

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Nantwich
Registered Charity Number 1130903
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2022

Aims and Purposes

St Mary's PCC, in conjunction with the incumbent, is responsible for the whole mission of the church – through worship, teaching, nurture, social gatherings and special events, pastoral care, evangelism and ecumenical cooperation. The PCC also seeks to recognise gifts and skills in others, encouraging 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.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain and develop the fabric of our Grade 1 listed 14th century church.

Staff

Serving alongside Rev Dr Mark Hart as Rector is Rev Vanessa Layfield as Curate. We also have a Youth and Children's Worker, Susie Phillips. We continue to be well supported by a dedicated team of lay leaders, and retired ministers who assist in maintaining the ongoing ministry of St Mary's.

Property

A house in Stapeley, Nantwich, owned by St Mary's, either accommodates a curate or is let. St Mary's and All Saints' churchyards continue to be maintained by Cheshire East and are closed to new burial plots.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The Electoral Roll membership of 394 was reported at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2022, an increase of 20 from the total reported in 2021.

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.

The usual timetable for public worship on Sunday is:-

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

Live streaming for church services, introduced during the covid pandemic, has now become a permanent feature and the 9.30 and 10.45 services are made available online. 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 303 adults and 28 children. A total of 1642 people attended services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The occasional offices ministry continues to be a significant part of our outreach, with regular baptisms and weddings. During the year, there were a total of 68 Baptisms including 3 adults; 21 Weddings; 60 Funerals in church; 23 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 a 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 been busy leading 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.

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. There are also the Readers, retired clergy, and 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 and leads our young choir "Sing @ St Mary's". In addition, there is a worship band and singers who support the 9:30 all age service.

The church building is normally open for visitors 6 days a week from 9:30am to 4:00pm with a rota of stewards in attendance. This provides a place for quiet prayer and contemplation.

The Church Shop is open daily 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, Christian Aid events, 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 supports the Foodbank which continues to assist a significant number of struggling local individuals and families throughout the year.

Our parish magazine along with the weekly news sheet are 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 583 subscribers.

The Visits Team Ministry

We are pleased to welcome large numbers of visitors, tourists, and organised groups to the church as well as school parties both local and from further afield. We are a member of the Major Churches network which 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, Concordia 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. There are children's groups meeting 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. We also host many of the local primary schools for special events before Easter and Christmas.

Our children's choir, Sing @ St Mary's regularly meets for rehearsal on Tuesdays.

Mission Support

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. St Mary's Mission Support Group with the approval of the PCC channelled £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, A Rocha UK, the Boaz Trust, Transforming Lives Together (Church Urban Fund) and the Crewe Community Support Worker.

St Mary's has continued to support Christian Aid appeals and with occasional Churches Together activities.

Financial Review

The finances of the Church are slowly recovering from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, they are now being impacted by high energy costs.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £228,885. Restricted income of £86,783 was also received and is detailed in the Financial Statements.

The planned giving through stewardship envelopes and standing orders increased by £2,692 (3%) and loose plate at £11,994 increased by £4,177, (53%) due to increased foot fall in the Church as the year progressed. Efforts continue to be made to increase on-line and contactless giving.

£226,519 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, including the contribution to the Diocesan of "parish share" which increased by £1,535 (2.25%) in the year and largely provides the stipend and housing for the clergy. The restricted income of £86,783 was largely due to several bequests and one large £50,000 grant from the Rausing Charitable Trust. Restricted expenditure at £10,634 was mostly on Visitor Centre products as the Church re-opened.

The net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income of £580 (unrestricted) and an excess of income over expenditure of £79,095 (restricted), making a £78,515 total surplus. After adding the balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December 2022 were £54,819 unrestricted (including General Fund) and £375,008 restricted.

Reserves policy

In 2022 it continued to be PCC policy to maintain a balance in unrestricted funds (if possible) of an amount equal to three months unrestricted expenditure. This amounts to approximately £50,000. The balance of £54,819 held on unrestricted funds achieves this target.

