

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, STRETTON WITH CLAYMILLS

England & Wales · Charity number 1130916

Details

Other names	ST MARY'S PCC, STRETTON WITH CLAYMILLS, St Marys Church Stretton with Claymills, PCC of Stretton
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: The work of a local Church of England parish church for people of all ages and situations.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£161,982	£153,456	-	-
2023-12-31	£108,211	£94,252	-	-
2022-12-31	£109,726	£107,156	-	-
2021-12-31	£82,288	£78,850	-	-
2020-12-31	£77,860	£83,644	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Charles Godfrey Laurence Pidsley	Chair	2019-04-01
Christine Barbara Budworth		2022-04-27
Janet Royall		2024-04-24
LOUISE BURKE		2015-03-23
Paul Stuart Spencer		2019-04-01
Paul Ward		2024-05-13
Pauline Ruth Pidsley		2020-10-14
REV DENNIS VERNON WARNER		
Shirley Irons		2014-04-03

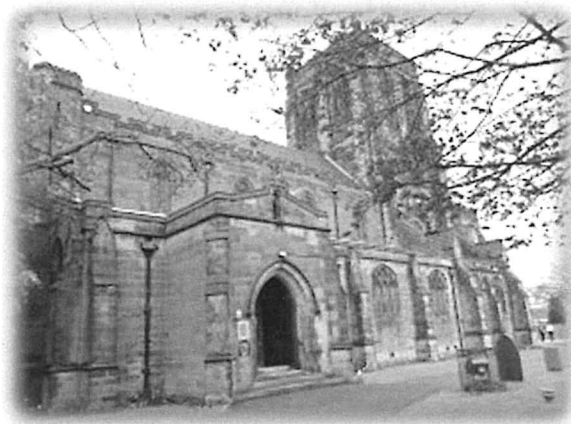
Accounts



**St Mary's Church
Stretton with
Claymills**

**Trustees Annual Report
incorporating End of Year
Financial Statements**

Year ending 31 December 2024



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Stretton with Claymills
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Stretton, Burton upon Trent DE13 0HD
01283 564216 parishoffice@stchadstmary.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1130916

Vicar: Revd Dr George Crossley,
(Retired May 2024)

Reference and Administration Details.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Parochial Church Council Power Measure (1956) as amended, and Church representation rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.

How the Charity is constituted

Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957

Names of Charity Trustees - PCC Members

Revd Dr George Crossley	Minister – Chair retired May 2024
Revd Dennis Warner	Minister
Revd Hazel Davis	Minister relocated May 2024
Mrs Karen Fearn	Licensed Reader
Mrs Shirley Irons	Reader Emeritus
Mrs Jenny Knopik	Licensed Reader.
Mrs Janet Royall	elected 3 years April 2024 Church Warden
Dr Charles Pidsley	elected for three years April 2024. Chair/Treasurer.
Mrs Christine Budworth	Deanery Synod Representative – elected April 2023
Mrs Laura Spencer	Deanery Synod Representative/Secretary-elected April 2023.
Mrs Mel Siner	Deanery Synod Representative elected for 3 years April 2024
Miss Ruth James.	elected for three years. April 2024
Mrs Pauline Pidsley	elected for 3 years April 2024
Mr Paul Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Andrea Tabberer	elected for 3 years April 2023
Mrs Louise Burke	elected for 3 years April 2024
Mrs Mel Siner	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mr Paul Ward.	Co-opted from April 2024

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Stretton with Claymills it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Stretton with Claymills.

The trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish.

Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

St Mary's, as a lively and outward looking church, continues to put its objectives into practice with good effect.

This is reviewed on a regular basis through its bi-monthly trustee and other business meetings.

Future plans

Alongside, and as part of this Trustees Annual Report, an Annual and Finance Report is produced giving more detail on the year's achievements and our future plans.

Financial Review Reserves Policy

The trustees operate their finances on an unrestricted reserve equal to the anticipated highest expenditure within any one month.

Restricted Funds

We operate a number of restricted funds where donors or grant making bodies have given money for a specific (restricted) purpose. The full list is included in the financial statements that follow.

Funds Materially in Deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Investments

The day-to-day financial reserves of the charity are held in a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank cash account. All other reserves are held in a CAF Bank deposit account except that Standing Order donations and Cash Donations are directed to respective general accounts held with Lloyds Bank. All income into these Lloyds Bank accounts is transferred to either of the two CAF Bank accounts monthly.

Due to the minimal levels of these reserves no other form of investment is deemed necessary.

Financial risk management

Two persons *are* needed to authorise all mandate or online transactions on behalf of the charity. Three persons have online access to the CAF Bank accounts for authorisation and oversight purposes. This online access requires input of three levels of information, all unique to each person. In addition to this a Debit card is held in the name of the Treasurer, Administrator and designated PCC member currently Mr C Rimmer for other occasional payments. These debit cards are only used for small payments and when confirmed with another mandated person. The treasurer prepares a monthly report to the trustees for their information and oversight. This procedure helps to ensure that any unusual financial transactions are noted at the earliest opportunity and the day-to-day cash-flow is satisfactory.

Safeguarding

‘Safeguarding is God's agenda & everyone's responsibility’.

The trustees will take all reasonable steps to work towards ‘The protection of Children and Adults within the Diocese of Lichfield, its churches and parishes.’

The trustees will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children Protecting All God's Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006).

The trustees will work towards complying with: The Diocese of Lichfield Safeguarding Policy 2017 and the Safer Recruitment; application of DBS & Training Policy as relating to Safeguarding 2017. The trustees will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

Copies of our latest Safeguarding, Lone Working and Health and Safety Policies are maintained on our website.

St Mary's Stretton is committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. We take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.

(From ‘Promoting a Safer Church’, The Church of England's Safeguarding Policy Statement.)

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of The PCC of Stretton with Claymills
Registered charity number: 1130916

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the with the accounting records

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

Signed: 

Jonathan Hill FCMA CGMA

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance, St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD

Date: 01/05/2025

The Parochial Church Council of Stretton with Claymills

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals as the pence are not being shown.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts by s.10(2)(a)&(C) of the Charities Act 2011. Moveable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Description of Funds

Financial Review

Net Total Assets: £49,029 2024 [£40,503 2023]

Excess £8,525: 2024 [Excess: £13,959 2023]

Unrestricted funds are income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for fixed assets for its own use or for spending on a future project and which are therefore not included in its "free reserves" as disclosed in the trustees' annual report.

Restricted funds comprise of two elements:

- a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest
- b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Endowment funds are restricted funds that must be retained as trust capital either permanently or subject to a discretionary power to spend capital as income, and where the use of any income or other benefit derived from the capital may be restricted or unrestricted. Full details of all their restrictions are shown in the notes to the accounts.

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills
Statement of Financial
Activities
For the period from 01 January
2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Incoming resources from donors	54,840.64	2,105.50	-	-	56,946.14	61,911.18
Other voluntary incoming resources	5,870.27	65,475.00	-	-	71,345.27	9,755.06
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	31,870.26	1,050.63	59.50	-	32,980.39	36,076.28
Income from investments	709.72	-	-	-	709.72	469.18
Total income	93,290.89	68,631.13	59.50	-	161,981.52	108,211.70
Payments						
Costs of generating funds	58.45	-	-	-	58.45	294.25
Grants	290.00	8,100.00	-	-	8,390.00	8,890.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church	87,696.67	56,840.21	180.00	-	144,716.88	84,641.59
Support costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration	291.00	-	-	-	291.00	426.00
Total expenditure	88,336.12	64,940.21	180.00	-	153,456.33	94,251.84
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,954.77	3,690.92	(120.50)	-	8,525.19	13,959.86
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	28,936.39	61,607.17	1,306.00	-	91,849.56	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(46,422.00)	(44,229.56)	(1,198.00)	-	(91,849.56)	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(12,530.84)	21,068.53	(12.50)	-	8,525.19	13,959.86
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	22,391.39	7,916.62	10,195.87	-	40,503.88	26,544.02
Total funds carried forward	9,860.55	28,985.15	10,183.37	-	49,029.07	40,503.88

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
PCASH: PCC Cash in hand	41.58	-	-	-	41.58	38.03
PCCSH: PCC CAFCash	5,515.64	30.00	-	-	5,545.64	19,480.20
PGOLD: PCC CAF GOLD	663.65	36,955.15	10,183.37	-	47,802.17	28,577.45
Total	6,220.87	36,985.15	10,183.37	-	53,389.39	48,095.68
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	5,723.27	-	-	-	5,723.27	2,859.75
Total	5,723.27	-	-	-	5,723.27	2,859.75
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	2,083.59	8,000.00	-	-	10,083.59	10,451.55
Total	2,083.59	8,000.00	-	-	10,083.59	10,451.55
Net total assets	9,860.55	28,985.15	10,183.37	-	49,029.07	40,503.88
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	9,860.55	-	-	-	9,860.55	22,391.39
Designated - Bells	-	559.02	-	-	559.02	379.02
Designated - Churchyard	-	299.73	-	-	299.73	141.52
Designated - DesProjects	-	19,220.06	-	-	19,220.06	304.19
Designated - Electricity	-	100.49	-	-	100.49	-
Designated - HHWelfare	-	82.50	-	-	82.50	82.50
Designated - HoIClub	-	355.63	-	-	355.63	-
Designated - InOurBackYard	-	259.75	-	-	259.75	307.14
Designated - OrganMaint	-	1,785.97	-	-	1,785.97	2,522.25
Designated - Roof	-	-	-	-	-	3,750.00
Designated - Roof Alarm	-	5,892.00	-	-	5,892.00	-
Designated - Worship group	-	430.00	-	-	430.00	430.00
Restricted - Access	-	-	9,974.54	-	9,974.54	9,974.54
Restricted - Bells	-	-	91.00	-	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Churchyard	-	-	-	-	-	130.00
Restricted - HallProject	-	-	117.83	-	117.83	108.33
Restricted - ISummerClu	-	-	(500.00)	-	(500.00)	-
Restricted - IYouth	-	-	500.00	-	500.00	-
Restricted - OrganMaint	-	-	-	-	-	(108.00)
Total	9,860.55	28,985.15	10,183.37	-	49,029.07	40,503.88

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
PCASH: PCC Cash in hand	199	(173)	12	-	38	68
PCCSH: PCC CAFCash	49,170	(23,494)	(6,196)	-	19,480	14,096
PGOLD: PCC CAF GOLD	(17,254)	30,309	15,522	-	28,577	18,132
PLLCash: PCC Lloyds Cash a/c	(1,374)	1,274	100	-	-	-
PLLOYDS: PCC Lloyds	(60)	-	60	-	-	-
Total	30,681	7,917	9,498	-	48,096	32,296
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	2,860	-	-	-	2,860	4,311
Total	2,860	-	-	-	2,860	4,311
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	11,150	-	(698)	-	10,452	10,063
Total	11,150	-	(698)	-	10,452	10,063
Net total assets	22,391	7,917	10,196	-	40,504	26,544

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	5,723.27	2,859.75
Cash At Bank And In Hand	53,389.39	48,095.68
	59,112.66	50,955.43
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,083.59	10,451.55
	10,083.59	10,451.55
Net current assets less current liabilities	49,029.07	40,503.88
Total assets less current liabilities	49,029.07	40,503.88
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	49,029.07	40,503.88
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	9,860.55	22,391.39
Designated		
Designated - Bell Tower Upkeep	559.02	379.02
Designated - Churchyard Upkeep	299.73	141.52
Designated - Designated Projects	19,220.06	304.19
Designated - Electricity Bill Provision	100.49	-
Designated - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	82.50
Designated - Holiday Club	355.63	-
Designated - In Our Back Yard Events	259.75	307.14
Designated - Organ Maintenance	1,785.97	2,522.25
Designated - Roof Alarm	5,892.00	-
Designated - Roof Repairs	-	3,750.00
Designated - Worship Group	430.00	430.00
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Tower Upkeep	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Church Hall Project	117.83	108.33
Restricted - Churchyard Upkeep	-	130.00
Restricted - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	9,974.54
Restricted - Organ Maintenance	-	(108.00)
Restricted - Summer Club (PCC)	(500.00)	-
Restricted - Youth Project	500.00	-
Fund Totals	49,029.07	40,503.88

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Electricity - Electricity Bill Provision	-	-	1,399.51	1,500.00	-	-	100.49
Font - Font	-	2,090.50	1,988.30	(102.20)	-	-	-
General - General fund	22,391.39	93,290.89	88,336.12	(17,485.61)	-	-	9,860.55
Hall Car Pk - Hall Car Park Project	-	37,975.00	47,844.00	9,869.00	-	-	-
HolClub - Holiday Club	-	355.63	-	-	-	-	355.63
InOurBackYard - In Our Back Yard Events	307.14	-	47.39	-	-	-	259.75
ISummerClu - Summer Club (PCC)	-	-	-	(500.00)	-	-	(500.00)
IYouth - Youth Project	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
Roof - Roof Repairs	3,750.00	2,500.00	3,881.00	(2,369.00)	-	-	-
Roof Alarm - Roof Alarm	-	-	-	5,892.00	-	-	5,892.00
Tithe - Tithe Fund	-	-	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	-	-
Worship group - Worship Group	430.00	-	-	-	-	-	430.00
Bells - Bell Tower Upkeep	470.02	180.00	-	-	-	-	650.02
Churchyard - Churchyard Upkeep	271.52	400.00	371.79	-	-	-	299.73
Access - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
HHWelfare - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	-	-	-	-	-	82.50
OrganMaint - Organ Maintenance	2,414.25	180.00	808.28	-	-	-	1,785.97
HallProject - Church Hall Project	108.33	9.50	-	-	-	-	117.83
DesProjects - Designated Projects	304.19	25,000.00	779.94	(5,304.19)	-	-	19,220.06
Totals	40,503.88	161,981.52	153,456.33	-	-	-	49,029.07

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Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
General - General fund	12,355.62	100,252.70	90,216.93	-	-	-	22,391.39
InOurBackYard - In Our Back Yard Events	580.78	7	280.64	-	-	-	307.14
Roof - Roof Repairs	-	3,750.00	-	-	-	-	3,750.00
Worship group - Worship Group	-	430	-	-	-	-	430
Bells - Bell Tower Upkeep	555.01	35	119.99	-	-	-	470.02
Churchyard - Churchyard Upkeep	279.22	300	307.7	-	-	-	271.52
Access - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
HHWelfare - Helping Hands Welfare	82.5	-	-	-	-	-	82.5
OrganMaint - Organ Maintenance	2,411.85	180	177.6	-	-	-	2,414.25
HallProject - Church Hall Project	0.31	3,257.00	3,148.98	-	-	-	108.33
DesProjects - Designated Projects	304.19	-	-	-	-	-	304.19
Totals	26,544.02	108,211.70	94,251.84	-	-	-	40,503.88

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Incoming resources from donors						
01Env- GAReg Envelopes	8,502.00	-	-	-	8,502.00	6,520.00
01EnvNGA- Non GAReg Envelopes	1,878.15	-	-	-	1,878.15	2,103.56
01SO- GAReg Bank SO	26,425.00	-	-	-	26,425.00	28,290.00
01SONGA- Non GABank SO	4,664.00	-	-	-	4,664.00	4,264.00
01VPG- PCC Voucher & Payroll Giving	400.00	-	-	-	400.00	670.00
03Card - Contactless Card Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
03EnvGAS - Gift Aid envelopes at services (One Off)	165.00	-	-	-	165.00	3,388.53
03EnvNGAS - Non GAEnvelopes at services	10.00	10.00	-	-	20.00	1,635.00
03Plate - Loose plate Donations	2,234.73	-	-	-	2,234.73	3,366.89
04CP - Donations to Church Project	-	2,095.50	-	-	2,095.50	728.47
04DP - Undesignated Donations to Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
04GAYL - Give as you live donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
04Gen - Donations to General Fund	720.00	-	-	-	720.00	453.37
06BE - Tax Recovered on Bell Fund Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
06CP - Tax Recovered on Church Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
06DP - Taxrecovered on Designated Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
06Gen - PCC TaxRecovered on GA	9,841.76	-	-	-	9,841.76	10,491.36
Incoming resources from donors Totals	54,840.64	2,105.50	-	-	56,946.14	61,911.18
Other voluntary incoming resources						
07Leg - Legacies	-	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00	1,000.00
08GLPW- VAT recovered Listed Places Worship	2,030.27	-	-	-	2,030.27	568.06
08GNR - Non-Recurring or One-Off Grants	3,840.00	40,475.00	-	-	44,315.00	8,187.00
08GR - Recurring Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other voluntary incoming resources Totals	5,870.27	65,475.00	-	-	71,345.27	9,755.06
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects						
09Gentd - Generated Funds	790.50	280.63	9.50	-	1,080.63	946.52
11Fees - Fees Weddings Funerals	5,671.00	695.00	50.00	-	6,416.00	5,077.01
12CAFE - Cafe Income	2,150.00	-	-	-	2,150.00	1,575.00
12Hall - Hall Income	22,992.60	75.00	-	-	23,067.60	28,029.09
12Offinc - Office income Printing etc	-	-	-	-	-	2.00
12Reimb - Reimbursements to PCC	266.16	-	-	-	266.16	446.66
12Sale - PCC Sales Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsC - Insurance Claims Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsCH - Insurance Claims Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
13SaleFA- Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects Totals	31,870.26	1,050.63	59.50	-	32,980.39	36,076.28
Income from investments						
10BInt - PCC Bank Interest	709.72	-	-	-	709.72	469.18
10VDSB - Vicarage Decoration Scheme Bonus	-	-	-	-	-	-

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income from investments Totals	709.72	-	-	-	709.72	469.18
Receipts Grand totals	93,290.89	68,631.13	59.50	-	161,981.52	108,211.70
Payments						
Costs of generating funds						
17Env- Collection Envelopes	58.45	-	-	-	58.45	56.75
17FREv- Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	-	237.50
17Stew'p - Contactless / Stewardship Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating funds Totals	58.45	-	-	-	58.45	294.25
Grants						
18CofEChS - Church of England Children's Society(tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
18NTONSec - Other Non-secular Grants (Non-tithe)	90.00	-	-	-	90.00	90.00
18NTOSec - Other Secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
18NTTTrust - Transformation Trust(CiB)	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	200.00
18TBYFC - Burton YFC - (tithe)	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
18TCMS - CMS - (Tithe)	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
18TFoot - The Footprints Family(Tithe)	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
18TONSec - Other Non-secular (Tithe)	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
18TOSec - Other Secular (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TR&DA- Relief & Dev Agencies (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TYMCA - Burton YMCA (tithe)	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Grants Totals	290.00	8,100.00	-	-	8,390.00	8,890.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church						
19Share - Common Fund (Purse)	33,852.00	-	-	-	33,852.00	33,188.00
20Admin - Administrator	13,634.99	-	-	-	13,634.99	12,847.56
20Clean - Cleaner	-	-	-	-	-	-
20DioAdmin - Diocese Salary Admin Charge	126.96	-	-	-	126.96	126.96
20VisMus - Visiting Organist/Buglar/Musician	110.00	-	-	-	110.00	50.00
20VisSp - Visiting Speakers	62.00	-	-	-	62.00	-
21CExp - Curate - Expenses	195.99	-	-	-	195.99	854.13
21Gift - Gifts (Flowers & 80+)	180.80	-	-	-	180.80	26.20
21OEquip - Office Equipment (Small)	50.16	-	-	-	50.16	24.53
21OS/W- Office Software Materials	414.50	-	-	-	414.50	248.99
21Post - Postage Stamps	136.42	-	-	-	136.42	20.20
21Print - Printers - Lease - Toner - Maint.	232.39	-	-	-	232.39	223.14
21SSExp - Sunday School Expenses	565.76	-	-	-	565.76	333.68
21Stat - Office Stationery	46.07	-	-	-	46.07	114.73
21VExp - Vicar - Expenses	166.99	-	-	-	166.99	568.92
21VHosp - Vicar - Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-
21Vicarage - Vicarage Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
21VRes - Vicar - Resources Books/Software	-	-	-	-	-	91.80
21VTel - Vicar - Telephone	162.53	-	-	-	162.53	449.07
21VTrain - Vicar - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22Alpha - Alpha Course	-	-	-	-	-	-
22CHC - Children's Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
22Child - Other Children's Mission	3.19	-	-	-	3.19	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
22CYM- Children & Youth Mission & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22EvMat - Evangelism Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-
22Family- Family Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
22IOBY- In Our Back Yard events	-	47.39	-	-	47.39	280.64
22Messy - Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
23ABankCh - Bank Charges	60.75	-	-	-	60.75	60.00
23ABells - Bells Belltower	-	-	-	-	-	19.99
23ACClean - Church Cleaning	103.39	-	-	-	103.39	35.17
23ACIns - Church Insurance	4,775.66	-	-	-	4,775.66	4,721.18
23ACInsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
23ACSecu - Church Security	1,042.56	-	-	-	1,042.56	1,109.35
23ACYard - Churchyard Upkeep	3,456.59	191.79	180.00	-	3,828.38	641.57
23ADeanSub - Deanery Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AHMaint - Heating Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AMinRep - Church Minor Repairs / Maint. / Equip.	376.66	-	-	-	376.66	1,093.91
23AOffTel - Office - Telephone; Broadband; Mobile	481.63	-	-	-	481.63	550.73
23APub - Publicity	239.68	-	-	-	239.68	202.49
23AQuin - Quinquennial	514.60	-	-	-	514.60	-
23AREimb - Reimbursible Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
23ASubs - Subscriptions (General)	-	-	-	-	-	29.99
23AWeb - Website	81.00	-	-	-	81.00	81.00
23Chris - Christmas expenditure	554.98	-	-	-	554.98	585.98
23Fire - Fire protection expenditure	360.50	-	-	-	360.50	607.15
23PBapt - Baptism Confirmation Preparation	156.99	-	-	-	156.99	150.55
23PComm - Community Events	215.00	-	-	-	215.00	650.45
23PMPrep - Marriage Preparation	-	-	-	-	-	91.86
23PTrain - Training Courses Materials	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
23PVLC - Village Lunch Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WGEqu - Worship Equipment General	25.32	-	-	-	25.32	-
23WHosp - Services Hospitality	178.39	-	-	-	178.39	119.77
23WInst - Instrument Organ Piano Maintenance	-	808.28	-	-	808.28	177.60
23WLic - Licences - Copyright etc.	466.00	-	-	-	466.00	553.49
23WLitMus - Liturgy Books Music	9.74	-	-	-	9.74	20.99
23WMat - Services Materials	106.78	-	-	-	106.78	66.60
23WMEqu - Worship Equipment Major	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WSacr - Sacristy	276.82	-	-	-	276.82	242.83
23WSSRes - Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
24Elec - Church Electricity	315.69	752.39	-	-	1,068.08	840.05
24Gas - Church Gas	2,746.60	-	-	-	2,746.60	3,337.07
24Wat - Church Water	116.08	-	-	-	116.08	111.26
25Cafe - Cafe Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
25Clean - Hall Cleaning materials	340.03	-	-	-	340.03	301.19
25Elec - Hall Electricity	400.00	647.12	-	-	1,047.12	571.28
25Equip - Hall Equipment Fittings	(198.01)	779.94	-	-	581.93	3,277.66
25Gas - Hall Gas	1,983.40	-	-	-	1,983.40	2,010.25
25Ins - Hall Insurance	2,351.46	-	-	-	2,351.46	2,000.00
25Insp - Hall inspection costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
25InsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
25Mow - Hall Field Mowing	630.00	-	-	-	630.00	540.00
25Rep - Hall Repairs etc	867.24	-	-	-	867.24	1,180.58
25SalCle - Hall Cleaner salary	2,435.51	-	-	-	2,435.51	2,395.20
25SalMan - Hall Manager salary	4,710.64	-	-	-	4,710.64	3,656.88

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
25Wat - Hall Water	534.04	-	-	-	534.04	506.97
27ChRep - Church Repair Redecorate (Major)	7,040.20	3,881.00	-	-	10,921.20	2,640.00
28HallRep - Hall Repair Redecorate (Major)	-	47,844.00	-	-	47,844.00	-
29CT - Church Toilets Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 - Other payments / Expenditure	-	1,888.30	-	-	1,888.30	-
Activities relating to the work of the Church Totals	87,696.67	56,840.21	180.00	-	144,716.88	84,641.59
Support costs						
99Comp - computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration						
23AGov - PCC Governance - Hire Train APCMPrint	-	-	-	-	-	39.00
23AlndEx - Independent Examiner	75.00	-	-	-	75.00	75.00
23Alnsp - Inspection fees	216.00	-	-	-	216.00	312.00
23AWard - Church Wardens Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration Totals	291.00	-	-	-	291.00	426.00
Payments Grand totals	88,336.12	64,940.21	180.00	-	153,456.33	94,251.84

Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	£ 20,781	£ 18,899
Average number of employees	2	2

During the year the PCC employed an Administrator, Hall Manager and Hall Cleaner. Some payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

Trustees' Remuneration & Expenses

Karen Fearn, a trustee of the PCC, was paid £18,345 by the PCC during the year for her role as Administrator and Hall Manager.

2 Trustees have been reimbursed £525 (2023: £1,872) for travel and phone expenses incurred during the year.

Related Parties

No other expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them, or related parties.

Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid recoverable	2,572	2,860
Other debtors	3,151	0
Total	5,723	2,860

Liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	10,083	10,451
Other creditors	0	0
Total	10,083	10,451

**Prior Year Comparative
Statement of Financial Activities – 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Incoming resources from donors	61,439	472	-	-	61,911	60,228
Other voluntary incoming resources	2,748	3,750	3,257	-	9,755	17,099
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	35,596	480	-	-	36,076	32,447
Income from investments	469	-	-	-	469	(48)
Total income	100,253	4,702	3,257	-	108,212	109,726
Payments						
Costs of generating funds	294	-	-	-	294	287
Grants	8,790	100	-	-	8,890	8,111
Activities relating to the work of the Church	80,707	678	3,257	-	84,642	98,618
Support costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration	426	-	-	-	426	140
Total expenditure	90,217	778	3,257	-	94,252	107,156
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	10,036	3,924	0	-	13,960	2,570
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	10,036	3,924	0	-	13,960	2,570
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	12,356	3,993	10,196	-	26,544	23,974
Total funds carried forward	22,391	7,917	10,196	-	40,504	26,544

Conclusion.

This year has been a significant year of change for St Mary's with the Rev George Crossley retiring in May and our very popular curate Hazel Davies moving on to a role nearer to her family home in Wiltshire. We wish them both well.

Financially we have managed to obtain funding to complete the roof repairs, pay for a new car park surface for the Church Hall and fund a new Insurer approved roof alarm.

Overall running costs have been kept to previous year levels. Of concern is that Church Hall income was reduced due to loss of a major hirer and a couple of smaller hirers at the beginning of the year. However hard work by our hall manager has succeeded in much higher levels of bookings for parties and other occasional events in the second half of the year. Although the year end figures show a 25% reduction in Hall income it is envisaged that there will be a significant increase over 2025.

Church member giving.

An Interregnum is usually a time when Church member giving falls and this is indeed what has happened with a 5% reduction in regular giving. Clearly there are other factors at play with concerns about cost of living still and uncertainties with the nation's economy. I want to thank Church members for their sustained giving both financial and in assistance of the new Church warden Janet Royal. There is a sense that everyone is pulling together to ride this period of vacancy. A good example of this is that £2000 was donated by Church members for purchase of a new portable font within a week of requesting!

Bequest from the estate of the late Muriel Gould.

Our church has benefitted from a very generous bequest by Muriel Gould, a fondly remembered regular member of our Church known for her beaming smile. This represents an advance of the full bequest. The balance will be received once some outstanding matters related to her estate are finalised. At this stage we have not been advised what the likely amount of the balance will be. This is clearly a very significant sum of money and has been placed in a designated fund to be set aside for special projects rather than used for general running costs if we can possibly manage this.

List of grants applied for and received.

For Church Hall car park.

National Lottery.	£16,743
Stretton Parish council	£ 8,732
Enhanced ward scheme	£12,500
Contribution from PCC reserves	£10,000

Benefact Trust. £2,500. For new roof

alarm. Total grants received in 2024.

£ 44,315

Fundraising within the Church.

Chatterbox café. £2,150

Ride and stride. £46.50

Big Band Concert. £289

Mens munch. £50

Total fundraising 2024 £2,575.50

Tithing

St Mary's gives 10% of the member giving, income generated from Fees and Hall hire and other activities to 4 chosen charities.

This year because regular giving has reduced slightly the total tithed is £8000.

Looking forward.

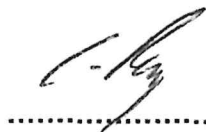
Clearly our priority for 2025 is to work with the Diocese to decide what the future shape of St Mary's and St Chads Parishes will be. The circumstances of both are very different but not ideal and realistically much more support will need to be given to St Chads.

We need collectively to pray for wisdom, imagination and kindness in deciding how to use the large legacy we have received from the estate of Muriel Gould.

Plans are in preparation for an Alpha course to offer an introduction to the Christian faith for those who wish to explore. Here is an opportunity to invite several regular members of men's munch and chatterbox café, who as yet are not fully involved with the Church.

