

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Nantwich
Registered Charity Number 1130903
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

Alongside Rev Dr Mark Hart (Rector), Rev Vanessa Layfield served as Assistant Priest until May, and Rev Dorothy Woods was licensed to serve as Assistant Priest in September. We also have a Youth and Children's Worker, Susie Phillips. We continue to be well supported by a dedicated team of lay leaders, retired ministers, and office staff, 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 continues to be maintained by Cheshire East and are closed to new burial plots.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The Electoral Roll membership of 395 was reported at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2024, a decrease of 6 from the total reported in 2023.

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
2.30pm	Holy Baptism (1 st & 3 rd Sundays)
3pm	Afternoon Prayer or Holy Communion (Richmond Village)
3pm	Seniors' Lounge (2 nd Sunday)
3.30pm	Holy Baptism (1 st & 3 rd Sundays)
6pm	Evensong
7.15pm	Encounter (1 st & 3 rd Sundays)

The Sunday 9.30am and 10.45am services are normally live-streamed and 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 411 adults and 40 children. A total of 1789 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 54 Baptisms including 5 adults; 15 Confirmed; 26 Weddings; 52 Funerals in church; 14 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.

Our Pastoral Visiting Team has been busy leading services in 9 local residential homes.

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 open for visitors Monday to Saturday 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, Nantwich Angels, 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, sent to about 600 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.

Events

The church is a much-appreciated venue for many additional events including a variety of concerts including those for Concordia, Nantwich Choral Society, Nantwich Singers, and the Nantwich Words & Music Festival as well as lunchtime concerts through the summer. New in 2024 were candlelight concerts, and the church was used for Soundbaths and other occasional concerts. In 2024 the Christmas Tree Festival in collaboration with St Luke's Hospice was held for the second time, with increased success. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Christmas Fairs were held, raising significant funds. Monthly Saturday St Mary's Breakfasts continued.

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 various 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. A children's singing group meets on Tuesday evenings.

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 £6000 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), A Rocha UK, the Boaz Trust, Crewe Community Support Project, and The Railway Children

Financial Review

The finances of the Church remain difficult due principally to the ongoing Restoration of the North and East elevations being currently underfunded. The Church spent £213,449 on the restoration in the year but can only cover about half the total £809,000 cost. Further fundraising and grant applications are in progress.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £251,829. Restricted income of £88,657 was also received and is detailed in the Financial Statements.

Planned giving, largely through standing orders, decreased by £1,138 (1%) and loose plate at £15,327 was similar to 2023, as was contactless giving.

£243,407 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Mary's Church, including the contribution to the Diocesan of "parish share" which increased by £3,587 (5%) in the year and provides the stipend and housing for the clergy. The restricted income of £88,567, apart from a bequest and donations was principally £54,499 provided by the Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Appeal Trust towards the restoration. Restricted expenditure at £186,389 was principally for the restoration work on the North and East Elevations (£178,372).

The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £2,348 (unrestricted) and an excess of expenditure over income of £91,658 (restricted), making a £89,310 total deficit. After adding the balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward as at 31st December 2024 were £57,734 unrestricted (including General Fund) and £284,200 restricted.

Reserves policy

In 2024 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 £60,000. The balance of £57,734 held on unrestricted funds almost achieves this target. The balance of £284,200 in restricted funds is retained for the purposes described in the Financial Statement, for each fund. As at 31 December 2023 it was noted, the Restoration and Development Fund had ring fenced £116,272 for the restoration work of which £28,877 was spent in that year. The remaining ring fenced amount was spent on the restoration during the year.

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 10. There were also 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 Associate Priest (Revd Dorothy Woods), Pastoral Worker (Mrs Mary Harris) the 2 Churchwardens, made a total membership of 21 at the end of 2024.

There were 7 full Council meetings during the year, including the short meeting immediately following the APCM and some business conducted by email. 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.