The balance of £375,008 in restricted funds is retained for the purposes described in the Financial Statement for each fund. In particular the Restoration and Development Fund holds £93,730 (including the £50,000 Rausing Charitable Trust grant) which is ringfenced for the impending restoration work on the North Wall and East End of the Church, which will cost at least £500,000. Grant applications are in hand.

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 9 elected members and 1 co-opted member. In addition, there were 4 elected Deanery Synod representatives, and one elected representative from each of the General and Diocesan Synods. These, together with the ex-officio members, the Incumbent (Rev Dr Mark Hart), the Curate (Revd Vanessa Layfield), Pastoral Worker (Mrs Mary Harris) the 2 Churchwardens, made a total membership of 21 at the end of 2022. John Rivers is PCC Secretary (non-voting)

There were 8 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, receiving reports from the Mission Support Group, Youth & Children Steering Group, Eco Church Group, Outreach Group, Deanery Synod and Churches Together in Nantwich. PCC received regular reports on the finances of the church and decided 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. Volunteers who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults complete safeguarding training to the required level.

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 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Dr Mark Hart
Curate:	The Reverend Paul Wheeler (until 30 June 2022) The Reverend Vanessa Layfield
Pastoral Worker:	Mary Harris
Churchwardens:	Chris Harris Steve Lockett (and Treasurer)
	Pat Stalker (Deanery Synod representative)
	Jan Allotey (General Synod representative)

Gill Appleton (Deanery Synod representative)
Wendy Beastall
Ernie Charlton
Liz Chisnall (Deanery Synod representative)
Belinda Coghlan (Safeguarding Officer)
Bryan Coghlan (Diocesan Synod representative, PCC Vice Chair)
Ian James (Deanery Synod representative)
Jane Knight
Jonathan Layfield
Paul O'Brien
Alison Phillips
Beth Roberts
Penny Smith
Sharon Yates

Approved by the PCC 21st April 2023 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 2022

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 2022

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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 2022, 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. *J. Sheridan*

Date. *28/3/2023*

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 2022

Incoming Resources

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income	2a	169,898	77,429	247,327	232,995
Funds Generation	2b	9,709	5,933	15,642	4,385
Investments	2c	290	1,051	1,341	115
Church Activities	2d	39,121	2,370	41,491	39,598
Special Collections	2e	-	-	-	-
Other Income	2f	9,867	-	9,867	3,585
Total Incoming Resources		228,885	86,783	315,668	280,678

Resources Expended

Grants	3a	8,000	562	8,562	8,007
Church Activities	3b	128,113	9,360	137,473	127,036
Administration	3c	90,406	712	91,118	81,519
Youth and Children's Ministry	3d	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended		226,519	10,634	237,153	216,562
Net Incoming Resources		2,366	76,149	78,515	64,116
Transfers between Funds	10	(2,946)	2,946	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		(580)	79,095	78,515	64,116
Balance brought forward at 1st January 2022		55,399	295,913	351,312	287,195
Balance carried forward at 31st December 2022		54,819	375,008	429,827	351,312

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

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	1b	207,000	207,000
Investment Assets	4	-	-
Current Assets			
Stock	5	3,329	6,685
Stone for New Shop Floor	6	2,520	2,520
Debtors and Prepayments	7	38,520	2,710
Bank Accounts	8	291,472	257,076
Cash in Hand		339	838
Total Assets		543,180	476,830
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and Accruals	9	16,118	5,338
Liabilities: Amounts falling due after one year			
Mortgage on the Curate's House	10	97,235	120,180
Total Liabilities		113,353	125,518
Total Net Assets		429,827	351,312
Funds			
Restricted.	11	375,008	295,913
Unrestricted	12	54,819	55,399
Total Funds		429,827	351,312

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24th March 2023
and signed on its behalf by:


