

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Nantwich

Registered Charity Number 1130903

Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Aims and Purposes

St Mary's PCC co-operates with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church; for the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the church and the goods and ornaments thereof; and for the care and maintenance of the churchyards. The PCC seeks to recognise gifts and skills in others, and encourage them to share in this mission.

Objectives and Activities

Our mission in the parish is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC seeks to enable parishioners to live out their faith as part of our growing parish community and is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community.

As stewards of the church's resources, the PCC seeks to fulfil this objective as efficiently and effectively as reasonably possible. When planning our activities for the year, the Rector and the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and especially the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Staff

Serving alongside Rev Dr Mark Hart as Rector are Rev Vanessa Layfield and Rev Paul Wheeler as Curates. We also have a Youth and Children's Worker, Susie Phillips. We continue to be well supported by a dedicated team of Honorary Assistant Clergy, Readers, a Pastoral Worker, and other lay leaders, who assist in maintaining the ministry of St Mary's.

Property

The house to accommodate our curate is at 12 Hallams Drive, Stapeley, Nantwich. All Saints churchyard continues to be maintained by Cheshire East and has not been opened for any new burial plots for a number of years.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The Electoral Roll membership of 374 was reported at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2021, a slight decrease from the total of 385 reported in 2020.

A range of services is offered on a Sunday, during the week and over the course of the year. These activities gather our community together for different forms of worship and provide opportunities to invite others to join us. Services in person were gradually reintroduced during the year as restrictions from the Coronavirus pandemic were eased.

The usual timetable for public worship on Sunday is:-

8am	Holy Communion
9:30am	All Age Worship
10:45am	Holy Communion
6pm	Evening Service

The live streaming of church services during periods of lockdown in 2020 and 2021 proved to be of great benefit. This has continued since restrictions were eased, with the 9.30 and 10.45 services being made available on Facebook and YouTube. Particular thanks are due to the ministry team and technical staff who work so hard to ensure that services are made widely accessible.

The average weekly attendance (October count) was 349 adults and 39 children. 715 people attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The occasional offices ministry continues to be a significant part of our outreach, and the number of baptisms and weddings has gradually increased again as restrictions eased. During the year, there were a total of 44 Baptisms including one adult; 22 Weddings; 48 Funerals in church; 32 Funerals (crematorium or cemetery only).

Pastoral Care and Outreach to the Local Community

Nurture

St Mary's seeks to nurture and encourage people of all ages in their Christian faith. The Baptism team provides support for families both before and after the Baptism has taken place. There is a home visit with a card on the first anniversary and an e-card sent for the following 2 years.

Our Pastoral Visiting team have partly been able to resume the provision of services in local residential homes, and there is also a team of listeners giving support to many people.

We have a small number of Home Groups for adults as well as groups for young people across all age ranges. These groups aim to encourage members to grow in fellowship and their Christian faith. Most of these have operated successfully online this year and members have very much appreciated the opportunity to maintain contact.

Volunteers

All these activities, and more, are maintained by a wide range of volunteers to whom we are grateful for their valuable contributions as they live out their faith through practical action, including those who have served on the PCC or other committees and groups.

Alison Phillips, our Director of Music, leads our well-respected choir which supports many of our regular and special services, leads our young choir "Sing @ St Mary's", and leads a new St Mary's chamber choir, Concordia. In addition, there is a worship band and singers who support the 9:30 all age service.

The church building is open for services on Sundays, and for visitors Monday to Saturday, 9:30am to 4:00pm with a rota of stewards in attendance. This provides a place for quiet prayer and contemplation.

The Church Shop has been relocated to the north-west corner of the church and sells books, cards, church guides and souvenirs. Volunteers enable us to carry out this valuable outreach work.

Ecumenical Relationships and Outreach

St Mary's works alongside its partner churches under the umbrella of the Churches Together in Nantwich (CTiN). The partner churches worship and collaborate together at a number of key points throughout the year. These normally include: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Good Friday open-air witness, Nantwich Show, Women's World Day of Prayer and a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own.

Through CTiN, grants are also made available to young people undertaking significant humanitarian or evangelical work, usually overseas, in the form of Millennium Bursaries.