Approved by the PCC on 20th... March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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 C. POXLEY CHURCH TREASURER
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Accounts

St Mary's Stretton

2023 Annual Report



April 2024

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Registered Charity No. 1130916

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PCC Members

April 2023–April 2024

Rev'd George Crossley	Minister—Chair
Rev'd Hazel Davis	Curate
Rev'd Dennis Warner	Associate Minister
Charles Pidsley+	Church Warden / Treasurer
Ruth James+	Church Warden / Deanery Synod
Shirley Irons	Licensed Reader
Jenny Knopik	Licensed Reader
Kas Fearn	Licensed Reader / Secretary
Pauline Pidsley+	Deanery Synod—April 2023
Laura Spencer	Deanery Synod—April 2023
Christine Budworth	Deanery Synod—April 2023
Louise Burke*	Elected May 2021
Chris Rimmer+	Elected April 2022
Paul Spencer	Elected April 2022
Mel Siner	Elected April 2022
Bill Parr	Elected April 2022 (resigned July
Andrea Tabberer	Elected April 2023

*up for re-election

+standing down this year

Vicar's Report

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
(Mt 4:14)

St Mary's church sits in the heart of Stretton. It is hard to miss, you would think, and it does stand out as you approach Stretton from Claymills. But you would also be surprised how many people haven't noticed it. A number of times I have been asked where the church is when people who live in Stretton are wanting to come for a funeral, wedding or a baptism. Maybe they live in Stretton, but work elsewhere and shop elsewhere; but what ever the reason they have never noticed it. But to us it seems so obvious. There's a lesson there, what we think is blindingly obvious is not obvious to everyone.

A church building is built to be seen and to proclaim the presence of God in the midst of our lives. It is a gospel in stone. It

is built to be beautiful because God is deserving of our best as we are reliant upon God for all we have. One of the features for me of this year has been to see many people start attending St Mary's on a regular basis, it is an encouragement and blessing to us all. But a special thing has been our deepening contacts with the schools in the parish: Fountains and William Shrewsbury.

Fountains has been visiting St Mary's for their services for many years, particularly Harvest and Christmas. I have been invited to William Shrewsbury to take part in Year 5 lessons each year, when we have looked at the subject of Death and Dying. As far as we know, they are the only school which has this as part of their regular curriculum, with myself and Hazel talking about people preparing for their own death, or that of a loved one, the part a funeral, mourning and remembering play in the process of grieving and how we approach

it as Christians – we have been ably assisted by funeral directors too, who talk about the practicalities and the way in which people of non-Christian faiths respond to death and dying.

But what has grown in particular over the last couple of years is the part that faith plays in the national curriculum – different classes from William Shrewsbury (Years 2 and 4) and Fountains have come into the church to learn about Christianity or aspects of the Christian story like Christmas and Easter. The church building has been a wonderful visual aid to talk about such things. Whilst it is gratifying to be able to do what we do I think it is also a sign that things are changing: faith is back on the map. Not so many years ago it was felt that faith could be safely forgotten about in education, the dominant secularist ideology was that faith was something that would just fade away, it was not important in the Modern World.

But as it turns out (albeit no surprise to us) that assumption was wrong. Faith is very much a live issue. My experience of children's response to faith is one of great interest: they find the story of Jesus attractive and they are quick to draw connections between the things that Jesus said and did and how life should be lived as a Christian, once they begin to understand the narrative of Jesus they see what the message means, it's a light that cannot be hidden. We all have a part to play in reflecting the light of the world and our attendance at church helps us to do that, through worship, prayer, reading the scriptures and sharing our lives and experiences together.

And so to the future. There is going to be a lot of change at St Mary's this year! I want to say thank you to Charles and Ruth in particular as they stand down from serving as able Churchwardens. We also thank Chris for his long service on the

PCC and Dennis for equally stalwart service as Planned Giving Officer amongst his many other roles. We are saying goodbye to Hazel as curate as she moves on the Vale of Pewsey as a Pioneer minister there. It is also my time to stand down as vicar since 2016. How time flies! It looks like being an interesting year.

In the chaplains' office at Queen's Hospital there is a framed poster: it states 'God's got this'. Indeed he has.

George Crossley—Vicar

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod have met four times over the past year, at Rangemore, Dunstall, St Paul's, and St Saviour's, Branston.

Rev Robin Trotter was inducted as the Rural Dean of Tutbury at the June meeting. We also welcomed Rev Simon Archer as the vicar of St Paul's and St John's, Rev Terry Williams as the vicar of Hanbury

with Draycott, Newborough and Rangemore, and Rev Paul Greenwood as the vicar of Hoar Cross.

In September 2023, the guest speaker was Paul Laffey who gave a very interesting talk on the work of the YMCA. There have been several presentations by the 'Shaping for Mission' Team with the emphasis on how they can assist the parishes and encourage everyone to be missionaries.

They are also looking at setting up a 'Chapters' type meeting for the Readers and Interfaith relations workshops.

There have also been presentations on Living in Love and Faith. At the last meeting we split into smaller groups for discussion on pastoral responses to the following questions –

To a same sex couple asking for prayers in an existing service

To a member of our congregation who disagrees with the decision of the incumbent

To someone in the community who disagrees with the decision of the incumbent

Points raised included the importance of the incumbent's transparency on their position and also of providing people with a safe space to have conversations. The Living in Love and Faith Course was recommended.

Chris Budworth, Pauline Pidsley, Laura Spencer —*Deanery Synod representatives*

Church Wardens' Report

Two key tasks of the Churchwardens are to care for the fabric and contents of the Church and to represent the Church membership (laity) in co-operating with the incumbent, to create a harmonious Christian community as part of the Church of England.

In this report I shall outline a report of the main issues with the

fabric.

The big concern in 2023 has been a significant deterioration of the roof, specifically the upper north gully. Here part of the gully floor has subsided leading to a break in the asphalt surface allowing ingress of water. This has been managed with temporary measures pending exploration and remedial work which has now taken place. Funding has been via grants from the National Churches Trust, The Benefact Trust and The Garfield Weston Foundation. The funds were in place by summer but unfortunately our contractor had problems with sourcing both skills and materials required for this specialised work. Further delay has been caused by the need to avoid freezing conditions which would damage new mortar.

The other major issue relates to the font. This is made from Frosterley marble and has a very ornately carved oak hood suspended from the nave ceiling

by a chain and pulley system. Current legislation requires that this system needs annual inspection and certification. This process has become increasingly expensive and problematic to arrange requiring scaffolding as well as specialist engineer visits. In addition, risk assessment identified the hazards of incumbent and child being underneath a very heavy object with risk to vicar and child should the mechanism fail. There is also concern about the three steps up to the font being slippery when wet.

A long process of faculty application has been undertaken with the result being successful decommissioning of the font and the use of a temporary font being permitted.

There has been no dismantling with the result that should it be required the font and hood could be put back into operation.

The 2023 Terrier (inventory) was

carried out in April and revealed no significant loss or new damage.

There are a number of parishioners involved in caring for the Churchyard to make it an attractive and welcoming environment. These include Shirley's house group, Angela and John. A big thank you to all.

The second task of co-operating with the incumbent could not take place without a significant number of Church members who volunteer their time regularly to ensure the Church services take place as smoothly as possible. I would like to use this opportunity to thank all the sides persons, service co-ordinators, Sacristan Assistants, and refreshment providers. Then there are the worship team who lead us in worship every week, our readers, and those who lead in our intercessions. Finally, a big thank you to Dennis and our Readers, Kas, Shirley and Jenny for sermons and leading services. In between services thank you to

Pauline who cleans the Church, those who arrange flowers, clean the brasses and manage candles and sacristy materials.

I would like to end by wishing George a very happy retirement together with Gail and thank him for his very eloquent sermons often delivered with dramatic panache! Also I would like to wish Hazel every success in her new role in the Vale of Pewsey and thank her for her most effective recruitment skills! (openers for the Church and leaflet delivery). Not forgetting the very popular In Our Back Yard Events.

Thank you to my fellow Church Warden Ruth who has been a great source of moral support and practical ideas, as well as leading the flower rota, changing of altar frontals and brass cleaning.

Charles

*Charles Pidsley and Ruth James—
Church Wardens*

PCC Report

For a list of PCC members – please see page 3 of Trustees Annual Report (TAR)

As I write this report, I find myself reflecting that this is the last of around 45 years that I have served St Mary's on the PCC, including periods as Warden, Administrator, Deanery Synod member and Treasurer. I praise God that the later years have seen a much more cohesive PCC team than the early days of my time in the role. My favourite phrase 'It's all about you Jesus' has been a welcome 'banner' over myself and the PCC in general.

During 2023 we continued to deal with the changes and challenges of the effects of the COVID legacy with positive result.

Our Curate Hazel led an Away day for St Chad's PCC and ourselves on Saturday 30th September at Dunstall church and church hall. It was a very meaningful day including the life and lessons of

St. Joan of Arc.

The items discussed during the year include :- a review on moving services into the Church Hall, using the Chatterbox Café as part of the 'Warm Spaces' scheme – Safeguarding issues including processing DBS requirements – health and safety policies – setting up a rota for opening the church on a daily basis – ongoing difficulties with the font support mechanism and the decision to provide a portable font – deterioration of the organ and efforts to regarding its future – a full GDPR data audit was agreed and carried out – a further churchyard bench request was received and processed – a review of Entertainments and Church Use policy was completed – the Planned Giving officer role was advertised, Staff pay was reviewed and a number of repairs to the Church and Hall including the electrical installation, roof and car park surface.

"It's all about you Jesus."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight"

Proverbs 3:5-6

Chris Rimmer

Treasurer

The main financial focus of 2023 has been to maximise income and manage expenditure

with the purpose of growing our reserves in order to fund the Church roof repairs. The good

news is that by a combination of grant applications and generation of an operating surplus

we have built up sufficient funds to be confident of meeting the repair costs.

Church member giving.

Despite the economic uncertainty and ongoing concerns regards utility bill costs and

inflation our Church member

giving has held up very well. I would like to thank all members

for their giving of both finances and valuable time to support the work of the Church and the

various maintenance tasks which would otherwise incur additional costs.

We have received the following grants specifically for the roof repairs:

Garfield Weston Foundation.
£2000

The Benefact Trust £1750

National Churches Trust £5000 on receipt of invoices.

Frustratingly, the not so good news is that problems securing materials and skilled labour

delayed the start of work and the decision was taken in October to defer work until the

Spring due to the nature of the mortar required containing Lime which deteriorates in cold weather.

Hopefully work will start in the Spring.

Other grants successfully applied for and received include:

National Lottery grant
£3257.00 for new tables and chairs for use in the Church Hall.

Assistance with cost of floodlighting from Stretton Parish Council. £750

Lichfield Diocese. £400 for Coronation event costs.

Fundraising within the Church.

U3A Historic Churches fund raising £30

Chatterbox café contributed £1500 to Church funds in the last year but is not charged for use of the hall.

The Big band concert raised £278.50 after costs

The Murder Mystery evening raised £225 after costs

Men's munch has contributed £100 to Church funds representing surplus donations at

lunches.

Total funds raised from grant application is £8187.00

Total fund raising is £2208.50

Tithing.

The sum that the PCC has tithed has increased to £8500 with an additional beneficiary

being the Church of England Children's Society. The loose change collection is

becoming less viable for a variety of reasons and including this Charity in our tithe will hopefully offset this challenge.

Looking forward, I am confident that we can continue into 2024 with a programme of further

improvements to the Church Hall including re surfacing of the car park area and health

and safety enhancements to the Church tower to improve access.

I am mindful that we shall be in an Interregnum during 2024 but with God's grace and

guidance I am hopeful of another rewarding year during which we can continue to grow

outwards into our community of Stretton.

Charles Pidsley—Treasurer

Planned Giving

From a giving point of view, 2023 has been a disappointing year. For the second year since lockdown, giving has fallen rather than keeping up with prices.

Once again, a few longstanding members left us during the year, while a few new people began giving. At the end of the year, the number of givers gift-aiding their gifts was 35, and about 11 regular givers were not using Gift Aid.

Not everyone is able to Gift Aid, but using Gift Aid enabled us to claim just over £9,500 in tax refunds from the Government. If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donations, making them worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to you and with no obligation. This additional income makes a real difference. If you are not already giving regularly, using

envelopes or Standing Orders, or using Gift Aid, I hope you will consider it. Thank you all for your generosity.

Finally, after ten years, the time has come for me to hand over the task of administering planned giving. Susan Ward has taken up the role, I am sure you will support her as you have done for me. Thank you.

Dennis Warner —Planned Giving Officer

Electoral Roll

The statutory notice period this year was from 14 March to 1 April 2024.

The roll lists 85 people as members (which is 1 more than last year): 24 men and 61 women.

The roll will open again on 24 April after the APCM.

Kas Fearn—Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding

This past year has been very quiet thankfully, apart from The National Safeguarding Team

changed the time for renewal of DBS certification from five years to three years. This left many of our officers with out-of-date certification. It is with my thanks and a testimony to the people of St. Mary's, that everyone affected renewed in a timely manner. We are one hundred percent compliant. New permission forms have been produced for Sunday School to aid the safeguarding our children, again thanks to everyone concerned all have been completed. Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all, I know the endless legislation is a challenge, but St Mary's has ridden to that challenge and excelled, thank you all so much.

Andrea Tabberer— Parish Safeguarding Officer

Baptism

Baptisms are carrying on in much the same way as last year in that 10 children were baptised last year and 10 children are booked

in so far for 2024. Obviously this could well increase as the year goes on.

Thanks must again go to Janet Royall who has continued to crotchet lambs or lions to give to the children. Sue Stokes and Elaine Shorthouse have very kindly agreed to help out knitting sheep in the future.

Thanks also to Louise Burke who, along with Janet prepare the parents for the day.

Cheryl Broom—Baptism Co-ordinator

Burton YFC

This year has been an extra long one. We have been stretched more than ever with capacity, personal challenges and finance.....YET, this has been matched by many positive surprises. We have noticed a growing understanding of the value of youth work in supporting the needs of young people and an

increased trust in us from others and our increased trust in the One commissioning us.

Achievements that stand out from our last financial year:

We have connected with 2,451 young people in school, church and community settings within the town of Burton-on-Trent. (An increase of 857 on last year).

We've invested in a core group of young adult volunteers giving opportunities for growth and development within leadership, youth work and discipleship.

We've increased discipleship opportunities for young people within the town by holding monthly youth services and events, leading a town wide youth alpha and a weekend residential.

We've encouraged and supported local churches to recognise and use their strengths in outreach to young people by journeying alongside them to create new youth works and opportunities for

engagement.

We have increased our support into local schools, engaging with 6 more primary schools this year through our listening service.

We have given 2,773 hours of staffing and volunteer time being face to face with children and young people, the majority of whom have been aged between 11-16.

We have continued to be a consistent Christian presence in the lives of local young people and their communities, offering inclusive and accessible forms of earliest help to all those we come into contact with, regardless of background, faith or ability.

We're particularly pleased to see young people becoming more curious regarding faith, having more instances where we are able to share our faith stories and offer to pray for them. During our residential in March we saw one of our young people come along from our youth drop-in. They

commented, "I've had the time of my life and I want to say thank you because this is the most accepted I've ever felt."

Thank you to all who continue to stand with us in believing in young people. For the consistency of those who pray, volunteer, and give – THANK YOU!

For more in-depth information and updates you can follow us on social media or sign up to our newsletter updates on our webpage at burton.yfc.co.uk/news/ and read the full impact report for 2022-2023 at burton.yfc.co.uk/impact-report-2022-2023/

Sue.garb@burton.yfc.co.uk

Sue Garb – Burton YFC Director

Chatterbox Café

The café continues to do well. Our numbers are now 20-25, whilst last year they were 15-20 and it is particularly pleasing that we have 5 non-church members

coming regularly, who really enjoy it (one of whom also makes us cakes).

Not only do we have drinks, and homemade cakes but also we have a few table top activities such as jig saws, cards, dominoes and draughts.

All of this is possible because of our great group of volunteers, who bake, serve or both, on a regular basis –so a big “thank you” to them.

If you’ve not tried the café yet do come along and visit us (2pm—4pm on Thursday at St Mary’s church hall) - you might enjoy it!

Shirley Irons—Café Organiser

Children’s Society

Box holders have collected £200 in the last year which has now been paid into The Children’s society account. It has become increasingly difficult to pay loose change into a bank account or the post office as a third party. Along with the fact that people are using cash less, sadly we will no longer be supporting the Children’s society in this way. However it is possible to make on-

line donations directly if anyone wishes to continue to support this worthy charity. As part of St Marys annual tithing, £500 has been donated this year as well. I would like to say a big Thankyou to all members of our church who have been such faithful supporters over many years.

Pauline Pidsley

Church Hall

2023 was a successful year financially for the hall, with a gross income of over £28,000. During the year we were successful with a Lottery grant to buy new tables, a trolley to keep them on and another 20 chairs (so that we have 100 new chairs).

The new chairs have had issues which have been chased up with the supplier and manufacturer with remedial work done.

At the end of 2023 several hirers have reduced their hours or stopped using the hall, due to dropping numbers. So whilst in

2023 we were almost completely fully booked in terms of regular hirers, we current now have 3 morning / afternoon sessions available.

My thanks as always to Claire for her dedicated work in keeping the hall clean, and Charles who maintains it so well.

Kas Fearn—Hall Manager

CMS

The Link Letters sent by the Day family keep us in touch with their activities in Thailand. They are on display at the back of Church.

We are able to support them through prayer and financial support from the Church and individual members of the Congregation.

We were pleased to welcome them to Church for our service on

23rd July and hear what they had been doing. We were able to share time with them with lunch

at the Beacon afterwards. The girls and Tracy returned to Thailand at the beginning of August while Jason stayed to celebrate his Dad's 80th birthday. Only a week later sadly his Dad was knocked over in a supermarket car park and after complications died in October.

Ruby finishes school in 2024 and last year we were asked to pray about their future. They have decided to stay in Thailand until summer 2026 when Libby completes her education. Ruby is coming to a Bible College in the Lake District in September (see article on the latest newsletter). This has financial implication and if anyone feels they can contribute, please let me know.

Ruth James

Footprints Family

Firstly, let me start with a huge thank you for the wonderful donation of £ 2000 that The

Footprints Family in Kenya received in January 2024. Your continued commitment to the children at Footprints is truly remarkable. You've 'walked' by our side for many years and seen the successes and challenges along our journey and we are forever grateful for your belief in our charity and the work that goes on in Kenya to make life changing differences to life's of the most vulnerable children, youth and families in our communities.

As of January 2024 61 children and youth are being financially funded by the Footprints Family. 50 children have either been re-integrated to guardians or family members and placed on a home-based car programme, or identified as vulnerable children in the community. And 16 youth are now over 18 years and placed on the Mkwakwani Stepping Stone Youth programme studying such subjects as accounting, computer science, catering

management, community health and nursing.

The school has grown to 120 pupils with 7 teachers and a Head Teacher. Our vehicles are able to reach children who live remotely and are unable to walk the long distance to school, although the roads and heavy rainfalls are a challenge. Our feeding programme makes it possible to feed a child who may not be getting regular meals and is visibly malnourished.

A full copy of our report is on the Community Notice Board at the back of church.

Kerry Watson, Founder

Helping Hands

Over the last year we have taken some people to doctor and hospital appointments and for injections. Although the team is quite small at the moment we are managing medical appointments. We keep in touch with some of

the people that we have helped over the years, but sadly we lost two of our friends over the last year. Thank you to Andrea for manning the phone and the volunteers who make it work.

If you are interested in being part of the team please let me know.

Louise Burke—Co-ordinator

Holiday Club

We ran holiday club last July with the support of volunteers of our church members and youth for Christ. Our Young people Martha and Mary took a leading role and took on the science experience and although they were nervous to start with after day 1 they were confident, leading and interacting with the children. We had 40 children and over the 3 days had fun, learnt more about God but more importantly built relationships.

St Mary's has been running a

Holiday club for many years and it's been a pleasure to be part of it for the last 30 years.

Louise Burke

House Groups

We continue to have the same groups still running. Group size varies in number, the only restriction really being size of room and availability of seating in the home where they meet.

At Christmas and Easter the course we follow is chosen or written by George but any other time we chose from a variety of subject ourselves. This can be anything from Angels to Jonah to The letters of John etc.

If anyone would like to join a group I am happy to try and find the best place for you. Anyone is very welcome to join in.

Lynette Yates— House group Co-ordinator

‘In Our Back Yard’ Report

A huge Well Done and Thank You to everyone involved in IOBY; without your prayers, dedication, hard work, and creative ideas, it wouldn't have happened.

Through the planning, setting up and delivering IOBY, we continue to create a safe and welcoming place for young families from Stretton to connect with St Marys. In the past 12 months, IOBY has successfully gathered resources to run the Easter Egg Hunt, We're Going on A Bear Hunt and The Light Party. These events were organised within the church building, with refreshments, crafts, a story and even some singing and dancing. Other activities were held outside, including egg and spoon race, a Bear Hunt trail, cooking marshmallows over fire pits, and a firework show. These events were well attended by young families from Stretton, they enjoyed the space and the various activities. It was lovely to see familiar faces

and connect a little more with those who come to IOBY at the Follow the Star too. Every Blessing.

Hazel Davis - Curate

Men's Munch

The Men's Munch group started in May 2022 with the aim of providing support and encouragement to the men of the parish. All our men are invited personally by email and via the newsletter to come to lunch on the third Saturday of the month at our house. Numbers attending have varied between 12 and 18, but the total number of men on our invite list is now 28. We have drawn in husbands of ladies who come to church as well as friends and neighbours. This lunch has proved very popular and those who come appreciate the fellowship it offers.

During the past year sadly two members have passed away, Martin Hadfield and Rob Woolley

and members from the group attended their funerals. They both enjoyed coming and valued the caring atmosphere.

We would value your prayers as we hope to continue this group throughout the interregnum.

Paul & Laura Spencer

Pastoral Care

Many thanks to those who are still actively visiting people in our community, it really means so much to those receiving the visit. There have been no new visit requests at the time of this report. Letters are ongoing to those who no longer are able to attend St. Mary's, just to let them know that we are still thinking and praying for them. if you feel called to be a visitor please contact me and we can have a discussion. Thank you everyone.

*Andrea Tabberer—Pastoral Visit
Co-ordinator*

Social Events

Over the last year we held the Big Lunch to help out in May, we invited Magical Mayhem to entertain everyone, we had an ice cream van, cake stall and the local Ahmadiyya community provide curry and samosa's which were very yummy! As part of this we organised a community litter pick where we managed to walk 10 different routes and provided the workers with tea and cake.

We cooked 45 breakfasts for Christian Aid and raised £432

We held a murder mystery evening, Scarecrow trail was held followed by a Harvest supper. Finally, there was a Big band concert held in December which was very well support.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who support and help out at these events and also the people who support and come along to the events.

Sunday School

It has been an eventful year for the Sunday School (SS), we have had a core number of 10 – 12 children (5 sometimes 6 girls and 5 sometimes 6 boys) that attend regularly with parents and grandparents. The group ranges in age, from 4 to 17 years old. The numbers have increased from last year, and the relationships have grown closer with a real feel of community and family in it. We were blessed to have T (anonymised) join us after a few years absent, seeing him again has been truly wonderful for everyone in SS.

After the Summer of 2023, the SS have followed the program set up by the adult service, where we discuss the same passage as the sermon, but we try to do so in a child friendly way This was particularly significant for us because we are hoping the

children see themselves as being part of the wider church, and not as an add on. Our child friendly approach allows the children and adults present to ask questions and engage with the issues raised by the reading. we specially use multimedia to ease the reading of the passage, sometimes using Saddleback and Bible Project videos in addition or instead of reading the text. We find this technique useful in acquiring their attention and generating wider thinking/ speaking points.

We are currently in our Lenten season, preparing the SS for Easter we have revisiting the Easter story and its relationship to the Old Testament. We are planning on starting a Youth Alpha Course after Easter for the older children, being held in the vestry, for the next eight weeks or so. We will need the support of the congregation for this, both in prayer but also in presence as we need adults helping Rachel in the Church Hall while I, Dan, lead the

Youth Alpha. Please pray that this will go on without much trouble and that we will be able to find the support we need. Thank you.

Rachel & Dan Ortiz—Sunday School Leaders

Weddings

There were just 4 couples who got married at St Mary's in 2023. All the services were conducted by George and Hazel, and vergers' duties were undertaken by myself.

As the number of weddings has drastically reduced, it is no longer viable to run the Marriage Preparation Day as we have in previous years. Instead, George meets with the couples privately to prepare them for their marriage.

Currently, we have 3 weddings booked for 2024. Please look out for notices about the banns of marriage and forthcoming weddings in the Newsletter and pray for the couples and their

wedding services. All the wedding couples are personally invited to come and hear their banns being read so if you should meet them in church, please make them welcome.

Laura Spencer—Wedding Co-Ordinator

YMCA

Our Church continues to support our local Burton and district YMCA. We have tithed £2000 for the year 2023 and a number of Church members continue to volunteer in shops, foodbank and as trustee.

The year has been a successful year in terms of fundraising and successful grant applications which allow the Charity to continue and develop its services for the homeless, the food bank, mediation and shops. The annual sleepout raised £44K!

An important development

behind the scenes is that the organisation now leases the accommodation it provides, as opposed to simply acting as letting agent.

Volunteers are needed in all areas so please if you have a spare morning or afternoon talk to me so I can signpost you to those in the organisation who can best utilise your help.

Charles Pidsley—Trustee



St Mary's Church Stretton with Claymills

Trustees Annual Report incorporating End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2023



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Stretton with Claymills
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Stretton, Burton upon Trent DE13 0HD
01283 564216 parishoffice@stchadstmary.org.uk
Vicar: Revd Dr George Crossley,
Registered Charity No. 1130916

Reference and Administration Details.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Parochial Church Council Power Measure (1956) as amended, and Church representation rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.

How the Charity is constituted

Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957

Names of Charity Trustees - PCC Members

Revd Dr George Crossley	Minister – Chair
Revd Dennis Warner	Minister
Revd Hazel Davis	Minister
Mrs Karen Fearn	Licensed Reader - Secretary
Mrs Shirley Irons	Reader Emeritus
Mrs Jenny Knopik	Reader Emeritus
Dr Charles Pidsley	Churchwarden – elected one year April 2023. Treasurer April 2022
Miss Ruth James.	Churchwarden - elected April 2022
Mrs Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod Representative – elected April 2023
Mrs Christine Budworth	Deanery Synod Representative – elected April 2023
Mrs Laura Spencer	Deanery Synod Representative – elected April 2023
Mr Christopher Rimmer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mr Paul Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Andrea Tabberer	elected for 3 years April 2023
Mrs Louise Burke	elected for 3 years April 2021
Mrs Mel Siner	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mr Bill Parr	elected for 3 years April 2022 resigned July 2023

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Stretton with Claymills it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Stretton with Claymills. The trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

St Mary's, as a lively and outward looking church, continues to put it's objectives into practice with good effect. This is reviewed on a regular basis through it's bi-monthly trustee and other business meetings.

Future plans

Alongside, and as part of this Trustees Annual Report, an Annual and Finance Report is produced giving more detail on the year's achievements and our future plans.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees operate their finances on an unrestricted reserve equal to the anticipated highest expenditure within any one month.

Restricted Funds

We operate a number of restricted funds where donors or grant making bodies have given money for a specific (restricted) purpose. The full list is included in the financial statements that follow.

Funds Materially in Deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Investments

The day-to-day financial reserves of the charity are held in a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank cash account. All other reserves are held in a CAF Bank deposit account except that Standing Order donations and Cash Donations are directed to respective general accounts

held with Lloyds Bank. All income into these Lloyds Bank accounts is transferred to either of the two CAF Bank accounts monthly.

Due to the minimal levels of these reserves no other form of investment is deemed necessary.

Financial risk management

Two persons are needed to authorise all mandate or online transactions on behalf of the charity. Four persons have online access to the CAF Bank accounts for authorisation and oversight purposes. This online access requires input of three levels of information, all unique to each person. In addition to this a Debit card is held in the name of the Treasurer, Administrator and designated PCC member currently Mr C Rimmer for other occasional payments. These debit cards are only used for small payments and when confirmed with another mandated person. The treasurer prepares a monthly report to the trustees for their information and oversight. This procedure helps to ensure that any unusual financial transactions are noted at the earliest opportunity and the day-to-day cash-flow is satisfactory.

Safeguarding

‘Safeguarding is God’s agenda & everyone’s responsibility’.

The trustees will take all reasonable steps to work towards ‘The protection of Children and Adults within the Diocese of Lichfield, its churches and parishes’.

The trustees will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children Protecting All God’s Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006).

The trustees will work towards complying with: The Diocese of Lichfield Safeguarding Policy 2017 and the Safer Recruitment; application of DBS & Training Policy as relating to Safeguarding 2017.

The trustees will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

Copies of our latest Safeguarding, Lone Working and Health and Safety Policies are maintained on our website.

St Mary’s Stretton is committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. We take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.’ (From ‘Promoting a Safer Church’, The Church of England’s Safeguarding Policy Statement.)