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 2022

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 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Voluntary Income				
2a Stewardship	102,685	-	102,685	99,993
Gift Aid	30,599	-	30,599	24,923
Loose Plate	11,994	-	11,994	7,817
Church Box (Cash & Card)	12,713	8,931	21,644	12,605
Donation towards Youth Worker	1,250	-	1,250	4,000
Furlough	-	-	-	13,879
Grants	-	50,000	50,000	-
Bequests	-	18,498	18,498	57,000
Gifts and Donations	10,657	-	10,657	12,779
TOTAL	169,898	77,429	247,327	232,995
Funds Generation				
2b Church Magazine	2,130	-	2,130	1,077
Visitors Centre Income before interest	-	5,933	5,933	2,717
Fairs and Fundraising Events	7,579	-	7,579	591
TOTAL	9,709	5,933	15,642	4,386
Investments				
2c Dividends and Interest	290	1,051	1,341	115
TOTAL	290	1,051	1,341	115
Church Activities				
2d PCC Fees	21,369	-	21,369	19,749
Verger & Organist Fees	12,340	-	12,340	8,950
Friday Soup Lunches	1,010	-	1,010	107
Mums & Tots (Incl: balance carried forward in 2021)	-	820	820	5,728
Flowers - Contributions and Donations	-	1,550	1,550	962
Summer, Lunchtime Concerts	4,402	-	4,402	4,102
TOTAL	39,121	2,370	41,491	39,598
Special Collections				
2e Mission	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
2f Rausing Trust Grant (the balance of £7,500 accrued to 2023)	2,500	-	2,500	-
Church Hire	2,384	-	2,384	1,630
Diocesan Energy Grant	986	-	986	-
Inclusion of Tapestry Group Fund	-	-	-	522
Curates House Rental Income	2,583	-	2,583	-
Sundries	1,415	-	1,415	1,433
TOTAL	9,867	-	9,867	3,585
Total Incoming Resources	228,885	86,783	315,668	280,678

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

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2022

3.Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3a Grants to....				
Mission: from PCC	8,000		8,000	8,000
Churches together in Nantwich	-		-	-
Preservation Appeal Trust		562	562	7
TOTAL	8,000	562	8,562	8,007
3b Church Activities				
Parish Share	69,667		69,667	68,132
Clergy Expenses	3,090		3,090	2,340
Council Tax	4,733		4,733	4,731
Gas/Electricity	17,692		17,692	10,238
Insurance	15,172		15,172	14,853
Telephone	568		568	581
General Maintenance	9,047		9,047	7,323
Flowers & Associated Costs		1,407	1,407	726
Visitor Centre Expenditure		6,085	6,085	1,639
Restoration Work in Church	-	-	-	-
Development Work in Church		1,188	1,188	7,012
Choir and Music Expenses	932		932	294
Soup Lunches	-		-	228
Children's Work	1,190		1,190	600
Mums &Tots		680	680	260
CAP Partnership		-	-	421
Summer Concert Expenses	4,016		4,016	5,925
Bread, Wine and Candles	2,007		2,007	1,443
Servers Expenses	-		-	-
Training	-	-	-	290
TOTAL	128,113	9,360	137,473	127,036
3c Administration				
Lay Employees	54,135		54,135	52,159
Fees Organist & Verger	12,340		12,340	8,950
Printing/Postage/Stationery	1,113		1,113	645
Church Office Rent	6,960		6,960	6,960
Contribution to Church House running costs	3,840		3,840	3,840
Curates House - Mortgage Interest	3,646		3,646	3,533
- Insurance	326		326	315
- Repairs	1,550		1,550	270
Bank Charges	587		587	459
Copier	2,744		2,744	2,227
Magazine Printing and Editing	1,814		1,814	1,077
Sundries	1,352	712	2,064	1,084
TOTAL	90,406	712	91,118	81,519
Total Resources Expended	226,519	10,634	237,153	216,562

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4. Investments

2022	2021
£	£
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.

2022	2021
£	£
3,329	6,685

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.