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

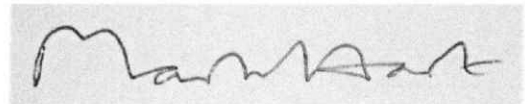
The Registered Charity Number is 1130903

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 Vaneesa Layfield (until 12 May 2024)
Associate Priest	The Reverend Dorothy Woods (from 8 September 2024)
Pastoral Worker:	Mary Harris
Churchwardens:	Phil Boxhall
Paul O'Brien	
Jan Allotey (General Synod representative)	
Gill Appleton (Deanery Synod representative)	
Wendy Beastall	
Anna Burton	
Ernie Charlton	

Belinda Coghlan (Safeguarding Officer)
Bryan Coghlan (Diocesan Synod representative, PCC Vice Chair)
Emma Kennedy
Linda Lewis
Steve Lockett (Deanery Synod representative and Treasurer)
Beth Roberts (Secretary)
Helen Shorrocks
Rob Sivocha
Pat Stalker (Deanery Synod representative)
Janet Thompson
Jan Virr

Approved by the PCC in April 2025 and signed on their behalf by Rev Dr Mark Hart (PCC Chairman)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hart', is displayed on a light grey rectangular background.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Charity number 1130903

Incumbent:

The Rector is Rev. Dr. Mark Hart

Independent Examiner

Mrs Sarah K. Phipps.
9, Dysart Buildings,
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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 2024

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Nantwich Cheshire

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1130903

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

S Phipps

Date:

25/04/2025

Name:

Sarah K. Phipps

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Associate Chartered Management Accountant with the
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

Address:

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

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st December 2024

Incoming Resources

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Voluntary Income	2a	166,142	71,169	237,311	197,262
Funds Generation	2b	21,926	6,825	28,751	22,357
Investments	2c	505	8,786	9,291	8,646
Church Activities	2d	46,100	1,840	47,940	36,220
Special Collections	2e	-	-	-	-
Other Income	2f	17,156	37	17,193	20,611
Total Incoming Resources		251,829	88,657	340,486	285,096

Resources Expended

Grants	3a	8,400	1,552	9,952	6,064
Church Activities	3b	130,888	184,748	315,636	183,799
Administration	3c	104,119	89	104,208	93,816
Total Resources Expended		243,407	186,389	429,796	283,679
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		8,422	(97,732)	(89,310)	1,417
Transfers between Funds	11	(6,074)	6,074	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		2,348	(91,658)	(89,310)	1,417
Balance brought forward at 1st January 2024		55,386	375,858	431,244	429,827
Balance carried forward at 31st December 2024		57,734	284,200	341,934	431,244

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

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	1b	207,000	207,000
Investment Assets	4	-	-
Current Assets			
Stock	5	2,272	3,108
Stone for New Shop Floor	6	2,520	2,520
Debtors and Prepayments	7	13,755	10,627
Bank Accounts	8	218,883	317,537
Cash in Hand		186	155
Total Assets		444,616	540,947
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and Accruals	9	9,352	14,649
Liabilities: Amounts falling due after one year			
Mortgage on the Curate's House	10	93,330	95,054
Total Liabilities		102,682	109,703
Total Net Assets		341,934	431,244
Funds			
Restricted.	11	284,200	375,858
Unrestricted	12	57,734	55,386
Total Funds		341,934	431,244

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22 March 2025
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 2024**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). As in previous years the PCC accounts have been prepared on an accruals 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 is valued at cost.

2. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Voluntary Income				
2a Stewardship	103,021		103,021	104,159
Gift Aid	24,970		24,970	26,105
Loose Plate	15,327		15,327	15,533
Church Box (Cash & Card)	14,031	7,470	21,501	22,083
Grants - Nantwich Town Council	-	1,000	1,000	-
Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Appeal Trust	-	54,499	54,499	-
Bequests	-	7,000	7,000	19,488
Gifts and Donations	8,793	1,200	9,993	9,894
TOTAL	166,142	71,169	237,312	197,262
Funds Generation				
2b Church Magazine	2,212	-	2,212	2,366
Visitors Centre Income before interest		6,825	6,825	6,654
Fairs and Fundraising Events	19,714	-	19,714	13,337
TOTAL	21,926	6,825	28,751	22,357
Investments				
2c Dividends and Interest	505	8,786	9,291	8,646
TOTAL	505	8,786	9,291	8,646
Church Activities				
2d PCC Fees	24,828		24,828	19,241
Verger & Organist Fees	14,270		14,270	10,065
Place of Welcome	840		840	567
Mums &Tots		1,150	1,150	720
Flowers - Contributions and Donations	-	690	690	1,055
Lunchtime Concerts	6,162		6,162	4,572
TOTAL	46,100	1,840	47,940	36,220
Special Collections				
2e Mission	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-
Other Income				
2f Rausing Trust Grant	-	-	-	7,500
Church Hire	5,705		5,705	2,845
Curates House Rental Income	10,177		10,177	8,538
Sundries	1,274	37	1,311	1,728
TOTAL	17,156	37	17,192	20,611
Total Incoming Resources	251,829	88,657	340,486	285,096

