguarding scenarios offering suggested ways of dealing with each one after they had been discussed. It was recommended that these be used for ongoing PCC training.

DBS

At the start of the church year there were 34 post holders that should have held a DBS certificate. Under the "3 year rule", which was introduced in January 2022, at 31st December 2023 there were none that were awaiting renewal. Since that date a 35th has been added.

Risk Register

The PCC, having introduced a Risk Assessment document and evaluation procedure in 2022, has reviewed and kept the risk assessments up to date. The PCC must identify, review and manage the risks facing the Church and the Risk Register currently lists 31 risks. For each one there is a rating of severity and likelihood, mitigation actions have been identified and a team or individual tasked with responsibility for managing the risk. This Register was last reviewed by the PCC in November 2023 and will be reviewed again as soon as the new PCC is in place, or when one of the risks changes or a new risk is identified.

Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Shortlands, and it is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley, BR2 0HG. Registered charity number 1130802.

PCC members who have served at any time from the date of the last APCM until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Jane Kustner(until March 2024)
Wardens: Kate Buchanan (until September 2023)
James Hollingdale (from May 2023)

Elected Members:

Catherine Bingham (LLM)
Jan Boam (representative on Deanery Synod)
Pat Chase (Deputy Warden)
Tim Dawson (Treasurer and Deputy Warden)
Julie Fox
Prof. Mark Fox (Sacristan and Deputy Warden)
Robin Hogg (Assistant Treasurer)
Ann-Marie Jeffery (LLM) (representative on Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod)
Dr David Jefferys (LLM) (Deputy Warden)
Pauline Lambourne (Safeguarding Officer)
Keith Mills
Jay Sharma (Secretary)
Glo Sherman (representative on Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod and Deputy Warden)
Sue Slaney
Rachel Tillotson (Junior Church Coordinator)

We thank all those who contribute to the governance, running and mission and ministry of the church. In particular we thank those PCC members who retired during the year: (Kate Buchanan and Rev Jane Kustner).

Report approved by JAMES HOLLINGDALE

Signature J. Hollingdale

Date 19-5-24

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

SHORTLANDS, KENT

ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2023

Incumbent:	Rev. Jane Kustner (until 31st March 2024) (Vacancy from 1st April 2024)
Churchwardens:	Mr James Hollingdale
Secretary:	Ms Jay Sharma
Treasurer:	Mr Timothy Dawson

Independent Examiner's Report
to the St Mary's Shortlands Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out in pages 1 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145 (1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as an independent examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Graham Smedley G J Smedley

Address: 30 Scotts Lane,
Bromley,
Kent
BR2 0LL

Date 2.6.24

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2023

All figures in £'s

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	*Total 2022*
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	129,985	500	130,485	*149,684*
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	14,791	0	14,791	*14,940*
Income from investments	2(c)	4,953	8,529	13,482	*4,950*
Income from Church activities	2(d)	50,793		50,793	*57,750*
TOTAL INCOME		200,523	9,029	209,552	*227,323*
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	3(a)	191,646	10,000	201,646	*205,897*
Raising Funds	3(b)	70	0	70	*91*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		191,716	10,000	201,716	*205,988*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		8,807	(971)	7,836	*21,335*
NET (LOSS)/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		7,613	7,354	14,967	*(20,365)*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		16,420	6,383	22,803	*970*
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(12,000)	12,000	0	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4,420	18,383	22,803	*970*
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		58,141	367,416	425,558	*424,587*
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		62,561	385,799	448,360	*425,557*

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	6(a)	750,000	750,000
Investment assets	6(b)	175,136	155,467
		925,136	905,467
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	944	897
Short term deposits:			
Diocese of Rochester		293,472	282,909
Cash at bank and in hand		23,968	42,073
		318,384	325,879
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: - Amounts fall due within one year	8	(45,162)	(55,788)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		273,223	270,090
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,198,359	1,175,557
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - General	11	62,560	58,141
Restricted - Development fund	11	179,677	180,609
Restricted - Church repair fund	11	123,131	112,083
Restricted - Hall repair fund	11	82,990	74,723
		448,359	425,557
Restricted - Hall valuation reserve		750,000	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS		1,198,359	1,175,557

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14/5/24 and signed on its behalf by:

James Hollingdale Warden J. Hollingdale

Tim Dawson (Honorary Treasurer) T M Dawson

The notes numbered one to eleven on the following pages form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the regulations "true and fair view" provisions, and also prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102))

2. ASSETS

Consecrated property
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furnishings
Movable church furnishings held by the Incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred during the year on movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is separately disclosed and usually written-off as expenditure in the accounts. Any exceptions to this policy are fully disclosed.

Other Property
SORP 102 was introduced in 2016 and allows three different bases for valuing fixed assets. We have opted to include the Church Hall in the accounts at its valuation on the introduction of SORP 102, in 2016. The Church Hall is therefore included in the accounts at its value on 1 January 2016. This represents the insurance value in 2006. No depreciation will be charged as any charge would be offset by an increase in the value of the Hall.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Other assets are usually charged to the income and expenditure account when purchased.

Investments
Investments are shown in the accounts at their mid market value at the year end and the un-realised gain or loss is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

Short term Deposits
These are cash deposits held with the Diocese or one of our banks.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2023

3. FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use for any purposes by the PCC.

Restricted Funds
These represent the funds that have been received that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Details of the restricted funds held and the relevant restriction are shown in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2023

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
2(a)	*Voluntary Income*				
	Planned Giving:				
	- Gift Aid donations	73,930	0	73,930	*77,050*
	- Income tax recoverable	22,475	0	22,475	*28,055*
	Collections	7,254	0	7,254	*3,896*
	Donations	12,014	500	12,514	*25,561*
	Legacies	10,000	0	10,000	*10,000*
	Sundry income	4,312	0	4,312	*5,121*
		129,985	500	130,485	*149,684*
2(b)	*Activities for generating funds*				
	Span advertising	4,942	0	4,942	*5,532*
	Rent on Church House Flat	9,849	0	9,849	*9,408*
		14,791	0	14,791	*14,940*
2(c)	*Income from investments*				
	Dividends on CCLA investments	4,703		4,703	*3,411*
	Interest on Funds held at the Diocese	250	8,529	8,779	*1,538*
		4,953	8,529	13,482	*4,950*
2(d)	*Income from Church activities*				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	4,153	0	4,153	*5,350*
	Hall lettings	46,640	0	46,640	*52,400*
		50,793	0	50,793	*57,750*
	TOTAL INCOME	200,523	9,029	209,552	*227,323*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2023

3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	*Total 2022*	
3(a)	*Church Activities*					
	Missionary and charity giving					
	- Home	2,475	0	2,475	*7,965*	
	- Overseas	825	0	825	*1,656*	
		3,300	0	3,300	*9,621*	
	Parish share	76,831	0	76,831	*76,319*	/
	Other Ministry costs	4,757	0	4,757	*6,514*	/
	Church running and maintenance costs	62,958	0	62,958	*58,358*	/
	Major repairs	7,065	0	7,065	*7,934*	/
	Repairs and Maintenance	5,191	0	5,191	*7,383*	/
	Grounds	5,515	0	5,515	*11,334*	
	Church development	0	10,000	10,000	*0*	
	Expenditure on Span	0	0	0	*0*	
	Organist, choir and music	7,674	0	7,674	*9,103*	
	Administrator's direct costs	17,566	0	17,566	*15,213*	
	Bank charges	590	0	590	*1,918*	
		191,646	10,000	201,646	*205,897*	
3(b)	*Raising Funds*					
	Stewardship expenses	70	0	70	*91*	
		70	0	70	*91*	
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	191,716	10,000	201,716	*205,988*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2023

4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	36,932	37,616
Less: JRS Grants	0	0
	36,932	37,616
Average number of employees	4	5

During the year the Church staff comprised: a Director of Music, Administrator in the Church Office, a Youth Worker, and Cleaners. Payments to visiting clergy and organists are also made and included in staff costs.
The clergy are paid by the Diocese and their emoluments are therefore not included in this disclosure.
All staff are part time.

5. RELATED PARTIES

No payments or expenses of any kind, were paid to any PCC member, persons closely related to them or related parties, in connection with their role on the PCC.

6. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

6(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

	2023	2022
Church Hall		
Gross and Net Book Value	750,000	750,000
	750,000	750,000

The Hall, excluding its land, is included in the accounts at its valuation in 2006.
The current insurance value is £3.3 million (2021 £2.9 million). We have chosen not to revalue the property as allowed under SORP 102.

6(b) *Investments*

	2023	2022
CCLA Investment Account	175,136	155,467

The Church investments are held in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund. No purchases or sales have taken place during the year. Any dividends are automatically reinvested in the fund.

7. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
Debtors	944	997
	944	997

8. LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
Outstanding donations	(5,739)	(7,761)
Outstanding creditors	(12,827)	(21,431)
Retention and provisions	(26,596)	(26,596)
	(45,162)	(55,788)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2023

9. Contingency

St Mary's Preschool operates independently of the church but under the Church's Charity Number
The PCC of St Mary's appoints six members to the Preschool Board each year.
The examined accounts of the Preschool are attached to the Church Annual Report and Accounts, pages 19 & 20, presented to the APCM, and filed with the Charities Commission and Diocese.
The PCC considers that the Preschool continues as a going concern.
The PCC considers that the consolidation of the accounts with the church accounts would not add any significant clarity to the overall financial position

10. FUNDS

Certain funds have been designated for: the Church Repair Fund, the Hall Repair Fund and the Future Generations Project.
The repair funds are maintained to cover the costs associated with the Quinquennial inspection of the Church and Church Hall.
The Future Generations Project Fund is maintained to meet the costs associated with the possible redevelopment of the Church premises

11. SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Balance at 1st January 2023	58,140	180,609	112,083	74,724	*425,557*
Income	200,523	4,313	2,463	2,253	*209,552*
Expenditure	(191,716)	(10,000)	0	0	*(201,716)*
Investment gains	7,613	4,755	2,585	14	*14,967*
Transfer between funds	(12,000)		6,000	6,000	*0*
Balance at 31st December 2023	62,560	179,677	123,131	82,991	*448,359*

11. SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Fixed Assets	61,731	60,403	32,830	172	*175,136*
Current Assets	25,990	119,275	90,301	82,819	*318,384*
Current Liabilities	(45,162)	0	0	0	*(45,162)*
	62,559	179,677	123,131	82,991	*448,359*