Churches Together has supported the Street Pastors' scheme which was appreciated by the town, club goers and the police. In addition, it supports the Foodbank which continues to assist a significant number of struggling local individuals and families throughout the year.

Our parish magazine, "This Month", ceased printing early in 2020 due to the pandemic but was reintroduced with a revised and updated format during 2021. Along with the news sheet "This Week" this has been circulated by email as well as being available in printed form, both publications are also available on the website www.stmarysnantwich.org.uk. The St Mary's Facebook page is regularly updated with useful information as well as hosting videos of streamed/recorded church services and worship song recordings. Our weekly email bulletin continues to prove very useful and is sent to over 500 subscribers.

The Visits Team Ministry

Before the pandemic we would normally welcome large numbers of visitors, tourists, organised groups to the church and school parties both local and from further afield. However, the number of visitors significantly reduced due to the ongoing restrictions, but numbers have started to increase again. We are a member of the Major Churches Network and this has sometimes attracted group visits.

Outreach Ministry

The church is a much-appreciated venue for many additional events including a variety of concerts including those for the Nantwich Choral Society, Nantwich Singers as well as free lunchtime concerts through the summer.

Children's and Young People's Work

St Mary's is very active in youth and children's work, from babes in arms to young adults, in a variety of settings. Primary and secondary age children's groups meet during the 9.30am service on Sunday mornings. Friday Nite Live is a lively, friendly group for young people in Year 7 and upwards that meets weekly.

Our children's choir, Sing @ St Mary's regularly meets for rehearsal and performances.

Mission Support

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Under the guidance of St Mary's Mission Support Group, the PCC gave £8000 to different charities - local, national and international. We continued in our commitment to support two Kenyan students in their schooling and made additional donations to other charities: Church Missionary Society (CMS), Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy and Transforming Lives Together.

St Mary's has continued to support occasional Churches Together activities.

Financial Review

The finances of the Church were again negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. This was to some extent mitigated by some Government furlough support.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £213,688. Restricted income of £66,990 was also received and is detailed in the Financial Statements.

The planned giving through stewardship envelopes and standing orders decreased by £13,775 (12%) while loose plate continued to fall, this by £881 (10%) due to continuing partial closure of the Church during the year. Efforts have been made to facilitate on line giving and contactless giving in Church. Unrestricted donations at £16,738 were similar to last year.

£206,496 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, including the contribution to the Diocesan parish share which increased by £508 (0.75%) in the year and largely provides the stipend and housing for the clergy. The restricted income of £58,003 was largely due to several bequests. Restricted expenditure at £10,065 was mostly on Church development work.

The net result for the year was an excess income over expenditure of £7,192 (unrestricted) and an excess of income over expenditure of £56,925 (restricted), making a £64,117 surplus. After adding the balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December 2021 were £55,399 unrestricted (including General Fund) and £295,913 restricted.

Reserves policy

In 2021 it was PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible) of an amount equal to three months General Fund expenditure. This amounts to approximately £50,000. The balance of £55,399 held on unrestricted funds achieves this target. The General Fund balance at £49,035 is little below the £50,000 target. This situation is the subject of ongoing effort to rectify the position in the years ahead.

The balance of £295,913 in restricted funds is retained for the purposes described in the Financial Statement for each fund.

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. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The appointment of PCC members was governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules 2015 and since registration in July 2009 with the Charity Commissioners. PCC members are also Trustees.

At the end of the year, the number of elected lay members of the PCC was 11 elected members and 1 co-opted member. In addition, there were 4 elected Deanery Synod representatives. These together with the ex-officio members, the Incumbent (Rev Dr Mark Hart), the Curates (Revd Paul Wheeler and Revd Vanessa Layfield), Pastoral Worker (Mrs Mary Harris) the 2 Churchwardens made a total membership of 23 at the end of 2021. John Rivers is PCC Secretary (non-voting)

There were 7 full Council meetings during the year, including the short meeting immediately following the APCM. The incumbent together with the two churchwardens and three members of the PCC formed the Standing Committee which met between PCC meetings.