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Mary's, Stretton with Claymills

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or 3. the accounts do 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:



Date:

29/2/24

Name: Mark Desmond Vickers

Address: 50 Stanton Road,
Stapenhill
Burton upon Trent,
DE15 9RP

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Incoming resources from donors	61,911.18	-	-	61,911.18	60,228.22
Other voluntary incoming resources	6,498.06	3,257.00	-	9,755.06	17,099.02
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	36,076.28	-	-	36,076.28	32,447.19
Income from investments	469.18	-	-	469.18	(48.46)
Total income	104,954.70	3,257.00	-	108,211.70	109,725.97
Expenditure on:					
Costs of generating funds	294.25	-	-	294.25	287.32
Grants	8,890.00	-	-	8,890.00	8,111.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church	81,384.61	3,256.98	-	84,641.59	98,617.94
Support costs	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration	426.00	-	-	426.00	140.00
Total expenditure	90,994.86	3,256.98	-	94,251.84	107,156.26
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	13,959.84	0.02	-	13,959.86	2,569.71
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	13,959.84	0.02	-	13,959.86	2,569.71
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	16,348.17	10,195.85	-	26,544.02	23,974.31
Total funds carried forward	30,308.01	10,195.87	-	40,503.88	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
PCASH: PCC Cash in hand	199.14	(173.11)	12.00	-	38.03	67.73
PCCSH: PCC CAFCash	49,170.13	(23,493.67)	(6,196.26)	-	19,480.20	14,096.45
PGOLD: PCC CAF GOLD	(17,254.08)	30,309.40	15,522.13	-	28,577.45	18,131.88
PLLCash: PCC Lloyds Cash a/c	(1,374.00)	1,274.00	100.00	-	-	-
PLLOYDS: PCC Lloyds	(60.00)	-	60.00	-	-	-
Total	30,681.19	7,916.62	9,497.87	-	48,095.68	32,296.06
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	2,859.75	-	-	-	2,859.75	4,311.32
Total	2,859.75	-	-	-	2,859.75	4,311.32
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	11,149.55	-	(698.00)	-	10,451.55	10,063.36
Total	11,149.55	-	(698.00)	-	10,451.55	10,063.36
Net total assets	22,391.39	7,916.62	10,195.87	-	40,503.88	26,544.02
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	22,391.39	-	-	-	22,391.39	12,355.62
Designated - Bells	-	379.02	-	-	379.02	464.01
Designated - Churchyard	-	141.52	-	-	141.52	149.22
Designated - DesProjects	-	304.19	-	-	304.19	304.19
Designated - HHWelfare	-	82.50	-	-	82.50	82.50
Designated - InOurBackYard	-	307.14	-	-	307.14	580.78
Designated - OrganMaint	-	2,522.25	-	-	2,522.25	2,411.85
Designated - Roof	-	3,750.00	-	-	3,750.00	-
Designated - Worship group	-	430.00	-	-	430.00	-
Restricted - Access	-	-	9,974.54	-	9,974.54	9,974.54
Restricted - Bells	-	-	91.00	-	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Churchyard	-	-	130.00	-	130.00	130.00
Restricted - HallProjct	-	-	108.33	-	108.33	0.31
Restricted - OrganMaint	-	-	(108.00)	-	(108.00)	-
Total	22,391.39	7,916.62	10,195.87	-	40,503.88	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	2,859.75	4,311.32
Cash At Bank And In Hand	48,095.68	32,296.06
	50,955.43	36,607.38
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,451.55	10,063.36
	10,451.55	10,063.36
Net current assets less current liabilities	40,503.88	26,544.02
Total assets less current liabilities	40,503.88	26,544.02
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	40,503.88	26,544.02
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	22,391.39	12,355.62
Designated		
Designated - Bell Tower Upkeep	379.02	464.01
Designated - Churchyard Upkeep	141.52	149.22
Designated - Designated Projects	304.19	304.19
Designated - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	82.50
Designated - In Our Back Yard Events	307.14	580.78
Designated - Organ Maintenance	2,522.25	2,411.85
Designated - Roof Repairs	3,750.00	-
Designated - Worship Group	430.00	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Tower Upkeep	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Church Hall Project	108.33	0.31
Restricted - Churchyard Upkeep	130.00	130.00
Restricted - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	9,974.54
Restricted - Organ Maintenance	(108.00)	-
Fund Totals	40,503.88	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
General - General fund	12,355.62	100,252.70	90,216.93	-	-	-	22,391.39
InOurBackYard - In Our Back Yard Events	580.78	7.00	280.64	-	-	-	307.14
Roof - Roof Repairs	-	3,750.00	-	-	-	-	3,750.00
Worship group - Worship Group	-	430.00	-	-	-	-	430.00
Bells - Bell Tower Upkeep	555.01	35.00	119.99	-	-	-	470.02
Churchyard - Churchyard Upkeep	279.22	300.00	307.70	-	-	-	271.52
Access - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
HHWelfare - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	-	-	-	-	-	82.50
OrganMaint - Organ Maintenance	2,411.85	180.00	177.60	-	-	-	2,414.25
HallProject - Church Hall Project	0.31	3,257.00	3,148.98	-	-	-	108.33
DesProjects - Designated Projects	304.19	-	-	-	-	-	304.19
Totals	26,544.02	108,211.70	94,251.84	-	-	-	40,503.88

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors						
01Env - GAReg Envelopes	6,520.00	-	-	-	6,520.00	8,495.00
01EnvNGA - Non GAReg Envelopes	2,103.56	-	-	-	2,103.56	2,013.47
01SO - GAReg Bank SO	28,290.00	-	-	-	28,290.00	27,490.00
01SONGA - Non GABank SO	4,264.00	-	-	-	4,264.00	4,024.00
01VPG - PCC Voucher & Payroll Giving	670.00	-	-	-	670.00	340.00
03Card - Contactless Card Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
03EnvGAS - Gift Aid envelopes at services (One Off)	3,388.53	-	-	-	3,388.53	2,969.27
03EnvNGAS - Non GA Envelopes at services	1,635.00	-	-	-	1,635.00	319.56
03Plate - Loose plate Donations	3,366.89	-	-	-	3,366.89	2,332.10
04CP - Donations to Church Project	256.47	472.00	-	-	728.47	(218.29)
04DP - Undesignated Donations to Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
04GAYL - Give as you live donations	-	-	-	-	-	190.00
04Gen - Donations to General Fund	453.37	-	-	-	453.37	1,758.66
06BE - Tax Recovered on Bell Fund Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
06CP - Tax Recovered on Church Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
06DP - Tax recovered on Designated Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
06Gen - PCC Tax Recovered on GA	10,491.36	-	-	-	10,491.36	10,514.45
I0102Y - Youth GABank SO Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0201Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes SO	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0302Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04AV - Donations to Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04CP - Donations to Churchyard Paths	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04HT - Donations to Church Hall Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06AV - Tax Recovered on Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06CP - Tax Recovered on Churchyard Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06HT - Tax Recovered on Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06YW - Tax Recovered on Youth Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
iI0101Y - Youth GA Envelopes Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from donors Totals	61,439.18	472.00	-	-	61,911.18	60,228.22
Other voluntary incoming resources						
07Leg - Legacies	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	-
08GLPW - VAT recovered Listed Places Worship	568.06	-	-	-	568.06	536.82
08GNR - Non-Recurring or One-Off Grants	1,180.00	3,750.00	3,257.00	-	8,187.00	15,789.32
08GR - Recurring Grants	-	-	-	-	-	772.88
I0801Y - Youth One off Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other voluntary incoming resources Totals	2,748.06	3,750.00	3,257.00	-	9,755.06	17,099.02
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects						
09Gentd - Generated Funds	946.52	-	-	-	946.52	2,251.17
11Fees - Fees Weddings Funerals	4,597.01	480.00	-	-	5,077.01	8,958.00
12CAFE - Cafe Income	1,575.00	-	-	-	1,575.00	533.00
12Hall - Hall Income	28,029.09	-	-	-	28,029.09	20,545.26

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
12OffInc - Office income Printing etc	2.00	-	-	-	2.00	-
12Reimb - Reimbursements to PCC	446.66	-	-	-	446.66	159.76
12Sale - PCC Sales Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsC - Insurance Claims Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsCH - Insurance Claims Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
13SaleFA - Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
11212 - Magazine Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
112Rent - Rent from land or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects Totals	35,596.28	480.00	-	-	36,076.28	32,447.19
Income from investments						
10BInt - PCC Bank Interest	469.18	-	-	-	469.18	76.54
10VDSB - Vicarage Decoration Scheme Bonus	-	-	-	-	-	(125.00)
Income from investments Totals	469.18	-	-	-	469.18	(48.46)
Income and endowments Grand totals	100,252.70	4,702.00	3,257.00	-	108,211.70	109,725.97

Expenditure on:

Costs of generating funds

17Env - Collection Envelopes	56.75	-	-	-	56.75	57.32
17FREv - Fundraising Events	237.50	-	-	-	237.50	230.00
17Stew'p - Contactless / Stewardship Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating funds Totals	294.25	-	-	-	294.25	287.32

Grants

18CofEChS - Church of England Children's Society tithe	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-
18NTONSec - Other Non-secular Grants (Non-tithe)	90.00	-	-	-	90.00	-
18NTOSec - Other Secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
18NTTTrust - Transformation Trust (CiB)	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	200.00
18TBYFC - Burton YFC - (tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
18TCMS - CMS - (Tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
18TFoot - The Footprints Family (Tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
18TONSec - Other Non-secular (Tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	653.00
18TOSec - Other Secular (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TR&DA - Relief & Dev Agencies (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TYMCA - Burton YMCA (tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
118TSAMS - SAMS - (Tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants Totals	8,790.00	100.00	-	-	8,890.00	8,111.00

Activities relating to the work of the Church

19Share - Common Fund (Purse)	33,188.00	-	-	-	33,188.00	33,187.00
20Admin - Administrator	12,847.56	-	-	-	12,847.56	12,912.38
20Clean - Cleaner	-	-	-	-	-	1,674.00
20DioAdmin - Diocese Salary Admin Charge	126.96	-	-	-	126.96	124.64
20VisMus - Visiting Organist/Buglar/Musician	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	50.00
20VisSp - Visiting Speakers	-	-	-	-	-	-
21CExp - Curate - Expenses	854.13	-	-	-	854.13	761.20
21Gift - Gifts (Flowers & 80+)	26.20	-	-	-	26.20	175.33

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
21OEquip - Office Equipment (Small)	24.53	-	-	-	24.53	53.91
21OSW - Office Software Materials	248.99	-	-	-	248.99	251.29
21Post - Postage Stamps	20.20	-	-	-	20.20	-
21Print - Printers - Lease - Toner - Maint.	223.14	-	-	-	223.14	576.95
21SSExp - Sunday School Expenses	333.68	-	-	-	333.68	224.53
21Stat - Office Stationery	114.73	-	-	-	114.73	187.56
21VExp - Vicar - Expenses	568.92	-	-	-	568.92	346.61
21VHosp - Vicar - Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-
21Vicarage - Vicarage Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
21VRes - Vicar - Resources Books/Software	91.80	-	-	-	91.80	44.45
21VTel - Vicar - Telephone	449.07	-	-	-	449.07	466.05
21VTrain - Vicar - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22Alpha - Alpha Course	-	-	-	-	-	-
22CHC - Children's Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	-	87.27
22Child - Other Children's Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
22CYM - Children & Youth Mission & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22EvMat - Evangelism Materials	-	-	-	-	-	2.51
22Family - Family Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
22IOBY - In Our Back Yard events	-	280.64	-	-	280.64	891.94
22Messy - Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
23ABankCh - Bank Charges	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	81.75
23ABells - Bells Belltower	-	19.99	-	-	19.99	25.99
23ACClean - Church Cleaning	35.17	-	-	-	35.17	15.41
23ACIns - Church Insurance	4,721.18	-	-	-	4,721.18	4,753.73
23ACInsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church	-	-	-	-	-	360.00
23ACSecu - Church Security	1,109.35	-	-	-	1,109.35	1,642.20
23ACYard - Churchyard Upkeep	333.87	307.70	-	-	641.57	1,040.40
23ADeanSub - Deanery Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AHMaint - Heating Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	2,880.00
23AMnRep - Minor Repairs / Maint. / Equip.	1,093.91	-	-	-	1,093.91	734.30
23AOffTel - Office - Telephone; Broadband; Mobile	550.73	-	-	-	550.73	582.23
23APub - Publicity	202.49	-	-	-	202.49	737.00
23AQuin - Quinquennial	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AReimb - Reimbursible Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
23ASubs - Subscriptions (General)	29.99	-	-	-	29.99	90.00
23AWeb - Website	81.00	-	-	-	81.00	81.00
23Chris - Christmas expenditure	585.98	-	-	-	585.98	-
23Fire - Fire protection expenditure	607.15	-	-	-	607.15	-
23PBapt - Baptism Confirmation Preparation	150.55	-	-	-	150.55	67.71
23PComm - Community Events	650.45	-	-	-	650.45	460.12
23PMPrep - Marriage Preparation	91.86	-	-	-	91.86	-
23PTrain - Training Courses Materials	12.00	-	-	-	12.00	3.48
23PVLc - Village Lunch Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WGEqu - Worship Equipment General	-	-	-	-	-	44.59
23WHosp - Services Hospitality	119.77	-	-	-	119.77	257.51
23WInst - Instrument Organ Piano Maintenance	-	69.60	108.00	-	177.60	-
23VLic - Licences - Copyright etc.	553.49	-	-	-	553.49	486.00
23VLitMus - Liturgy Books Music	20.99	-	-	-	20.99	20.28
23VMat - Services Materials	66.60	-	-	-	66.60	165.45
23WMEqu - Worship Equipment Major	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WSacr - Sacristy	242.83	-	-	-	242.83	281.86
23WSSRes - Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	50.25

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
24Elec - Church Electricity	840.05	-	-	-	840.05	925.89
24Gas - Church Gas	3,337.07	-	-	-	3,337.07	1,926.20
24Wat - Church Water	111.26	-	-	-	111.26	20.95
25Cafe - Cafe Costs	-	-	-	-	-	77.90
25Clean - Hall Cleaning materials	301.19	-	-	-	301.19	255.29
25Elec - Hall Electricity	571.28	-	-	-	571.28	747.43
25Equip - Hall Equipment Fittings	128.68	-	3,148.98	-	3,277.66	6,542.21
25Gas - Hall Gas	2,010.25	-	-	-	2,010.25	1,284.92
25Ins - Hall Insurance	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,120.00
25Insp - Hall inspection costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
25InsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
25Mow - Hall Field Mowing	540.00	-	-	-	540.00	540.00
25Rep - Hall Repairs etc	1,180.58	-	-	-	1,180.58	6,349.12
25SalCle - Hall Cleaner salary	2,395.20	-	-	-	2,395.20	2,813.68
25SalMan - Hall Manager inc. mobile phone	3,656.88	-	-	-	3,656.88	1,928.13
25Wat - Hall Water	506.97	-	-	-	506.97	1,147.75
27ChRep - Church Repair Redecorate (Major)	2,640.00	-	-	-	2,640.00	1,866.00
28HallRep - Hall Repair Redecorate (Major)	-	-	-	-	-	3,151.68
29CT - Church Toilets Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 - Other payments / Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	1,014.99
I20SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I20SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	26.92
I22SchEx1 - Daniel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchEx2 - Rachel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHEX3 - Liz Coltman School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHRE3 - Liz Coltman School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHSE3 - Liz Coltman School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2302CW - Children's work Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
i23WSSRes1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
i23WSSRes2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2501 - Magazine Printing etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
I25CCMan - ICommunity Cafe Manager	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29AV - Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29CP - Churchyard Paths Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29HT - Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities relating to the work of the Church Totals	80,706.68	677.93	3,256.98	-	84,641.59	98,617.94
Support costs						
99Comp - computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration						
23AGov - PCC Governance - Hire Train APCMPrint	39.00	-	-	-	39.00	-
23AndEx - Independent Examiner	75.00	-	-	-	75.00	140.00
23AInsp - Inspection fees	312.00	-	-	-	312.00	-

Conclusion.

The main financial focus of 2023 has been to maximise income and manage expenditure with the purpose of growing our reserves in order to fund the Church roof repairs. The good news is that by a combination of grant applications and generation of an operating surplus we have built up sufficient funds to be confident of meeting the repair costs.

Church member giving.

Despite the economic uncertainty and ongoing concerns regards utility bill costs and inflation our Church member giving has held up very well. I would like to thank all members for their giving of both finances and valuable time to support the work of the Church and the various maintenance tasks which would otherwise incur additional costs.

We have received the following grants specifically for the roof repairs.

Garfield Weston Foundation.	£2000
The Benefact Trust	£1750
National Churches Trust	£5000 on receipt of invoices.

Frustratingly, the not so good news is that problems securing materials and skilled labour delayed the start of work and the decision was taken in October to defer work until the Spring due to the nature of the mortar required containing Lime which deteriorates in cold weather.

Hopefully work will start in the Spring.

Other grants successfully applied for and received include:

National Lottery grant £3257.00 for new tables and chairs for use in the Church Hall.

Assistance with cost of floodlighting from Stretton Parish Council. £750

Lichfield Diocese. £400 for Coronation event costs.

Fundraising within the Church.

U3A Historic Churches fund raising £30

Chatterbox café contributed £1500 to Church funds in the last year but is not charged for use of the hall.

The Big band concert raised £278.50 after costs

The Murder Mystery evening raised £225 after costs

Mens munch has contributed £100 to Church funds representing surplus donations at lunches.

Total funds raised from grant application is £8187.00

Total fund raising is £2208.50

Tithing.

The sum that the PCC has tithed has increased to £8500 with an additional beneficiary being the Church of England Children's Society. The loose change collection is becoming less viable for a variety of reasons and including this Charity in our tithe will hopefully offset this challenge.

Looking forward.

I am confident that we can continue into 2024 with a programme of further improvements to the Church Hall including re surfacing of the car park area and health and safety enhancements to the Church tower to improve access.

I am mindful that we shall be in an Interregnum during 2024 but with God's grace and guidance I am hopeful of another rewarding year during which we can continue to grow outwards into our community of Stretton.

Charles Pidsley Treasurer.

George Crossley Incumbent



St Mary's Church Stretton with Claymills

Trustees Annual Report incorporating End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2023



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Stretton with Claymills
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Vicar: Revd Dr George Crossley,
Registered Charity No. 1130916

Reference and Administration Details.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Parochial Church Council Power Measure (1956) as amended, and Church representation rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.

How the Charity is constituted

Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957

Names of Charity Trustees - PCC Members

Revd Dr George Crossley	Minister – Chair
Revd Dennis Warner	Minister
Revd Hazel Davis	Minister
Mrs Karen Fearn	Licensed Reader - Secretary
Mrs Shirley Irons	Reader Emeritus
Mrs Jenny Knopik	Reader Emeritus
Dr Charles Pidsley	Churchwarden – elected one year April 2023. Treasurer April 2022
Miss Ruth James.	Churchwarden - elected April 2022
Mrs Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod Representative – elected April 2023
Mrs Christine Budworth	Deanery Synod Representative – elected April 2023
Mrs Laura Spencer	Deanery Synod Representative – elected April 2023
Mr Christopher Rimmer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mr Paul Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Andrea Tabberer	elected for 3 years April 2023
Mrs Louise Burke	elected for 3 years April 2021
Mrs Mel Siner	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mr Bill Parr	elected for 3 years April 2022 resigned July 2023

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Stretton with Claymills it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Stretton with Claymills. The trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

St Mary's, as a lively and outward looking church, continues to put it's objectives into practice with good effect. This is reviewed on a regular basis through it's bi-monthly trustee and other business meetings.

Future plans

Alongside, and as part of this Trustees Annual Report, an Annual and Finance Report is produced giving more detail on the year's achievements and our future plans.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees operate their finances on an unrestricted reserve equal to the anticipated highest expenditure within any one month.

Restricted Funds

We operate a number of restricted funds where donors or grant making bodies have given money for a specific (restricted) purpose. The full list is included in the financial statements that follow.

Funds Materially in Deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Investments

The day-to-day financial reserves of the charity are held in a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank cash account. All other reserves are held in a CAF Bank deposit account except that Standing Order donations and Cash Donations are directed to respective general accounts

held with Lloyds Bank. All income into these Lloyds Bank accounts is transferred to either of the two CAF Bank accounts monthly.

Due to the minimal levels of these reserves no other form of investment is deemed necessary.

Financial risk management

Two persons are needed to authorise all mandate or online transactions on behalf of the charity. Four persons have online access to the CAF Bank accounts for authorisation and oversight purposes. This online access requires input of three levels of information, all unique to each person. In addition to this a Debit card is held in the name of the Treasurer, Administrator and designated PCC member currently Mr C Rimmer for other occasional payments. These debit cards are only used for small payments and when confirmed with another mandated person. The treasurer prepares a monthly report to the trustees for their information and oversight. This procedure helps to ensure that any unusual financial transactions are noted at the earliest opportunity and the day-to-day cash-flow is satisfactory.

Safeguarding

‘Safeguarding is God’s agenda & everyone’s responsibility’.

The trustees will take all reasonable steps to work towards ‘The protection of Children and Adults within the Diocese of Lichfield, its churches and parishes’.

The trustees will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children Protecting All God’s Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006).

The trustees will work towards complying with: The Diocese of Lichfield Safeguarding Policy 2017 and the Safer Recruitment; application of DBS & Training Policy as relating to Safeguarding 2017.

The trustees will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

Copies of our latest Safeguarding, Lone Working and Health and Safety Policies are maintained on our website.

St Mary’s Stretton is committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. We take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.’ (From ‘Promoting a Safer Church’, The Church of England’s Safeguarding Policy Statement.)

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Mary's, Stretton with Claymills

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or 3. the accounts do 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:



Date:

29/2/24

Name: Mark Desmond Vickers

Address: 50 Stanton Road,
Stapenhill
Burton upon Trent,
DE15 9RP

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Incoming resources from donors	61,911.18	-	-	61,911.18	60,228.22
Other voluntary incoming resources	6,498.06	3,257.00	-	9,755.06	17,099.02
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	36,076.28	-	-	36,076.28	32,447.19
Income from investments	469.18	-	-	469.18	(48.46)
Total income	104,954.70	3,257.00	-	108,211.70	109,725.97
Expenditure on:					
Costs of generating funds	294.25	-	-	294.25	287.32
Grants	8,890.00	-	-	8,890.00	8,111.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church	81,384.61	3,256.98	-	84,641.59	98,617.94
Support costs	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration	426.00	-	-	426.00	140.00
Total expenditure	90,994.86	3,256.98	-	94,251.84	107,156.26
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	13,959.84	0.02	-	13,959.86	2,569.71
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	13,959.84	0.02	-	13,959.86	2,569.71
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	16,348.17	10,195.85	-	26,544.02	23,974.31
Total funds carried forward	30,308.01	10,195.87	-	40,503.88	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
PCASH: PCC Cash in hand	199.14	(173.11)	12.00	-	38.03	67.73
PCCSH: PCC CAFCash	49,170.13	(23,493.67)	(6,196.26)	-	19,480.20	14,096.45
PGOLD: PCC CAF GOLD	(17,254.08)	30,309.40	15,522.13	-	28,577.45	18,131.88
PLLCash: PCC Lloyds Cash a/c	(1,374.00)	1,274.00	100.00	-	-	-
PLLOYDS: PCC Lloyds	(60.00)	-	60.00	-	-	-
Total	30,681.19	7,916.62	9,497.87	-	48,095.68	32,296.06
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	2,859.75	-	-	-	2,859.75	4,311.32
Total	2,859.75	-	-	-	2,859.75	4,311.32
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	11,149.55	-	(698.00)	-	10,451.55	10,063.36
Total	11,149.55	-	(698.00)	-	10,451.55	10,063.36
Net total assets	22,391.39	7,916.62	10,195.87	-	40,503.88	26,544.02
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	22,391.39	-	-	-	22,391.39	12,355.62
Designated - Bells	-	379.02	-	-	379.02	464.01
Designated - Churchyard	-	141.52	-	-	141.52	149.22
Designated - DesProjects	-	304.19	-	-	304.19	304.19
Designated - HHWelfare	-	82.50	-	-	82.50	82.50
Designated - InOurBackYard	-	307.14	-	-	307.14	580.78
Designated - OrganMaint	-	2,522.25	-	-	2,522.25	2,411.85
Designated - Roof	-	3,750.00	-	-	3,750.00	-
Designated - Worship group	-	430.00	-	-	430.00	-
Restricted - Access	-	-	9,974.54	-	9,974.54	9,974.54
Restricted - Bells	-	-	91.00	-	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Churchyard	-	-	130.00	-	130.00	130.00
Restricted - HallProjct	-	-	108.33	-	108.33	0.31
Restricted - OrganMaint	-	-	(108.00)	-	(108.00)	-
Total	22,391.39	7,916.62	10,195.87	-	40,503.88	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	2,859.75	4,311.32
Cash At Bank And In Hand	48,095.68	32,296.06
	50,955.43	36,607.38
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,451.55	10,063.36
	10,451.55	10,063.36
Net current assets less current liabilities	40,503.88	26,544.02
Total assets less current liabilities	40,503.88	26,544.02
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	40,503.88	26,544.02
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	22,391.39	12,355.62
Designated		
Designated - Bell Tower Upkeep	379.02	464.01
Designated - Churchyard Upkeep	141.52	149.22
Designated - Designated Projects	304.19	304.19
Designated - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	82.50
Designated - In Our Back Yard Events	307.14	580.78
Designated - Organ Maintenance	2,522.25	2,411.85
Designated - Roof Repairs	3,750.00	-
Designated - Worship Group	430.00	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Tower Upkeep	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Church Hall Project	108.33	0.31
Restricted - Churchyard Upkeep	130.00	130.00
Restricted - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	9,974.54
Restricted - Organ Maintenance	(108.00)	-
Fund Totals	40,503.88	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
General - General fund	12,355.62	100,252.70	90,216.93	-	-	-	22,391.39
InOurBackYard - In Our Back Yard Events	580.78	7.00	280.64	-	-	-	307.14
Roof - Roof Repairs	-	3,750.00	-	-	-	-	3,750.00
Worship group - Worship Group	-	430.00	-	-	-	-	430.00
Bells - Bell Tower Upkeep	555.01	35.00	119.99	-	-	-	470.02
Churchyard - Churchyard Upkeep	279.22	300.00	307.70	-	-	-	271.52
Access - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
HHWelfare - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	-	-	-	-	-	82.50
OrganMaint - Organ Maintenance	2,411.85	180.00	177.60	-	-	-	2,414.25
HallProject - Church Hall Project	0.31	3,257.00	3,148.98	-	-	-	108.33
DesProjects - Designated Projects	304.19	-	-	-	-	-	304.19
Totals	26,544.02	108,211.70	94,251.84	-	-	-	40,503.88

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors						
01Env - GA Reg Envelopes	6,520.00	-	-	-	6,520.00	8,495.00
01EnvNGA - Non GA Reg Envelopes	2,103.56	-	-	-	2,103.56	2,013.47
01SO - GA Reg Bank SO	28,290.00	-	-	-	28,290.00	27,490.00
01SONGA - Non GA Bank SO	4,264.00	-	-	-	4,264.00	4,024.00
01VPG - PCC Voucher & Payroll Giving	670.00	-	-	-	670.00	340.00
03Card - Contactless Card Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
03EnvGAS - Gift Aid envelopes at services (One Off)	3,388.53	-	-	-	3,388.53	2,969.27
03EnvNGAS - Non GA Envelopes at services	1,635.00	-	-	-	1,635.00	319.56
03Plate - Loose plate Donations	3,366.89	-	-	-	3,366.89	2,332.10
04CP - Donations to Church Project	256.47	472.00	-	-	728.47	(218.29)
04DP - Undesignated Donations to Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
04GAYL - Give as you live donations	-	-	-	-	-	190.00
04Gen - Donations to General Fund	453.37	-	-	-	453.37	1,758.66
06BE - Tax Recovered on Bell Fund Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
06CP - Tax Recovered on Church Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
06DP - Tax recovered on Designated Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
06Gen - PCC Tax Recovered on GA	10,491.36	-	-	-	10,491.36	10,514.45
I0102Y - Youth GA Bank SO Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0201Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes SO	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0302Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04AV - Donations to Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04CP - Donations to Churchyard Paths	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04HT - Donations to Church Hall Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06AV - Tax Recovered on Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06CP - Tax Recovered on Churchyard Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06HT - Tax Recovered on Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06YW - Tax Recovered on Youth Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
iI0101Y - Youth GA Envelopes Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from donors Totals	61,439.18	472.00	-	-	61,911.18	60,228.22
Other voluntary incoming resources						
07Leg - Legacies	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	-
08GLPW - VAT recovered Listed Places Worship	568.06	-	-	-	568.06	536.82
08GNR - Non-Recurring or One-Off Grants	1,180.00	3,750.00	3,257.00	-	8,187.00	15,789.32
08GR - Recurring Grants	-	-	-	-	-	772.88
I0801Y - Youth One off Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other voluntary incoming resources Totals	2,748.06	3,750.00	3,257.00	-	9,755.06	17,099.02
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects						
09Gentd - Generated Funds	946.52	-	-	-	946.52	2,251.17
11Fees - Fees Weddings Funerals	4,597.01	480.00	-	-	5,077.01	8,958.00
12CAFE - Cafe Income	1,575.00	-	-	-	1,575.00	533.00
12Hall - Hall Income	28,029.09	-	-	-	28,029.09	20,545.26