St Mary's Pre-School Shortlands

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023				
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted Funds		
	General Funds	Designated funds		Total 2023	Total 2022
Income	£	£	£	£	
Fees					
From parents	16,671	0	0	16,671	9,42
From the London Borough of Bromley	76,427	0	0	76,427	76,49
	93,098	0	0	93,098	85,91
Other income					
Restricted Grants (See note below)	0	0	10,983	10,983	2,97
Voluntary Fund	1,599	0	0	1,599	1,23
Fundraising income (includes photo commission)	0	1,196	0	1,196	1,70
Other income	284			284	32
	1,883	1,196	10,983	14,062	6,23
	94,981	1,196	10,983	107,160	92,14
Expenditure					
Wages and salaries (see Note below)	76,916	0	3,669	80,585	78,37
Hall hire and other occupancy costs	12,822	0	0	12,822	12,35
Equipment, materials and other educational services	880	1,270	3,598	5,728	4,78
Other costs	1,535	184	312	2,031	3,05
	92,133	1,454	7,579	101,166	98,57
Operating Surplus/(deficit) before interest	2,848	(258)	3,405	5,995	(6,42
Interest income	580	0	0	580	8
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,428	(258)	3,405	6,575	(6,34

Note: Wages and salaries expenditure

The preschool has retrospectively claimed back 4 years of Employer's NI paid to HMRC following confirmation from HMRC that the Preschool is eligible to claim this (the "Employment allowance"). In total, £8,324 was owed by HMRC to preschool at the start of 2023. From April 2023, payments due to HMRC are being netted due off against this. Total wages and salaries expenditure in 2023 was £84,841 but is shown net of the £4,256 of payments that would normally be due to HMRC in 2023. The balance of £4,068 still owed to preschool at the end of 2023 will be taken off payments due to HMRC in 2024. Without this adjustment for prior years, there would have an overall deficit of £828 on general funds.

St Mary's Pre-School Shortlands

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets		
Debtors and prepayments	0	156
Cash at bank and in hand	45,203	38,562
	45,203	38,718
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	(210)	(300)
	44,993	38,418
Reserves		
Opening balance	38,418	44,758
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	6,575	(6,340)
Closing reserves	44,993	38,418
Closing reserves comprise:		
Unrestricted Funds -general Fund	38,728	35,300
Unrestricted Funds -designated for equipment& similar expenses	2,437	2,695
Restricted Funds -See note below	3,828	423
Total	44,993	38,418

Note: Detail of restricted funds

	EYPP £	SEN & DAF £	Beckenham Parochial Charity £	Total £
Opening balance	240	183	0	423
Income	3,058	7,189	736	10,983
Expenditure	(2,669)	(4,178)	(732)	(7,579)
Closing balance	630	3,194	4	3,828

Cathryn A Mitchell

Cathryn Mitchell
Treasurer

10th March 2024

P A Horsman

Penny Horsman
Chair

10th March 2024

Report of Independent Examiner

I have examined the account records of St Mary's Pre-School Shortlands in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. I hereby certify that the accounts above properly reflect the financial activities of the Pre-School for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Lin Gui
Independent Examiner
(FCCA)

9th March 2024

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

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

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PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2022

Incumbent:	Rev Jane Kustner
Churchwardens:	Mrs Kate Buchanan Mrs Marion Westropp
Secretary:	Ms Jay Sharma
Treasurer:	Mr Timothy Dawson
Independent Examiner:	Mr Graham Smedley

Trustees' Annual Report
2022 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary's Church, Shortlands

Aim and Purposes

The PCC aims to reflect the mission, values, and strategic objectives in its development of leadership, programme planning, site development and governance of the church.

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the incumbent, (the Reverend Jane Kustner) in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The PCC is also responsible for the good maintenance of the church site including the church building, halls, and grounds.

The PCC also approve three trustees for St Mary's Preschool board and the chair of the board. The school is run independently of the PCC but operates under their oversight and uses the same Charity number.

Objectives and activities

The mission statement of the PCC is: Sharing the Love of God.

When planning our activities for the year, consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Through our activities, we aim to provide:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel, developing faith in the Christian message of forgiveness and salvation, and furthering the communication of the gospel in prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament.

- Provision of pastoral care, including prayer and home communion for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.

- Mission and outreach work, including the provision of resources and teaching to local schools.

In 2022 the PCC underwent an extensive consultation process to develop its vision and mission for the short (1-2 years), medium (3-5 years) and long term (5-10 years).
The strategic objectives in summary are:

- Growing as disciples: "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength" Mark 12:30
- Growing in knowledge of each other; building confidence: "willing to give the reason for the hope that we have" 1 Peter 3:15 – and building fellowship: "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness', humility, gentleness and patience" Colossians 3:12
- Community engagement: "Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true" Ephesians 5:9
- Prophetic and challenging: "You are the salt of the earth" Matthew 5:13

The PCC aims to reflect the mission, values, and strategic objectives in its development of leadership, programme planning, site development and governance of the church.

The PCC also carried out experimental reordering works to the church space under Archdeacon's licence (in 2020/21). Retrospective Faculty applications are now in progress to approve the installation of an Audio-Visual system, a Drinks station, and the permanent removal of about half of the church pews.

The experimental period has borne fruit in terms of mission to the community through the community café, streaming of services to those at home, and flexibility of space for a variety of worship and other outreach activities.

Key activities in the church are under the leadership of committees; mainly managed by volunteers and supported in some cases by paid staff.

Committees comprise: Standing and Finance Committee, Children and Youth, including Uniformed representation, Fabric, Future Generations (physical development of site); Vision and Mission; Parenting; Pastoral; Worship and Ministry; Twinning with a parish in Douai.

We are also committed to serving our local community with representatives on Deanery Synod, Churches Together in Beckenham, Welcare, and Shortlands Residents' Association.

Our Mission Beyond the Parish charitable giving committee meets once a year when charities are sponsored by members of the congregation and voted on by the group. We have special monthly themes and activities to raise money as well as a grant from the church.

There are two paid ministerial posts: Director of Music (DOM) and the Junior Church Coordinator (JCC). Our DOM, as well as leading our robed and popular choir and directing the music group, also arranges concerts and musical activities for education and fund-raising. We are in the process of appointing an organ scholar.

The JCC manages a team of junior church leaders and works with volunteers to run a Youth club and Tea Time Together for young families.

The PCC is very dependent on volunteers who contribute to various tasks, including maintaining the property and grounds, ensuring a warm welcome to our services, decorating the church weekly and especially for major festivals, catering for events, administration and ushering for occasional services.

The officers of St Mary's are also volunteers, in particular our Treasurer and Secretary to the PCC and Churchwardens.

Achievements and performance

Vision and mission

The vision and mission statement approved by the PCC in December 2022 is in the process of implementation. Future initiatives include:

- Parenting and post-baptism support to families
- Welcoming group for new members and visitors
- Professional groups particularly those working from home.
- Extension of the Café to youth and home-workers
- Variety of teaching and study to attract different groups.
- Development of home groups.

The PCC rejoices in the support provided for their vision and mission by an ordained Self-Supporting Minister (SSM), Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM) and a Licensed Reader. There are Licensed Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA) who provide ministry and pastoral care to many in the community, ably supported by a team of pastoral volunteers.

Bible Study, Lent and Advent groups and Retreat days have been led by our SSM, reader and lay ministers.

We have two people preparing for ordination who, with the lay ministers, enrich our teaching and worship with preaching, teaching, and leading traditional and new forms of worship.

After our last incumbent, Reverend Gary Best, left, the Diocese provided an interim priest in charge, the Reverend Jane Kustner, to provide stability, and continuity. Rev Jane has been instrumental in the work on the vision and mission as well as contributing to a stable and forward-looking atmosphere.

Her role has included assisting to process the reordering project through the appropriate Diocesan channels, provide consistency of worship and begin a healing process ready for a new longer-term incumbent. She has continued the traditions of the church as well as introducing initiatives in worship and organisation. Post year-end, at the March 2023 PCC meeting, her tenure has been extended from 18 months to cover Christmas 2023 and Easter 2024 on the suggestion of the Bishop.

Worship and prayer

We are blessed with relatively high attendance at our main Sunday services and especially at the major Christian Festivals. Congregations began to build back up in response to relaxation of lockdown and development of mission activities.

Attendance at our Easter Day service in 2022 was162 and at Christmas 410 people attended the three key services. The crib service attracted 240 people. The Harvest celebration was attended by more than 180 people including 50 children. The congregation at our main Sunday service varies a lot, with an average of about 80 including 6 children.

The musical tradition of St Mary's comprises the robed choir and the music group. Over the last year the DOM has embraced both groups and enabled more cooperation and creativity, including the combined Taizé service which is very popular. In response to requests for more diversity in worship a new service 'Come Holy Spirit' has been introduced, which is led by our lay ministers and other lay members as well as the incumbent and ordinands.

Choral evensong continues to be popular as well as informal music group services. All are welcome to attend our regular services.

Occasional services for 2022 have included:

Baptisms	11
Funerals in church	5
Funerals elsewhere	4
Interments	5

Our occasional baptisms and funerals have attracted large congregations.

We continue to be inclusive in our response to Baptism requests, warmly welcoming families and using the Baptism service as an opportunity to make them feel welcome and honoured. This gentle witness is encouraged in the liturgy, sharing the gospel message and welcomers at the door.

We are looking forward to a marriage blessing and another wedding in 2023 and Rev Jane is taking the couples through marriage preparation.

There are 6 Confirmation candidates whom Rev Jane has been teaching since October, and they have been involved in drama and reading in the main Sunday service.

The church is able to accommodate large gatherings for funerals and civic events such as Remembrance when we welcome officials and representatives from the wider community.

The Wednesday communion attracts between 12 and 15 people. It has grown in its attendance and in discipling the congregation through teaching, conversation, and liturgy.

Electoral roll

At the last APCM there were 171 members on the Church Electoral Roll, 90 living inside the parish, with 81 living outside the parish. A report from the Electoral Roll officer is included with the papers presented to the APCM.

Children and Youth

Our JCC has introduced a number of initiatives this year, including a youth club which attracts many teenagers from the community, most of whom do not yet attend church.

The Junior Church offers teaching for young people from experienced, committed teachers. The young people often share with the congregation what they have learned.