2022	2021
£	£
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)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Boiler Repair Prepayment	1,187	-
Gift Aid Claim received in 2023	30,599	-
Council Tax Refund	432	-
Handrail Contribution	259	259
Gas Contributions	5,015	2,451
Curates House Rental for December	1,028	-
TOTAL	38,520	2,710

8. Bank Accounts

	Current Accounts	Deposit Accounts	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Bourne Fund		4,293	4,293	4,289
Church Flower Arrangers Fund		4,659	4,659	4,517
Mums & Tots Fund (Incl: for first time in 2021.)		5,642	5,642	5,475
Curate's House Fund		10,074	10,074	10,056
Restoration and Development Fund	140,716	2,712	143,428	87,350
CAP Partnership	2,899	-	2,899	2,899
Visitor's Centre Fund (shop)	7,230	26,203	33,433	29,910
Education Fund		8,695	8,695	8,622
The Lyon Restoration Fund		45,933	45,933	45,933
TOTAL	150,844	108,211	259,056	199,051
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	21,116	3,533	24,649	51,662
Place of Welcome (Previously Friday Soup Lunches)	2,163		2,163	1,153
Summer Lunchtime Concert Fund	3,706	1,899	5,605	5,211
TOTAL	26,985	5,432	32,417	58,026
Total Bank Accounts	177,829	113,644	291,472	257,076

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

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9. Creditors and Accruals

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Rausing Trust Grant 2023 apportionment	7,500	-	7,500	-
Gas and Electric	8,618	-	8,618	5,338
TOTAL	16,118	-	16,118	5,338

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 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from / (to) Other Funds	c/f 31st December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Bourne Fund	4,289	4	-	-	4,293
Church Flower Arrangers Fund	4,833	1,572	1,407	-	4,998
Mums & Tots Fund (new from this year)	5,475	847	680	-	5,642
Curate's House Fund	96,875	18	-	22,946	119,839
R & D Fund (Incl: Tapestry Fund from 2021)	87,872	77,456	1,900	(20,000)	143,428
CAP Partnership	2,899	-	-	-	2,899
Visitor's Centre Fund (Church Shop)	39,115	6,252	6,085	-	39,282
Education Fund	8,622	73	-	-	8,695
The Lyon Restoration Fund	45,933	562	562	-	45,933
Total Restricted Funds	295,913	86,783	10,635	2,946	375,008

12. Unrestricted Funds

	b/f 1st January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer from/(to) Other Funds	c/f 31st December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	49,035	223,465	222,503	(2,946)	47,051
Friday Soup Lunch Fund	1,153	1,010	-	-	2,163
Summer Concert Fund (previously Piano Fund)	5,211	4,410	4,016	-	5,605
Total Unrestricted Funds	55,399	228,885	226,519	(2,946)	54,819

The transfer to and from funds indicated above relate wholly to repayment of capital to MCA

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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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: -	2022		2021	
Deposit on Purchase		£77,000		£77,000
Capital repayments brought forward	9,819		6,048	
Capital repayments in year	<u>22,946</u>	32,765	<u>3,771</u>	9,819
Funds on deposit		<u>10,074</u>		<u>10,056</u>
TOTAL		<u>£119,839</u>		<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.

During the year the PCC received a grant of £50,000 towards the North Wall Restoration from the Rausing Charitable Trust. This, together with funds already held of £43,730, making a total of £93,730, have all been ringfenced for this purpose. Also held within the fund is the balance of the Moira Blakemore Legacy of £10,748. This will eventually be used to fund a further IT / technical upgrade and replacement Muniment Boards dedicated to her memory.

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 part 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 PCC, 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, for the time being, 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 receives donations towards and pays for flowers to decorate the Church

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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 in 2021

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. Post Pandemic the concerts have recommenced and continue to be well attended.

13(j). Place of Welcome Fund (previously 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. The provision of a welcome, soup and a sandwich restarted after the Pandemic and is now well attended. This year the fund has been renamed Place of Welcome Fund

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 excepted status until 2018 at which time it 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. They are currently raising funds for a £500,000 restoration of the external North Wall and East End of the Church

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 2022, 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. 28/3/2023

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