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
12OffInc - Office income Printing etc	2.00	-	-	-	2.00	-
12Reimb - Reimbursements to PCC	446.66	-	-	-	446.66	159.76
12Sale - PCC Sales Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsC - Insurance Claims Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsCH - Insurance Claims Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
13SaleFA - Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
11212 - Magazine Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
112Rent - Rent from land or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects Totals	35,596.28	480.00	-	-	36,076.28	32,447.19
Income from investments						
10BInt - PCC Bank Interest	469.18	-	-	-	469.18	76.54
10VDSB - Vicarage Decoration Scheme Bonus	-	-	-	-	-	(125.00)
Income from investments Totals	469.18	-	-	-	469.18	(48.46)
Income and endowments Grand totals	100,252.70	4,702.00	3,257.00	-	108,211.70	109,725.97

Expenditure on:

Costs of generating funds

17Env - Collection Envelopes	56.75	-	-	-	56.75	57.32
17FREv - Fundraising Events	237.50	-	-	-	237.50	230.00
17Stew'p - Contactless / Stewardship Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating funds Totals	294.25	-	-	-	294.25	287.32

Grants

18CofEChS - Church of England Children's Society tithe	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-
18NTONSec - Other Non-secular Grants (Non-tithe)	90.00	-	-	-	90.00	-
18NTOSec - Other Secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
18NTTTrust - Transformation Trust (CiB)	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	200.00
18TBYFC - Burton YFC - (tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
18TCMS - CMS - (Tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
18TFoot - The Footprints Family (Tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
18TONSec - Other Non-secular (Tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	653.00
18TOSec - Other Secular (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TR&DA - Relief & Dev Agencies (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TYMCA - Burton YMCA (tithe)	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,814.50
118TSAMS - SAMS - (Tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants Totals	8,790.00	100.00	-	-	8,890.00	8,111.00

Activities relating to the work of the Church

19Share - Common Fund (Purse)	33,188.00	-	-	-	33,188.00	33,187.00
20Admin - Administrator	12,847.56	-	-	-	12,847.56	12,912.38
20Clean - Cleaner	-	-	-	-	-	1,674.00
20DioAdmin - Diocese Salary Admin Charge	126.96	-	-	-	126.96	124.64
20VisMus - Visiting Organist/Buglar/Musician	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	50.00
20VisSp - Visiting Speakers	-	-	-	-	-	-
21CExp - Curate - Expenses	854.13	-	-	-	854.13	761.20
21Gift - Gifts (Flowers & 80+)	26.20	-	-	-	26.20	175.33

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
21OEquip - Office Equipment (Small)	24.53	-	-	-	24.53	53.91
21OSW - Office Software Materials	248.99	-	-	-	248.99	251.29
21Post - Postage Stamps	20.20	-	-	-	20.20	-
21Print - Printers - Lease - Toner - Maint.	223.14	-	-	-	223.14	576.95
21SSExp - Sunday School Expenses	333.68	-	-	-	333.68	224.53
21Stat - Office Stationery	114.73	-	-	-	114.73	187.56
21VExp - Vicar - Expenses	568.92	-	-	-	568.92	346.61
21VHosp - Vicar - Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-
21Vcarage - Vicarage Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
21VRes - Vicar - Resources Books/Software	91.80	-	-	-	91.80	44.45
21VTel - Vicar - Telephone	449.07	-	-	-	449.07	466.05
21VTrain - Vicar - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22Alpha - Alpha Course	-	-	-	-	-	-
22CHC - Children's Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	-	87.27
22Child - Other Children's Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-
22CYM - Children & Youth Mission & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22EvMat - Evangelism Materials	-	-	-	-	-	2.51
22Family - Family Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
22IOBY - In Our Back Yard events	-	280.64	-	-	280.64	891.94
22Messy - Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
23ABankCh - Bank Charges	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	81.75
23ABells - Bells Belltower	-	19.99	-	-	19.99	25.99
23ACClean - Church Cleaning	35.17	-	-	-	35.17	15.41
23ACIns - Church Insurance	4,721.18	-	-	-	4,721.18	4,753.73
23ACInsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church	-	-	-	-	-	360.00
23ACSecu - Church Security	1,109.35	-	-	-	1,109.35	1,642.20
23ACYard - Churchyard Upkeep	333.87	307.70	-	-	641.57	1,040.40
23ADeanSub - Deanery Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AHMaint - Heating Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	2,880.00
23AMnRep - Minor Repairs / Maint. / Equip.	1,093.91	-	-	-	1,093.91	734.30
23AOffTel - Office - Telephone; Broadband; Mobile	550.73	-	-	-	550.73	582.23
23APub - Publicity	202.49	-	-	-	202.49	737.00
23AQuin - Quinquennial	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AReimb - Reimbursible Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
23ASubs - Subscriptions (General)	29.99	-	-	-	29.99	90.00
23AWeb - Website	81.00	-	-	-	81.00	81.00
23Chris - Christmas expenditure	585.98	-	-	-	585.98	-
23Fire - Fire protection expenditure	607.15	-	-	-	607.15	-
23PBapt - Baptism Confirmation Preparation	150.55	-	-	-	150.55	67.71
23PComm - Community Events	650.45	-	-	-	650.45	460.12
23PMPrep - Marriage Preparation	91.86	-	-	-	91.86	-
23PTrain - Training Courses Materials	12.00	-	-	-	12.00	3.48
23PVLc - Village Lunch Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WGEqu - Worship Equipment General	-	-	-	-	-	44.59
23WHosp - Services Hospitality	119.77	-	-	-	119.77	257.51
23WInst - Instrument Organ Piano Maintenance	-	69.60	108.00	-	177.60	-
23VLic - Licences - Copyright etc.	553.49	-	-	-	553.49	486.00
23VLitMus - Liturgy Books Music	20.99	-	-	-	20.99	20.28
23VMat - Services Materials	66.60	-	-	-	66.60	165.45
23WMEqu - Worship Equipment Major	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WSacr - Sacristy	242.83	-	-	-	242.83	281.86
23WSSRes - Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	50.25

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
24Elec - Church Electricity	840.05	-	-	-	840.05	925.89
24Gas - Church Gas	3,337.07	-	-	-	3,337.07	1,926.20
24Wat - Church Water	111.26	-	-	-	111.26	20.95
25Cafe - Cafe Costs	-	-	-	-	-	77.90
25Clean - Hall Cleaning materials	301.19	-	-	-	301.19	255.29
25Elec - Hall Electricity	571.28	-	-	-	571.28	747.43
25Equip - Hall Equipment Fittings	128.68	-	3,148.98	-	3,277.66	6,542.21
25Gas - Hall Gas	2,010.25	-	-	-	2,010.25	1,284.92
25Ins - Hall Insurance	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	1,120.00
25Insp - Hall inspection costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
25InsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
25Mow - Hall Field Mowing	540.00	-	-	-	540.00	540.00
25Rep - Hall Repairs etc	1,180.58	-	-	-	1,180.58	6,349.12
25SalCle - Hall Cleaner salary	2,395.20	-	-	-	2,395.20	2,813.68
25SalMan - Hall Manager inc. mobile phone	3,656.88	-	-	-	3,656.88	1,928.13
25Wat - Hall Water	506.97	-	-	-	506.97	1,147.75
27ChRep - Church Repair Redecorate (Major)	2,640.00	-	-	-	2,640.00	1,866.00
28HallRep - Hall Repair Redecorate (Major)	-	-	-	-	-	3,151.68
29CT - Church Toilets Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 - Other payments / Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	1,014.99
I20SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I20SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	26.92
I22SchEx1 - Daniel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchEx2 - Rachel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHEX3 - Liz Coltman School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHRE3 - Liz Coltman School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHSE3 - Liz Coltman School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2302CW - Children's work Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
i23WSSRes1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
i23WSSRes2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2501 - Magazine Printing etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
I25CCMan - ICommunity Cafe Manager	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29AV - Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29CP - Churchyard Paths Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29HT - Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities relating to the work of the Church Totals	80,706.68	677.93	3,256.98	-	84,641.59	98,617.94
Support costs						
99Comp - computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration						
23AGov - PCC Governance - Hire Train APCMPrint	39.00	-	-	-	39.00	-
23AndEx - Independent Examiner	75.00	-	-	-	75.00	140.00
23AInsp - Inspection fees	312.00	-	-	-	312.00	-

Conclusion.

The main financial focus of 2023 has been to maximise income and manage expenditure with the purpose of growing our reserves in order to fund the Church roof repairs. The good news is that by a combination of grant applications and generation of an operating surplus we have built up sufficient funds to be confident of meeting the repair costs.

Church member giving.

Despite the economic uncertainty and ongoing concerns regards utility bill costs and inflation our Church member giving has held up very well. I would like to thank all members for their giving of both finances and valuable time to support the work of the Church and the various maintenance tasks which would otherwise incur additional costs.

We have received the following grants specifically for the roof repairs.

Garfield Weston Foundation.	£2000
The Benefact Trust	£1750
National Churches Trust	£5000 on receipt of invoices.

Frustratingly, the not so good news is that problems securing materials and skilled labour delayed the start of work and the decision was taken in October to defer work until the Spring due to the nature of the mortar required containing Lime which deteriorates in cold weather.

Hopefully work will start in the Spring.

Other grants successfully applied for and received include:

National Lottery grant £3257.00 for new tables and chairs for use in the Church Hall.

Assistance with cost of floodlighting from Stretton Parish Council. £750

Lichfield Diocese. £400 for Coronation event costs.

Fundraising within the Church.

U3A Historic Churches fund raising £30

Chatterbox café contributed £1500 to Church funds in the last year but is not charged for use of the hall.

The Big band concert raised £278.50 after costs

The Murder Mystery evening raised £225 after costs

Mens munch has contributed £100 to Church funds representing surplus donations at lunches.

Total funds raised from grant application is £8187.00

Total fund raising is £2208.50

Tithing.

The sum that the PCC has tithed has increased to £8500 with an additional beneficiary being the Church of England Children's Society. The loose change collection is becoming less viable for a variety of reasons and including this Charity in our tithe will hopefully offset this challenge.

Looking forward.

I am confident that we can continue into 2024 with a programme of further improvements to the Church Hall including re surfacing of the car park area and health and safety enhancements to the Church tower to improve access.

I am mindful that we shall be in an Interregnum during 2024 but with God's grace and guidance I am hopeful of another rewarding year during which we can continue to grow outwards into our community of Stretton.

Charles Pidsley Treasurer.

George Crossley Incumbent

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St Mary's Stretton

2022 Annual Report



April 2023

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

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PCC Members

April 2022–April 2023

Rev'd George Crossley	Minister—Chair
Rev'd Hazel Davis	Curate
Rev'd Dennis Warner	Associate Minister
Charles Pidsley	Church Warden / Treasurer
Ruth James	Church Warden / Deanery Synod
Shirley Irons	Licensed Reader
Jenny Knopik	Licensed Reader
Kas Fearn	Licensed Reader / Secretary
Pauline MacDonald	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Andrea Tabberer	*Elected October 2020
Louise Burke	Elected May 2021
Chris Rimmer	Elected April 2022
Paul Spencer	Elected April 2022
Laura Spencer	Elected April 2022
Mel Siner	Elected April 2022
Bill Parr	Elected April 2022
Christine Budworth	Elected April 2022

* up for re-election

Vicar's Report

*A bruised reed he will not break
and a smouldering wick he will
not snuff out. In faithfulness he
will bring forth justice.*

Isaiah 42:3

After a number of years when we have experienced great changes brought upon by Covid, the past year has been more one of consolidation, getting in to a new way of being church which has become the 'new normal'. Remember how we used to use that phrase a great deal during the pandemic? You may recall from last year, recognising that our resources are limited that our focus was to be on doing fewer things, but doing them better. Consolidation has focused on two aspects: how we are as gathered church and how we are as individual Christians. When we gather for worship we aim not only to bring our praises to God in word and song but equip each member for the coming week, through encounter with God in

reading and hearing the bible expounded, in prayer and in receiving Holy Communion. It is also a time when we make visitors welcome, particularly those who come to baptism services.

All-member ministry continues to be our chief way of functioning: recognising that we all have a responsibility for making people welcome and supporting each other. On a collective basis our Sunday services and such things as In Our Backyard, Chatterbox Cafe, house groups and Helping Hands could not happen without individuals giving so much time and effort. Many individuals will also know of the love and support that is experienced when another person from church gets in touch with them or provides help when they are in difficulty, particularly during illness or incapacitation. Thank you to everyone who helps in this way, it is what being a body of many members is all about. It is good that we see it as a shared calling and ministry, we all

represent church.

We will be hearing more from Chatterbox Cafe and from those who help prepare parents for the baptism of their children at our meeting. These are both important parts of the church ministry. The former offers hospitality for those who wish to get to know people who attend St Mary's and an easier way in to church for those who might be interested. Meeting together over cake or dominoes is a good way to get to know each other better and when we know each other better, it is easier to support and care for each other.

Baptisms are a vital part of the church's wider work too. It takes great courage for people to come through the doors of any church: some may have never been to a church service before and wonder what it will be like, some will have bad memories from their childhood days. St Mary's I think, responds wonderfully, you can tell not only by whether people join in

with the service itself, but by how quickly they leave at the end, it has been lovely that very often baptism service guests are amongst the last to leave.

In Chatterbox, in a baptism, in every interaction we have with people, if we are known as Christians we will in some way represent Christ to them. What we do, what we say, how we behave all has some effect on their perception of the Christian message. That's quite a challenging thought. Sometimes, through one of the Occasional Offices (baptism, marriage and funerals) the church is invited to be part of people's lives. I am reminded of some words of Ronald Blythe:

'So much ministry is the unconscious or non-deliberate awakening of what is residual. A phrase, a tune, a word will do it. So this must mean that what is left and what remains – exists. A strong fact. Not much good and a great deal of harm can be the

result of too much probing for what exists by way of belief when people apply for the rites of passage ceremony. Discovering what exists cannot be a matter of spiritual acupuncture ... there is no knowing where the Spirit has to go But strangers arrive to worship and what are their face values? Not for me to ask or assess. These strangers are journeying through life and now and then they pause to request one or other of the ceremonies of passage.... All will receive the Church's necessary words and acts as it touches what is residual in them of the faith, and perhaps causing it to grow.'

But of course such awakening of memories is not the task of the church as institution, but of all of us as disciples of Christ. What I hope we do is to offer welcome so that people might respond to that quiet voice which speaks to them when they seek the church's ministry and as individuals to respond when we are asked our

reasons for our faith. As we gather regularly together, week by week to join corporately to offer our worship, our prayers and to encounter Jesus through scripture and through the sacraments our aim is for Jesus to make us more like him, so that we can better reflect his nature to those who wish to encounter God more fully, however they conceive him to be.

George Crossley—Vicar

Deanery Synod Report

The Tutbury Deanery Synod met four times this year:-

14th June - Church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross

General business meeting and update on Shaping for Mission.

14th September – Old Grammar School, Rolleston

Guest speaker was John Widdowson from Burton Albion Community Trust, explaining their role in helping the local

community.

17th November – St Mary's Church, Stretton

Guest Speaker was Carrie Blount from Transforming

Communities Together, who talked about Places of Welcome.

13th February – St Paul's Church, Burton

General business meeting including House of Bishops response to Living in Love and Faith.

Pauline MacDonald—Deanery Synod representative

Church Wardens' Report

Reflecting on the past few years, it seems reasonable to consider that 2019 was the last "normal" year, 2020 was the year of lockdown, 2021 was the year of getting back on our feet and 2022 saw the evidence of full recovery.

During 2022, Church services returned to normal with

administration of the bread and wine recommencing albeit from in front of the screen. The move to in front of the altar has recommenced in 2023.

Streaming of services has become more reliable which is valued by those unable to attend for whatever reason. Andrea as our Safeguarding and Pastoral lead is endeavouring to maintain contact with all members unable to attend. If anyone is aware of people who have slipped through the net, please let her know.

During 2022, we have welcomed a number of new members to our congregation who are contributing through service in Church, and attendance of various social activities such as the Chatterbox Café and Men's Munch.

2022 has been a busy year for developments and work on the Church building and the Hall, which has been outlined in the 2022 Treasurer's report. The main

projects have involved in the Hall: renovation of the floor, new chairs and LED lighting. In the Church: localised upgrading of aged wiring, replacement of boiler pump at £2600!, and upgrading of draught proofing.

In the Churchyard, the floodlighting has been replaced with LED units which approximately halve the energy consumption.

Unfortunately, we did experience a localised fire next to the altar when an ember from a candle lit some nearby paper. Fortunately, no major damage was sustained thanks to prompt intervention by the organist present at the beginning of a funeral. A full risk assessment has taken place and additional fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed in the vicinity of the candles.

Work in progress includes an application to decommission the font. Sadly this has come about due to huge costs of continued

certification under lift and hoist legislation. In addition the Health and Safety aspects of incumbent and child being under the hood and slipping on the marble steps make this less acceptable in this day and age. It is planned that the hood will remain atop the font so that the impressive design by Micklethwaite can be seen in its intended glory.

The major threat that the Church has faced revolves around the huge increase in gas and electricity costs. We have been fortunate in receiving a £1000 support payment from the Diocese offered to all Churches proportional to previous years costs. Upgrading of draught proofing and re setting of thermostats has allowed us to control costs and remain within the Church for services rather than move to the Hall.

Looking forwards we have work to do on the roof which will cost £10,000 pounds. Applications have been made to two charities

for support with this.

I am very grateful for the support and encouragement of my fellow warden Ruth.

Our thanks go to our administrator Kas for expanding the Hall bookings such that we are now near full capacity. Kas has also been instrumental in securing major funding for the floor renovation and chair replacements.

Also, our thanks are extended to John Hughes who continues to work very hard in the Churchyard caring for the cremated remains section and immediate Church surrounds, thus leaving myself free to manage the remainder of the graveyard.

We pray for further growth and stability within our Church over the year of 2023. and thank all who have assisted in the duties of the wardens over the past year particularly the sides persons, who are so important. Please step up and offer your services in this

role if you feel able.

*Charles Pidsley and Ruth James—
Church Wardens*

PCC Report

During 2022 the PCC met 6 times, all by zoom. It has been decided that the meetings run more smoothly by zoom as we are less inclined to all talk at the same time, which in turn means everyone can hear what is being said. And in general the meetings are quicker by zoom too. In advance of the meetings, supporting papers are sent out with details of what is to be discussed. For example, for each meeting the Church Wardens send a report on what repairs or issues there are in the church, the hall and the church yard.

Similarly, we get a finance report, giving us an overview of the current situation. And if anyone wants to raise add an agenda item, they provide a paragraph or two summarising what they want

us to discuss. As well as giving those of us who are reflectors time to think and pray before the meeting, it also aids the smooth running of the meeting, and saves the secretary a lot of note taking.

Of course, summaries of each meeting appear in the newsletter. If you ever have any questions or queries about the subjects we discuss, please do talk to any member of the PCC.

Regular items on the agenda include reports from the Wardens, the Treasurer, Deanery Synod representatives and the Safeguarding Officer. In addition, we have discussed the renting out of the vicarage, fly tipping (unfortunately), sustainability improvements to the church and churchyard, cleaning the high places in church, the Jubilee celebrations, the Chancel fire, the rising fuel costs, proposals for re-arranging the back of church (disabled toilet and moving the kitchen), consideration and consultation regarding removing

some pews, and removing the font hood, plus much more.

It is an honour to serve on the PCC, and as Trustees we have a serious responsibility to keep St Mary's operating within legal and church regulations. Please pray that God will guide us and that His will be done, within St Mary's, and within our community of Stretton.

Kas Fearn—PCC Secretary

Treasurer

I would like to start by expressing my sincere thanks to Chris Rimmer who has handed over to me the role of Treasurer after 25 years of sterling service. This is an increasingly complex role but the transition has been made much easier by joint working between Chris and I both before and after the official handover. I am very grateful to Chris for many years of work setting up systems and templates essential for the efficient management of our

Church finances.

Looking Back, if 2019 was our last 'normal' year, 2020 was the year of Covid lockdown and crisis, 2021 was the year of recovery and 2022 was the year of consolidation and economic crisis!

In 2020 we benefited from Parish Share rebate from the Diocese and the government furlough scheme to support employed staff remain in post. We also benefitted from grants given by the local authority for Covid safety. These partially mitigated against a substantial drop in income from all sources.

In 2021 our Church membership rallied round to support our Church with increased giving to address to significant loss of income from all sources in 2020. The PCC also implemented a recovery plan which involved promotion of the Hall to increase trading income as well as a plan to reduce discretionary expenses.

This involved a review of printing and photocopying costs.

In 2022 we have seen the fruits of our recovery plan with significant increase in Hall income, and savings of around £3000 in photocopying costs by terminating a lease contract and purchase of existing equipment on favourable terms. In addition, we have benefitted from the Diocese maintaining the Parish Share at previous levels.

Halfway through 2022 we have all been affected by the cost of living crisis generated by war in Ukraine and consequences of Covid expenditure.

I am pleased to report that member voluntary giving has held up very well in the year. We have been proactive in anticipation of the huge costs of utility supplies. This has reduced the additional burden somewhat by better management of heating settings and upgrading lighting with LED fittings in Hall and the Church

floodlights. In addition the Diocese has given the PCC a grant of £1000 to support utility bill costs.

By means of actively seeking grants and donations for any developments in and around the Hall we have managed to achieve a great deal in the year.

- Over £15K in grants received for:
 - o Hall floor. (Big Lottery fund)
 - o Hall chairs. (Big Lottery fund and EM Airport charitable trust)
 - o Hall sign. (Parish Council)
 - o Platinum Jubilee celebration. (County Councillor Bernard Peter's members fund)
 - o contribution to floodlighting electricity (parish council)
 - o 90% of cost for replacement floodlight units (County Council members fund)
 - o Modest sustainability grant for Churchyard. (County Council)

The end result of this, is that our funds end the year in very much the same place as they started but with much increased total income and expenditure. There has been a small surplus of income over expenditure and we have been able to maintain our reserves policy of holding at least a months expenditure equivalent in unrestricted funds.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to maintain our tithed giving to the four charities we support and in addition an additional sum of £653 to SAT-7 an organisation proposed by a Church member. This organisation broadcasts the Christian message overseas to many communities unable to worship freely.

Looking forward to 2023 we shall continue the approach to seeking funds for discretionary activities particularly those that enhance the Church Hall so that we can sustain the income generated by Hall hires. This is also a significant outreach activity with a wide

range of community groups and individuals making use of this facility.

We know of a major cost we face in repairs to a section of the roof gully. Costs are in the region of £10,000 and applications to two grant giving bodies have been made.

I am thankful that Gods work continues to grow both in our Church pastorally and within the community and ask that you join me in prayer to seek His support and wisdom in the coming year.

Charles Pidsley—Treasurer

Planned Giving

From a giving point of view, 2022 has been a disappointing year. For the second year since lockdown, giving has fallen rather than keeping up with prices.

St Peter tells us that we do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus, to serve him in Stretton and beyond. We have a number of plans for outreach, with activities

to serve and bless those around us. All these will need to be funded. But, as we all know, prices keep on rising, and will continue to rise.

A few more longstanding members left us during the year, while a few more began giving. At the end of the year, the number of givers gift-aiding their gifts was 32, and about 12 regular givers were not using Gift Aid.

Not everyone is able to Gift Aid, but using Gift Aid enabled us to claim just over £10,500 in tax refunds from the Government. If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donations, making them worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to you and with no obligation. This additional income makes a real difference.

I am very happy to talk to anyone about giving regularly, using envelopes or Standing Orders, and about Gift Aid especially.

Dennis Warner—Planned Giving Officer

Electoral Roll

The statutory notice period this year was from 2 March to 20 March 2023.

The roll lists 84 people as members (which is 4 less than last year): 20 men and 64 women.

The roll will open again on 12 April after the APCM.

Kas Fearn—Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding

During the past year the church has embraced the need for safeguarding training and the implementation of policies. We are now compliant with the social media policy and the need for moderators, the safeguarding policy is up to date and posted on our web site. All safeguarding matters have been looked into and concluded within policy guidelines. We are in the process of doing an audit of information storage to ensure we maintain the GDPR and data protection guidelines and policy covering

where it is stored, how secure storage is and the length of storage is correct. A massive thank you to everyone who has helped safeguard our church.

Andrea Tabberer— Parish Safeguarding Officer

Baptism

Our first full year after all the lockdowns made necessary by the Covid virus has been very slow. Only 7 baptisms have taken place in the year April '22 to April '23. The number of enquiries I am getting however has remained reasonably high, though not as manically high as in the “Covid years”!

When parents have come into Church to meet me and book a baptism they are often very complementary about the welcome that is offered to them by many people in the congregation. I would like to pass on their thanks to everyone.

I have put up a display board of “our baptism family” that displays names of some of the children baptised in St Mary’s over the last 4 years. It would be lovely if you could remember them in your prayers particularly as the parents of the children are all delighted that we care enough to pray for their child/children individually. Thank you.

Cheryl Broom—Baptism Co-ordinator

Bereavement Team

Last year we didn’t have our own St Mary’s Memorial Service; there was however a Christmas Memorial Service held at St Mary’s by Murray’s Funeral Directors which was again a beautiful Service, so much thought, care, & compassion had gone into it, & offered much hope & comfort. I’m sure those people who attended, left feeling lifted & strengthened. Our Team was on hand to help in any way, and I

sincerely offer my thanks to them. If anyone knows who has recently been bereaved and would like a visit, please contact Sue Jones, 01283 530263.

Sue Jones.

Bereavement Co-ordinator

Burton YFC

During our last financial year (Sept21-Aug22) we were privileged to connect with 1,594 young people in school, church and community settings within the town of Burton-on-Trent. This year we’ve already surpassed this number.

Schools: We’ve been working with lots of schools and education providers over the last year including - Robert Sutton Academy, Burton and South Derbyshire College, Burton Fields School, De Ferrers Academy, Eagles Nest Project, Holy Rosary Primary Academy, Holy Trinity Primary, John of Rolleston

Primary, Paget High School, and Paulet High School. This has been through a mixture of small groups, one to ones, listening and assemblies.

Church: Our connection with Churches continues to grow through offering support and our monthly youth services, and partnership youth clubs. We are still in the middle of running a town-wide youth alpha at the moment with 5 young people. This month sees the return of our weekend residential. We currently have 35 young people booked in for a weekend of worship, teaching and fun at Stathern Lodge. Please pray for us all!

Community: We've partnered with two Churches to deliver summer holiday activities and two open access youth clubs for 11-16 year olds a week, as well as supporting Burton Albion Community Trust in their delivery of their Stapenhill Kicks session. We get to know and spend time

with young people in a relaxed environment, offering a safe place to be, a listening ear, and free food. From Sept to August we served over 172 different young people .

Thank you to all who continue to stand with us in believing in young people. For the consistency of those who pray, volunteer, and give – THANK YOU!

For more in-depth information and updates you can follow us on social media or sign up to our newsletter updates on our webpage at burton.yfc.co.uk/news/ and read the full impact report for 2021-2022 at burton.yfc.co.uk/impact-report-2021-2022/

Sue Garb– Burton YFC Director

Chatterbox Café

Claire Goodwin had run a successful café on Friday mornings, but it closed as a result of Covid. I felt that giving the church an opportunity to relax

and meet together for a chat and a cake was a good one so I decided to start a new café.

It opened on March 24th 2022 and with the wonderful support of at least 17 members of the congregation we are still going. We have introduced table games which are thoroughly enjoyed by some. Our numbers vary from 15 to 24ish but those who come regularly seem to genuinely enjoy it.

My hope and prayer is that more church members may include the café as part of their regular weekly activities and that more people from outside church would come on a regular basis.

Shirley Irons—Café Organiser

Children's Society

Box holders have collected £250 in the last 18 months, which has now been paid into the Children's Society account. This has been completed later than usual due to illness. In November 2023 I will no longer be the collector of boxes. If no one comes forward to take over this role, I am hoping people who still like to support

this worthy charity might have the means to make an online donation. Failing that I can always pass on donations to the chair lady of the local Children's Society committee. Thank you very much to everyone who has donated this year.

Pauline Pidsley

Church Hall

As Charles has reported, it feels as though 2022 was a year when we got back to full recovery, and this was evident in hall bookings.

Income was finally back to pre-pandemic levels.

We are currently very near to being fully booked for regular hirers, with 12 diverse groups using the hall weekly. Party bookings also picked up towards the end of 2022, (and has carried on into 2023). It can sometimes be difficult to find a time when the hall is empty to do the maintenance work!

In a response to the increased

fuel costs, hire fees were raised in September, which has helped to cover higher costs. We were also fortunate enough to receive money from the Lottery that funded the full restoration of the floor and new chairs. Along with another grant from the EMA Community fund we have managed to buy 80 new chairs. Along with our new improved lighting, the hall is looking very smart. We have a facility to be proud of; visitors often comment on the high standard of accommodation.

Thank you again to Charles for his handyman skills taking care of the minor repair jobs that are never ending. And thanks too to Claire for keeping the hall so tidy and clean, and for covering during my holidays.

Kas Fearn—Hall Manager

CMS

The Link Letters sent by the Day

family keep us in touch with their activities in Thailand. They are on display at the back of Church.

We are able to support them through prayer and financial support from the Church and individual members of the Congregation.

They have difficult decisions to make about what to do in the future as the girls grow up.

It is good to hear that at the age of 50+ Jason has completed his Master's Degree in Human Resources.

We look forward to welcoming them all to St. Mary's on Sunday 23rd July, followed by lunch at the Beacon.