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They use the 'Roots' material which offers flexibility for different styles of teaching and ages. This material has the advantage that it follows the lectionary being expounded in the church for the adult congregation.

Tea Time Together is a monthly event similar to 'Messy Church' where children, parents and carers can play and do craft activities together and enjoy a gospel message, tea, cake, and singing and dancing!

The Thursday toddler group attracts a wide range of young children, parents and carers in morning and afternoon shifts. All are able to relax in the church with quality toys and space to run around as well as providing opportunities for conversations and explorations of faith.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sat as representatives on Beckenham Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. The report of the Deanery synod representatives is included in the papers presented to the APCM.

Two of our Deanery Synod representatives also sit on the Diocesan Synod.

Stewardship

Stewardship is the Christian expectation that as a demonstration of their discipleship members of the congregation make regular donations to finance the activities of their Church.
Regular giving is currently by monthly envelope and standing orders. We carried out a Stewardship campaign early in 2023. We are looking to appoint a new Stewardship secretary in 2023 to focus on promoting regular giving.
During the year we installed a 'Collectin': a contactless payment system to boost giving especially at occasional services. We have yet to analyse the effects of this new initiative.

Maintenance

A Fabric Committee was set up in 2022 to monitor larger maintenance jobs and schedule short- and longer-term works.

A Quinquennial was conducted in November 2022 and the report is being translated into a detailed maintenance plan by the Maintenance officer and Fabric Committee.
A tree survey was conducted in 2022 and the works are continuing in 2023.

Mission and evangelism

Mission Beyond the Parish raises funds for twelve charities a year nominated and voted on by a committee. This is an important demonstration of our corporal discipleship.

Monthly giving and special events contribute to donations as well as a payment of £275 per charity from our funds.

We continue to support Welcare in Bromley.

Eleven issues of the parish newsletter SPAN were produced in 2022. They are a combination of gentle evangelistic editorials as well as features on community and church activities.

We have started to implement 'IKnowChurch' to store and protect our data and to communicate with members and those attending occasional services regarding special services and relevant activities.

The church computers have been updated and files are backed up to the Cloud for data security purposes.

We continue to use our grounds for mission and evangelism, including Stations of the Cross.

Pastoral care

Several members of our congregation are unable to attend church services or events because of infirmity, illness, or ongoing concerns about exposure to Covid. The pastoral team visit, run services in nursing and residential homes and take home communion as requested. They meet weekly for sharing in confidence, mutual support, and prayer.

Healing prayers are offered monthly in the main Sunday service.

Ecumenical relationships

Rev Jane is actively involved in the Clergy Chapter and the church is committed to Churches Together in Beckenham. Several members of our church take part in CTIB activities, including the Good Friday Walk of Witness in Beckenham, and we hope to build on this involvement next year.

Twinning/Jumelage

A group from our congregation visited Douai in May 2022 to celebrate 25 years of the relationship, albeit two years later. We are now preparing to welcome a small group from Douai to visit from Saturday 29 April to Monday 1 May 2023.

Social media

As well as the website, we use Facebook for streaming services and have several Whatsapp groups for communication.
We look forward to the upgrading of the external infrastructure with the installation of fibre to improve internet performance. We would like the capacity to stream services and other events on YouTube to reach a wider mission field.
The use of Zoom during lock down has been extended to teaching groups and for remote attendance at occasional meetings.

Financial review

The net income/ expenditure on the unrestricted funds shows a small surplus in 2022. In addition, £21K was received in donations, income tax recovery and dividends/interest for restricted funds, principally to the Future Generations Project (FGP).
The substantial variances from 2021 are noted below:

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Statement of Financial Activities

At the end of 2022, the value of the Investment Asset had fallen by £20K (2021 an increase of £23K) as inflation increased and talk of recession affected the stock market. Since the year end there has been an improvement of around £5K.

Restricted Donations increased by £20K, comprising donations to the Future Generations Project and tax recovery on donations.

Income and Endowments

Total income tax recoverable was down by £6K in 2022, this is based on the income received in 2021.

Collections 2022 are down by £3K. Congregations are now beginning to grow after the effects lockdowns reduces and with the impact of the vision and mission activities.

Fees for weddings and funerals were down by £4K. These Occasional services are picking up in 2023.

Expenditure

The total of Major repairs is lower by £21K. Costs in 2022 include the replacement of the patio doors in the hall of £6K, and the new desk and rewiring of the Audio-Visual equipment of £2K. This enabled the St George's chapel to be reinstated as a place of reflection and prayer.

Repairs and maintenance in 2022 included the replacement of a window in the church flat and a new pump for the church heating. Unbudgeted expenditure in 2022 in Grounds of £11K was for a tree survey and associated work.

Balance Sheet

The Investment Asset of £17K comprises a gross loss of £20k on valuation less dividends received of £3k which were reinvested.

The amounts added to Restricted funds in 2022 were as follows: Development (FGP) £20K, Church repair fund, £6K, Hall repair fund, £6K. The repair funds represent amounts required to be reserved by the Diocese for Quinquennial repairs.

The Unrestricted Funds benefited from a welcome legacy of £10K.

Structure, governance, and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the Priest in Charge. Churchwardens (2), Deanery Synod reps (3),

members elected (12) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church.

All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. A report is included in the papers presented to the APCM.

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

The PCC has six regular meetings during the year but in 2022 met on nine occasions.

Extra meetings were needed to address the arrangements for having an interim priest in charge (attended by Acting Archdeacon Katrina Barnes), for feedback from the Diocesan Advisory Committee on the proposals for re-ordering St Mary's Church (attended by Archdeacon Andy Wooding-Jones), and to engage in a full discussion of the new Vision and Mission strategy and the budget for 2023.

The Standing and Finance Committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between the meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC and financial limits. During 2022 the PCC agreed terms of reference for a Fabric Committee to have oversight of repairs and maintenance of the church and associated buildings and the grounds.

Other committees (Children and Youth, St. Mary's Pre-School, Mission Beyond the Parish, Twinning and Future Generations) report back to the PCC as required.

The Friends of St Mary's is a separate charity which supports the Church in practical ways, raising funds through subscriptions from members and fund-raising social events.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). There were no events reported during the year.

Risk assessment

The PCC introduced a new Risk Assessment document and evaluation procedure in 2022 which will be reviewed on an annual basis. Two risks were identified in 2022 being the state of the nave roof, and the heating system. Both these areas are being investigated and plans being drawn up by the Fabric committee.

PAdministrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Shortlands, and it is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley, BR2 0HG. Registered charity number 1130802.

PCC members who have served at any time from the date of the last APCM until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Jane Kustner
Wardens: Kate Buchanan; Marion Westropp (from May 2022)
Sarah Leonard (until May 2022)

Elected members:

Catherine Bingham (from 2021)
Jan Boam, representative on Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod
Pat Chase (from 2020)
Tim Dawson (Treasurer) (from 2021)
Julie Fox (from 2021)
Prof. Mark Fox (from 2021)
Lynsey Grover (until 2022)
Robin Hogg (from 2022)
Ann-Marie Jefferys, representative on Deanery Synod and Diocesan Synod
Dr David Jefferys (from 2022)
Pauline Lambourne (from 2022)
Hazel Leech (until 2022)
Stephanie Maurel (Secretary) (until 2022)
Keith Mills (from 2020)
Jay Sharma (Secretary) (from 2022)
Glo Sherman, representative on Deanery Synod
Sue Slaney
Rachel Tillotson (from 2021).

We thank all those who contribute to the governance, running and mission and ministry of the church. In particular we thank those PCC members who retired during the year: (Sarah Leonard, Stephanie Maurel, Lynsey Grover, and Hazel Leech).

Report approved by Reverend Jane L Kustner, priest in charge:

Signature

Date

20 April 2023.

Independent Examiner's Report
to the St Mary's Shortlands Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out in pages 1 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145 (1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as an independent examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Graham Smedley

Address: 30 Scotts Lane,
Shortlands,
Bromley,
Kent.
BR1 0LL

Date GPSmedley

21.04.2023

ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2022

All figures in £'s

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	*Total 2021*
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	129,959	19,725	149,684	*162,744*
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	14,940	0	14,940	*13,885*
Income from investments	2(c)	3,469	1,481	4,950	*4,751*
Income from Church activities	2(d)	57,750		57,750	*45,568*
TOTAL INCOME		206,117	21,206	227,323	*226,948*
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	3(a)	205,897	0	205,897	*201,926*
Raising Funds	3(b)	91	0	91	*123*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		205,988	0	205,988	*202,049*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		129	21,206	21,335	*24,899*
NET (LOSS)/GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		-20,365	0	-20,365	*23,869*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		-20,236	21,206	970	*48,768*
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		-12,000	12,000		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-32,236	33,206	970	*48,768*
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		85,013	334,211	419,224	*370,456*
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		52,777	367,417	420,194	*419,224*

ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL *All figures in £'s*

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	6(a)	750,000	750,000
Investment assets	6(b)	155,467	172,420
		905,467	922,420
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	897	-1,351
Short term deposits:			
Diocese of Rochester		282,909	258,534
Cash at bank and in hand		42,073	33,646
		325,879	290,829
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: - Amounts fall due within one year	8	-61,152	-44,026
NET CURRENT ASSETS		264,726	246,803
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,170,193	1,169,223
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - General	11	52,777	85,013
Restricted - Development fund	11	180,609	160,156
Restricted - Church repair fund	11	112,083	105,689
Restricted - Hall repair fund	11	74,723	68,365
		420,193	419,224
Restricted - Hall valuation reserve		750,000	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS		1,170,193	1,169,224

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Jane Kustner

Tim Dawson (Honorary Treasurer)

The notes numbered one to eleven on the following pages form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2022

1(a) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the regulations "true and fair view" provisions, and also prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102))

1(b) ASSETS

Consecrated property
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furnishings
Movable church furnishings held by the Incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred during the year on movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is separately disclosed and usually written-off as expenditure in the accounts. Any exceptions to this policy are fully disclosed.

Other Property
SORP 102 was introduced in 2016 and allows three different bases for valuing fixed assets. We have opted to include the Church Hall in the accounts at its valuation on the introduction of SORP 102, in 2016. The Church Hall is therefore included in the accounts at its value on 1 January 2016. This represents the insurance value in 2006. No depreciation will be charged as any charge would be offset by an increase in the value of the Hall.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Other assets are usually charged to the income and expenditure account when purchased.