The PCC monitored the work of various groups including the Mission Support, Dementia Friendly, Eco-Church, Outreach, and Youth & Children Steering groups. They also received a report on Pastoral work. The PCC receives regular reports on the finances of the church and decides how the funds should be spent.

St. Mary's Church takes the responsibilities of safeguarding very seriously. The PCC has adopted National Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance, issued by the Church of England, including 'Promoting a Safer Church' and the 'Parish Handbook'. The Parish Handbook is carefully referenced to support the day to day work of the parish in relation to safeguarding. St. Mary's Parish Policy is reviewed and signed annually.

We have a Parish Safeguarding Officer, covering activities for children and for vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is reported on at every PCC meeting, with Parish Safeguarding meetings being held monthly. Safeguarding reporting has been maintained as required.

Administrative information

This report is in respect of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary Nantwich in the Diocese of Chester. The correspondence address is St Mary's PCC, The Parish Office, Church Walk, Nantwich, CW5 5RQ

The Registered Charity Number is 1130903

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members:

Incumbent: The Reverend Dr Mark Hart

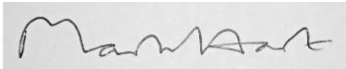
Curate: The Reverend Paul Wheeler
 The Reverend Vanessa Layfield

Pastoral Worker: Mary Harris
Churchwardens: Chris Harris
 Steve Lockett (and Treasurer)

Lay members:

Jan Allotey (General Synod representative)
Gill Appleton (Deanery Synod representative)
Ernie Charlton
Belinda Coghlan (Parish Safeguarding Officer)
Bryan Coghlan (Diocesan Synod representative)
Darren Evans (resigned November 2021)
Ian James (Deanery Synod representative)
Emma Kennedy
Jane Knight
Jonathan Layfield
Paul O'Brien
Alison Phillips
Ros Reid
Beth Roberts (PCC Vice Chair)
Simon Russell
Penny Smith
Pat Stalker (Deanery Synod representative)
Sharon Yates

Approved by the PCC on 24 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by Rev Dr Mark Hart
(PCC Chairman)

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The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Charity number 1130903

Incumbent:

The Rector is Rev. Dr. Mark Hart

Independent Examiner

Mr John Sheridan
Birchfield,
London Road, Woore,
Crewe. CW3 9SQ.

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire.

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2021

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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Mary's Nantwich.

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 03 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and 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 examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement


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

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

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

J. Sheridan. ACCA. 

Date. 5th April 2022

Birchfield, London Road, Woore, Crewe, Cheshire. CW3 9SQ

The Parochial Church Council of St. Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire.

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

Incoming Resources

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	<i>Total 2020</i>
	Note	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	2a	175,954	58,003	233,957	188,754
Funds Generation	2b	1,668	2,717	4,385	4,837
Investments	2c	95	20	115	563
Church Activities	2d	32,908	5,728	38,636	15,489
Special Collections	2e	-	-	-	-
Other Income	2f	3,063	522	3,585	1,946
Total Incoming Resources		213,688	66,990	280,678	211,589

Resources Expended

Grants	3a	8,000	7	8,007	11,202
Church Activities	3b	116,377	10,058	126,435	118,712
Administration	3c	58,473	-	58,473	50,353
Youth and Children's Ministry	3d	23,646	-	23,646	23,191
Total Resources Expended		206,496	10,065	216,561	203,458
Net Incoming Resources		7,192	56,925	64,117	8,131
Transfers between Funds	10	(4,271)	4,271	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		2,921	61,196	64,117	8,131
Balance brought forward at 1st January 2021		52,478	234,717	287,195	279,065
Balance carried forward at 31st December 2021		55,399	295,913	351,312	287,195

The Parochial Church Council of St. Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	1b	207,000	207,000
Investment Assets	4	-	-
Current Assets			
Stock	5	6,685	7,282
Stone for New Shop Floor	6	2,520	2,520
Debtors and Prepayments	7	2,710	2,158
Bank Accounts	8	257,076	207,182
Cash in Hand		838	109
Total Assets		476,830	426,251
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and Accruals	9	5,338	15,105
Liabilities: Amounts falling due after one year			
Mortgage on the Curate's House	10	120,180	123,951
Total Liabilities		125,518	139,056
Total Net Assets		351,312	287,195
Funds			
Restricted.	11	295,913	234,717
Unrestricted	12	55,399	52,478
Total Funds		351,312	287,195