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

Notes to the Financial Statements
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3.Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3a Grants to....				
Mission: from PCC	6,000		6,000	4,000
Churches together in Nantwich	400		400	-
Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Appeal Trust	2,000	1,552	3,552	2,064
TOTAL	8,400	1,552	9,952	6,064
3b Church Activities				
Parish Share	75,344		75,344	71,757
Clergy Expenses	3,520		3,520	3,330
Council Tax	5,445		5,445	3,773
Gas/Electricity	15,602		15,602	28,418
Insurance	11,564		11,564	11,200
Telephone	1,272		1,272	872
General Maintenance	7,659		7,659	12,852
Flowers & Associated Costs		499	499	1,119
Visitor Centre Expenditure		3,089	3,089	4,236
on trading				
on development		-	-	5,900
Restoration Work on Church	213,449		-	
Less: Listed Place of Worship Grants	(35,077)		178,372	27,877
Development Work in Church	-	1,729	1,729	4,419
Choir and Music Expenses	1,311	-	1,311	1,321
Children's Work	1,148		1,148	682
Mums &Tots	-	1,060	1,060	780
Lunchtime Concert Expenses	5,372		5,372	2,865
Bread, Wine and Candles	2,651		2,651	2,112
Servers Expenses	-		-	-
Training	-	-	-	285
TOTAL	130,888	184,748	315,636	183,798
3c Administration				
Lay Employees	62,532		62,532	57,879
Fees Organist & Verger	14,270		14,270	10,065
Printing/Postage/Stationery	2,633		2,633	1,665
Church Office Rent	6,970		6,970	6,960
Contribution to Church House running costs	3,830		3,830	3,840
Curates House - Mortgage Interest	5,261		5,261	4,507
- Insurance	410		410	390
- Repairs	1,012		1,012	36
Bank Charges	527		527	631
Copier	2,554		2,554	3,989
Magazine Printing and Editing	2,005		2,005	2,122
Sundries	2,115	89	2,204	1,732
TOTAL	104,119	89	104,209	93,816
Total Resources Expended	243,407	186,389	429,796	283,679

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

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4. Investments

2024	2023
£	£
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. The PCC plans to sell these investments at an appropriate time in the coming years.

5. Stock.

2024	2023
£	£
2,272	3,108

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.

2024	2023
£	£
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)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unpaid Church Hire	750	250
Unpaid Magazine Adverts for 2023	-	434
Tom Seals Concert	1,428	-
Gas Contributions	5,584	9,943
Christmas Tree Festival	5,993	-
TOTAL	13,755	10,627

8. Bank Accounts

	Current Accounts	Deposit Accounts	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Bourne Fund		4,370	4,370	4,312
Church Flower Arrangers Fund		5,180	5,180	4,856
Mums & Tots Fund		5,952	5,952	5,673
Curate's House Fund		16,218	16,218	10,157
Restoration and Development Fund	24,230	61,695	85,926	143,335
CAP Partnership	-	-	-	2,899
Visitor's Centre Fund (shop)	4,542	33,503	38,045	31,507
Education Fund		9,421	9,421	9,017
Youth Project - Palin	440	-	440	440
The Lyon Restoration Fund		-	-	45,933
TOTAL	29,212	136,340	165,552	258,129
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	43,192	3,598	46,790	51,312
Place of Welcome	1,570		1,570	729
Lunchtime Concert Fund	5	4,966	4,971	7,366
TOTAL	44,767	8,564	53,331	59,407
Total Bank Accounts	73,979	144,904	218,883	317,537

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

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

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9. Creditors and Accruals

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Performing Rights Society - Lunchtime Concerts	10		10	425
Advanced Rent Hallams Drive			-	9,312
Performing Rights Society - Candlelight Concerts	341		341	-
Chorister Fees for December	50		50	55
Chethams School	165		165	-
Delayed Salary Increase for 2023	-		-	1,010
Quinta Weekend	889		889	-
Gas and Electric	2,897		2,897	3,848
Mission Support 2024	5,000		5,000	-
TOTAL	9,352	-	9,352	14,649