Investments
Investments are carried at their mid market value and the un-realised gain or loss is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

Short term Deposits
These are cash deposits held with the Diocese or one of our banks.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2022

1(c) FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use for any purposes by the PCC.

Restricted Funds
These represent the funds that have been received that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Details of the restricted funds held and the relevant restriction are shown in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	*Total 2021*
2(a) *Voluntary Income*				
Planned Giving:				
- Gift Aid donations	77,050	0	77,050	*79,453*
- Income tax recoverable	23,704	4,351	28,055	*34,001*
Collections	3,896	0	3,896	*6,795*
Donations	10,187	15,374	25,561	*38,767*
Legacies	10,000	0	10,000	*0*
Sundry income	5,121	0	5,121	*3,728*
	129,959	19,725	149,684	*162,744*
2(b) *Activities for generating funds*				
Span advertising	5,532	0	5,532	*4,695*
Rent on Church House Flat	9,408	0	9,408	*9,190*
	14,940	0	14,940	*13,885*
2(c) *Income from investments*				
Dividends on CCLA Investments	3,411		3,411	*4,280*
Interest on Funds held at the Diocese	57	1,481	1,538	*471*
	3,469	1,481	4,950	*4,751*
2(d) *Income from Church activities*				
Fees for weddings and funerals	5,350	0	5,350	*8,930*
Hall lettings	52,400	0	52,400	*36,638*
	57,750	0	57,750	*45,568*
TOTAL INCOME	206,117	21,206	227,323	*226,948*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	*Total 2021*
3(a) *Church Activities*				
Missionary and charity giving				
- Home	7,965	0	7,965	*8,261*
- Overseas	1,856	0	1,856	*825*
	9,821	0	9,821	*9,086*
Parish share	76,319	0	76,319	*78,996*
Other Ministry costs	8,514	0	8,514	*4,560*
Church running and maintenance costs	58,358	0	58,358	*56,379*
Major repairs	7,934	0	7,934	*27,000*
Repairs and Maintenance	7,383	0	7,383	*3,678*
Grounds	11,334	0	11,334	*611*
Church development	0	0	0	*0*
Expenditure on Span	0	0	0	*0*
Organist, choir and music	9,103	0	9,103	*8,126*
Administrator's direct costs	15,213	0	15,213	*12,708*
Bank charges	1,918	0	1,918	*782*
	205,897	0	205,897	*201,926*
3(b) *Raising Funds*				
Stewardship expenses	91	0	91	*123*
	91	0	91	*123*
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	205,988	0	205,988	*202,049*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

4. STAFF COSTS

	2022	*2021*
Wages and salaries	37,616	*34,487*
Less: JRS Grants	0	*-1,166*
	37,616	*33,321*
Average number of employees	5	*5*

During the year the Church staff comprised: a Director of Music, an Organist, Administrators in the Church Office, a Youth Worker. and cleaners. Payments to visiting clergy are also made and included in staff costs.
The clergy are paid by the Diocese and their emoluments are therefore not included in this disclosure.
All staff are part time.

5. RELATED PARTIES

No payments or expenses of any kind, were paid to any PCC member, persons closely related to them or related parties, in connection with their role on the PCC.

6. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

6(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

	2022	*2021*
Church Hall	750,000	*750,000*
Gross and Net Book Value	750,000	*750,000*

The Hall, excluding its land, is included in the accounts at its valuation in 2006.
The current insurance value is £3.3 million (2021 £2.9 million). We have chosen not to revalue the property as allowed under SORP 102.

6(b) *Investments*

CCLA Investment Account	155,467	*172,420*

The Church investments are held in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund. No purchases or sales have taken place during the year. Any dividends are automatically reinvested in the fund.

7. DEBTORS

	2022	*2021*
Debtors	897	*-1,351*
	897	*-1,351*

8. LIABILITIES

	2022	*2021*
Outstanding donations	-7,761	*4,749*
Outstanding creditors	-26,795	*13,181*
Retention and provisions	-26,596	*26,096*
	-61,152	*44,026*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2022

9. Contingency

St Mary's Preschool operates independently of the church but under the Church's Charity Number.
The PCC of St Mary's appoints three members to the Preschool Board each year.
The examined accounts of the Preschool are attached to the Church Annual Report and Accounts, pages 19 & 20, presented to the APCM, and filed with the Charities Commission and Diocese.
The PCC considers that the Preschool continues as a going concern.
The PCC considers that the consolidation of the accounts with the church accounts would not add any significant clarity to the overall financial position

10. FUNDS

Certain funds have been designated for: the Church Repair Fund, the Hall Repair Fund and the Future Generations Project.
The repair funds are maintained to cover the costs associated with the Quinquennial inspection of the Church and Church Hall.
The Future Generations Project Fund is maintained to meet the costs associated with the possible redevelopment of the Church premises.

11. SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Balance at 1st January 2022	85,013	160,156	105,689	68,365	*419,223*
Income	206,117	20,453	394	359	*227,323*
Expenditure	-205,988	0	0	0	*-205,988*
Investment gains	-20,365	0	0	0	*-20,365*
Transfer between funds	-12,000		6,000	6,000	*0*
Balance at 31st December 2022	52,777	180,609	112,083	74,724	*420,193*

11. SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Fixed Assets	0	0	80,000	75,467	*155,467*
Current Assets	50,000	180,609	45,000	50,269	*325,879*
Current Liabilities	-61,152	0	0	0	*-61,152*
	-11,152	180,609	125,000	125,736	*420,193*

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

England & Wales - Charity number 1130802

Accounts

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S

SHORTLANDS, KENT

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2021

Incumbent:	Interregnum
Churchwardens:	Mrs Kate Buchanan Mrs Sarah Leonard
Secretary:	Mrs Stephanie Maurel
Treasurer:	Mr Timothy Dawson
Independent Examiner:	Mr Graham Smedley



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR)

2021 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Shortlands

Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church building and halls of St Mary's, Shortlands.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC endeavours to bring the love of God into the everyday lives of the people of Shortlands. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Committees which report regularly to the PCC are children and youth (CandY); St. Mary's Pre-School; Mission beyond the Parish; Stewardship; and Twinning (Douai). The PCC also receives reports from Deanery Synod, Welcare in Bromley, the Future Generations Group and Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB).

When planning our activities for the year, consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary and the Church Halls. To further this we are looking at the redevelopment of the church and halls and have a steering group with several sub-groups



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

Achievements and Performance

Ministry

The Covid-19 pandemic continued throughout 2021, with a lockdown in the early months and continuing restrictions through the year. The Church was closed from January through to late March but all aspects of ministry continued to evolve and develop, building on the experience gained in the previous year. We were able to worship in the Church building on Easter Day and to celebrate Christ's resurrection with joy in being together again. We have sought to take what we learnt during the Covid lockdowns to enhance our ministry offering here in Shortlands. The Ministry Team, led by the Vicar, consists of four Licensed Lay Ministers and two Readers. One of our notable successes is that we have two people undertaking ministry training, one studying for the Bishop's Certificate, and one studying to become a Pioneer Minister. The Vicar and pastoral team have continued to provide pastoral support to many from our congregation and within this community, encouraging a true sense of 'loving thy neighbour'. Although we have moved back to worshipping together in church, we have carried on broadcasting services on-line, now using a new AV system. This has been very well received. Our choir and music group have continued to make an invaluable contribution to our worship as we have moved back into holding services in the church.

St Mary's offers many ways for faith and spirituality to grow and develop both in large and small settings. These include:

- Junior Church – both during Sunday morning services and in the new Tea Time Together group
- Morning Prayer online (6 days a week throughout 2021).
- Evening Prayer – following a meeting of the Pastoral Team – taking place on a Tuesday.
- Compline on-line on Wednesday evening
- Reviewed orders of service – new orders of services created for Baptisms, Advent and Christmas.
- Further development of the Pastoral Team and the work that it undertakes within the church and wider community.
- The Community Café, which was launched in May and has continued to thrive, bringing many new people into the church for refreshments and conversation. This is a much-valued addition to our activities and outreach.
- Continued work on progressing the 'Future Generations Project', as we see the benefit from having more flexible space at the back of the church and exploring the potential options for the further development of our buildings to support our mission
- Opening up the church for private prayer during the week as we prayerfully consider how St. Mary's might become a church open 7 days a week, providing a community hub for Shortlands.
- Online Lent study groups

Rev Gary Best



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

It was with great sadness that we learnt in November 2021 that Rev Gary and his wife Lynn were going to separate. It was subsequently announced (February 2022) that Gary had resigned, and that Bishop Simon had accepted his resignation.

Rev Gary is held in very high esteem, and he and Lynn and their children were well-loved members of the Church. We understand that the Diocese have been providing support to both Lynn and Gary and that Lynn, and the children, are now settled into a new home

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution that Rev Gary made to St Mary's during his time with us. He provided strong leadership, combined with a real sense of Christian love which extended to all he encountered in the wider community as well as within the St Mary's church family. This enabled us to grow and flourish as a church after some very difficult times. A significant part of his time with us was affected by the Covid pandemic, and yet during that time all aspects of ministry grew as he led us in adapting to the circumstances we found ourselves in, finding new ways of living out our mission. He was always ready to take on challenges and draw on the wide range of talents within the church and wider community, as shown in setting up the Community Café, which is continuing to thrive, and the focus on mission as central to his ministry.

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. In addition to our 10.30am Sunday and 10.00am Wednesday services, services take place on major feast days such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Ascension Day. Where the pandemic has allowed Choral Evensong, led by the choir, has taken place on the third Sunday of each month. Evening services are also held every couple of months which are led by the Music Group, offering informal contemporary worship for all ages. This has been continued despite the impact of Covid 19 and the congregation has benefited from the recorded singing of both the choir and music group within online services.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At the last APCM there were 171 members on the Church Electoral Roll, 90 living inside the parish, with 81 living outside the parish.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing, and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Our services celebrating life events were affected a little during the pandemic, however there were 9 baptisms and 2 weddings. Several funerals were taken, resulting in St Mary's clergy and Readers being involved in 15 church funerals, 7 Thanksgiving Services and 5 crematorium services.

Junior Church



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We were fortunate that for the latter half of the summer term of 2021 Junior Church was able to meet in person and we had a few weeks of different sessions in the hall learning new parts of the bible but also consolidating parts that had been taught over zoom the year before.