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24th March 2022
and signed on its behalf by:


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Rev. Dr. Mark Hart. Rector of Nantwich


.....
Mr. Steve Lockett PCC Treasurer

The Parochial Church Council of St. Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

1.Accounting Policies

1a. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and Charities Statement of Recommended Practice(SORP 2005). In previous years the PCC accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis. These Accounts are prepared on the same basis. This means that the cost of goods and services is accounted for in the year they were supplied even if payment was not made until the following year.

1b. We are required to produce a balance sheet which includes the value of fixed assets; any assets that are considered to have a limited useful life will be depreciated. It is not considered necessary to depreciate any fixed assets this year. Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts under the Charities Act 2011. The purchase of nearly all other assets have, in the past effectively been written off in the year of purchase. The exception is the Curates House which was valued at cost.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Voluntary Income				
2a Stewardship	99,993	-	99,993	113,768
Income Tax Refund	24,923	-	24,923	25,678
Loose Plate	7,817	-	7,817	8,698
Church Box (Cash & Card)	12,605	-	12,605	6,703
Donation towards Youth Worker	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Furlough	13,879	-	13,879	6,750
Gifts, Donations and Grants	12,738	58,003	70,741	23,157
TOTAL	175,954	58,003	233,957	188,754
Funds Generation				
2b Church Magazine	1,077	-	1,077	3,988
Visitors Centre Income before interest	-	2,717	2,717	849
Fairs and Fundraising Events	591	-	591	-
TOTAL	1,668	2,717	4,386	4,837
Investments				
2c Dividends and Interest	95	20	115	563
TOTAL	95	20	115	563
Church Activities				
2d PCC Fees	19,749	-	19,749	10,625
Verger & Organist Fees	8,950	-	8,950	1,190
Friday Soup Lunches	107	-	107	324
Mums & Tots (Incl: balance carried forward)	-	5,728	5,728	-
CAP Partnership	-	-	-	3,350
Summer, Lunchtime Concerts	4,102	-	4,102	-
TOTAL	32,908	5,728	38,636	15,489
Special Collections				
2e Mission	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
2f Visitor Centre Utility Contribution	-	-	-	-
Church Hire	1,630	-	1,630	183
Town Comfort Scheme	-	-	-	-
Absorption of Tapestry Group Fund	-	522	522	-
Sundries	1,433	-	1,433	1,763
TOTAL	3,063	522	3,585	1,946
Total Incoming Resources	213,688	66,990	280,678	211,589

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3.Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3a Grants				
Mission: from PCC	8,000		8,000	11,016
Churches together in Nantwich	-		-	-
Preservation Appeal Trust		7	7	186
TOTAL	8,000	7	8,007	11,202
3b Church Activities				
Parish Share	68,132		68,132	67,624
Clergy Expenses	2,340		2,340	2,004
Council Tax	4,731		4,731	5,903
Gas/Electricity	10,238		10,238	11,251
Insurance	14,853		14,853	14,765
Telephone	581		581	724
General Maintenance	7,323		7,323	6,447
Flowers & Associated Costs		726	726	200
Visitor Centre Expenditure		1,639	1,639	875
Restoration Work in Church	-	-	-	-
Development Work in Church		7,012	7,012	5,352
Choir and Music Expenses	294		294	497
Soup Lunches	228		228	250
Mums &Tots		260	260	
CAP Partnership		421	421	1,561
Summer Concert Expenses	5,925		5,925	109
Bread, Wine and Candles	1,443		1,443	1,150
Servers Expenses	-		-	-
Training	290	-	290	-
TOTAL	116,377	10,058	126,436	118,712
3c Administration				
Lay Employees	29,113		29,113	26,580
Fees Organist & Verger	8,950		8,950	1,190
Printing/Postage/Stationery	645		645	1,326
Church Office Rent	6,960		6,960	6,960
Contribution to Church House running costs	3,840		3,840	1,650
Curates House - Mortgage Interest	3,533		3,533	3,642
- Legal & associated fees	-		-	-
- Insurance	315		315	291
- Repairs	270		270	79
Bank Charges	459		459	513
Copier	2,227		2,227	2,571
Magazine Printing and Editing	1,077		1,077	3,988
Sundries	1,084		1,084	1,563
TOTAL	58,473	-	58,473	50,353
3d Youth and Children's Ministry				
Minister / Workers	23,046		23,046	22,991
Children's Work	600	-	600	200
TOTAL	23,646	-	23,646	23,191
Total Resources Expended	206,496	10,065	216,561	203,458