Ruth James

Footprints Family

By April 2022 the charity was supporting 52 vulnerable children and youth. 38 children under 18 years were being cared for with

education, food and health care as well as nurturing their wellbeing on the premises of Footprints Children's home. 14 youth continued to be supported on the Mwakwani Stepping Stone Youth Programme either outside the home in rented accommodation or the new premises in Mwakwani. 4 of these youth have taken up college University of Vocational learning activities financially supported by the Footprints family. 9 children are in GVT boarding facilitated high schools (normal process for Kenyan children). The remaining children in lower primary are now being educated at our very own educational facility on the ground of Footprints Children's home, called Footprints Early Years Academy. It is our vision to open the school in 2023 to the wider community children to provide a quality learning environment for children in our very rural and deprived communities whereby

we will identify the most vulnerable children and support on a home based care programme but learning in Footprints EYA.

Thank you sincerely for the financial support that St Mary's Church, Stretton, continuously provide to ensure we continue our life changing work for African children.

Kerry Watson, Founder

Helping Hands

There have been no jobs done in the year 2022-2023.

We haven't refused any jobs, we have had no external requests. There have been a few jobs for our church members.

We have lost quite a few volunteers over the last couple of years, I would say we need to advertise.

As we are few, we will help whoever requests our help and

not advertise this coming year and hopefully people within church would like to assist in this great outreach.

Louise Burke—Co-ordinator

Holiday Club

In July 2023 we saw the return of holiday club for one day.

We had 30/35 children attend, we were able to jointly run it with YFC again, and thanks to Nathan and Matt.

We were only able to run this with the volunteers from St Mary's and Stretton Methodist so thank you to all those who helped.

We are just starting to plan this year for the normal 3 days.

Louise Burke

House Groups

Though we are not totally back to our pre Covid numbers for Church

members attending groups we are getting back to 'normal'. Our group leaders are Carol Wheal , Sue Stokes, Pauline and Charles Pidsley, Louise Burke, Shirley Irons and myself. As leaders we get together with George and Hazel to agree a way forward, share what courses our groups has done and whether they were worthwhile courses or not. We follow courses / literature mostly chosen by group members but also courses we are requested to do by George e.g. our current Lent course. A good variety of topics keeps everyone getting as much as they can from the group they attend.

Along with learning about God and our faith, people in groups offer each other lots of support, help and advice through difficult or troubling times . It's great to know you have a group of like minded people offering support and friendships.

Around 50% of Church members

are in a group. If you would like to join one please feel free to talk to me so that I can help you find the right group for you.

Lynette Yates— House group Co-ordinator

‘In Our Back Yard’ Report

First of all, a huge thank you to all who continue to pray and be involved in the organising and delivery of IOBY. It has been quite a challenging year so far for IOBY. However, due to the foresight and adaptability of all those involved in the planning, setting up and delivery of IOBY, it continues to create a safe place for young families from Stretton to connect with St Marys.

We started off with the Light Party IOBY in October, which was well attended it was great to see families enjoying themselves. It was followed by Angels IOBY on the last weekend in November, unfortunately it clashed with the

switch on of Burton Christmas lights, which significantly affected the numbers. The theme of Angels connected well with Follow the Star and with the decorations in the church. In the new year, IOBY moved into the church building to avoid bad weather and to see if numbers would pick up. The Workout IOBY in January worked really well inside but, attendance was very low. Although people had a great time, the low numbers were very disheartening. It was time to rethink and reassess the needs and the issues of continuing IOBY. At the subsequent feedback and planning meeting it was decided that Pancakes IOBY would be cancelled in favour of concentrating all our resources into key times of the year such as Easter where contact with families may be more achievable and a better use of resources. IOBY will keep to the format of providing refreshments, craft, a game, song and a story. We are

excited to be putting on the Easter Egg Hunt IOBY on Sunday 26th March.

Hazel Davis - Curate

Men's Munch

Men's Munch Report

Some time ago, we had the idea of organising something for the men of our church with the aim of building friendships and encouraging each other. After consultation with George, we decided to host a Monthly Men's Munch at our home to which all our men were invited. The catchphrase for our notices quickly became 'there's no agenda, just good food and good company!' The first Munch was held in May 2022, and 9 men came. Following discussion amongst the men, it was agreed to hold this event on the third Saturday of each month. To date, there have been 10 Munches and on average we have 12 men

attending but during the summer the numbers rose to 18. In this venture, we remain very grateful for the support and encouragement of Mary Jones and Val Bestall who have both helped out on the day (and made delicious puddings!).

Our aim is that everyone who comes feels welcome, listened to, uplifted and, by the end of it, full!

If you, or someone you know, would like to come, please contact Paul Spencer, on 01283 561566, in the first instance.

Paul & Laura Spencer

Pastoral Care

Once again, a busy year for the Pastoral Visits team. They are dedicated to the role they have in ensuring the people who need a visitor are cared for. A massive thank you to the team who so willingly take on the requests I make. There are some regular congregation members who for

differing reasons haven't made it back to our church services, so letters are sent to let them know they are still in our thoughts and are missed and asking if there is anything we can do to support them. I get some lovely responses. There is always a need for more pastoral visitors, so if you feel led in this direction please come and see me or contact me for details and a discussion.

Andrea Tabberer—Pastoral Visit Co-ordinator

Social Events

So last year we just started holding events again.

Our main event was the Queen's Jubilee where we held an outdoor event, starting with a procession around the church grounds, we had Burton Albion cake stall, Ahmadiyya Muslim Association who were sharing some lovely Indian food followed by Indian tea. We had a band that played

the whole afternoon, hundreds of people came and joined with us to celebrate. A massive thank you to Alix Jones.

Louise Burke—Social Committee

Sunday School

It has been an eventful year for the Sunday School (SS), this being our first full year after the Covid restrictions lifted. We have had a core number of 6-7 children (3 girls and 3 boys, sometimes 4) that attend regularly with parents and grandparents. The relationships have grown closer and there is a real feel of community and continuity in them. After the Summer of 2022 we started a new program looking at faith through the lens of baking. This was a particularly popular program as every Sunday we would try a new recipe and discuss a theological/biblical point illustrated by that recipe. Some recipes were better than others but they were all fun to do and

also meant we could bless the wider congregation with the baked goodies done by the children, with washed hands of course. This was particularly significant for us because we made sure the children saw themselves as being part of the wider church, and to ponder how we could serve them.

Sometime last year, shortly before Christmas, our Vicar, George, approached the SS with a proposition, he asked if they would lead the service sometime in February of 2023. The only caveat we were given was that it was not a 'show n tell' The SS accepted and the children chose one of their favourite recipes, the Upside-down cake. During the first weeks of the year the children helped plan the sermon and prepared wooden crosses for every family in church as a form of blessing from the SS. They also prepared a power point presentation, and learnt a script as they were taking part in the

Eucharistic preparation for that day. They called the sermon 'The Upside-Down Church', inspired by the reading of Mark 9. The children also chose 3 worship songs that were expertly played by the worship team, thank you! The service was a success, as per the feedback provided, and the children were treated to a Mcdonalds breakfast as a thank you from St Marys.

We are currently in our Lenten season, preparing the SS for Easter. We are discussing how Lent can bring us closer to God by choosing to "Remove something, to make room for the One thing" in our lives. So far the discussion has been lively and as always they have provided excellent commentary on what Lent and Easter means to them. Please pray that they will continue to make further progress in the relationship with God. Thank you.

Rachel & Dan Ortiz—Sunday School Leaders

Sustainability Group

During 2022, the following actions have been taken:

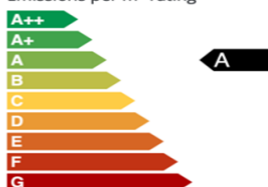
- Placement of bird boxes, hedgehog shelters and insect hotels in the Churchyard.
- Successful seeding and cultivation of wild flower area adjacent to Hillfield road.
- Upgrading of draught proofing within the Church.
- Hosting of Plastic free Burton presentation in the Church 4th October. Presenter was Teresa Joiner. Approximately 12 attendees enjoyed an excellent presentation.
- Ongoing collection of soft plastics at back of Church. Thanks to Pauline Pidsley and George for taking this to the co-op. If you wish to take to the Stretton Co.op, the bins are ahead and on the right from the entrance.

The Church carbon footprint has been calculated!

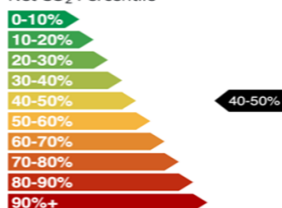
Lockdown Adjusted Energy Efficiency

The figures below have been adjusted for the periods of lockdown in 2020 to allow for a sensible comparison to data from previous years

Emissions per m² rating



Net CO₂ Percentile



	This Year	Last Year
CO ₂ emissions per m ²	4.2	-
Emissions/m ² rating	A	None

The above two figures are important, because churches with larger spaces tend to use more energy and produce more carbon emissions.

Nowadays A - G ratings are applied to many buildings and products. Our system is roughly equivalent to national Display Energy Certificates for public buildings.

Bands are awarded as good as A++, or B, C or D, all the way down to G which is the poorest rating.

The second figure highlights where your net footprint lies alongside all churches within the Church of England. A score of 0-10% puts you in the 10% of churches with the smallest footprint, while a score of 90%+ means you are in the 10% of churches with the largest footprint.

Charles Pidsley

Weddings

In 2022 there were 4 weddings at St Mary's, 3 of which had been postponed due to the Coronavirus. All the services were conducted by George and verger's duties were shared between myself and Val Bestall. One couple chose to have recorded music on CDs, and Roger Sharp played the organ for all the other services.

We also had a wedding blessing service on August bank holiday weekend. This was for a couple who had got married during lockdown with all the restrictions in place. Their own minister conducted the service, I was the verger, and Chris Rimmer took charge of the audio/visual content.

At the moment, we have 4 weddings booked for 2023. Please look out for notices about the banns of marriage and

forthcoming weddings in the Newsletter and pray for the couples and their wedding services. All the wedding couples are personally invited to come and hear their banns being read so if you should meet them, please make them welcome.

Laura Spencer—Wedding Co-Ordinator

YMCA

The YMCA Mission statement is:

We are a Christian charity committed to making a positive difference to people's lives and providing a safe and supportive environment for those who are homeless.

This work continues during a year of rapidly increasing costs particularly food. Poorer and disadvantaged people are particularly badly affected. This has been shown by rapidly

escalating demands on the services of the charity, especially the food bank and counselling services.

In addition, the shortage of labour and rising costs of wages has impacted on the organisation.

Nevertheless, thanks to God's generosity and grace the organisation is withstanding these strains and continues with successful fundraising including the annual sleep out, and Apne restaurant event.

The charity has been successful in a number of grant bids to continue its work as planned and has opened a new shop in Tamworth moving out of previous premises which were away from the active centre of town. Already this has shown benefit with 30% rise in sales in its first 4 weeks of being open.

In the meantime, it continues to operate its supported social housing services very effectively

and efficiently. The Burton YMCA works effectively in partnership with ESBC to eradicate rough sleeping.

Church members continue to support the charity as volunteers, supporting fund raising and as trustee. The YMCA has been given £1814 as part of our Mission giving.

Please continue to pray and support this local charity which works for those in need in our local area.

Charles Pidsley—Trustee



St Mary's Church Stretton with Claymills

Trustees Annual Report incorporating End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2022



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Stretton with Claymills
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Stretton, Burton upon Trent DE13 0HD
01283 564216 parishoffice@stchadstmary.org.uk
Vicar: Revd Dr George Crossley,
Registered Charity No. 1130916

Reference and Administration Details

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.

How the charity is constituted

Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957

Names of Charity Trustees - PCC Members

Revd Dr George Crossley	Minister – Chair
Revd Dennis Warner	Minister
Revd Hazel Davis	Minister
Mrs Karen Fearn	Licensed Reader - Secretary
Mrs Shirley Irons	Reader Emeritus
Ms Jenny Knopik.	Reader Emeritus
Mr Brian Cook	Churchwarden - elected October 2020 resigned April 2022
Dr Charles Pidsley	Churchwarden - elected October 2020. Treasurer April 2022
Mrs Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Mrs Pauline Macdonald	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Miss Ruth James	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020. Churchwarden April 2022.
Mr Christopher Rimmer	elected for 3 years April 2022 – Treasurer, resigned April 2022
Mr Paul Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Laura Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Andrea Tabberer	elected for 3 years April 2020
Mrs Louise Burke	elected for 3 years April 2021
Mr Bill Parr	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Mel Siner	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Christine Budworth	elected for 3 years April 2022

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Stretton with Claymills it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Stretton with Claymills. The trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

St Mary's, as a lively and outward looking church, continues to put it's objectives into practice with good effect. This is reviewed on a regular basis through it's bi-monthly trustee and other business meetings.

Future plans

Alongside, and as part of this Trustees Annual Report, an Annual and Finance Report is produced giving more detail on the year's achievements and our future plans.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees operate their finances on an unrestricted reserve equal to the anticipated highest expenditure within any one month.

Restricted Funds

We operate a number of restricted funds where donors or grant making bodies have given money for a specific (restricted) purpose. The full list is included in the financial statements that follow.

Funds Materially in Deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Investments

The day-to-day financial reserves of the charity are held in a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank cash account. All other reserves are held in a CAF Bank deposit account except that Standing Order donations and Cash Donations are directed to respective general accounts

held with Lloyds Bank. All income into these Lloyds Bank accounts is transferred to either of the two CAF Bank accounts monthly.

Due to the minimal levels of these reserves no other form of investment is deemed necessary.

Financial risk management

Two persons are needed to authorise all mandate or online transactions on behalf of the charity. Four persons have online access to the CAF Bank accounts for authorisation and oversight purposes. This online access requires input of three levels of information, all unique to each person. In addition to this a Debit card is held in the name of the Treasurer, Administrator and designated PCC member currently Mr C Rimmer for other occasional payments. These debit cards are only used for small payments and when confirmed with another mandated person. The treasurer prepares a monthly report to the trustees for their information and oversight. This procedure helps to ensure that any unusual financial transactions are noted at the earliest opportunity and the day-to-day cash-flow is satisfactory.

Safeguarding

‘Safeguarding is God’s agenda & everyone’s responsibility’.

The trustees will take all reasonable steps to work towards ‘The protection of Children and Adults within the Diocese of Lichfield, its churches and parishes’.

The trustees will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children Protecting All God’s Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006).

The trustees will work towards complying with: The Diocese of Lichfield Safeguarding Policy 2017 and the Safer Recruitment; application of DBS & Training Policy as relating to Safeguarding 2017.

The trustees will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

Copies of our latest Safeguarding, Lone Working and Health and Safety Policies are maintained on our website.

St Mary’s Stretton is committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. We take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.’ (From ‘Promoting a Safer Church’, The Church of England’s Safeguarding Policy Statement.)

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Mary's, Stretton with Claymills

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or 3. the accounts do 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: 

Date: 13/03/23

Name: Mark Desmond Vickers
Address: 50 Stanton Road,
Stapenhill
Burton upon Trent,
DE15 9RP

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors	59,962.72	165.50	100.00	-	60,228.22	63,060.99
Other voluntary incoming resources	5,309.70	-	11,789.32	-	17,099.02	10.00
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	30,154.19	2,293.00	-	-	32,447.19	19,216.22
Income from investments	(48.46)	-	-	-	(48.46)	1.03
Total income	95,378.15	2,458.50	11,889.32	-	109,725.97	82,288.24
Expenditure on:						
Costs of generating funds	287.32	-	-	-	287.32	-
Grants	8,111.00	-	-	-	8,111.00	7,458.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church	84,721.94	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	98,617.94	71,392.98
Support costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
Total expenditure	93,260.26	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	107,156.26	78,850.98
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,117.89	351.51	100.31	-	2,569.71	3,437.26
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,117.89	351.51	100.31	-	2,569.71	3,437.26
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	10,237.73	3,641.04	10,095.54	-	23,974.31	20,537.05
Total funds carried forward	12,355.62	3,992.55	10,195.85	-	26,544.02	23,974.31

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
PCASH: PCC Cash in hand	228.84	(173.11)	12.00	-	67.73	179.22
PCCSH: PCC CAFCash	47,468.47	(27,175.74)	(6,196.28)	-	14,096.45	10,781.24
PGOLD: PCC CAF GOLD	(27,699.65)	30,309.40	15,522.13	-	18,131.88	17,026.17
PLLCash: PCC Lloyds Cash a/c	(1,132.00)	1,032.00	100.00	-	-	-
PLLOYDS: PCC Lloyds	(60.00)	-	60.00	-	-	-
VCDEC: Diocese Vicarage Decoration	-	-	-	-	-	708.49
Total	18,805.66	3,992.55	9,497.85	-	32,296.06	28,695.12
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,311.32	-	-	-	4,311.32	3,403.17
Total	4,311.32	-	-	-	4,311.32	3,403.17
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	10,761.36	-	(698.00)	-	10,063.36	8,123.98
Total	10,761.36	-	(698.00)	-	10,063.36	8,123.98
Net total assets	12,355.62	3,992.55	10,195.85	-	26,544.02	23,974.31

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	4,311.32	3,403.17
Cash At Bank And In Hand	32,296.06	28,695.12
	36,607.38	32,098.29
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,063.36	8,123.98
	10,063.36	8,123.98
Net current assets less current liabilities	26,544.02	23,974.31
Total assets less current liabilities	26,544.02	23,974.31
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	26,544.02	23,974.31
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	12,355.62	10,237.73
Designated		
Designated - Bell Tower Upkeep	464.01	300.00
Designated - Churchyard Upkeep	149.22	575.00
Designated - Designated Projects	304.19	304.19
Designated - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	290.00
Designated - In Our Back Yard Events	580.78	-
Designated - Organ Maintenance	2,411.85	2,171.85
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Tower Upkeep	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Church Hall Project	0.31	-
Restricted - Churchyard Upkeep	130.00	30.00
Restricted - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	9,974.54
Fund Totals	26,544.02	23,974.31

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
General							
Unrestricted	10,237.73	95,378.15	93,260.26	-	-	-	12,355.62
Sub-totals	10,237.73	95,378.15	93,260.26	-	-	-	12,355.62
InOurBackYard							
Designated	-	1,446.00	865.22	-	-	-	580.78
Sub-totals	-	1,446.00	865.22	-	-	-	580.78
Bells							
Designated	300.00	190.00	25.99	-	-	-	464.01
Restricted	91.00	-	-	-	-	-	91.00
Sub-totals	391.00	190.00	25.99	-	-	-	555.01
Churchyard							
Designated	575.00	425.00	850.78	-	-	-	149.22
Restricted	30.00	1,300.00	1,200.00	-	-	-	130.00
Sub-totals	605.00	1,725.00	2,050.78	-	-	-	279.22
Access							
Restricted	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
Sub-totals	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
HHWelfare							
Designated	290.00	157.50	365.00	-	-	-	82.50
Sub-totals	290.00	157.50	365.00	-	-	-	82.50
OrganMaint							
Designated	2,171.85	240.00	-	-	-	-	2,411.85
Sub-totals	2,171.85	240.00	-	-	-	-	2,411.85
HallProject							
Restricted	-	10,589.32	10,589.01	-	-	-	0.31
Sub-totals	-	10,589.32	10,589.01	-	-	-	0.31
DesProjects							
Designated	304.19	-	-	-	-	-	304.19
Sub-totals	304.19	-	-	-	-	-	304.19
Totals	23,974.31	109,725.97	107,156.26	-	-	-	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors						
01Env - GA Reg Envelopes	8,495.00	-	-	-	8,495.00	9,063.00
01EnvNGA - Non GA Reg Envelopes	2,013.47	-	-	-	2,013.47	3,305.13
01SO - GA Reg Bank SO	27,490.00	-	-	-	27,490.00	27,896.00
01SONGA - Non GABank SO	4,024.00	-	-	-	4,024.00	3,471.00
01VPG - PCC Voucher & Payroll Giving	340.00	-	-	-	340.00	-
03Card - Contactless Card Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
03EnvGAS - Gift Aid envelopes at services (One Off)	2,969.27	-	-	-	2,969.27	6,175.00
03EnvNGAS - Non GA Envelopes at services	319.56	-	-	-	319.56	115.00
03Plate - Loose plate Donations	2,329.10	3.00	-	-	2,332.10	1,452.81
04CP - Donations to Church Project	(375.79)	157.50	-	-	(218.29)	-
04DP - Undesignated Donations to Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
04GAYL - Give as you live donations	190.00	-	-	-	190.00	150.00
04Gen - Donations to General Fund	1,653.66	5.00	100.00	-	1,758.66	222.00
06BE - Tax Recovered on Bell Fund Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
06CP - Tax Recovered on Church Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
06DP - Tax recovered on Designated Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
06Gen - PCC Tax Recovered on GA	10,514.45	-	-	-	10,514.45	11,211.05
I0102Y - Youth GABank SO Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0201Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes SO	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0302Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04AV - Donations to Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04CP - Donations to Churchyard Paths	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04HT - Donations to Church Hall Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06AV - Tax Recovered on Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06CP - Tax Recovered on Churchyard Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06HT - Tax Recovered on Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06YW - Tax Recovered on Youth Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0101Y - Youth GA Envelopes Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from donors Totals	59,962.72	165.50	100.00	-	60,228.22	63,060.99
Other voluntary incoming resources						
07Leg - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
08GLPW - VAT recovered Listed Places Worship	536.82	-	-	-	536.82	-
08GNR - Non-Recurring or One-Off Grants	4,000.00	-	11,789.32	-	15,789.32	-
08GR - Recurring Grants	772.88	-	-	-	772.88	10.00
I0801Y - Youth One off Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other voluntary incoming resources Totals	5,309.70	-	11,789.32	-	17,099.02	10.00
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects						
09Gentd - Generated Funds	813.17	1,438.00	-	-	2,251.17	2,904.00
11Fees - Fees Weddings Funerals	8,103.00	855.00	-	-	8,958.00	6,607.00
12CAFE - Cafe Income	533.00	-	-	-	533.00	-
12Hall - Hall Income	20,545.26	-	-	-	20,545.26	9,146.81

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
12OffInc - Office income Printing etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
12Reimb - Reimbursements to PCC	159.76	-	-	-	159.76	558.41
12Sale - PCC Sales Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsC - Insurance Claims Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsCH - Insurance Claims Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
13SaleFA - Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
11212 - Magazine Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
112Rent - Rent from land or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects Totals	30,154.19	2,293.00	-	-	32,447.19	19,216.22
Income from investments						
10Blnt - PCC Bank Interest	76.54	-	-	-	76.54	1.03
10VDSB - Vicarage Decoration Scheme Bonus	(125.00)	-	-	-	(125.00)	-
Income from investments Totals	(48.46)	-	-	-	(48.46)	1.03
Income and endowments Grand totals	95,378.15	2,458.50	11,889.32	-	109,725.97	82,288.24
Expenditure on:						
Costs of generating funds						
17Env - Collection Envelopes	57.32	-	-	-	57.32	-
17FRev - Fundraising Events	230.00	-	-	-	230.00	-
17Stewp - Contactless / Stewardship Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating funds Totals	287.32	-	-	-	287.32	-
Grants						
18NTONSec - Other Non-secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18NTOSec - Other Secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18NTTTrust - Transformation Trust(CiB)	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	200.00
18TBYFC - Burton YFC - (tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
18TCMS - CMS - (Tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
18TFoot - The Footprints Family (Tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
18TONSEc - Other Non-secular (Tithe)	653.00	-	-	-	653.00	-
18TOSec - Other Secular (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TR&DA - Relief & Dev Agencies (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TYMCA - Burton YMCA (tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
118TSAMS - SAMS - (Tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants Totals	8,111.00	-	-	-	8,111.00	7,458.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church						
19Share - Common Fund (Purse)	33,187.00	-	-	-	33,187.00	32,129.00
20Admin - Administrator	12,912.38	-	-	-	12,912.38	10,888.83
20Clean - Cleaner	1,674.00	-	-	-	1,674.00	243.50
20DioAdmin - Diocese Salary Admin Charge	124.64	-	-	-	124.64	120.00
20VisMus - Visiting Organist/Buglar/Musician	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	95.00
20VisSp - Visiting Speakers	-	-	-	-	-	-
21CExp - Curate - Expenses	761.20	-	-	-	761.20	252.05
21Gift - Gifts (Flowers & 80+)	175.33	-	-	-	175.33	103.84
21OEquip - Office Equipment (Small)	53.91	-	-	-	53.91	-
21OS/W - Office Software Materials	251.29	-	-	-	251.29	401.99

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
21Post - Postage Stamps	-	-	-	-	-	315.92
21Print - Printers - Lease - Toner - Maint.	576.95	-	-	-	576.95	3,414.56
21SSExp - Sunday School Expenses	224.53	-	-	-	224.53	-
21Stat - Office Stationery	187.56	-	-	-	187.56	113.22
21VExp - Vicar - Expenses	346.61	-	-	-	346.61	315.42
21VHosp - Vicar - Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-
21Vicarage - Vicarage Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
21VRes - Vicar - Resources Books/Software	44.45	-	-	-	44.45	7.20
21VTel - Vicar - Telephone	466.05	-	-	-	466.05	398.52
21VTrain - Vicar - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22Alpha - Alpha Course	-	-	-	-	-	-
22CHC - Children's Holiday Club	87.27	-	-	-	87.27	-
22Child - Other Children's Mission	-	-	-	-	-	37.23
22CYM - Children & Youth Mission & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22EwMat - Evangelism Materials	2.51	-	-	-	2.51	348.79
22Family - Family Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
22IOBY - In Our Back Yard events	26.72	865.22	-	-	891.94	-
22Messy - Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	18.00
23ABankCh - Bank Charges	81.75	-	-	-	81.75	96.00
23ABells - Bells Belltower	-	25.99	-	-	25.99	-
23ACClean - Church Cleaning	15.41	-	-	-	15.41	1,154.83
23ACIns - Church Insurance	4,753.73	-	-	-	4,753.73	4,546.02
23ACInsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church	360.00	-	-	-	360.00	-
23ACSecu - Church Security	1,642.20	-	-	-	1,642.20	1,463.01
23ACYard - Churchyard Upkeep	189.62	850.78	-	-	1,040.40	618.25
23ADeanSub - Deanery Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AHMaint - Heating Maintenance	2,880.00	-	-	-	2,880.00	-
23AMnRep - Minor Repairs / Maint. / Equip.	734.30	-	-	-	734.30	1,434.96
23AOffTel - Office - Telephone; Broadband; Mobile	582.23	-	-	-	582.23	458.59
23APub - Publicity	737.00	-	-	-	737.00	1,346.00
23AQuin - Quinquennial	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AREimb - Reimbursible Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	350.00
23ASubs - Subscriptions (General)	90.00	-	-	-	90.00	90.00
23AWeb - Website	81.00	-	-	-	81.00	81.00
23Chris - Christmas expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
23Fire - Fire protection expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
23PBapt - Baptism Confirmation Preparation	67.71	-	-	-	67.71	32.53
23PComm - Community Events	460.12	-	-	-	460.12	246.58
23PMPrep - Marriage Preparation	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
23PTrain - Training Courses Materials	3.48	-	-	-	3.48	-
23PVLC - Village Lunch Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WGEqu - Worship Equipment General	44.59	-	-	-	44.59	21.98
23WHosp - Services Hospitality	257.51	-	-	-	257.51	48.00
23Wnst - Instrument Organ Piano Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	180.00
23WLic - Licences - Copyright etc.	486.00	-	-	-	486.00	417.00
23WLitMus - Liturgy Books Music	20.28	-	-	-	20.28	-
23WMat - Services Materials	165.45	-	-	-	165.45	20.36
23WMEqu - Worship Equipment Major	-	-	-	-	-	99.71
23WSacr - Sacristy	281.86	-	-	-	281.86	198.99
23WSSRes - Sunday School Resources	50.25	-	-	-	50.25	100.23
24Elec - Church Electricity	925.89	-	-	-	925.89	308.37
24Gas - Church Gas	1,926.20	-	-	-	1,926.20	2,072.62

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
24Wat - Church Water	20.95	-	-	-	20.95	136.84
25Cafe - Cafe Costs	77.90	-	-	-	77.90	-
25Clean - Hall Cleaning materials	255.29	-	-	-	255.29	232.06
25Elec - Hall Electricity	747.43	-	-	-	747.43	344.52
25Equip - Hall Equipment Fittings	2,292.52	-	4,249.69	-	6,542.21	188.84
25Gas - Hall Gas	1,284.92	-	-	-	1,284.92	432.25
25Ins - Hall Insurance	1,120.00	-	-	-	1,120.00	959.25
25InsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
25Mow - Hall Field Mowing	540.00	-	-	-	540.00	540.00
25Rep - Hall Repairs etc	631.60	-	5,717.52	-	6,349.12	254.01
25SalCle - Hall Cleaner salary	2,813.68	-	-	-	2,813.68	2,037.00
25SalMan - Hall Manager inc. mobile phone	1,928.13	-	-	-	1,928.13	1,399.87
25Wat - Hall Water	1,147.75	-	-	-	1,147.75	268.24
27ChRep - Church Repair Redecorate (Major)	666.00	-	1,200.00	-	1,866.00	-
28HallRep - Hall Repair Redecorate (Major)	2,529.88	-	621.80	-	3,151.68	-
29CT - Church Toilets Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 - Other payments / Expenditure	649.99	365.00	-	-	1,014.99	-
I20SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I20SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	26.92	-	-	-	26.92	-
I22SchEx1 - Daniel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchEx2 - Rachel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHEX3 - Liz Coltman School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHRE3 - Liz Coltman School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHSE3 - Liz Coltman School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2302CW - Children's work Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
I23WSSRes1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I23WSSRes2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2501 - Magazine Printing etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
I25CCMan - ICommunity Cafe Manager	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29AV - Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29CP - Churchyard Paths Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29HT - Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities relating to the work of the Church Totals	84,721.94	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	98,617.94	71,392.98
Support costs						
99Comp - computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration						
23AGov - PCC Governance - Hire Train APCMPrint	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AIndEx - Independent Examiner	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
23AWard - Church Wardens Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration Totals	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
Expenditure Grand totals	93,260.26	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	107,156.26	78,850.98

Conclusion.