In September Jo Eade stepped down from the role of Junior Church Coordinator and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Jo for all she has done over the last couple of years as coordinator, especially through a very challenging time and thank you for continuing our young people's learning.

After a short handover period, Rachel Tillotson started in this new role. For September – December we followed the Scripture Union materials, learning parts of Genesis and Mark. The Junior Church also had big parts to play in the harvest festival and Remembrance Day. Entering the Christmas period, the young people were involved in the Christingle service and put on a brilliant nativity service. A massive thank you goes to all the young people who got involved and to Lynsey Speller, Jo Eade and Heather Leverton for all their help and support with putting on this service with such short notice.

From January we have switched to using Roots as our resources. Roots follows the lectionary the adults have in church and so the Gospel you hear every week is what our young people hear and learn during the service too. We continue to have all ages in the hall together, sometimes splitting off if we do have younger ones join us.

In September we started a new group, Tea Time Together, aimed at families with children aged from 0 – 8. This group has music, a story and arts and crafts all around a theme and so far has been successful in introducing new families to our church. We hope this will continue to grow.

Looking forward Rachel is hoping to reintroduce a social youth club starting in May for those aged 10 – 18. This will be a safe space for the young members of the wider Shortlands community to come and be with people their own age, with games, food, drinks, crafts etc. There is excitement for this and other new ideas to start and bring more families into our church.

Thank you to all the Junior Church team for their support in Rachel's first year of being Junior Church Coordinator. Without them, the Junior Church wouldn't be able to happen.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sat as representatives on Beckenham Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. Due to Government restrictions discussions have been limited but we have continued to work on 'Called Together/Called to Grow' and 'Living in Faith and Love' strategic frameworks. The PCC will need to look at these areas of mission in the future, although St. Mary's engages with 'Called Together' through the Community Café and Baby and Toddler Group. Ann-Marie Jefferys continues to sit on the Diocesan Synod.

The Church and Halls

Now we are approaching the end of the pandemic, our Church is open to our community for private prayer until 1pm during the week and at other times by arrangement.



For most of 2020 we streamed services using a mobile phone, which worked remarkably well, but with many limitations. At the start 2021 we installed a professional camera system so we can stream services live but more flexibly and of a better quality. Sunday services are now live streamed every week. We have also streamed other events from the Church, including a wedding service to India for the relatives of the bride who were unable to travel due to Covid. The Church Organ also received a major, and long overdue, overhaul at the start of the year.

We have removed a number of rows of pews from the back of the Church to give us a more flexible space. This space is now being used by a musical theatre group, Toddlers and has enabled the Community Café, which we started last year, to thrive.

With the change in Covid rules during the year, many of the users of the Hall, Choir Vestry and Friends Room have been able to return and these rooms are now well used by both Church groups and the wider community. Regular Church groups include the Mobility Group, Craft and Chatter, the Toddlers' groups, and Pre-School. Dance, drama and now football, along with children's parties have returned to the Church Hall.

Stewardship

Stewardship is the process whereby members of the congregation make regular donations to finance the activities of their Church. Covid has had a negative impact on our stewardship income. With the Church closed, or operating under strict Covid rules for much of the year, our income from plate collections at services has virtually disappeared. Our envelope income has also fallen substantially as many members of the congregation have been unable to attend Church. With the end of Covid restrictions we hope we can reverse this decline in our stewardship income.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Team meets weekly and in person to discuss pastoral concerns within the church and wider community and there is a continued number of prayer requests and home/hospital visits and Home Communion.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. In 2021 our Mission beyond the Parish highlighted some diverse charities locally, nationally and internationally, including Living Well in Penge, The Children's Society and the Mission to Seafarers. Nominations for charities are discussed at an annual October meeting, open to all, attended by members of the parish/community. Despite the restrictions of lockdown, all charities nominated for support in 2021 received the usual donations (in the region of £300 per charity, except for the Children's Society which received over £1400 due to additional fund raising). There was also a Street Pastor led service in September where 6 Pastors and their supporters gave testimony about their work, and two members of the congregation signed up to begin Street Pastor training

Normally SPAN is distributed 11 times a year to all homes in the parish and copies for non-residents are available at the Church and halls. This keeps our community informed of the important matters affecting our Church and community as well as articles about our faith.



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Fundraising
Whilst this year has been rather tricky to fundraise with so many opportunities to meet face to face curtailed, just over £160,000 has been raised for the Future Generations Fund. The main fundraising components were the sales of recipe books and a silent auction which raised over £5,000.

Ecumenical Relationships
Meetings via Zoom have continued throughout the year. Church reps and clergy have encouraged each other with prayers, and exchanged news about lockdown outreach and initiatives, especially ideas which have worked well.

Twin Parish
The 25th anniversary of our Jumelage/Twinning with the Parish of St Francis of Assisi in Douai, Northern France needs celebrating, albeit with a 2 year delay thanks to Covid! Our French friends were due to come to Shortlands, but sadly Brexit rules demanding a full passport prevent this as most French people only have a Carte d'Identité/ID card which allows travel to many other countries. A full passport costs 90€, which would make the cost of an overnight trip prohibitive for most people. This obviously leaves the long-term future of the Jumelage in jeopardy, as it has always been based on reciprocal hospitality. But we have decided that this year we should go ahead with the twice-postponed 25th anniversary celebrations by visiting our French friends in Douai on Sat 30th April/Sunday 1st May.

They are offering home hospitality overnight, but there is also a local hotel as an alternative for anyone feels nervous of staying in someone's home. To participate, people need to have been fully vaccinated and to comply with Covid regulations in force at the time. It would be lovely to take a good number of people on what, sadly, could end up being the last exchange visit with our French friends, as our 27 year link with a Catholic parish is a unique ecumenical achievement which needs celebrating!

Social Media

As stated in our social media policy, "St Mary's Shortlands will use social media in order to:

- Demonstrate St Mary's is friendly and accessible – with the local community of Shortlands as the prime audience
- Give information about the nature and range of activities in the church, and information about how to get involved
- Show how St Mary's seeks to make a difference in the wider world
- Give a sense of the 'benefits' of being part of the St Mary's community

The Facebook page, working together with our website, has continued to play an important role in our ministry this year. Page followers have reached 597, up from just under 200 in March 2020. The rise in followers was almost certainly due to people joining to watch online services. The Shortlands Life Facebook page is happy for us to "repost" notices about special services and events on their page, which helps spread the word about St Mary's activities.



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The introduction of the new audio-visual system has meant that broadcasting of services has been more professional and high quality. We are very grateful to the dedicated but small team who manage the AV system, and it would be great for them to have more volunteers to spread the load.

As St Mary's has returned to services in person, numbers attending online have understandably reduced, but there are a good number of attendees at morning prayer and Sunday services. For Sunday services this is probably where people are isolating or unable to come in person (rather than an active preference for online worship). Sunday services typically see 15-20 people attending who otherwise would not be present.

Morning prayer and Compline numbers (both online only) vary between 4-9 attendees. We should remember that before the commencement of online morning prayer this regular time of prayer was hardly attended at all, and this is a significant shift in our pattern of worship since 2020.

The ability to broadcast services is also very much welcomed by people holding pastoral services at St Mary's. Numbers attending online for funerals have been significant, at about 20-30 for a typical funeral. One message received from an online congregation member for a family funeral read: "unfortunately Covid has stopped me from attending...thank goodness for the technology we now have to be able to attend virtually." Very occasionally messages are received for St Mary's through the Facebook page, and these are redirected to the office or clergy as appropriate.

Facebook as a platform for our services is sometimes unhelpful, as the platform changes layout from time to time in ways that can be confusing or distracting. This is something to keep under review, though the disadvantages of switching across to another provider (YouTube is the most obvious) are significant, as we would lose many subscribers during a switch.

St Mary's has bought additional music licences from CCLI so that we have permission to play copyrighted church music on facebook and our website.

St Mary's also has a twitter account. This is not used much but it is important to remember that we have this in place.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant community it is, especially considering the difficult year that we have all experienced. The time and effort put in by so many is greatly appreciated, including the flower arrangers who keep the church looking splendid week by week and who play such an important role in preparing the church for our worship and special services held at St. Mary's. Also, many thanks and a special mention for our Churchwardens, Sarah Leonard and Kate Buchanan, who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and Tim Dawson and Robin Hogg who continue to provide sound guidance and judgement with the Church's accounts and its finances. Despite government regulations and guidance, the church grounds have been kept looking immaculate and have been kept safe including dealing with a leak on the steps.

The Choir and Music Group



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

Music has continued to play an important and vital role in the Ministry at St Mary's. Both the choir and the music group have participated in many services this year, despite working in difficult circumstances due to Covid.

In July 2021, the choir spent a very successful weekend singing the services at Bath Abbey. We were the first visiting choir back and were made to feel very welcome by the clergy and the congregation and have been invited back to sing there again.

Choral Evensong continues to go from strength to strength and I am delighted as to how well it is supported by our congregation.

In December we held our first Taize service joint with the music group and the choir and this was really well supported and we are hoping to do another Taize service this year.

Unfortunately the ABCD Carol service at St George's Bloomsbury was cancelled in December 2021 but we are hoping that it will go ahead this year.

The choir is going from strength to strength and despite losing some of our junior members last year, I am delighted that Craig, Cathy, Freya and Isaac Meyers have joined us and also Anna and Stas Kostiaev have joined the junior choir.

The choir is looking forward to singing at Peterborough Cathedral the weekend of the 30th and 31st of July, 2022 where we will also be singing the service of Matins on the Sunday Service.

We would also like to thank the Music Group for its contribution to worship at St. Mary's this year. It has provided the music at some morning services, as well as leading some special evening services, which have been very successful and appreciated by the congregation.

Graham Leech stood down from leadership of the music group last summer after almost 20 years in the role. Graham has introduced a variety of music to our services and other church events, supported by compilation of the Shortlands Praise song book, which was part of a PCC-sponsored initiative to enhance our worship. We would like to thank Graham for all that he has done to build up the Music Group and develop contemporary worship at St. Mary's.

We are starting a series of musical recitals at the Church this coming year. David Tillotson started this off in December with a French Horn recital and we have a flute trio playing on March 12th. Other groups have expressed an interest in performing and I am hoping that this will become an ongoing event.

In the role of Director of Music Claire has been to visit the Preschool to deliver a music session and has been teaching them 2 songs for them to sing at our Mother's Day service in March.