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4. Investments

2021	2020
£	£
0	0

There are a small number of ancient investments in Government Stock and CBF accounts that are not included in these accounts. They have a cost of approximately £3,000. They generated an income of £95 in the year (2020 - £98). The PCC plans to sell these investments at an appropriate time in the coming years and treat the capital receipt as income.

5. Stock.

2021	2020
£	£
6,685	7,282

The stock is all relating to the Visitor's Centre. It is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The stock represents less than 2 years normal cost of sales

6. Stock of Stone.

2021	2020
£	£
2,520	2,520

In preparation for development of a Visitor Centre inside the Church the opportunity was taken to purchase some matching stone when it was available.

7. Debtors and Prepayments

(All General Fund)

2021	2020
£	£
-	-
259	-
2,451	2,158
2,710	2,158

Handrail Contribution
Gas Contributions
TOTAL

8. Bank Accounts

	Current Accounts £	Deposit Accounts £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Restricted Funds				
Bourne Fund	4,289	-	4,289	4,289
Church Flower Arrangers Fund	-	4,517	4,517	4,591
Mums & Tots Fund (Incl: for first time this year.)	-	5,475	5,475	-
Curate's House Fund	10,056	-	10,056	10,055
Restoration and Development Fund	84,664	2,686	87,350	36,827
CAP Partnership	2,899	-	2,899	3,319
Visitor's Centre Fund (shop)	4,026	25,884	29,910	28,123
Education Fund	8,622	-	8,622	8,621
The Lyon Restoration Fund	-	45,933	45,933	45,933
TOTAL	114,556	84,495	199,051	141,758
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	48,132	3,530	51,662	56,617
Friday Soup Lunch Fund	1,153	-	1,153	1,273
Summer Lunchtime Concert Fund	554	4,657	5,211	7,534
TOTAL	49,839	8,187	58,025	65,424
Total Bank Accounts	164,394	92,682	257,076	207,182

Deposit Accounts include those held at NatWest Bank, YBS and COIF

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9. Creditors and Accruals

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Mission Support	-	-	-	11,016
Window Repair	-	-	-	2,055
Gas and Electric	5,338	-	5,338	2,034
TOTAL	5,338	-	5,338	15,105

10. Mortgage on Curate's House

The Curates House at 22, Beatty Road was sold in July 2018 for £229,000 resulting in £80,921 accruing to the PCC. We purchased a new Curates House at 12, Hallams Drive in July 2019. The purchase price was £207,000. The purchase was achieved by taking a mortgage of £130,000 from Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd (MCA), supported by a contribution of £77,000 from the PCC / Curates House Fund

11. Restricted Funds

	b/f 1st January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from/(to) Other Funds	c/f 31st December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Bourne Fund	4,289	-	-	-	4,289
Church Flower Arrangers Fund	4,591	968	726	-	4,833
Mums & Tots Fund (new from this year)	-	5,735	260	-	5,475
Curate's House Fund	93,103	1	-	3,771	96,875
R & D Fund (Incl: Tapestry Fund from this year)	36,827	57,558	7,012	500	87,872
CAP Partnership	3,319	-	421	-	2,899
Visitor's Centre Fund (shop)	38,034	2,720	1,639	-	39,115
Education Fund	8,621	1	-	-	8,622
The Lyon Restoration Fund	45,933	7	7	-	45,933
Total Restricted Funds	234,717	66,990	10,065	4,271	295,913

12. Unrestricted Funds

	b/f 1st January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from/(to) Other Funds	c/f 31st December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	43,671	209,479	200,344	(3,771)	49,035
Friday Soup Lunch Fund	1,273	107	228	-	1,153
Summer Concert Fund (previously Piano Fund)	7,534	4,102	5,925	(500)	5,211
Total Unrestricted Funds	52,478	213,688	206,497	(4,271)	55,399

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

13. Notes on Funds

Restricted

13(a). The Bourne Fund.