I would like to start by expressing my sincere thanks to Chris Rimmer who has handed over to me the role of Treasurer after 25 years of sterling service. This is an increasingly complex role but the transition has been made much easier by joint working between Chris and I both before and after the official handover. I am very grateful to Chris for many years of work setting up systems and templates essential for the efficient management of our Church finances.

Looking Back, if 2019 was our last 'normal' year, 2020 was the year of Covid lockdown and crisis, 2021 was the year of recovery and 2022 was the year of consolidation and economic crisis!

In 2020 we benefited from Parish Share rebate from the Diocese and the government furlough scheme to support employed staff remain in post. We also benefitted from grants given by the local authority for Covid safety. These partially mitigated against a substantial drop in income from all sources.

In 2021 our Church membership rallied round to support our Church with increased giving to address to significant loss of income from all sources in 2020. The PCC also implemented a recovery plan which involved promotion of the Hall to increase trading income as well as a plan to reduce discretionary expenses. This involved a review of printing and photocopying costs.

In 2022 we have seen the fruits of our recovery plan with significant increase in Hall income, and savings of around £3000 in photocopying costs by terminating a lease contract and purchase of existing equipment on favourable terms. In addition, we have benefitted from the Diocese maintaining the Parish Share at previous levels.

Halfway through 2022 we have all been affected by the cost of living crisis generated by war in Ukraine and consequences of Covid expenditure.

I am pleased to report that member voluntary giving has held up very well in the year. We have been proactive in anticipation of the huge costs of utility supplies. This has reduced the additional burden somewhat by better management of heating settings and upgrading lighting with LED fittings in Hall and the Church floodlights. In addition the Diocese has given the PCC a grant of £1000 to support utility bill costs.

By means of actively seeking grants and donations for any developments in and around the Hall we have managed to achieve a great deal in the year.

- Over £15K in grants received for:
 - o Hall floor. (Big Lottery fund)
 - o Hall chairs. (Big Lottery fund and EM Airport charitable trust)
 - o Hall sign. (Parish Council)
 - o Platinum Jubilee celebration. (County Councillor Bernard Peter's members fund)

- o contribution to floodlighting electricity (parish council)
- o 90% of cost for replacement floodlight units (County Council members fund)
- o Modest sustainability grant for Churchyard. (County Council)

The end result of this, is that our funds end the year in very much the same place as they started but with much increased total income and expenditure. There has been a small surplus of income over expenditure and we have been able to maintain our reserves policy of holding at least a months expenditure equivalent in unrestricted funds.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to maintain our tithed giving to the four charities we support and in addition an additional sum of £653 to SAT-7 an organisation proposed by a Church member. This organisation broadcasts the Christian message overseas to many communities unable to worship freely.

Looking forward to 2023 we shall continue the approach to seeking funds for discretionary activities particularly those that enhance the Church Hall so that we can sustain the income generated by Hall hires. This is also a significant outreach activity with a wide range of community groups and individuals making use of this facility.

We know of a major cost we face in repairs to a section of the roof gulley. Costs are yet to be received but an application to the National Churches Trust may be needed if they are as high as feared.

I am thankful that Gods work continues to grow both in our Church pastorally and within the community and ask that you join me in prayer to seek His support and wisdom in the coming year.



Charles Pidsley PCC Treasurer.



Vicar



St Mary's Church Stretton with Claymills

Trustees Annual Report incorporating End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2022



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Stretton with Claymills
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Stretton, Burton upon Trent DE13 0HD
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Vicar: Revd Dr George Crossley,
Registered Charity No. 1130916

Reference and Administration Details

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.

How the charity is constituted

Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957

Names of Charity Trustees - PCC Members

Revd Dr George Crossley	Minister – Chair
Revd Dennis Warner	Minister
Revd Hazel Davis	Minister
Mrs Karen Fearn	Licensed Reader - Secretary
Mrs Shirley Irons	Reader Emeritus
Ms Jenny Knopik.	Reader Emeritus
Mr Brian Cook	Churchwarden - elected October 2020 resigned April 2022
Dr Charles Pidsley	Churchwarden - elected October 2020. Treasurer April 2022
Mrs Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Mrs Pauline Macdonald	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Miss Ruth James	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020. Churchwarden April 2022.
Mr Christopher Rimmer	elected for 3 years April 2022 – Treasurer, resigned April 2022
Mr Paul Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Laura Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Andrea Tabberer	elected for 3 years April 2020
Mrs Louise Burke	elected for 3 years April 2021
Mr Bill Parr	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Mel Siner	elected for 3 years April 2022
Mrs Christine Budworth	elected for 3 years April 2022

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Stretton with Claymills it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Stretton with Claymills. The trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

St Mary's, as a lively and outward looking church, continues to put it's objectives into practice with good effect. This is reviewed on a regular basis through it's bi-monthly trustee and other business meetings.

Future plans

Alongside, and as part of this Trustees Annual Report, an Annual and Finance Report is produced giving more detail on the year's achievements and our future plans.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees operate their finances on an unrestricted reserve equal to the anticipated highest expenditure within any one month.

Restricted Funds

We operate a number of restricted funds where donors or grant making bodies have given money for a specific (restricted) purpose. The full list is included in the financial statements that follow.

Funds Materially in Deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Investments

The day-to-day financial reserves of the charity are held in a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank cash account. All other reserves are held in a CAF Bank deposit account except that Standing Order donations and Cash Donations are directed to respective general accounts

held with Lloyds Bank. All income into these Lloyds Bank accounts is transferred to either of the two CAF Bank accounts monthly.

Due to the minimal levels of these reserves no other form of investment is deemed necessary.

Financial risk management

Two persons are needed to authorise all mandate or online transactions on behalf of the charity. Four persons have online access to the CAF Bank accounts for authorisation and oversight purposes. This online access requires input of three levels of information, all unique to each person. In addition to this a Debit card is held in the name of the Treasurer, Administrator and designated PCC member currently Mr C Rimmer for other occasional payments. These debit cards are only used for small payments and when confirmed with another mandated person. The treasurer prepares a monthly report to the trustees for their information and oversight. This procedure helps to ensure that any unusual financial transactions are noted at the earliest opportunity and the day-to-day cash-flow is satisfactory.

Safeguarding

‘Safeguarding is God’s agenda & everyone’s responsibility’.

The trustees will take all reasonable steps to work towards ‘The protection of Children and Adults within the Diocese of Lichfield, its churches and parishes’.

The trustees will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children Protecting All God’s Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006).

The trustees will work towards complying with: The Diocese of Lichfield Safeguarding Policy 2017 and the Safer Recruitment; application of DBS & Training Policy as relating to Safeguarding 2017.

The trustees will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

Copies of our latest Safeguarding, Lone Working and Health and Safety Policies are maintained on our website.

St Mary’s Stretton is committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. We take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.’ (From ‘Promoting a Safer Church’, The Church of England’s Safeguarding Policy Statement.)

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Mary's, Stretton with Claymills

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or 3. the accounts do 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: 

Date: 13/03/23

Name: Mark Desmond Vickers
Address: 50 Stanton Road,
Stapenhill
Burton upon Trent,
DE15 9RP

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors	59,962.72	165.50	100.00	-	60,228.22	63,060.99
Other voluntary incoming resources	5,309.70	-	11,789.32	-	17,099.02	10.00
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	30,154.19	2,293.00	-	-	32,447.19	19,216.22
Income from investments	(48.46)	-	-	-	(48.46)	1.03
Total income	95,378.15	2,458.50	11,889.32	-	109,725.97	82,288.24
Expenditure on:						
Costs of generating funds	287.32	-	-	-	287.32	-
Grants	8,111.00	-	-	-	8,111.00	7,458.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church	84,721.94	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	98,617.94	71,392.98
Support costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
Total expenditure	93,260.26	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	107,156.26	78,850.98
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,117.89	351.51	100.31	-	2,569.71	3,437.26
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,117.89	351.51	100.31	-	2,569.71	3,437.26
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	10,237.73	3,641.04	10,095.54	-	23,974.31	20,537.05
Total funds carried forward	12,355.62	3,992.55	10,195.85	-	26,544.02	23,974.31

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
PCASH: PCC Cash in hand	228.84	(173.11)	12.00	-	67.73	179.22
PCCSH: PCC CAFCash	47,468.47	(27,175.74)	(6,196.28)	-	14,096.45	10,781.24
PGOLD: PCC CAF GOLD	(27,699.65)	30,309.40	15,522.13	-	18,131.88	17,026.17
PLLCash: PCC Lloyds Cash a/c	(1,132.00)	1,032.00	100.00	-	-	-
PLLOYDS: PCC Lloyds	(60.00)	-	60.00	-	-	-
VCDEC: Diocese Vicarage Decoration	-	-	-	-	-	708.49
Total	18,805.66	3,992.55	9,497.85	-	32,296.06	28,695.12
Current Asset - Debtors						
Z05: Accounts Receivable	4,311.32	-	-	-	4,311.32	3,403.17
Total	4,311.32	-	-	-	4,311.32	3,403.17
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	10,761.36	-	(698.00)	-	10,063.36	8,123.98
Total	10,761.36	-	(698.00)	-	10,063.36	8,123.98
Net total assets	12,355.62	3,992.55	10,195.85	-	26,544.02	23,974.31

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	4,311.32	3,403.17
Cash At Bank And In Hand	32,296.06	28,695.12
	36,607.38	32,098.29
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	10,063.36	8,123.98
	10,063.36	8,123.98
Net current assets less current liabilities	26,544.02	23,974.31
Total assets less current liabilities	26,544.02	23,974.31
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	26,544.02	23,974.31
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	12,355.62	10,237.73
Designated		
Designated - Bell Tower Upkeep	464.01	300.00
Designated - Churchyard Upkeep	149.22	575.00
Designated - Designated Projects	304.19	304.19
Designated - Helping Hands Welfare	82.50	290.00
Designated - In Our Back Yard Events	580.78	-
Designated - Organ Maintenance	2,411.85	2,171.85
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Tower Upkeep	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Church Hall Project	0.31	-
Restricted - Churchyard Upkeep	130.00	30.00
Restricted - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974.54	9,974.54
Fund Totals	26,544.02	23,974.31

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
General							
Unrestricted	10,237.73	95,378.15	93,260.26	-	-	-	12,355.62
Sub-totals	10,237.73	95,378.15	93,260.26	-	-	-	12,355.62
InOurBackYard							
Designated	-	1,446.00	865.22	-	-	-	580.78
Sub-totals	-	1,446.00	865.22	-	-	-	580.78
Bells							
Designated	300.00	190.00	25.99	-	-	-	464.01
Restricted	91.00	-	-	-	-	-	91.00
Sub-totals	391.00	190.00	25.99	-	-	-	555.01
Churchyard							
Designated	575.00	425.00	850.78	-	-	-	149.22
Restricted	30.00	1,300.00	1,200.00	-	-	-	130.00
Sub-totals	605.00	1,725.00	2,050.78	-	-	-	279.22
Access							
Restricted	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
Sub-totals	9,974.54	-	-	-	-	-	9,974.54
HHWelfare							
Designated	290.00	157.50	365.00	-	-	-	82.50
Sub-totals	290.00	157.50	365.00	-	-	-	82.50
OrganMaint							
Designated	2,171.85	240.00	-	-	-	-	2,411.85
Sub-totals	2,171.85	240.00	-	-	-	-	2,411.85
HallProject							
Restricted	-	10,589.32	10,589.01	-	-	-	0.31
Sub-totals	-	10,589.32	10,589.01	-	-	-	0.31
DesProjects							
Designated	304.19	-	-	-	-	-	304.19
Sub-totals	304.19	-	-	-	-	-	304.19
Totals	23,974.31	109,725.97	107,156.26	-	-	-	26,544.02

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors						
01Env - GA Reg Envelopes	8,495.00	-	-	-	8,495.00	9,063.00
01EnvNGA - Non GA Reg Envelopes	2,013.47	-	-	-	2,013.47	3,305.13
01SO - GA Reg Bank SO	27,490.00	-	-	-	27,490.00	27,896.00
01SONGA - Non GABank SO	4,024.00	-	-	-	4,024.00	3,471.00
01VPG - PCC Voucher & Payroll Giving	340.00	-	-	-	340.00	-
03Card - Contactless Card Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-
03EnvGAS - Gift Aid envelopes at services (One Off)	2,969.27	-	-	-	2,969.27	6,175.00
03EnvNGAS - Non GA Envelopes at services	319.56	-	-	-	319.56	115.00
03Plate - Loose plate Donations	2,329.10	3.00	-	-	2,332.10	1,452.81
04CP - Donations to Church Project	(375.79)	157.50	-	-	(218.29)	-
04DP - Undesignated Donations to Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
04GAYL - Give as you live donations	190.00	-	-	-	190.00	150.00
04Gen - Donations to General Fund	1,653.66	5.00	100.00	-	1,758.66	222.00
06BE - Tax Recovered on Bell Fund Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
06CP - Tax Recovered on Church Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
06DP - Tax recovered on Designated Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
06Gen - PCC Tax Recovered on GA	10,514.45	-	-	-	10,514.45	11,211.05
I0102Y - Youth GABank SO Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0201Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes SO	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0302Y - Youth Non GA Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04AV - Donations to Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04CP - Donations to Churchyard Paths	-	-	-	-	-	-
I04HT - Donations to Church Hall Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06AV - Tax Recovered on Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06CP - Tax Recovered on Churchyard Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06HT - Tax Recovered on Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
I06YW - Tax Recovered on Youth Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
I0101Y - Youth GA Envelopes Reg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from donors Totals	59,962.72	165.50	100.00	-	60,228.22	63,060.99
Other voluntary incoming resources						
07Leg - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
08GLPW - VAT recovered Listed Places Worship	536.82	-	-	-	536.82	-
08GNR - Non-Recurring or One-Off Grants	4,000.00	-	11,789.32	-	15,789.32	-
08GR - Recurring Grants	772.88	-	-	-	772.88	10.00
I0801Y - Youth One off Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other voluntary incoming resources Totals	5,309.70	-	11,789.32	-	17,099.02	10.00
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects						
09Gentd - Generated Funds	813.17	1,438.00	-	-	2,251.17	2,904.00
11Fees - Fees Weddings Funerals	8,103.00	855.00	-	-	8,958.00	6,607.00
12CAFE - Cafe Income	533.00	-	-	-	533.00	-
12Hall - Hall Income	20,545.26	-	-	-	20,545.26	9,146.81

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
12OffInc - Office income Printing etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
12Reimb - Reimbursements to PCC	159.76	-	-	-	159.76	558.41
12Sale - PCC Sales Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsC - Insurance Claims Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
13InsCH - Insurance Claims Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
13SaleFA - Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
11212 - Magazine Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
112Rent - Rent from land or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects Totals	30,154.19	2,293.00	-	-	32,447.19	19,216.22
Income from investments						
10Blnt - PCC Bank Interest	76.54	-	-	-	76.54	1.03
10VDSB - Vicarage Decoration Scheme Bonus	(125.00)	-	-	-	(125.00)	-
Income from investments Totals	(48.46)	-	-	-	(48.46)	1.03
Income and endowments Grand totals	95,378.15	2,458.50	11,889.32	-	109,725.97	82,288.24
Expenditure on:						
Costs of generating funds						
17Env - Collection Envelopes	57.32	-	-	-	57.32	-
17FRev - Fundraising Events	230.00	-	-	-	230.00	-
17Stewp - Contactless / Stewardship Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating funds Totals	287.32	-	-	-	287.32	-
Grants						
18NTONSec - Other Non-secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18NTOSec - Other Secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18NTTTrust - Transformation Trust(CiB)	200.00	-	-	-	200.00	200.00
18TBYFC - Burton YFC - (tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
18TCMS - CMS - (Tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
18TFoot - The Footprints Family (Tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
18TONSEc - Other Non-secular (Tithe)	653.00	-	-	-	653.00	-
18TOSec - Other Secular (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TR&DA - Relief & Dev Agencies (tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
18TYMCA - Burton YMCA (tithe)	1,814.50	-	-	-	1,814.50	1,814.50
118TSAMS - SAMS - (Tithe)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants Totals	8,111.00	-	-	-	8,111.00	7,458.00
Activities relating to the work of the Church						
19Share - Common Fund (Purse)	33,187.00	-	-	-	33,187.00	32,129.00
20Admin - Administrator	12,912.38	-	-	-	12,912.38	10,888.83
20Clean - Cleaner	1,674.00	-	-	-	1,674.00	243.50
20DioAdmin - Diocese Salary Admin Charge	124.64	-	-	-	124.64	120.00
20VisMus - Visiting Organist/Buglar/Musician	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	95.00
20VisSp - Visiting Speakers	-	-	-	-	-	-
21CExp - Curate - Expenses	761.20	-	-	-	761.20	252.05
21Gift - Gifts (Flowers & 80+)	175.33	-	-	-	175.33	103.84
21OEquip - Office Equipment (Small)	53.91	-	-	-	53.91	-
21OS/W - Office Software Materials	251.29	-	-	-	251.29	401.99

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
21Post - Postage Stamps	-	-	-	-	-	315.92
21Print - Printers - Lease - Toner - Maint.	576.95	-	-	-	576.95	3,414.56
21SSExp - Sunday School Expenses	224.53	-	-	-	224.53	-
21Stat - Office Stationery	187.56	-	-	-	187.56	113.22
21VExp - Vicar - Expenses	346.61	-	-	-	346.61	315.42
21VHosp - Vicar - Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	-
21Vicarage - Vicarage Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
21VRes - Vicar - Resources Books/Software	44.45	-	-	-	44.45	7.20
21VTel - Vicar - Telephone	466.05	-	-	-	466.05	398.52
21VTrain - Vicar - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22Alpha - Alpha Course	-	-	-	-	-	-
22CHC - Children's Holiday Club	87.27	-	-	-	87.27	-
22Child - Other Children's Mission	-	-	-	-	-	37.23
22CYM - Children & Youth Mission & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
22EvMat - Evangelism Materials	2.51	-	-	-	2.51	348.79
22Family - Family Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
22IOBY - In Our Back Yard events	26.72	865.22	-	-	891.94	-
22Messy - Messy Church	-	-	-	-	-	18.00
23ABankCh - Bank Charges	81.75	-	-	-	81.75	96.00
23ABells - Bells Belltower	-	25.99	-	-	25.99	-
23ACClean - Church Cleaning	15.41	-	-	-	15.41	1,154.83
23ACIns - Church Insurance	4,753.73	-	-	-	4,753.73	4,546.02
23ACInsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church	360.00	-	-	-	360.00	-
23ACSecu - Church Security	1,642.20	-	-	-	1,642.20	1,463.01
23ACYard - Churchyard Upkeep	189.62	850.78	-	-	1,040.40	618.25
23ADeanSub - Deanery Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AHMaint - Heating Maintenance	2,880.00	-	-	-	2,880.00	-
23AMnRep - Minor Repairs / Maint. / Equip.	734.30	-	-	-	734.30	1,434.96
23AOffTel - Office - Telephone; Broadband; Mobile	582.23	-	-	-	582.23	458.59
23APub - Publicity	737.00	-	-	-	737.00	1,346.00
23AQuin - Quinquennial	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AREimb - Reimbursible Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	350.00
23ASubs - Subscriptions (General)	90.00	-	-	-	90.00	90.00
23AWeb - Website	81.00	-	-	-	81.00	81.00
23Chris - Christmas expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
23Fire - Fire protection expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
23PBapt - Baptism Confirmation Preparation	67.71	-	-	-	67.71	32.53
23PComm - Community Events	460.12	-	-	-	460.12	246.58
23PMPrep - Marriage Preparation	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
23PTrain - Training Courses Materials	3.48	-	-	-	3.48	-
23PVLC - Village Lunch Club	-	-	-	-	-	-
23WGEqu - Worship Equipment General	44.59	-	-	-	44.59	21.98
23WHosp - Services Hospitality	257.51	-	-	-	257.51	48.00
23Wnst - Instrument Organ Piano Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	180.00
23WLic - Licences - Copyright etc.	486.00	-	-	-	486.00	417.00
23WLitMus - Liturgy Books Music	20.28	-	-	-	20.28	-
23WMat - Services Materials	165.45	-	-	-	165.45	20.36
23WMEqu - Worship Equipment Major	-	-	-	-	-	99.71
23WSacr - Sacristy	281.86	-	-	-	281.86	198.99
23WSSRes - Sunday School Resources	50.25	-	-	-	50.25	100.23
24Elec - Church Electricity	925.89	-	-	-	925.89	308.37
24Gas - Church Gas	1,926.20	-	-	-	1,926.20	2,072.62

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24Wat - Church Water	20.95	-	-	-	20.95	136.84
25Cafe - Cafe Costs	77.90	-	-	-	77.90	-
25Clean - Hall Cleaning materials	255.29	-	-	-	255.29	232.06
25Elec - Hall Electricity	747.43	-	-	-	747.43	344.52
25Equip - Hall Equipment Fittings	2,292.52	-	4,249.69	-	6,542.21	188.84
25Gas - Hall Gas	1,284.92	-	-	-	1,284.92	432.25
25Ins - Hall Insurance	1,120.00	-	-	-	1,120.00	959.25
25InsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-
25Mow - Hall Field Mowing	540.00	-	-	-	540.00	540.00
25Rep - Hall Repairs etc	631.60	-	5,717.52	-	6,349.12	254.01
25SalCle - Hall Cleaner salary	2,813.68	-	-	-	2,813.68	2,037.00
25SalMan - Hall Manager inc. mobile phone	1,928.13	-	-	-	1,928.13	1,399.87
25Wat - Hall Water	1,147.75	-	-	-	1,147.75	268.24
27ChRep - Church Repair Redecorate (Major)	666.00	-	1,200.00	-	1,866.00	-
28HallRep - Hall Repair Redecorate (Major)	2,529.88	-	621.80	-	3,151.68	-
29CT - Church Toilets Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 - Other payments / Expenditure	649.99	365.00	-	-	1,014.99	-
I20SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I20SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I21SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	26.92	-	-	-	26.92	-
I22SchEx1 - Daniel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchEx2 - Rachel Ortiz School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHEX3 - Liz Coltman School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchRe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHRE3 - Liz Coltman School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe1 - Daniel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SchSe2 - Rachel Ortiz School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I22SCHSE3 - Liz Coltman School Session	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2302CW - Children's work Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-
I23WSSRes1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I23WSSRes2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
I2501 - Magazine Printing etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
I25CCMan - ICommunity Cafe Manager	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29AV - Audio Visual Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29CP - Churchyard Paths Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
I29HT - Church Hall Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activities relating to the work of the Church Totals	84,721.94	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	98,617.94	71,392.98
Support costs						
99Comp - computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration						
23AGov - PCC Governance - Hire Train APCMPrint	-	-	-	-	-	-
23AIndEx - Independent Examiner	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
23AWard - Church Wardens Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church management and administration Totals	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
Expenditure Grand totals	93,260.26	2,106.99	11,789.01	-	107,156.26	78,850.98

Conclusion.

I would like to start by expressing my sincere thanks to Chris Rimmer who has handed over to me the role of Treasurer after 25 years of sterling service. This is an increasingly complex role but the transition has been made much easier by joint working between Chris and I both before and after the official handover. I am very grateful to Chris for many years of work setting up systems and templates essential for the efficient management of our Church finances.

Looking Back, if 2019 was our last 'normal' year, 2020 was the year of Covid lockdown and crisis, 2021 was the year of recovery and 2022 was the year of consolidation and economic crisis!

In 2020 we benefited from Parish Share rebate from the Diocese and the government furlough scheme to support employed staff remain in post. We also benefitted from grants given by the local authority for Covid safety. These partially mitigated against a substantial drop in income from all sources.

In 2021 our Church membership rallied round to support our Church with increased giving to address to significant loss of income from all sources in 2020. The PCC also implemented a recovery plan which involved promotion of the Hall to increase trading income as well as a plan to reduce discretionary expenses. This involved a review of printing and photocopying costs.

In 2022 we have seen the fruits of our recovery plan with significant increase in Hall income, and savings of around £3000 in photocopying costs by terminating a lease contract and purchase of existing equipment on favourable terms. In addition, we have benefitted from the Diocese maintaining the Parish Share at previous levels.

Halfway through 2022 we have all been affected by the cost of living crisis generated by war in Ukraine and consequences of Covid expenditure.

I am pleased to report that member voluntary giving has held up very well in the year. We have been proactive in anticipation of the huge costs of utility supplies. This has reduced the additional burden somewhat by better management of heating settings and upgrading lighting with LED fittings in Hall and the Church floodlights. In addition the Diocese has given the PCC a grant of £1000 to support utility bill costs.

By means of actively seeking grants and donations for any developments in and around the Hall we have managed to achieve a great deal in the year.

- Over £15K in grants received for:
 - o Hall floor. (Big Lottery fund)
 - o Hall chairs. (Big Lottery fund and EM Airport charitable trust)
 - o Hall sign. (Parish Council)
 - o Platinum Jubilee celebration. (County Councillor Bernard Peter's members fund)

- o contribution to floodlighting electricity (parish council)
- o 90% of cost for replacement floodlight units (County Council members fund)
- o Modest sustainability grant for Churchyard. (County Council)

The end result of this, is that our funds end the year in very much the same place as they started but with much increased total income and expenditure. There has been a small surplus of income over expenditure and we have been able to maintain our reserves policy of holding at least a months expenditure equivalent in unrestricted funds.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to maintain our tithed giving to the four charities we support and in addition an additional sum of £653 to SAT-7 an organisation proposed by a Church member. This organisation broadcasts the Christian message overseas to many communities unable to worship freely.

Looking forward to 2023 we shall continue the approach to seeking funds for discretionary activities particularly those that enhance the Church Hall so that we can sustain the income generated by Hall hires. This is also a significant outreach activity with a wide range of community groups and individuals making use of this facility.

We know of a major cost we face in repairs to a section of the roof gulley. Costs are yet to be received but an application to the National Churches Trust may be needed if they are as high as feared.

I am thankful that Gods work continues to grow both in our Church pastorally and within the community and ask that you join me in prayer to seek His support and wisdom in the coming year.



Charles Pidsley PCC Treasurer.



Vicar

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St Mary's Stretton

Annual Report



April 2022

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

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PCC Members

May 2021-April 2022

Rev'd George Crossley	Minister—Chair
Rev'd Ben Care	Curate°
Rev'd Hazel Davis	Curate
Rev'd Dennis Warner	Associate Minister
Charles Pidsley	Church Warden
Brian Cook	Church Warden
Shirley Irons	Licensed Reader
Jenny Knopik	Licensed Reader
Kas Fearn	Licensed Reader
Ruth James	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Pauline MacDonald	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Louise Burke	Elected May 2021
Andrea Tabberer	Elected October 2020
Chris Rimmer	*Elected April 2019—Treasurer
Paul Spencer	*Elected April 2019
Laura Spencer	*Elected April 2019
Christine Davenport	° Elected April 2019

° left / stood down during year

* up for re-election 2021

Vicar's Report

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power... Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:10,13-15

Is there such a thing as an ordinary year any more? For the last two years we have had to come to terms with what it is like to be a church in a time of pandemic and now we have a major war in Europe. It brings to mind the ironic statement 'May you live in interesting times' (probably made up by Austen Chamberlain and called The Chinese Curse) – we certainly do live in interesting times and sometimes we might

wish they weren't quite so interesting.

Over the last two years we have undergone a great deal of trauma and change. As individuals and a church we shouldn't underestimate the effect that the trauma has on us, we all suffer from tiredness, caution and uncertainty still. Many of us have had Covid and that has longer term health effects on us too. As a church this has led to re-evaluation of what we do. Last year I said at the APCM that we should be prepared to make a positive decision not to restart many things that we had been doing pre-Covid and take time to pay attention to what God may be calling us to do in the future. The PCC report makes clear we felt it wise to stop Messy Church, Family Church, the Community Café and Stretton Lunch Club – they have all been excellent ministries and those who organised, led and took part in them deserve to be thanked for their faithful service to God and the

church through them. By stopping some things it has opened the opportunity to be led into other things: In Our Back Yard, about which we will hear more at the APCM, has engaged with families in Stretton and Chatterbox Cafe, which started in March, provides a meeting place for people to come and chat and enjoy a hot drink and a cake; pretty much what it says on the tin.

We have continued to meet for worship, prayer and to read the bible regularly on a Sunday and in home groups. The former has also been live streamed for those not able to come to church for whatever reason. I have found it particularly moving when we have a video or sound contribution to our service from someone who is not currently able to attend church in person.