To conclude by thanking the choir for their support to Claire over the past year and also to the congregation at St Mary's for their continuing support.

Structure, Governance and Management



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), Churchwardens (2), Deanery Synod reps (3), members elected (12) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church and one co-opted member. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The PCC met six times during the year for regular meetings. The standing and finance committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between the meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC. Other committees (Children and Youth - CandY, St. Mary's Pre-School, Mission Beyond the Parish, Stewardship, Twinning and Future Generations) report back to the PCC regularly.

The Friends of St Mary's is a separate charity which supports the Church in practical ways, raising funds through subscriptions from members and fund-raising social events.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Shortlands, and it is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley, BR2 0HG. Registered charity number 1130802.

PCC members who have served at any time from the date of the last APCM until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Gary Best
Wardens:	Sarah Leonard
	Kate Buchanan

Elected members:

Catherine Bingham
Jan Boam, representative on Deanery Synod
Pat Chase
Tim Dawson (Treasurer)
Julie Fox
Professor Mark Fox
Lynsey Grover
Ann-Marie Jefferys, representative on Deanery Synod
Dr David Jefferys
Hazel Leech
Stephanie Maurel (Secretary)
Keith Mills
Glo Sherman, representative on Deanery Synod
Sue Slaney
Rachel Tillotson

Robin Hogg was co-opted onto the PCC from May 2021 acting as Assistant Treasurer.

C. L Buchanan

Signed: Kate Buchanan and Sarah Leonard, Church Wardens

Independent Examiner's Report
to the St Mary's Shortlands Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out in pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145 (1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as an independent examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Graham Smedley

GP Smedley

Date

25/4/22

Address:

30 Scotts Lane

Shortlands.

Kent

ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2021

All figures in £'s

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	*Total 2020*
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	130,991	31,753	162,744	*205,503*
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	13,885	0	13,885	*11,166*
Income from investments	2(c)	4,288	462	4,751	*4,780*
Income from Church activities	2(d)	45,568		45,568	*30,582*
TOTAL INCOME		194,731	32,216	226,947	*252,030*
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	3(a)	201,926	0	201,926	*198,217*
Raising Funds	3(b)	123	0	123	*305*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		202,049	0	202,049	*198,523*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(7,318)	32,216	24,898	*53,508*
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		23,869	0	23,869	*9,704*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		16,551	32,216	48,767	*63,212*
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(12,000)	12,000		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		4,551	44,216	48,767	*63,212*
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		80,462	289,994	370,456	*307,244*
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		85,013	334,210	419,223	*370,456*

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	6(a)	750,000	750,000
Investment assets	6(b)	172,420	144,272
		922,420	894,272
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	(1,351)	1,303
Short term deposits:			
Diocese of Rochester		258,534	256,711
Cash at bank and in hand		33,646	36,048
		290,829	294,062
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: - Amounts fall due within one year	8	(44,026)	(67,878)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		246,803	226,184
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,169,223	1,120,456
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - General	10	85,013	80,462
Restricted - Development fund	10	160,156	128,190
Restricted - Church repair fund	10	105,689	99,552
Restricted - Hall repair fund	10	68,365	62,252
		419,223	370,456
Restricted - Hall valuation reserve		750,000	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS		1,169,223	1,120,456

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Kate Buchanan (Warden) C L Buchanan

Tim Dawson (Honorary Treasurer)

The notes numbered one to eleven on the following pages form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the regulations "true and fair view" provisions, and also prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102))

2. ASSETS

Consecrated property
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furnishings
Movable church furnishings held by the Incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred during the year on movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is separately disclosed and usually written-off as expenditure in the accounts. Any exceptions to this policy are fully disclosed.

Other Property
SORP 102 was introduced in 2016 and allows three different bases for valuing fixed assets. We have opted to include the Church Hall in the accounts at its valuation on the introduction of SORP 102, in 2016. The Church Hall is therefore included in the accounts at its value on 1 January 2016. This represents the insurance value in 2006. No depreciation will be charged as any charge would be offset by an increase in the value of the Hall. The current insurance value of the Church Hall is £2.8m.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Other assets are usually charged to the income and expenditure account when purchased.

Investments
Investments are carried at their mid market value and the un-realised gain or loss is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

Short term Deposits
These are cash deposits held with the Diocese or one of our banks.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2020

3. FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use for any purposes by the PCC.

Restricted Funds
These represent the funds that have been received that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Details of the restricted funds held and the relevant restriction are shown in the notes to the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2021

2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
2(a)	*Voluntary Income*				
	Planned Giving:				
	- Gift Aid donations	79,453	0	79,453	101,785
	- Income tax recoverable	26,641	7,360	34,001	36,528
	Collections	6,795	0	6,795	1,135
	Donations	14,374	24,393	38,767	48,545
	Legacies	0	0	0	17,002
	Sundry income	3,728	0	3,728	509
		130,991	31,753	162,744	205,503
2(b)	*Activities for generating funds*				
	Span advertising	4,695	0	4,695	1,953
	Rent on Church House Flat	9,190	0	9,190	9,213
		13,885	0	13,885	11,166
2(c)	*Income from investments*				
	Dividends on CCLA Investments	4,279	1	4,280	4,015
	Interest on Funds held at the Diocese	9	461	471	765
		4,288	462	4,751	4,780
2(d)	*Income from Church activities*				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	8,930	0	8,930	5,445
	Hall lettings	36,638	0	36,638	25,137
		45,568	0	45,568	30,582
	TOTAL INCOME	194,731	32,216	226,947	252,030

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2021

3. EXPENDITURE

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	*Total 2020*
3(a)	*Church Activities*				
	Missionary and charity giving				
	- Home	8,261		8,261	*3,844*
	- Overseas	825		825	*831*
		9,086	0	9,086	*4,675*
	Parish share	78,996	0	78,996	*78,430*
	Other Ministry costs	4,560	0	4,560	*1,533*
	Church running and maintenance costs	56,379	0	56,379	*44,679*
	Major repairs	27,000	0	27,000	*35,000*
	Repairs and Maintenance	3,678	0	3,678	*7,537*
	Grounds	611	0	611	*489*
	Church development	0	0	0	*0*
	Expenditure on Span	0	0	0	*948*
	Organist, choir and music	8,126	0	8,126	*8,335*
	Administrator's direct costs	12,708	0	12,708	*15,985*
	Bank charges	782	0	782	*607*
		201,926	0	201,926	*198,217*
3(b)	*Raising Funds*				
	Stewardship expenses	123	0	123	*305*
		123	0	123	*305*
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	202,049	0	202,049	*198,523*

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for the year ended 31st December 2021

4. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
Wages and salaries	34,487	34,475
Less: JRS Grants	(1,166)	(6,819)
	33,321	27,656
Average number of employees	5	5

During the year the Church staff comprised: a Director of Music, an Organist, Administrators in the Church Office, a Youth Worker. and cleaners. Payments to visiting clergy are also made and included in staff costs.
The clergy are paid by the Diocese and their emoluments are therefore not included in this disclosure.
All staff are part time.
The Church took part in the Governments Covid Furlough scheme

5. RELATED PARTIES

No payments or expenses of any kind, were paid to any PCC member, persons closely related to them or related parties, in connection with their role on the PCC.

6. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

6(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

	2021	2020
Church Hall	750,000	750,000
Gross and Net Book Value	750,000	750,000

The Hall is included in the accounts at its valuation in 2006. The current insurance value is £2.9million (2019 £2.5 million). We have chosen not to revalue the property as allowed under SORP 102.

6(b) *Investments*

CCLA Investment Account	172,420	144,272

The Church investments are held in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund. No purchases or sales have taken place during the year. Any dividends are automatically reinvested in the fund.

7. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
Debtors	(1,351)	1,303
	(1,351)	1,303

8. LIABILITIES

	2021	2020
Outstanding donations	4,749	4,644
Outstanding creditors	13,181	29,009
Retention and provisions	26,096	34,225
	44,026	67,878

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
for the year ended 31st December 2021

9. FUNDS

Certain funds have been designated for: the Church Repair Fund, the Hall Repair Fund and the Future Generations Project. The repair funds are maintained to cover the costs associated with the Quinquennial inspection of the Church and Church Hall. The Future Generations Project Fund is maintained to meet the costs associated with the possible redevelopment of the Church premises.

10. SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Balance at 1st January 2021	80,462	128,190	99,552	62,252	*370,456*
Income	194,731	31,966	137	113	*226,947*
Expenditure	(202,049)	0	0	0	*(202,049)*
Investment gains	23,869	0	0	0	*23,869*
Transfer between funds	(12,000)		6,000	6,000	*0*
Balance at 31st December 2021	85,013	160,156	105,689	68,365	419,223

11. SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Fixed Assets	95,107	46,910	30,245	158	*172,421*
Current Assets	33,932	113,245	75,444	68,207	*290,829*
Current Liabilities	(44,026)	0	0	0	*(44,026)*
	85,013	160,156	105,689	68,365	*419,223*

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

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY"S

SHORTLANDS, KENT

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

for the year ended 31st December 2020

Incumbent:	Reverend Gary Best
Churchwardens:	Mr Adolph Williams Mrs Sarah Leonard
Secretary:	Mrs Stephanie Maurel
Treasurer:	Mr T M Dawson
Independent Examiner:	L Howarth



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

Trustees' Annual Report (TAR)

2020 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Shortlands

Aim and Purposes

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church building and halls of St Mary's, Shortlands.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC endeavours to bring the love of God into the everyday lives of the people of Shortlands. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Whilst Covid has meant that the church has remained closed for communal services over much of the past year, St Mary's has made great strides in reaching the congregation through online live streamed Sunday services, morning prayer and a newly added Wednesday evening Compline. This has involved much of the ministry team and has been very well received. Permission to close the church, for all bar private prayer, was asked of the Bishop in January 2021.

After ensuring that all members had online access, the PCC has met regularly online during the year to consider the running of St Mary's Church. We have looked at the routine running and maintenance of the Church, continued in the promotion and oversight of safeguarding and have spent much time considering redevelopment of the church with a focus on the community kitchen.

Committees which report regularly to the PCC are children and youth (CandY); St. Mary's Pre-School; Mission beyond the Parish; Stewardship; and Twinning (Douai). The PCC also receives reports from Deanery Synod, Welcare in Bromley and Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB).