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 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer from / (to) Other Funds £	c/f 31st December 2024 £
Bourne Fund	4,312	58	-	-	4,370
Church Flower Arrangers Fund	5,011	854	499		5,366
Mums & Tots Fund	5,673	1,339	1,060		5,952
Curate's House Fund	122,104	163		7,623	129,890
Restoration & Development Fund	143,335	75,497	180,190	47,283	85,925
CAP Fund	2,899	-	-	(2,899)	-
Visitor's Centre Fund (Church Shop)	37,136	8,790	3,089	-	42,837
Education Fund	9,017	404	-	-	9,421
Youth Project - Palin	440	-	-	-	440
The Lyon Restoration Fund	45,933	1,552	1,552	(45,933)	-
Total Restricted Funds	375,858	88,657	186,389	6,074	284,200

12. Unrestricted Funds

	b/f 1st January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer from/(to) Other Funds £	c/f 31st December 2024 £
General Fund	47,770	244,748	236,035	(4,724)	51,759
Place of Welcome Fund	729	840	-	-	1,569
Lunchtime Concert Fund	6,886	6,241	7,372	(1,350)	4,405
Total Unrestricted Funds	55,386	251,829	243,407	(6,074)	57,734

Transfers between funds are as follows:-

£1,350 from the Lunchtime Concert Fund to the embryo Organ Fund held in the R&D Fund.

£1,724 being capital repaid on the MCA Mortgage from the General Fund to the Curates House Fund.

£3,000 from the General Fund and £2,899 from the closed CAP Fund both to the Curates House Fund in preparation for the next Curate when there will be no income from the Curate's House, 12 Hallams Drive.

£45,933 from the Lyon Restoration Fund (thus now closed) to the R&D Fund to help pay for the current restoration project.

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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 was 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: -	2024	2023
Deposit on Purchase	£77,000	£77,000
Capital repayments brought forward	34,947	32,765
Capital repayments in year	<u>1,724</u> 36,671	<u>2,182</u> 34,947
Funds on deposit	<u>16,218</u>	<u>10,157</u>
TOTAL	<u>£129,889</u>	<u>£122,104</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 £40,000 to cover emergencies.

During 2022 the PCC received a grant of £50,000 towards the restoration of the North and East Elevations from the Rausing Charitable Trust. This, together with funds already held of £66,272, making a total of £116,272, were ringfenced for this purpose. During 2023 there was a net spend of £28,877 on architect's fees leaving £87,395 available for 2024. In 2024 a further £178,372 was spent on the restoration, £45,993 coming from the Lyon Restoration Fund and £54,499 provided by the NPCPAT (see note 13L)

Also held within the fund is the balance of the Moira Blakemore Legacy of £10,748. This will eventually be used for development purposes, funding further IT / technical upgrades 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 R&D Fund. This is done by operating the Church Shop and providing refreshments for visitors. This fund will now be used to part finance the creation of a Visitor Centre including a small shop in the Church hopefully in 2026 or 2027, 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.

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13(f). The Lyon Restoration Fund

Some years ago, the PCC decided, the income should be transferred, as it accrues, to the Nantwich Parish Church Preservation Appeal Trust. (NPCPAT)(see 13l overleaf). At the request of the NPCPAT the PCC have agreed the remaining capital of this fund should be allocated to the restoration of the North and East Elevations of the Church, consequently this fund closed in the year.

13(g). The Church Flower Arrangers Fund.

This fund receives donations towards and pays for flowers to decorate the Church.

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 Lunchtime Concert Fund

This activity organises Lunchtime concerts during the Summer on a Thursday. They are mostly well attended and raise finance, largely for the music activity of the Church and other needs of the Church as determined by the PCC.

13(j). Place of Welcome Fund

The provision of a welcome, soup and a sandwich on a Friday Lunchtime and is well attended. Any funds generated by donation are passed to the General Fund for use by the Church.

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 £800,000 restoration of the external North Wall and East End elevations of the Church, which started during the year.

13(m). The Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charities

Reg No: 216367

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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary, Nantwich Cheshire

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1130903

Set out on pages

03 to 10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

S Phipps

Date:

25/04/2025

Name:

Sarah K. Phipps

Relevant professional
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