St Mary's and St Chad continue to be greatly blessed by a team of clergy and Readers who lead services and provide pastoral care week by week. We may not real-

ise how blessed we are: there are churches who have one clergy shared in several parishes and no Readers. Last year we said goodbye to Ben, Helen, Anna and Lyla as they moved to Bradford as Ben's curacy came to an end. He is now enjoying his new ministry in the Manningham, Heaton and Girlington areas of Bradford. We have been joined by Hazel and Laurence. Hazel has brought some wonderful initiatives to both churches and we appreciate her ministry among us.

Whilst we may hope for slightly fewer interesting things in the coming years, we need to be aware that the Church of England more widely is facing some real problems associated with falling attendance, declining finances and increasing costs. Headlines in the papers can be misleading and the church is not facing imminent crisis as some report, but there are genuine problems ahead. Inevitably there will be fewer paid clergy in due course, and they will

be responsible for more parishes, this will force the church to reconsider what the role of clergy is in the future.

But being church is not about how many clergy there are. Each Christian is a Christian minister, each called by God to be in the place in which they live and work, we are all on a front line. God provides us, through the Holy Spirit, with all that we need to stand and be faithful to Jesus in the circumstances in which we find ourselves. It is our responsibility to be equipped so that we can be known as Christians and for our lives to match our calling so that by word and deed we can invite people to know Jesus for themselves. Meeting together regularly is part of the self discipline we need to be effective Christians. It is my intent and prayer that what we do at St Mary's equips and enables people to stand secure and equipped in their faith for the glory of God.

George Crossley—Vicar

Deanery Synod Report

Three meetings were held:

22/9/21, St James' Church Barton:

Shaping for Mission – groups discussed four areas for development

17/11/21, St Mary's Church Stretton:

Shared Eucharist. Archdeacon of Stoke, the Venerable Megan Smith, spoke on worship and reaching out to young people. Refreshments followed.

7/2/22, Red Lion House Horn-inglow:

Presentation to John Wedd, former Treasurer, in recognition of his work. Report on Living in Love and Faith course last year. Discussed plans for Deanery Course in May and Shaping for Mission.

Reverend Les Reed, vicar of Hanbury, Draycott, Newborough and Rangemore died last June. Reverend Michael Freeman will retire next year.

Next meeting 14th June, Holy Angels, Hoar Cross.

Pauline MacDonald—Deanery Synod representative

Church Wardens' Report

For our Church, 2021 has been very much a year of review and reflection. After a rather slow return to activities, we are now having regular Sunday services with good attendance albeit less than pre-Covid. Technology which facilitated online services is now in regular use to stream live services. This is a continuous learning process as simpler solutions are sought to reduce dependency on individual Church members. New activities such as IOBY have been planned and there have been the beginnings of more social contact within the Church membership. It is recognised that particularly older members of our Church are struggling to get to Church but videos of readings and prayers from home have widened the

reach of our services. A big thank you to Andrea our Safeguarding lead who makes regular contact with absent Church members. This helps to reduce the inevitable feelings of being marginalised.

Compared to the previous two years there have been relatively few major issues to address regards the Church structure, the Church Hall and the Churchyard. We feel in the past twelve months that a lot of smaller maintenance issues have been dealt with.

Going forwards, we would like to draw Church member's attention to several major maintenance challenges.

The pathways and car parking areas of both Church and Hall are beginning to break up and will need resurfacing in the next 5 years.

The last quinquennial report was in 2019. Urgent works have been carried out but works advised beyond the current period included re pointing, replacement of the weather cock and vane from atop

the tower, improved access to the bell chamber and renewal of acoustic baffle in the bell chamber. Total estimated costs in 2019 were £30K

The Church Hall ceiling is constructed from panels containing asbestos. This is safe provided not disturbed but which needs regular review. This presents a problem as light units attached to the panel start to fail.

It has not been possible to consider addressing these matters up to now, due to the difficult financial circumstances. This was caused primarily by lack of Hall income and fees from marriages and funerals. However, the improved financial situation means that we would recommend the PCC gives some consideration to these matters in the next 12 months aided by exploring grants to help towards the costs.

Immediate plans for the current year are to explore the possibility of establishing a working party to

help with Church yard maintenance and to plan a Spring clean of the Church which has been in abeyance since the Covid outbreak.

The PCC has also approved the submission of an application for faculty to remove the font hood. This is due to very high annual costs associated with inspection of the hoist mechanism required by current legislation.

Brian and I continue to have monthly meetings with George to discuss matters relating to Church fabric and Church life as supplement to the PCC meetings.

We would like to thank all Church members who have volunteered to help in the Church and Churchyard and in organising events. Your contribution does make a difference!

*Charles Pidsley and Brian Cook—
Church Wardens*

PCC Report

During 2021 the PCC met 6 times, all but once by zoom.

One of the priorities was the consideration given to how St Mary's would look, coming out of Covid—in particular giving time for the processing of what had happened, to be able to mourn and celebrate, and to discern God's priorities in respect of which church activities we picked back up and which to put down. So after much prayer, heart-searching and discussion Messy Church, Family Church, the Community Café and Stretton Lunch Club were put down. To reach children and young families a new ministry was born: In Our Back Yard.

Later in the year Shirley Irons proposed opening a new café, subsequently called the "Chatterbox Café" - which opened for the first time on 24 March 2022.

Another area given a lot of consideration was our Sunday wor-

ship: whether to open, when to open and what time the service should start! This of course had to follow the Government regulations and guidance at the time.

There are four regular agenda items on the agenda: Finance, Church Warden reports, Health & Safety and Safeguarding. As you can imagine these items produced a large proportion of our discussions! The finance is for obvious reasons: Chris' experience and hard work has guided us through the tricky Covid-season. The Church Wardens have been incredibly busy during 2021, keeping the Church Yard looking tidy (with the help of the Kickstart lad), as well as dealing with the maintenance and repair of the Church and Hall, and the equipment in them.

Changes have been made to the Safeguarding training as well as the guidance around DBS checks—who needs them and who doesn't. Andrea has done a good job in keeping us informed,

as well as reminding us of our responsibilities, and the reason for the policies.

During the year Christine Davenport resigned from the PCC; we remain grateful for her input.

Kas Fearn—PCC Secretary

Treasurer

Again, without doubt the last year has been an exceptional one but we continue to have blessings as well as difficulties during this period of pandemic. We seek to raise our level of income so that we can increase our mission and continue to meet our commitments in 2022 and beyond. We trust in God's provision, and I give thanks that He never fails us.

Negotiations and funding plans continue to be placed on hold towards the Disabled Toilet at the rear of church.

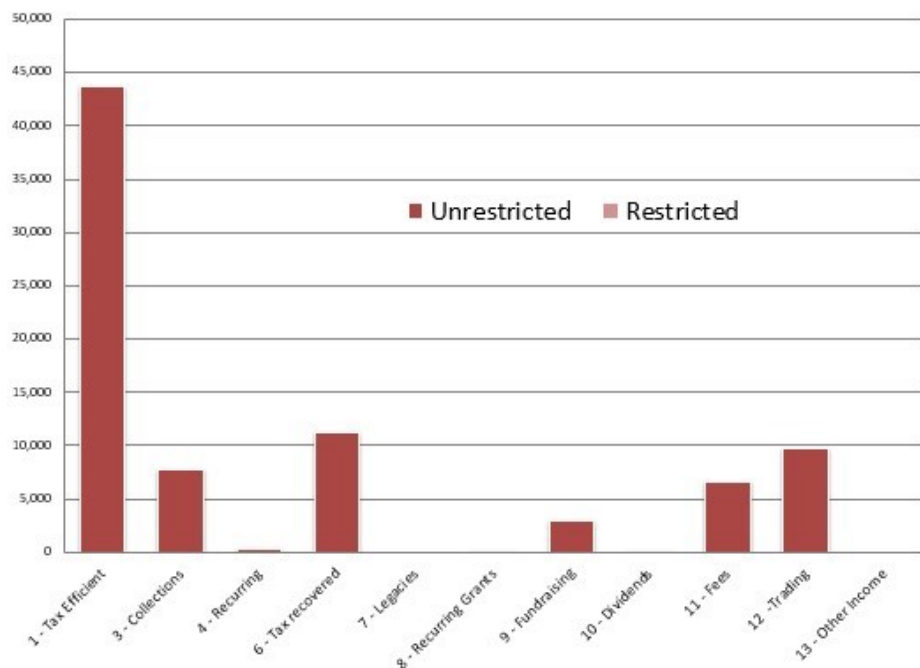
I am pleased to confirm that, despite the financial challenges, we have been able to end the year

meeting the terms of our reserves policy referred to above. Our donors have maintained a good level of giving. This together with a measure of reduced expenditure have resulted in an acceptable level of financial security. This has also been helped by the generosity of the Diocese in rebating the equivalent of one month of our Parish Share. (From 2022 the Parish Share is to be renamed Common Purse with new formulas of working. In the immediate future this will generate minimal difference to our commitment.)

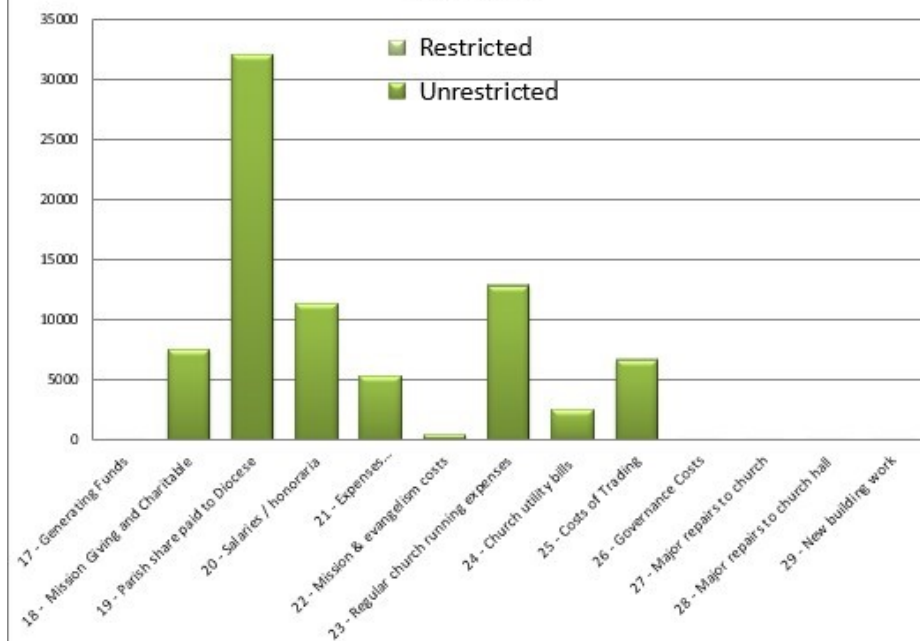
The PCC tithe their income. This means that we calculate the amount of applicable income during the year and grant one tenth of this to the following charities. CMS - 25%; The Footprints Family (formally Footprints Orphanage) - 25%; Burton YFC - 25%; Burton YMCA - 25%. This year this is £1,814.50 each with a total tithe of £7,258.

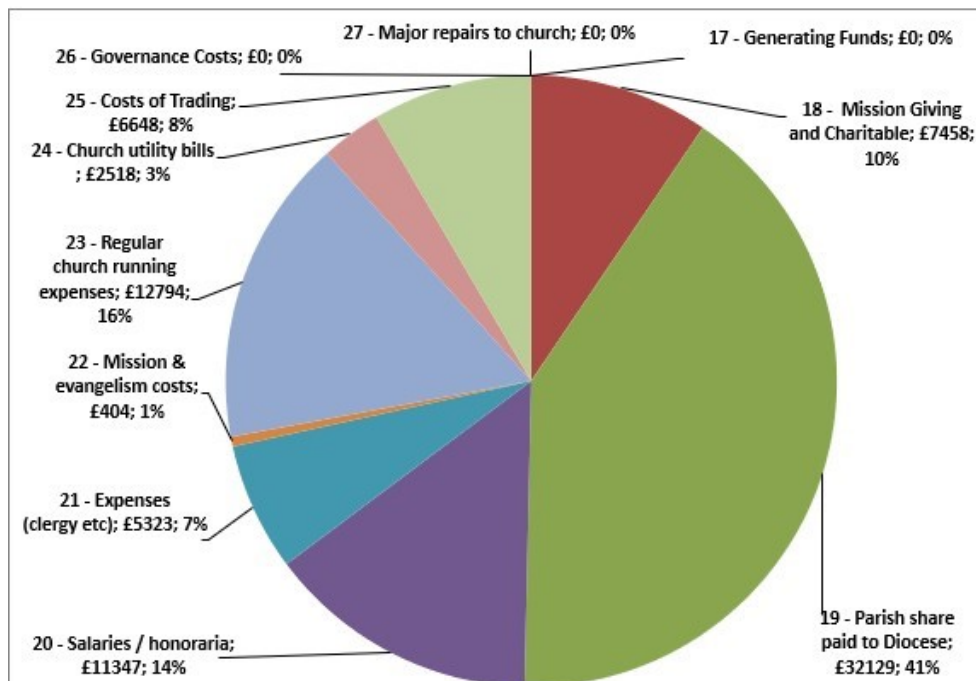
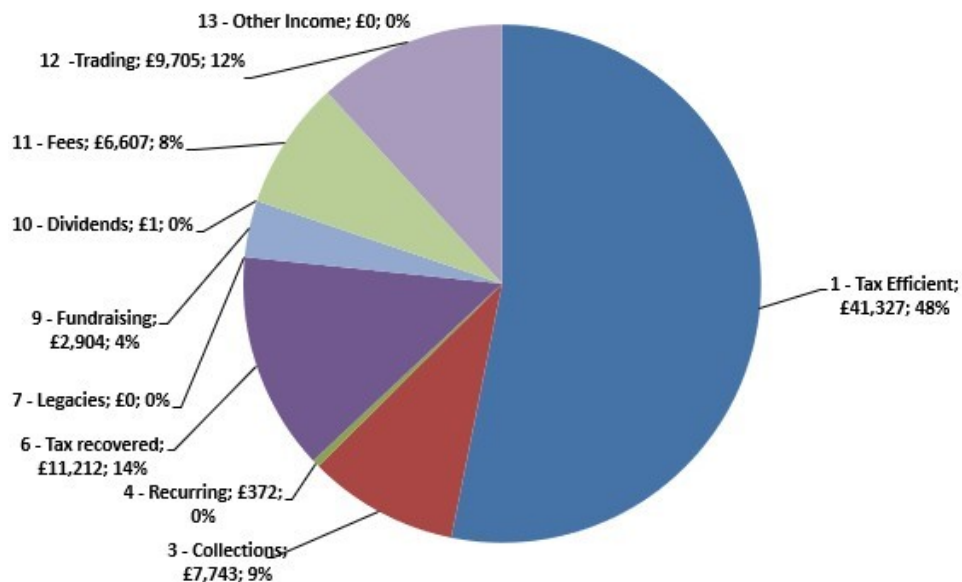
The outcome of this improved year has led our Unrestricted

Income



Expenditure





Reserves of £10,237 being close to the average for recent years. This figure was £7,024 in 2020 and £11,582 for 2019. Previous years Unrestricted Reserves ranged between £5,188 and £16,412, an average of £10,660.

As indicated earlier as we emerge from the effects of this pandemic we will need to continue to try and further increase our income if we are to expand the mission of the church that we all desire and pray for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your much appreciated giving. Whether it is regular or not, gift aided or not, it is vital to the work of our church. Without this commitment to Christ's church, we would not be able to serve God and our community in the way that we do. Remember that God allows us to keep the rest of his provision beyond our giving for ourselves.

Can I ask you to pray regularly for

the financial ministry of our church? I believe that God has responded to our prayers regarding our finances. Many of you tithe your income, thank you, but if you do not already, please prayerfully consider doing so. Especially, please also pray for the funds to cover all our work planned for this year.

Chris Rimmer—Treasurer

Planned Giving

From a giving point of view, 2021 has been a disappointing year. During the first year of lockdown St Mary's members had stepped up to keep giving so that we could continue to serve the community. Even so, giving fell slightly rather than keeping up with prices. But last year, our giving fell even further. Meanwhile prices kept on rising, and will continue to rise.

As we are able to open up once again, our outreach plans, all the activities which serve and bless those around us will need to be funded.

We serve God because of all the

blessings which He has poured on us through Christ Jesus our Lord, and part of our thanks, praise and service is to set aside out of what He has blessed us with to give to His church for His work of blessing

A few more longstanding members left us during the year. The number of givers gift-aiding their gifts was 36, and about 9 regular givers were not using Gift Aid.

Not everyone is able to Gift Aid, but using Gift Aid enabled us to claim just over £11,000 in tax refunds from the Government. If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donations, making them worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to you and with no obligation. This additional income makes a real difference.

I am very happy to talk to anyone about giving regularly, using envelopes or Standing Orders, and about Gift Aid especially.

Dennis Warner—Planned Giving Officer

Electoral Roll

The statutory notice period this year was from 18 March to 4 April 2021.

The roll lists 88 people as members (which is 1 less than last year): 24 men and 64 women. The roll will open again on 27 April after the APCM.

Kas Fearn—Electoral Roll Officer

Justice and Care

Children's Society

The Children's Society is a registered charity that runs 70 projects up and down the country to support vulnerable children who have nowhere else to turn. These include young runaways, neglected teenagers, children in care and young carers.

Some members of St Mary's Church have a collection box at home to collect any spare loose change which is collected once a year to pay into the Children's Society charitable account. This year £226.61 was collected. Thank you to all those who have contributed.

I am now a member of the Burton branch of the Children's society committee. Our AGM will be on May 16th. If you are interested in hearing more about the work of the Children's Society and would

like to come along, please contact me.

Pauline Pidsley

CMS

I have continued to keep in touch with Jason, Tracy, Ruby and Libby in Thailand by email, What's App and Zoom meetings. The interesting Link Letters are always on display at the back of Church and prayer requests are in Prayerlines.

It was great to read that Libby had decided to be baptised and that Jason had passed the 7th of his 9 exams for his Master's Degree in Personnel Management.

They ask us to pray for Christian initiatives across Thailand and for the Thai church and mission community as they seek to show the love of Christ and help the people of Thailand following the pandemic.

Thank you to the Church and individual members of the congregation for their financial support.

Ruth James

Footprints Family

The Footprints Family Trustees would like to thank all members of St Mary's Church for the generous financial gift each year to help Footprints continue the work among orphans in Kwale County, Kenya. During the past year a great deal has happened in Footprints and in the way we will operate in the future.

The Kenyan Government intend to close all Children's Homes by December 2023 and therefore we have started the following three projects -

Firstly a Continuing Care Programme has been started to help orphaned children find lost relatives and be rehomed with these relatives where possible. The Charity then supports them in education, health and advice for their future.

Secondly, a preschool early years programme called the Footprints Academy has been set up at the main site to take weekly boarders.

The long term intention of this programme is to continue to support orphans in education in the junior years. Children outside Footprints will be accepted as weekly boarders and be fee paying.

Thirdly, an area of land has been purchased in the Diani region for the building of flats that will be offered to the over 18 year olds as they move out of the main site and take on jobs in their communities. This is called The Stepping Stones Programme.

Please continue to pray for the work of Kerry and Patrick at Footprints together with their staff and the children and young adults. If you would like to know any more about the work of Footprints, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Paul Spencer—Trustee

YMCA

The Burton YMCA, has emerged

fully operational from the Covid lockdown. We are hampered by sickness absence due to the milder form of Covid and difficulties recruiting new staff due to the current labour market. Despite this, the team of volunteers and the operational staff are doing a fantastic job. The support from members of the public including our Church has been very generous particularly with donations of food. This is particularly important as more and more families fall into difficulties with rising prices of food and energy.

24,975 meals were given out during 2021.

Other core operations include mediation services, supported housing, counselling, our shops and the outreach navigation service. This last service looks to identify rough sleepers and engage with them. BYMCA has worked with the local authorities during lockdown to ensure that all rough sleepers get the opportuni-

ty to have a roof over their head in this area.

Plans for the future include application to become a registered housing provider which will enable us to gain more flexibility in the supported housing we provide currently as an agent only.

St Mary's ongoing support with donations and volunteering is most appreciated. Your prayers are requested particularly in the coming year as we enter a very difficult time for many families tipped into struggles by expensive food and energy bills.

Charles Pidsley—Trustee

Burton YFC

In August we welcomed Dee onto the staff team, joining Sue G, Sue J, Matt, and Nathan. Her main role is to lead and develop work with girls.

From March 21 schools were slowly opening back up to us,

quickly booking in listening and wellbeing support. Since then, we have been working weekly in de Ferrers Academy, Paulet, Paget, Robert Sutton, Holy Rosary, Holy Trinity, John of Rolleston, and Burton College.

By June last year we were able to open two youth club venues, one in Stapenhill and one in partnership with Riverside Church in town. So far, we have engaged with over 100 young people in this way as they come to eat, play games, skate, and chill out with their friends in a safe environment.

Our monthly town wide youth event, Starbuds began with a bang in September. This continues to give opportunity for young people from Church youth groups or any of our community youth clubs a chance to find out more about Christianity, have fun and make new friends. We were grateful to use St. Mary's grounds for our Campfire Worship in No-

vember, exploring the power of the Holy Spirit through discussion, reflection and singing - using the physical imagery of fire and lights on our phones. Everyone was encouraged to listen to God for themselves. At the Christmas Silent Disco 15 young people said they wanted to know more about faith. From this we began a town wide Youth Alpha.

Thank you to all those who have continued to stand with us in believing in young people. For the consistency of those who pray, volunteer, and give. Be encouraged! There is so much more to come.

For more in-depth information and updates you can follow us on social media or sign up to our newsletter updates on our webpage at burton.yfc.co.uk/news/ and read the full impact report for 2020-2021 at burton.yfc.co.uk/impact-report-2020-2021/

Sue Garb—Burton YFC Director

Baptism

We started off 2021 with a fairly long waiting list of families wanting their child baptised, a waiting list built up of those who we had to cancel due to Covid and for children born during Covid. We recommenced performing baptism services from July 2021. In addition to the usual first Sunday of each month we added 3 extra services on the afternoon of the third Sunday of each month. In this way we were able to baptise 16 children and 1 adult between July and Christmas. So far in 2022 we have baptised 6 children and have 5 more booked in for the coming months.

Thanks must go to George and Ben for giving up Sunday afternoons but also to Mary Jones and our baptism visitors for coming into the Church to meet parents and prepare them for the services to come.

Cheryl Broom—Baptism Co-ordinator

Weddings

The uncertainty regarding the restrictions placed on numbers allowed at wedding services meant that there were just two couples who got married at St Mary's in 2021. Two couples postponed their service for a second time to 2022, giving us a total of four weddings this year. We also have a Wedding Blessing service booked.

Please look out for notices about the banns of marriage and forthcoming weddings in the Newsletter and pray for the couples and their wedding services. All the wedding couples are personally invited to come and hear their banns being read so if you should meet them in church, please make them welcome.

Laura Spencer—Wedding Co-Ordinator

Bereavement Team

A Memorial Service for St Mary's

was held on 21st November, the Service was conducted by Rev George Crossley & Mrs Shirley Irons. It was a lovely Service, giving comfort & reflection to the 30 people who attended. Afterwards those that wanted to were able to stay & chat over refreshments. Many thanks to the Bereavement Team who helped.

Sue Jones.

Bereavement Co-ordinator

Pastoral Care

This last year has been busy with new visits being undertaken. All of whom don't attend St, Mary's but are in our community, unfortunately all the visitors that are still able to undertake regular visiting all have someone to visit.

There is a need for new visitors, so please if you are able, please come and speak to me. For many people who haven't found it easy to come back to church, for very different reasons, letters have

been posted or different ways of contact sought so we can let them know they are not forgotten and they are missed, I have had some lovely phone calls and letters in response so thank you. This role is made so much easier by the willingness of volunteers for which I am so appreciative, thank you.

Andrea Tabberer—Pastoral Coordinator

Safeguarding

This has been another challenging year for many people in general, but for safeguarding it's getting busier, last year everyone who needed a DBS certificate has one, now things are starting up again or new ventures are getting underway, the safeguarding training has got back on track. There are more roles needing safeguarding certification than before with the new requirement for all PCC members to complete it for example this ruling came into effect in

January 2022. Anyone who is volunteering for particular roles within the church need to complete the first two levels of certification. This is vital awareness training for use both within our church and community so we can be not only inclusive but also spot anything we may need to have concerns about, it isn't just about protection for ourselves and those in the community but also spotting who requires a bit of help or signposting. May I take this opportunity in passing on my grateful thanks to everyone who has embraced the need for this training and completed all they need to do, safeguarding and/or DBS, there are many legal requirements now in place and the need for this knowledge isn't always easy to accept why it's necessary, so a massive thank you for your understanding and support.

Andrea Tabberer—Safeguarding Officer

House Groups

Corona-virus once again meant a slow start to the year as far as groups are concerned, nobody could all meet together in person but all groups used Zoom or WhatsApp, phone calls etc to keep in touch with each other and to keep all group member supported through the tough start to the year.

All group leaders got together in February, along with George and Hazel to discuss the way forward for the next year. Leaders shared what topics they had worked on and what they enjoyed, giving other leaders ideas going forward. George gave us the Lent Bible Course based upon "When I survey the wondrous Cross" by John Birch which all groups are currently working on.

It is gratifying to realise that around 50% of the Church congregation are benefitting from being in a group. Anyone who isn't currently part of a group and who would like to know more, please

just let me know, you would be most welcome.

Lynette Yates– House group Co-ordinator

Holiday Club

We didn't have one during 2021, hoping to in 2022

Louise Burke

Sunday School

We've been having a great time in Sunday school over the last few months going through the book 'The teenage prayer experiment'. We've tried, tested and scored out of 10 lots of creative ways for us to talk to and listen to God. Some of the experiments we've all loved, some of them we've been very surprised by, and 1 of them ended up with us breaking a mug from the church hall by dropping it off the top of a door - although it had been very

well wrapped in bubble wrap! Please send an invoice to Dan and Rach for the mug if needed!

We've paused our prayer experiments during Lent so we can focus on Easter. We've learnt lots over the last few weeks about Passover and the Exodus from Egypt. We've then learnt about the events of Easter week from the Last supper onwards. We've now started to look at the significance between these 2 events - Passover and Easter. There are some very meaningful connections between these 2 things - and we've still got lots to learn!

Our Easter window is going to be based on what we've been learning about through Lent so do take a look :)

Rachel & Dan Ortiz—Sunday School Leaders

Church Hall

For the first 8 months of 2021 the

hall was closed to a lot of users, including private parties. Some of the regular groups like the slimming and exercise classes and the children's groups were allowed to use the hall following strict covid guidelines from April.

By August the rules had relaxed some, and parties were allowed again. From September more of the regular groups were meeting, and in October, November and December we were almost fully booked for children's parties.

Income for the year was down on pre-pandemic levels, but revenue towards the end of the year was encouraging.

The hall floor condition has been giving some concern. However, we have secured the funding needed for it to be stripped, sanded back and lacquered properly. This work is planned for August 2022. Plans are also in place to seek funding to replace all or some of the chairs (which are now showing signs of wear and tear).

Massive thanks to Charles in his role as Mr Fixit! The list of things breaking or leaking seems to be never-ending, but he has dealt with the odd jobs, with patience and perseverance which has been much appreciated.

Kas Fearn—Hall Manager

Helping Hands

We have been steady over the last year; we have managed to complete some gardening jobs, doctors appointments, taking lots of people for Covid injections and boosters. We have stayed in contact with a lot of our helping hands people, a few of them sadly have died over the last year.

As always thank you to Andrea and all the team for all of their hard work.

If you are interested in joining please come and talk to me.

Louise Burke—Co-ordinator

Sustainability Group

Last year's Lent course was entitled "Caring for Creation". This stimulated a renewed concern for a number of us in the Church to actively address the current climate change crisis as a Christian community. To quote from the course text:

"We need to see that our relationship with the natural world is not an add-on extra, but essential to our development as human beings as God intended, made in his image. What is happening to the planet is happening to us; we are not separate from it. We are part of it. By destroying the planet we are destroying ourselves."

Grim words, but as a group, (Pauline and Charles Pidsley, Andrea Tabberer, Shirley Irons and Joy Jackson from St Chads) we believe that we can all make a difference just by modest adjustments to how we dispose of items, how we make buying choices and how we care for our environment.

Activities that have taken place in 2021, include:

- Incorporating the Caring for Creation in Church talks
- Offering collection service for recycling of soft plastics at the back of Church
- Reducing heat loss by improving draught exclusion in Church
- Gaining funding for change of floodlighting to LED lighting up to 50% less electricity consumption.
- Reduced reliance of single use mugs and utensils
- Starting to source products from sustainable materials. (cups made from bamboo)
- Wilding of sections of the Church yard
- Placing of bird boxes and hedgehog shelters funded by Local Authority Climate fund.
- Building of two bug hotels to encourage insects.
- Our focus for 2022 is to gain Eco

Church recognition via the A RO-CHA charity.

Please join us in making personal choices which nurture our environment and support us in our work to gain Eco Church recognition.