When planning our activities for the year, consideration has been given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and members of the congregation.
- Mission and outreach work.



To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Mary and the Church Halls. To further this we are looking at the redevelopment of the church and halls and have a steering group with several sub-groups.

The impact of Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work. The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic is devastating and there has been a large impact on the way that St Mary's chooses to serve the community of Shortlands. This annual report is written in the shadow of the global Covid-19 emergency and whilst things have been very difficult for all, St Mary's has stepped up to support those in need more than ever. We would like to pay tribute to the fantastic volunteers and staff who have worked tirelessly and who are proving resilient to the current challenge. The past twelve months must be considered against the backdrop of the ever changing environment that we all find ourselves in.



Achievements and Performance

Ministry

Whilst the pandemic saw the closure of churches throughout the country during March 2020, a decision made by the government, it is believed that all aspects of ministry have evolved and developed in a way that we would not have otherwise experienced. Through the very strict periods of lockdown, St. Mary's has provided pastoral support to many within our community, encouraging a true sense of 'loving thy neighbour'. The prayer life of our church has grown through our offering Daily Prayer, six days a week; our main Sunday services have been maintained, resulting in many people accessing services online, being able to join with others in corporate worship and prayer. Our music tradition has been maintained with the choir recording many hymns and the music group contributing with worship video recordings. Rev Best would like to thank everyone involved in maintaining ministry through one of the toughest periods of time we will ever experience. But now, with light ahead as we journey towards the lockdown being eased for everyone, we must take what we have learnt and ensure that we maintain the progress, and continue to enhance our ministry offering here in Shortlands.

St Mary's continues to offer many ways for faith and spirituality to grow and develop both in large and small settings. These include:

- Morning Prayer taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Evening Prayer – following a meeting of the Pastoral Team – taking place on a Tuesday.
- Compline on a Wednesday evening
- Reviewed orders of service – new orders of services created for Baptisms, Advent and Christmas.
- Further development of the Pastoral Team and the work that it undertakes within the church and wider community.
- Continued work on progressing the 'Future Generations Project', exploring the potential options for the development of our buildings to support our mission, particularly how the church space is used to prayerfully consider how St. Mary's might become a church open 7 days a week, providing a community hub for Shortlands.
- Advent and Lent led study groups
- A well attended course on Healing and Wholeness
- A planned PCC away day had to be cancelled because of the health pandemic

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, the Sunday 8.00am Communion Service alternates between Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer. In addition to our 10.30am Sunday and 10.00am Wednesday services, services take place on major feast days such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Ascension Day. Where the pandemic has allowed Choral Evensong, led by the choir, has taken place on the third Sunday of each month. Evening services



are also held every couple of months which are led by the Music Group, offering informal contemporary worship for all ages. This has been continued despite the impact of Covid-19 and the congregation has benefited from the recorded singing of both the choir and music group within online services.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At the last APCM there were 178 members on the Church Electoral Roll, 90 living inside the parish, with 88 living outside the parish. The average weekly online attendance, counted during January 2021, was 64 households with up to 58 watching live.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing, and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Our services celebrating life events were clearly affected during the pandemic, resulting in only 1 baptism and no weddings. However, several funerals were taken, resulting in St Mary's clergy and Readers being involved in 3 church funerals and 24 crematorium services.

Junior Church

Junior Church has found a variety of ways to continue the work with the children and young people of St Mary's. This has of course depended on the national and local picture over the past year but remaining constant has been the faith and fellowship amongst our Junior Church family - both leaders and children.

From April to July 2020 the group met weekly on Zoom, looking at some of the favourite old testament stories for 6 weeks thinking about the messages for us today. The second half of the term was spent looking at aspects of Jesus's ministry. Games were played, ideas discussed and prayers shared together.

From September to December, when the church was open again the children were initially provided with activity boxes to use during the service and then after a few weeks were able to meet together in a Covid safe way up in the hall. This enabled everyone to enjoy being part of the church community again. For example, the group made welcome gifts and cards for our new curate and wrote Harvest prayers which were then shared during Harvest Festival. The group has even prepared a presentation for Epiphany which is ready for 2022! Some of our children and leaders also supported the 2 community events held in December where 80 Junior Church goodie bags were given out to local children. These contained a bookmark, candle, some sweets and a flyer advertising the group.

From January onwards 2021 'Ministry at Home' materials provided by the Diocese have been shared with the children. These have been sent to all families weekly and follow the lectionary. They provide readings and prayers each week with ideas of how families can share the word together. There were plans for some of our children to be involved in the Easter service doing the readings and the prayers and had as many people as possible from our Junior Church family part of the Easter community event on Easter Sunday.

It has been undoubtedly a challenging year to lead the work of Junior Church. Our leader, Jo Eade, has however been well supported by the Junior Church Team who have helped her both remotely and in



person and this support, along with the enthusiasm and engagement of our group of children, has meant that she feels thankful to have been so blessed.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sat on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church. The PCC has looked at the questions posed to parishes in the deanery about mission. Going forwards with the reduction in names on the electoral roll, St Mary's will have three members on the Deanery Synod. Ann-Marie Jefferys continues to sit on the Diocesan Synod.

The Church and Halls

When not in the health pandemic, our Church is open to our community for private prayer until 1pm during the week and at other times by arrangement. For much of the lockdown, to allow for cleaning of the pews, the church has been open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday/Saturday only.

The Church and halls have undergone regular routine maintenance. No major work was carried out in 2020 although a contract has been signed to add video cameras to the main body of the church for better quality service filming. The Church has been rewired and a community kitchen has been created and has running water and hot water via a wall mounted boiler.

In normal years the hall, choir vestry and Friends room are well used, both by Church groups and the wider community. Regular Church groups using the rooms in Church House include the mobility group, craft and chatter and the toddlers' groups. Despite the pandemic, and with extra safety measures in place, the pre-school continues to meet in the hall on weekday mornings during term time.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Team meets once a week online to discuss pastoral concerns within the church and wider community and there is a continued number of prayer requests and home/hospital visits and Home Communion.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. The Mission beyond the Parish has highlighted some interesting charities locally, nationally and internationally, including the Diocese Poverty and Hope Appeal, Mission to Seafarers, Home for Good, and Bromley and Beckenham Street Pastors. Nominations for charities are discussed at an annual October meeting, open to all, and attended by members of the community. During 2020, more than £3,000 was raised to distribute between the 12 chosen charities and a specific donation of £100 for Arthritis UK.

Normally SPAN is distributed 11 times a year to all homes in the parish and copies for non-residents are available at the Church and halls. This keeps our community informed of the important matters affecting our Church and community as well as articles about our faith. This year the introduction of the NewsSheet has been welcomed and has been shared via email with the community. The distribution of SPAN was resumed at the start of this year which was well received by the community.



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

Fundraising

Whilst this year has been rather tricky to fundraise with so many opportunities to meet face to face curtailed, just over £110,000 has been raised for the Future Generations Fund. The main fundraising components were the sales of recipe books and calendars; the amount raised has been boosted by the kind generosity of several members of the congregation and the Friends of St Mary's.

Ecumenical Relationships

Meetings via Zoom have continued throughout the year. Church reps and clergy have encouraged each other with prayers, and exchanged news about lockdown outreach and initiatives, especially ideas which have worked well.

Twin Parish

There were detailed plans for the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Jumelage, with the visit of our friends from Douai. These were to include a visit to Canterbury Cathedral, a Church BBQ and Bishop James celebrating the Eucharist and preaching a bi-lingual sermon. Unfortunately Covid prevented any of this from happening both in 2020 and 2021. We are hoping to go ahead with this programme in 2022 instead.

Social Media

As stated in our social media policy, "St Mary's Shortlands will use social media in order to:

- Demonstrate St Mary's is friendly and accessible – with the local community of Shortlands as the prime audience
- Give information about the nature and range of activities in the church, and information about how to get involved
- Show how St Mary's seeks to make a difference in the wider world
- Give a sense of the 'benefits' of being part of the St Mary's community."

The Facebook page, working together with our website, has played a new and fundamental role in our ministry this year, as it has been used for online services and other communication to our community.

Page followers rose from 170 in March 2019 to just under 200 in March 2020, and then climbed rapidly once lockdown started and we began live streaming services. Numbers have continued to grow and we had 335 followers in September. The rise in followers was almost certainly due to people joining to watch online services. The most popular "posts" by a long way are our live streamed services.

Under Tim Dawson and Gary Best's supervision we requested and received authorisation from Facebook to use "Facebook Donate" to receive donations through our Facebook site, though this is not yet widely used.

St Mary's has bought additional music licenses from CCLI so that we have permission to play copyrighted church music on the site.



Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our Church the lively and vibrant community it is, especially considering the difficult year that we have all experienced. The time and effort put in by so many is greatly appreciated, including the flower arrangers who keep the church looking splendid week by week and who play such an important role in preparing the church for our worship and special services held at St. Mary's. Also, many thanks and a special mention for our Churchwardens, Mr Williams and Mrs Leonard, who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and Mr Dawson and Mr Hogg who continue to provide sound guidance and judgement with the Church's accounts and its finances. Despite the government regulations and guidance, the church grounds have been kept looking immaculate and the cutting back of the hedges have allowed a greater community view of our church.

The Choir and Music Group

This year has been a challenge for everyone but the choir has stayed committed and engaged.
The choir have met weekly in lockdown on Zoom and have had quizzes, played bingo and recently have sung through some anthems. The junior choir have also met on Zoom and have enjoyed the various quizzes set for them. As Director of Music, Canon Tillotson, held 3 Songs of Praise services from her music room, along with support from her children, Rachel and David. After the first lockdown, when we could, the choir met outside Church every Thursday, socially distanced and caught up with all the news! When we were allowed back in Church they were able to sing on a rota with a choir of 6 but able to hold choir practices in the nave, all socially distanced. We were fortunate to still hold our Advent Carol Service and the service of 9 lessons and Carols in December. The choir are all still very hopeful that the planned tour to Bath Abbey in July will still take place.

In January the choir said a fond farewell to Tony and Oliver Wright Jones, who have moved from Shortlands to start a new life in Worcestershire. Our Director of Music would like to express thanks to them both for their commitment and loyalty to the choir.
The choir are very much looking forward to the future and singing together again and have a trip to Peterborough Cathedral booked for July 2022.
Canon Tillotson gives her thanks to the choir and the clergy team for their support during these very unprecedented times.