This fund was established by a local family to provide flowers for the Church where appropriate.

13(b). The Curate's House Fund.

This fund is established to provide for the maintenance and decoration of the house. At the beginning of 2019 it held the proceeds of sale of the Curates House at 22 Beatty Road. These funds were used as a deposit on a new Curates House, 12, Hallams Drive, in July 2019.

This fund can be analysed as follows: -

	£
Deposit on Purchase	£77,000
Capital repayment to date	9,819
Funds on deposit	<u>10,056</u>
TOTAL	<u>£96,875</u>

13(c). The Restoration and Development Fund (R&D Fund)

The PCC have determined the R&D Fund should maintain a minimum balance of £20,000 to cover emergencies.

Held within the fund is the balance of the Moira Blakemore Legacy of £10,748. This will eventually be used to fund replacement Muniment Boards dedicated to her memory. Also held within the fund is an embryo Organ Fund in the amount of £1,486. From this year the PCC also hold the Church Tapestry Fund in the amount of £522.32

13(d). The Visitor's Centre Fund.

This activity was originally started to generate funds for the above R&D Fund. This is done by operating the Church Shop and providing refreshments for visitors. This fund will be used to finance the creation of a Visitor Centre including a small shop in the Church hopefully in 2023 or 2024, funds permitting.

13(e). The Education Fund

This fund originated from the sale, by the Diocese, of the Church of England School in the town. The Diocese allocated a small part of the sale price to the Church, the capital of which is held to generate income to be used for educational purposes.

13(f). The Lyon Restoration Fund

This fund resulted from a bequest of Mr Ben Lyon, a local businessman. As its name indicates the income is to be used for the purpose of restoration of the Church. Some years ago, the PCC decided the income should be transferred, as it accrues, to the Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Appeal Trust (see 13i overleaf).

13(g). The Church Flower Arrangers Fund.

This fund was, for the first time, consolidated into the Financial Statement in 2019.

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13. Notes on Funds (cont'd)

13(h). Mums & Tots

Mums, Dads, and carers with their pre-school age children meet once a week in the Parish Hall for fun activities, tea, coffee and a chat.

This activity and its associated fund were adopted by the Church during the year.

Unrestricted

13(i). The Summer Concert Fund (previously the Piano Fund)

This fund was originally established to generate funds for the purchase of a grand piano for use in the Church. The acquisition was made in 2016. In 2019 the fund provided improved seat pads for the choir. In 2020 there were no concerts due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

13(j). Friday Soup Lunch Fund

The provision of a soup and a sandwich to the needy in Nantwich up to early 2017 was undertaken by Churches Together in Nantwich (NTiC). When NTiC withdrew, the Church picked up the baton in 2017. This fund has been set up to receive income and make payments independent of the General Fund. No soup lunches were provided after the first lockdown in March 2020. This fund has been renamed Place of Welcome for 2022.

Endowments

The Church has no endowment funds.

Funds not under the control of the PCC

13(k). The Church House, Nantwich.

Reg No 1177087

This is a charity charged with the care of the building known both as Church House and the Parish Hall. The trustees manage the building and associated assets for the benefit of St Mary's Church, Nantwich, and the wider community. The Charity had exempted status but in February 2018 registered with the Charity Commission.

13(l). The Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Appeal Trust.

Reg No: 507911

The object of this charity is the raising and administering of funds for the preservation, restoration, and repair of the fabric of St Mary's Parish Church Nantwich Cheshire.

13(m). The Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charities

Reg No: 216367

This charity is established to provide relief to residents of the Parish of Nantwich who are in need, hardship, or distress.

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Mary's Nantwich.

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 03 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and 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 examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

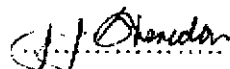
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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

J. Sheridan. ACCA.



Date. 5th April 2022...

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