The last twelve months have shown, more than ever, how important music is to our communal worship and people's individual wellbeing. The music group has continued to play its part during the pandemic by contributing a series of worship songs for the online services, developing new skills in home recording and audio/video editing in the process, as well as maintaining a sense of togetherness for the group. During the months when live music in church became possible again, we put new arrangements in place to enable the group to play and sing in a socially distanced layout. Highlights of the year were producing a full virtual service for Pentecost, performing a live set of Christmas music for the community nativity event and leading a live service of reflection on coming through the first lockdown. The title of the latter summed up our approach to this time, in which we have all faced many challenges but also have much for which we can be thankful: "Hallelujah Anyhow!"



Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and the PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Mary's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), our curate (1), Churchwardens (2), Deanery Synod reps (3) and members elected (12) by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

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

The PCC met six times during the year for regular meetings. The standing and finance committee has power to transact the business of the PCC between the meetings subject to any directions given by the PCC. Other committees (Children and Youth - CandY, St. Mary's Pre-School, Mission Beyond the Parish, Stewardship, Twinning and Future Generations)report back to the PCC regularly.

The Friends of St Mary's is a separate charity which supports the Church in practical ways, raising funds through subscriptions from members and fund-raising social events.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).



The Parish of St Mary, Shortlands

Administrative Information

St Mary's Church is situated in Shortlands and it is part of the Diocese of Rochester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley, BR2 0HG. Registered charity number 1130802.

PCC members who have served at any time from the date of the last APCM until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Gary Best
Wardens:	Mr Adolph Williams
	Mrs Sarah Leonard

Elected members:

Mrs Jan Boam, representative on Deanery Synod
Mrs Kate Buchanan
Mrs Pat Chase
Mr Tim Dawson (Treasurer)
Mrs Julie Fox
Professor Mark Fox
Mrs Lynsey Grover
Mr Robin Hogg (Assistant Treasurer)
Mrs Ann-Marie Jefferys, representative on Deanery Synod
Dr David Jefferys
Mrs Stephanie Maurel
Mr Keith Mills
Mrs Glo Sherman, representative on Deanery Synod
Mr Tony Wright-Jones (until January 2020)
Mrs Sue Slaney
Mrs Debbie Speller

Mrs Catherine Bingham was co-opted onto the PCC from May 2018 and represented the ministry team at the Standing and Finance Committee along with Revd Best.

Signed: Reverend Gary Best

Independent Examiner's Report
to the St Mary's Shortlands Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out in pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts give a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145 (1) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as an independent examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act.

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

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

Lucas Howarth



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Date 28/05/2021

ST MARY'S SHORTLANDS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2020

All figures in £'s

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	*Total 2019*
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Voluntary Income	2(a)	149,893	55,611	205,503	*184,694*
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	11,166	0	11,166	*14,471*
Income from investments	2(c)	4,026	754	4,780	*4,230*
Income from Church activities	2(d)	30,582	0	30,582	*50,014*
TOTAL INCOME		195,666	56,365	252,030	*253,409*
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	3(a)	197,516	701	198,217	*189,578*
Raising Funds	3(b)	305	0	305	*170*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		197,822	701	198,523	*189,748*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(2,156)	55,664	53,508	*63,661*
NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		9,704	0	9,704	*19,670*
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,548	55,664	63,212	*83,331*
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS		(12,000)	12,000		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(4,452)	67,664	63,212	*83,331*
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		84,914	222,330	307,244	*223,913*
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		80,462	289,994	370,456	*307,244*

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	6(a)	750,000	750,000
Investment assets	6(b)	144,272	130,554
		894,272	880,554
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	1,303	5,270
Short term deposits:			
Diocese of Rochester		256,711	189,771
Cash at bank and in hand		36,048	29,463
		294,062	224,504
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: - Amounts fall due within one year	8	(67,878)	(47,814)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		226,184	176,690
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,120,456	1,057,244
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - General	10	80,462	84,914
Unrestricted - Development fund	10	128,190	72,957
Restricted - Church repair fund	10	99,552	93,296
Restricted - Hall repair fund	10	62,252	56,078
		370,456	307,244
Restricted - Hall valuation reserve		750,000	750,000
TOTAL FUNDS		1,120,456	1,057,244

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16/4/21 and signed on its behalf by:

Reverend Gary Best

Tim Dawson (Honorary Treasurer)

The notes numbered one to eleven on the following pages form part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31st December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the regulations "true and fair view" provisions, and also prepared under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP(FRS102))

2. ASSETS

Consecrated property
Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable Church furnishings
Movable church furnishings held by the Incumbent and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. All expenditure incurred during the year on movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is separately disclosed and usually written-off as expenditure in the accounts. Any exceptions to this policy are fully disclosed.

Other Property
SORP 102 was introduced in 2016 and allows three different bases for valuing fixed assets. We have opted to include the Church Hall in the accounts at its valuation on the introduction of SORP 102, in 2016. The Church Hall is therefore included in the accounts at its value on 1 January 2016. This represents the insurance value in 2006. No depreciation will be charged as any charge would be offset by an increase in the value of the Hall. The current insurance value of the Church Hall is £2.8m.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment
Individual assets purchased with a cost greater than £1,000 will normally be capitalised and depreciated over their useful lives. During the year no such purchases were made. All repairs are written off in the year the work is completed.

Investments
Investments are carried at their market value and the un-realised gain or loss is reflected in the statement of financial activities.

Short term Deposits
These are cash deposits held with the Diocese or one of our banks.

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3. FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds
These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use for any purposes by the PCC.

Restricted Funds
These represent the funds that may only be used for specific purposes. Details of the restricted funds held and the relevant restriction are shown in the notes to the accounts.

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2. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	*Total 2019*
2(a)	*Voluntary Income*				
	Planned Giving:				
	- Gift Aid donations	101,785	0	101,785	*81,075*
	- Income tax recoverable	24,264	12,264	36,528	*23,457*
	Collections	1,135	0	1,135	*3,482*
	Donations	15,198	33,347	48,545	*60,854*
	Legacies	7,002	10,000	17,002	*7,000*
	Sundry income	509	0	509	*8,826*
		149,893	55,611	205,503	*184,694*
2(b)	*Activities for generating funds*				
	Span advertising	1,953	0	1,953	*5,573*
	Rent on Church House Flat	9,213	0	9,213	*8,898*
		11,166	0	11,166	*14,471*
2(c)	*Income from investments*				
	Dividends on CCLA Investments	4,015	0	4,015	*3,776*
	Interest on Funds held at the Diocese	11	754	765	*455*
		4,026	754	4,780	*4,230*
2(d)	*Income from Church activities*				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	5,445	0	5,445	*7,257*
	Hall lettings	25,137	0	25,137	*42,757*
		30,582	0	30,582	*50,014*
	TOTAL INCOME	195,666	56,365	252,030	*253,409*

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3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	*Total 2019*
3(a) *Church Activities*				
Missionary and charity giving				
- Home	3,149	695	3,844	*5,157*
- Overseas	825	6	831	*1,470*
	3,974	701	4,675	*6,627*
Parish share	78,430	0	78,430	*76,560*
Other Ministry costs	1,533	0	1,533	*12,965*
Church running and maintenance costs	44,679	0	44,679	*35,608*
Major repairs	35,000	0	35,000	*0*
Repairs and Maintenance	7,537	0	7,537	*14,028*
Grounds	489	0	489	*351*
Church development	0	0	0	*5,435*
Expenditure on Span	948	0	948	*3,490*
Organist, choir and music	8,335	0	8,335	*7,557*
Administrator's direct costs	15,985	0	15,985	*26,305*
Bank charges	607	0	607	*651*
	197,516	701	198,217	*189,577*
3(b) *Raising Funds*				
Stewardship expenses	305	0	305	*170*
	305	0	305	*170*
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	197,822	701	198,523	*189,747*

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4. STAFF COSTS

	2020	2019
Wages and salaries	34,475	37,976
Less: JRS Grants	(6,819)	0
	27,656	37,976
Average number of employees	5	5

During the year the Church staff comprised: a Director of Music, an Organist, Administrators in the Church Office, a Youth Worker. and cleaners. Payments to visiting clergy are also made and included in staff costs.
The clergy are paid by the Diocese and their emoluments are therefore not included in this disclosure.
All staff are part time.
The Church took part in the Governments Covid Furlough scheme

5. RELATED PARTIES

No payments or expenses of any kind, were paid to any PCC member, persons closely related to them or related parties, in connection with their role on the PCC.

6. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

6(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

	2020	2019
Church Hall	750,000	750,000
Gross and Net Book Value	750,000	750,000

The Hall is included in the accounts at its valuation in 2006. The current insurance value is £2.9million (2019 £2.5 million). We have chosen not to revalue the property as allowed under SORP 102.

6(b) *Investments*

CCLA Investment Account	144,272	130,554

The Church investments are held in CCLA Church of England Investment Fund. No purchases or sales have taken place during the year. Any dividends are automatically reinvested in the fund.

7. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
Debtors	1,303	5,270
	1,303	5,270

8. LIABILITIES

	2020	2,019
Outstanding donations	4,644	0
Outstanding creditors	29,009	13,516
Retention and provisions	34,225	34,298
	67,878	47,814

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9. FUNDS

Certain funds have been designated for: the Church Repair Fund, the Hall Repair Fund and the Future Generations Project. The repair funds are maintained to cover the costs associated with the Quinquennial inspection of the Church and Church Hall. The Future Generations Project Fund is maintained to meet the costs associated with the possible redevelopment of the Church premises.

10. SUMMARY OF FUNDS MOVEMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Balance at 1st January 2020	84,914	72,957	93,296	56,078	*307,244*
Income	195,666	55,234	256	174	*251,329*
Expenditure	(197,822)	0	0	0	*(197,822)*
Investment gains	9,704	0	0	0	*9,704*
Transfer between funds	(12,000)		6,000	6,000	*0*
Balance at 31st December 2020	80,462	128,190	99,552	62,252	370,456

11. SUMMARY OF ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	FGP Fund	Church Repair Fund	Hall Repair Fund	*Total*
Fixed Assets	144,272	0	0	0	*144,272*
Current Assets	4,068	128,190	99,552	62,252	*294,062*
Current Liabilities	(67,878)	0	0	0	*(67,878)*
	80,462	128,190	99,552	62,252	*370,456*