Charles Pidsley

‘In Our Back Yard’ Report

During August and September 2021, a planning group for children’s and families work met to discuss and discern where God might want the focus to be in this season, as the pandemic related restrictions were lifting. After prayer, consideration and discussion, it was agreed to create “...In Our Back Yard” (IOBY). A set of 1-hour long community focused events held on Sundays 4-5pm with activities to re-engage and continue to build on the fantastic work already done through Messy Church, Family Church, Holiday Clubs, Baptisms and more, with children and families of Stretton.

The aim is to:

Love and serve the community by being visible, safe, approachable, fun and caring, demonstrated through generosity and kindness;

To create meaningful connections with the people of Stretton, building trust, especially with children and families;

And ultimately demonstrate the love of God... In Our Back Yard!

IOBY got off to a great start in September with the Scarecrow Festival where people were invited to create their own scarecrow in their gardens or window boxes with the option of bringing a scarecrow to church for Harvest Sunday. Posters, fridge magnets, newsletter and social media advertised IOBY Events:

In October 2021, IOBY started with its first event, 'The Light Party'. Gazebos, fire pits and lots and lots of bunting and fairy lights decorated the church yard. Hot chocolate and marshmallows over

the fire pits, fun crafts and handheld sparklers were a great hit with everyone. *52 Adults and 48 Children registered.

In December we had the 'Christmas Singing Experience'. Unfortunately, there was some confusion around what was 'expected' and what was provided. Although it was not planned to be a traditional Christmas Carol singing event, the feedback made for a good learning curve for the team and adjustments were made for the planning and set up of the next event. *48 Adults and 22 Children registered.

In January we had 'January Blues'. Live music, Hot chocolate and Hotdogs were all well received and the general theme was around mental health summed up in the words of Paul McCartney's Frog Song 'We All Stand Together'. *15 Adults and 12 Children registered.

In February we had 'Chocolate Love' this was a great learning ex-

perience for the team, because the wet weather plan came into its own. It was great to have the event inside the church building during the stormy weather. Serving the refreshments was certainly easier and it was a great way for families who had never been in the building to experience it in a fun way. A more energetic activity was added to the format, skittles in the aisle and a treasure hunt for chocolate coins, these activities were well the children and the young at heart. *13 Adults and 10 Children registered.

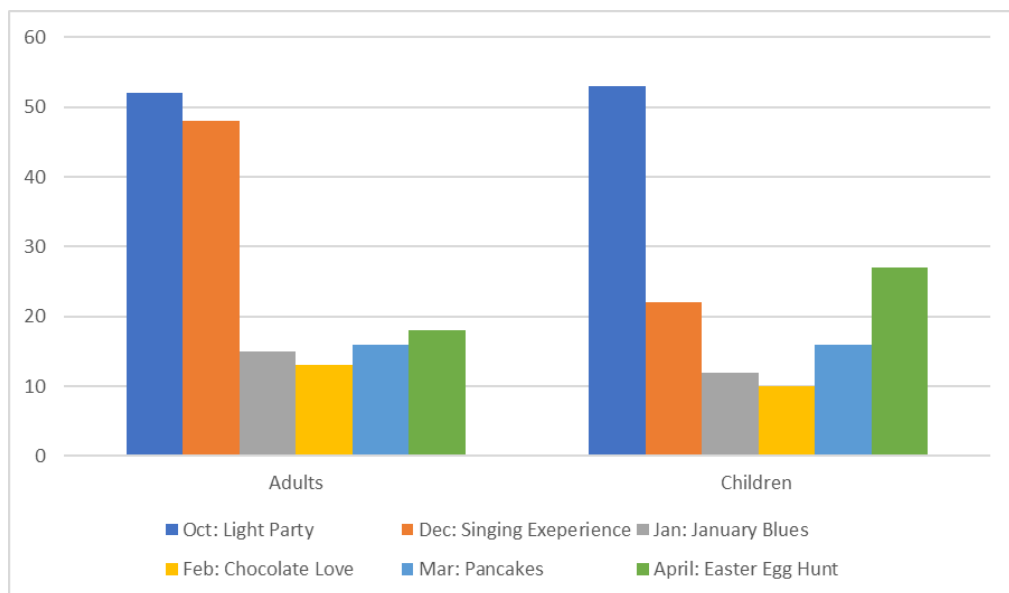
In March we had 'Pancakes' which included pancake tossing and races, creating their own chef hats and aprons. There were lots of pancakes to eat, with toppings of their choice which went down well. *16 Adults and 16 Children registered.

In April we had the 'Easter Egg Hunt' which included hunting for eggs in the church building and egg and spoon races in the yard.

It was great to see so many children running around the church and parents joining in with the races too. Craft included making their own Easter bonnets and decorating Easter eggs.

Milkshakes and Easter biscuits were a hit too. * 18 Adults and 27 Children registered.

All events have been well attended by families in the community and feedback has been very positive.



An Overview of the Stats Oct 2021 – April 2022

*Please note that these figures do not account for those who came and did not register, neither do these numbers account for those who are on St Marys Church's Electoral Roll, i.e. church members.

Events coming up are 'Pole Dancing' 22nd May and 'Community BBQ In Our Back Yard' 17th July (Please note that the 'Beach Party' 26th June is cancelled because we are pooling resources for the Jubilee Picnic Celebrations instead on 4th June).

Please continue to pray for the team and for all who come to these events.

A huge THANK YOU to all those who have served IOBY, through prayer, attending meetings, setting up gazebos and other equipment, PA and administration support, providing registration, refreshments, music, crafts and activities and all with a smile!

And THANK YOU to everyone who came and bid and for those who provided things and services to be bid on at the Auction of Promises! What a fantastic amount was raised for IOBY £1,438.10. It does not matter if your contribution is

large or small, practical or spiritual, IOBY couldn't happen without you, so THANK YOU!

A review of the year and planning for the next set of events will be held in September. Date and time TBC.

Hazel Davis - Curate



St Mary's Church Stretton with Claymills

Trustees Annual Report incorporating End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2021



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Stretton with Claymills
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Vicar: Revd Dr George Crossley,
Registered Charity No. 1130916

Reference and Administration Details

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.

How the charity is constituted

Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957

Names of Charity Trustees - PCC Members

Revd Dr George Crossley	Minister – Chair
Revd Dennis Warner	Minister
Mrs Karen Fearn	Licensed Reader - Secretary
Mrs Shirley Irons	Reader Emeritus
Mr Brian Cook	Churchwarden - elected October 2020
Dr Charles Pidsley	Churchwarden - elected October 2020
Mrs Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Mrs Pauline Macdonald	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Miss Ruth James	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Mr Christopher Rimmer	elected for 3 years April 2019 – Treasurer
Mr Paul Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2019
Mrs Laura Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2019
Mrs Andrea Tabberer	elected for 3 years April 2020
Mrs Louise Burke	elected for 3 years April 2021

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Stretton with Claymills it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Stretton with Claymills. The trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

St Mary's, as a lively and outward looking church, continues to put it's objectives into practice with good effect. This is reviewed on a regular basis through it's bi-monthly trustee and other business meetings.

Future plans

Alongside, and as part of, this Trustees Annual Report an Annual and Finance Report is produced giving more detail on the year's achievements and our future plans.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees operate their finances on an unrestricted reserve equal to the anticipated highest expenditure within any one month.

Restricted Funds

We operate a number of restricted funds where donors or grant making bodies have given money for a specific (restricted) purpose. The full list is included in the financial statements that follow.

Funds Materially in Deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Investments

The day-to-day financial reserves of the charity are held in a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank cash account. All other reserves are held in a CAF Bank deposit account except that Standing Order donations and Cash Donations are directed to respective general accounts held with Lloyds Bank. All income into these Lloyds Bank accounts is transferred to either of the two CAF Bank accounts monthly.

Due to the minimal levels of these reserves no other form of investment is deemed necessary.

Financial risk management

Two persons are needed to authorise all mandate or online transactions on behalf of the charity. Four persons have online access to the CAF Bank accounts for authorisation and oversight purposes. This online access requires input of three levels of information, all unique to each person. In addition to this a Debit card is held in the name of the Treasurer, Administrator and Church Warden for other occasional payments. These debit cards are only used for small payments and when confirmed with another mandated person. The treasurer prepares a monthly report to the trustees for their information and oversight. This procedure helps to ensure that any unusual financial transactions are noted at the earliest opportunity and the day-to-day cash-flow is satisfactory.

Safeguarding

‘Safeguarding is God’s agenda & everyone’s responsibility’.

The trustees will take all reasonable steps to work towards ‘The protection of Children and Adults within the Diocese of Lichfield, its churches and parishes’.

The trustees will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children Protecting All God’s Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006).

The trustees will work towards complying with: The Diocese of Lichfield Safeguarding Policy 2017 and the Safer Recruitment; application of DBS & Training Policy as relating to Safeguarding 2017.

The trustees will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

Copies of our latest Safeguarding, Lone Working and Health and Safety Policies are maintained on our website.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Mary's, Stretton with Claymills

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Date: 

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors	63,060	—	—	—	63,060	66,171
Other voluntary incoming resources	—	—	10	—	10	10
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	18,441	775	—	—	19,216	11,591
Income from investments	1	—	—	—	1	87
Total income	81,503	775	10	—	82,288	77,860
Expenditure on:						
Costs of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—	72
Grants	7,458	—	—	—	7,458	11,613
Activities relating to the work of the Church	70,832	330	230	—	71,392	71,889
Church management and administration	—	—	—	—	—	70
Total expenditure	78,290	330	230	—	78,850	83,644
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	3,213	445	(220)	—	3,437	(5,784)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	3,213	445	(220)	—	3,437	(5,784)
Total funds brought forward	7,024	3,196	10,316	—	20,537	26,321
Total funds carried forward	10,237	3,641	10,095	—	23,974	20,537
Unrestricted						
General fund	10,237	—	—	—	10,237	7,024
Designated						
Bell Tower Upkeep	—	300	—	—	300	210
Churchyard Upkeep	—	575	—	—	575	—
Designated Projects	—	304	—	—	304	304
Helping Hands Welfare	—	290	—	—	290	290
Organ Maintenance	—	2,171	—	—	2,171	2,391
Restricted						
Bell Tower Upkeep	—	—	91	—	91	91
Churchyard Upkeep	—	—	30	—	30	20
Community Events (PCC)	—	—	—	—	—	230
Disabled Toilet Fund	—	—	9,974	—	9,974	9,974

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Debtors	3,403	9,813
Cash at bank and in hand	28,695	22,323
	32,098	32,137
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	8,123	11,600
Net current assets less current liabilities	23,974	20,537
Total assets less current liabilities	23,974	20,537
Total net assets less liabilities	23,974	20,537
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	10,237	7,024
Designated		
Designated - Bell Tower Upkeep	300	210
Designated - Churchyard Upkeep	575	—
Designated - Helping Hands Welfare	290	290
Designated - Marriage Preparation	—	—
Designated - Organ Maintenance	2,171	2,391
Designated - Designated Projects	304	304
Restricted		
Restricted - Bell Tower Upkeep	91	91
Restricted - Churchyard Upkeep	30	20
Restricted - Community Events (PCC)	—	230
Restricted - Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974	9,974
Funds of the church	23,974	20,537

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets						
PCASH : PCC Cash in hand	340.33	(173.11)	12.00	—	179.22	124.22
PCCSH : PCC CAFCash	43,528.08	(26,550.25)	(6,196.59)	—	10,781.24	5,157.71
PGOLD : PCC CAF GOLD	(28,805.36)	30,309.40	15,522.13	—	17,026.17	16,285.14
PLLCash : PCC Lloyds Cash a/c	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLLOYDS : PCC Lloyds	(60.00)	—	60.00	—	—	47.98
VICDEC : Diocese Vicarage Decoration	708.49	—	—	—	708.49	708.49
Z05 : Accounts Receivable	3,348.17	55.00	—	—	3,403.17	9,813.70
Total	18,361.71	3,641.04	10,095.54	—	32,098.29	32,137.24
Liabilities						
Z04 : Accounts Payable	8,123.98	—	—	—	8,123.98	11,600.19
Total	8,123.98	—	—	—	8,123.98	11,600.19
Net total assets	10,237.73	3,641.04	10,095.54	—	23,974.31	20,537.05
Represented by						
Unrestricted - General	10,237.73	—	—	—	10,237.73	7,024.55
Designated - Bells	—	300.00	—	—	300.00	210.00
Designated - Churchyard	—	575.00	—	—	575.00	—
Designated - HHWelfare	—	290.00	—	—	290.00	290.00
Designated - OrganMaint	—	2,171.85	—	—	2,171.85	2,391.85
Designated - DesProject	—	304.19	—	—	304.19	304.19
Restricted - Bells	—	—	91.00	—	91.00	91.00
Restricted - Churchyard	—	—	30.00	—	30.00	20.00
Restricted - Community	—	—	—	—	—	230.92
Restricted - Access	—	—	9,974.54	—	9,974.54	9,974.54
Total	10,237.73	3,641.04	10,095.54	—	23,974.31	20,537.05

Fund movement by type

Fund and type	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances carried forward
General							
Unrestricted	7,024	81,503	78,290	—	—	—	10,237
Sub-totals	7,024	81,503	78,290	—	—	—	10,237
Bells							
Designated	210	90	—	—	—	—	300
Restricted	91	—	—	—	—	—	91
Sub-totals	301	90	—	—	—	—	391
Churchyard							
Designated	—	625	50	—	—	—	575
Restricted	20	10	—	—	—	—	30
Sub-totals	20	635	50	—	—	—	605
Community							
Restricted	230	—	230	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	230	—	230	—	—	—	—
Access							
Restricted	9,974	—	—	—	—	—	9,974
Sub-totals	9,974	—	—	—	—	—	9,974
HHWelfare							
Designated	290	—	—	—	—	—	290
Sub-totals	290	—	—	—	—	—	290
OrganMaint							
Designated	2,391	60	280	—	—	—	2,171
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	2,391	60	280	—	—	—	2,171
OrganRest							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DesProject							
Designated	304	—	—	—	—	—	304
Sub-totals	304	—	—	—	—	—	304
Totals	20,537	82,288	78,850	—	—	—	23,974

Analysis of income and expenditure

				Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Incoming resources from donors					
01Env - GA Reg Envelopes	9,063	-	-	9,063	9,153
01EnvNGA - Non GA Reg Envelopes	3,305	-	-	3,305	1,756
01SO - GA Reg Bank SO	27,896	-	-	27,896	28,308
01SONGA - Non GA Bank SO	3,471	-	-	3,471	2,110
03Card - Contactless Card Donations	-	-	-	-	255
03EnvGAS - Gift Aid envelopes at services (One Off)	6,175	-	-	6,175	6,542
03EnvNGAS - Non GA Envelopes at services	115	-	-	115	832
03Plate - Loose plate Donations	1,452	-	-	1,452	1,561
04GAYL - Give as you live donations	150	-	-	150	165
04Gen - Donations to General Fund	222	-	-	222	3,171
06Gen - PCC Tax Recovered on GA	11,211	-	-	11,211	12,316
Incoming resources from donors Totals	63,060	-	-	63,060	66,171
Other voluntary incoming resources					
08GR - Recurring Grants	-	-	10	10	10
Other voluntary incoming resources Totals	-	-	10	10	10
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects					
09Gentd - Generated Funds	2,904	-	-	2,904	56
11Fees - Fees Weddings Funerals	5,832	775	-	6,607	3,366
12CCAFE - Community Cafe Income	-	-	-	-	850
12Hall - Hall Income	9,146	-	-	9,146	5,919
12Reimb - Reimbursements to PCC	558	-	-	558	51
13InsC - Insurance Claims Church	-	-	-	-	1,347
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects Totals	18,441	775	-	19,216	11,591
Income from investments					
10BInt - PCC Bank Interest	1	-	-	1	12
10VDSB - Vicarage Decoration Scheme Bonus	-	-	-	-	75
Income from investments Totals	1	-	-	1	87
Income and endowments Grand totals	81,503	775	10	82,288	77,860
Expenditure on:					
Costs of generating funds					
17FREv - Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	50
17Stew'p - Contactless / Stewardship Costs	-	-	-	-	22
Costs of generating funds Totals	-	-	-	-	72
Grants					
18NTONSec - Other Non-secular Grants (Non-tithe)	-	-	-	-	4,309

18NTTTrust - Transformation Trust(CiB)	200	-	-	200	200
18TBYFC - Burton YFC - (tithe)	1,814	-	-	1,814	1,776
18TCMS - CMS - (Tithe)	1,814	-	-	1,814	1,776
18TFoot - The Footprints Family (Tithe)	1,814	-	-	1,814	1,776
18TYMCA - Burton YMCA (tithe)	1,814	-	-	1,814	1,776
Grants Totals	7,458	-	-	7,458	11,613
Activities relating to the work of the Church					
19Share - Common Fund (Purse)	32,129	-	-	32,129	30,667
20Admin - Administrator	10,888	-	-	10,888	10,802
20Clean - Cleaner	243	-	-	243	494
20DioAdmin - Diocese Salary Admin Charge	120	-	-	120	120
20VisMus - Visiting Organist/Buglar/Musician	95	-	-	95	-
20VisSp - Visiting Speakers	-	-	-	-	35
21CExp - Curate - Expenses	252	-	-	252	117
21Gift - Gifts (Flowers & 80+)	103	-	-	103	22
21OEquip - Office Equipment (Small)	-	-	-	-	56
21OS/W - Office Software Materials	401	-	-	401	300
21Post - Postage Stamps	315	-	-	315	191
21Print - Printers - Lease - Toner - Maint.	3,414	-	-	3,414	3,550
21Stat - Office Stationery	113	-	-	113	101
21VExp - Vicar - Expenses	315	-	-	315	212
21VRes - Vicar - Resources Books/Software	7	-	-	7	36
21VTel - Vicar - Telephone	398	-	-	398	354
22CHC - Children's Holiday Club	-	-	-	-	97
22Child - Other Children's Mission	37	-	-	37	-
22EvMat - Evangelism Materials	348	-	-	348	165
22Family - Family Church	-	-	-	-	132
22Messy - Messy Church	18	-	-	18	17
23ABankCh - Bank Charges	96	-	-	96	60
23ACClean - Church Cleaning	1,154	-	-	1,154	253
23ACIns - Church Insurance	4,546	-	-	4,546	4,190
23ACSecu - Church Security	1,463	-	-	1,463	1,119
23ACYard - Churchyard Upkeep	568	50	-	618	524
23AHMaint - Heating Maintenance	-	-	-	-	73
23AMinRep - Minor Repairs / Maint. / Equip.	1,334	100	-	1,434	1,929
23AOffTel - Office - Telephone; Broadband; Mobile	458	-	-	458	491
23APub - Publicity	1,346	-	-	1,346	642
23AQuin - Quinquennial	-	-	-	-	625
23Areimb - Reimbursible Expenditure	350	-	-	350	-
23ASubs - Subscriptions (General)	90	-	-	90	105

23AWeb - Website	81	-	-	81	90
23PBapt - Baptism Confirmation Preparation	32	-	-	32	97
23PComm - Community Events	24	-	222	246	-
23PMPrep - Marriage Preparation	12	-	-	12	107
23WGEqu - Worship Equipment General	21	-	-	21	109
23WHosp - Services Hospitality	48	-	-	48	47
23WInst - Instrument Organ Piano Maintenance	-	180	-	180	2,107
23WLic - Licences - Copyright etc.	417	-	-	417	475
23WMat - Services Materials	20	-	-	20	162
23WMEqu - Worship Equipment Major	99	-	-	99	1,005
23WSacr - Sacristry	198	-	-	198	96
23WSSRes - Sunday School Resources	100	-	-	100	-
23WSSRes1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	57
23WSSRes2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	-	-	-	-	34
24Elec - Church Electricity	308	-	-	308	200
24Gas - Church Gas	2,072	-	-	2,072	2,163
24Wat - Church Water	136	-	-	136	133
25CCMan - Community Cafe Manager	-	-	-	-	362
25CCOth - Community Cafe Costs	-	-	-	-	126
25Clean - Hall Cleaning materials	232	-	-	232	164
25Elec - Hall Electricity	344	-	-	344	308
25Equip - Hall Equipment Fittings	180	-	8	188	136
25Gas - Hall Gas	432	-	-	432	691
25Ins - Hall Insurance	959	-	-	959	950
25Mow - Hall Field Mowing	540	-	-	540	445
25Rep - Hall Repairs etc	254	-	-	254	318
25SalCle - Hall Cleaner salary	2,037	-	-	2,037	2,182
25SalMan - Hall Manager inc. mobile phone	1,399	-	-	1,399	1,335
25Wat - Hall Water	268	-	-	268	137
I20SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	200
I20SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Session	-	-	-	-	120
I21SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	28
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Conclusion

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I am pleased to confirm that, despite the financial challenges, we have been able to end the year meeting the terms of our reserves policy referred to above. Our donors have maintained a good level of giving. This together with a measure of reduced expenditure have resulted in an acceptable level of financial security. This has also been helped by the generosity of the Diocese in rebating the equivalent of one month of our Parish Share. (From 2022 the Parish Share is to be renamed Common Purse with new formulas of working. In the immediate future this will generate minimal difference to our commitment.)

The PCC tithe their income. This means that we calculate the amount of applicable income during the year and grant one tenth of this to the following charities. CMS - 25%; The Footprints Family (formally Footprints Orphanage) - 25%; Burton YFC - 25%; Burton YMCA - 25%. This year this is £1,814.50 each with a total tithe of £7,258.

The outcome of this improved year has led our Unrestricted Reserves of £10,237 being close to the average for recent years. This figure was £7,024 in 2020 and £11,582 for 2019. Previous years Unrestricted Reserves ranged between £5,188 and £16,412, an average of £10,660.

As indicated earlier as we emerge from the effects of this pandemic we will need to continue to try and further increase our income if we are to expand the mission of the church that we all desire and pray for.

A separate Annual and Finance Report contains further information and reports that form part of our Trustees Annual Report.

This report dated 24 January 2022.

Adopted at the meeting of the PCC on 24 March 2022

Vicar
24 March 2022

Treasurer
24 March 2022

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Accounts

St Mary's Stretton

Annual Report



May 2021

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

Registered Charity No. 1130916

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PCC Members

October 2020—May 2021

Rev'd George Crossley	Minister—Chair
Rev'd Ben Care	Curate
Rev'd Dennis Warner	Associate Minister
Charles Pidsley	Church Warden
Brian Cook	Church Warden
Shirley Irons	Licensed Reader
Jenny Knopik	Licensed Reader
Kas Fearn	Licensed Reader
Ruth James	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Pauline MacDonald	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod—Oct 2020
Andrea Tabberer	Elected October 2020
Chris Rimmer	Elected April 2019—Treasurer
Celia Hogg	Elected April 2019°
Tim Shambrook-Cox	Elected April 2019°
Christine Davenport	Elected April 2019
Laura Spencer	Elected April 2019
Paul Spencer	Elected April 2019
Louise Burke	Elected April 2018*

° standing down at the APCM

* up for re-election 2021

Vicar's Report

The Lord said to Abram 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to land I will show you.' (Genesis 12:1)

For the second time I am writing my report in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. The realities and uncertainties of the pandemic have coloured our actions and thinking for over a year now. At this point we think we can see the restrictions coming to an end, possibly at the end of June, but we are also aware that things can change and there is the high probability of a resurgence of the virus in the autumn, though probably not on the scale that we have seen in the last year. That back-drop makes 'looking forward' still a difficult task; the fog might have thinned a bit, but it is still a thick mist at best.

At our APCM last year I spoke of our being in a liminal place, in an in-between time. We are still

there and the uncertainty it engenders is difficult. I spoke then that we should not rush into making decisions as to what the church will look like post-pandemic. That argument still remains – of course we would like a clear vision, of course we want to make plans. But we need to be cautious, our focus should be on what God wants us to do, not our own desire as to what we want to do. At this time we need to continue to focus on prayer and paying attention to the guidance of the Holy Spirit: this is a task for all of us, not just for those who are in positions of leadership. Whilst we wait we need to be both patient and expectant, which is a bit of a balancing act; looking forward with hope, listening for God but at the same time not letting patience become apathy or complacency.

At this point individuals and groups are meeting and praying what God's vision for our churches may be. It is important to bear

in mind that vision is about receiving from God, rather than pressure to build good ideas. Until that vision is clear we need to proceed with caution, it is far better to take our time before we set off in the direction God is calling us than to rush ahead with a vision that seems good to us, one that makes us feel good and assures us we are doing something, but to head off in the wrong direction. Discerning what God's vision for our churches requires prayer, trust, reflection upon the last year or more and a consideration of the resources we have: do we have sufficient to build the tower (Luke 14:28)? Such considerations are as godly as having the desire to achieve for God. In all likelihood we will have to lay down tasks that we used to do in order to do fewer things, this can be painful as well as liberating.

I was privileged to take part in a bible study recently, in the context of discerning God's vision for his church, which focussed on the

story of the Valley of Dry Bones, in Ezekiel 37:

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was

prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 *So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.*

We are going to have a short bible study on this text at the APCM, if you are unable to attend please give it some consideration yourself.

As always I am grateful to so many people who share in the ministry to the parishes of St Chad and St Mary – our clergy and reader team, church wardens,

treasurers, house group leaders all those who are faithful in prayer and worship, those who visit and make phone calls, those who just hold on in faith in difficult times. Your faithfulness and hard work is essential and appreciated by many, it is your service to God and neighbour, may you be blessed because of it.

George Crossley—Vicar

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod did not meet in 2020.

Pauline MacDonald

Church Wardens' Report

Compared to the previous year to April 2020, the last year has been relatively uneventful. The big exception being that for much of the year, the Church and Church Hall have been closed!

Significant work has been required to ensure the Hall and Church are "Covid secure". The

wardens are grateful to Kas for her considerable input into ensuring this was effective and proportionate. We also note the grant from the Councillor's Community Fund administered by Councillor Lamb which allowed the purchase of barriers to facilitate one way flow in and out of the Hall.

The advantage of closure is that wear and tear has reduced on the buildings and there has been little significant to report in terms of repairs and renewals.

This was confirmed by the recent Terrier that we carried out on 10th April. The item of significance being the loss of 4 traffic cones!

The Lightning conductor has been upgraded and now meets the performance recommended.

In the Hall there is a non-functioning light fitting which may require replacement. This may be expensive due to the roof containing sealed asbestos which could be disturbed during this

work.

General maintenance of the Church roof, bell tower, and organ has all continued. Electrical and Gas boiler checks have all been carried out according to recommendations.

Due to financial constraints, there has been no progress on non-essential work itemised in the last Quinquennial report.

The Churchyard has been maintained between myself, Brian and John the Stretton villager who tends to the Cremated remains section. The Church pays for professional cutting of the field and the Hall surrounds as and when required.

The old Horse Chestnut outside the North porch and the Yew tree in the front section have been cut back as recommended by the Diocesan tree advisor. I am aware of concerns expressed by one of our neighbours in Hillfield Lane regarding the height of the trees lining this border. A view is awaited

from the tree advisor although he had previously advised that they do not need crowning for their wellbeing.

The faculty for a memorial bench to be sited nearby the existing bench in the Churchyard has been applied for and granted. Its installation is expected in the next 4-6 weeks. This was at the request of the family of Tammy Minshall and previous MP and Ben Robinson.

The fundraising activity for the development at the back of the Church has ceased and funds will be returned to the donating organisations. It has proven very difficult to obtain monies for this kind of project and all funding for the last year has been clearly earmarked for Covid related support. Regrettably our insurance has not covered business interruption due to Covid, but the furlough scheme administered by the Diocese has been very welcome for our salaried staff.

Health and Safety documentation

has been brought up to date together with review of Church policies to ensure we have ready access to those we are required to keep up to date.

Looking forward, we welcome the anticipated opening of the Church in May, the appointment of a Kickstart apprentice to assist in Churchyard and general maintenance, and the completion of clearing of the undercroft where there are still a lot of discarded organ parts.

Your Churchwardens, Charles Pidsley and Brian Cook

PCC Report

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” Colossians 3: 17.

This past year, via Zoom, we have discussed and made decisions on a wide range of agenda items.

Items can include: church hall, churchyard trees, benches, scout

hut, etc. etc. as well as the reports on Finance, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, and from the church wardens.

Some items/decisions may seem small or trivial; however, taking the scripture above as a guiding principle, we aim as a PCC to make every decision in the best interests of all who (in the Covid world) currently virtually 'attend' our church, whilst not compromising our beliefs and our mission statement: 'Making a difference in the community'.

Following the last APCM, the PCC has grown in number, and we don't necessarily all share the same view on all things – which I believe is healthy and challenges us all to see things from another P.O.V. I believe we have a strong, committed and diverse PCC membership, which well represents the full church family at St. Mary's.

Personally, I hope and pray, going forward, that given the opportu-

nities we have coming out of lockdown, and the setting up of a working group to take a fresh look at all aspects of church life and practice, following the model set out by Ben to the PCC and to the church as a whole, we as a PCC can be brave, have renewed vision, and look forwards to how to continue to be the church. Let us not be like Lot's wife, who looked back, and thereby, was unable to go forward.

Celia Hogg

On behalf of the PCC

Treasurer's Report

We have had a good year in our accounts and managed to pay all our invoices within a few days of receiving them.

I would like to thank Revd. Dennis Warner for his commitment and work as Planned Giving Officer. He has managed our 'weekly envelopes and offering plate giving' to process our quarterly Gift Aid tax claims, which boosts our regular income by a further 25% for all eligible 'Gift Aided' giving.

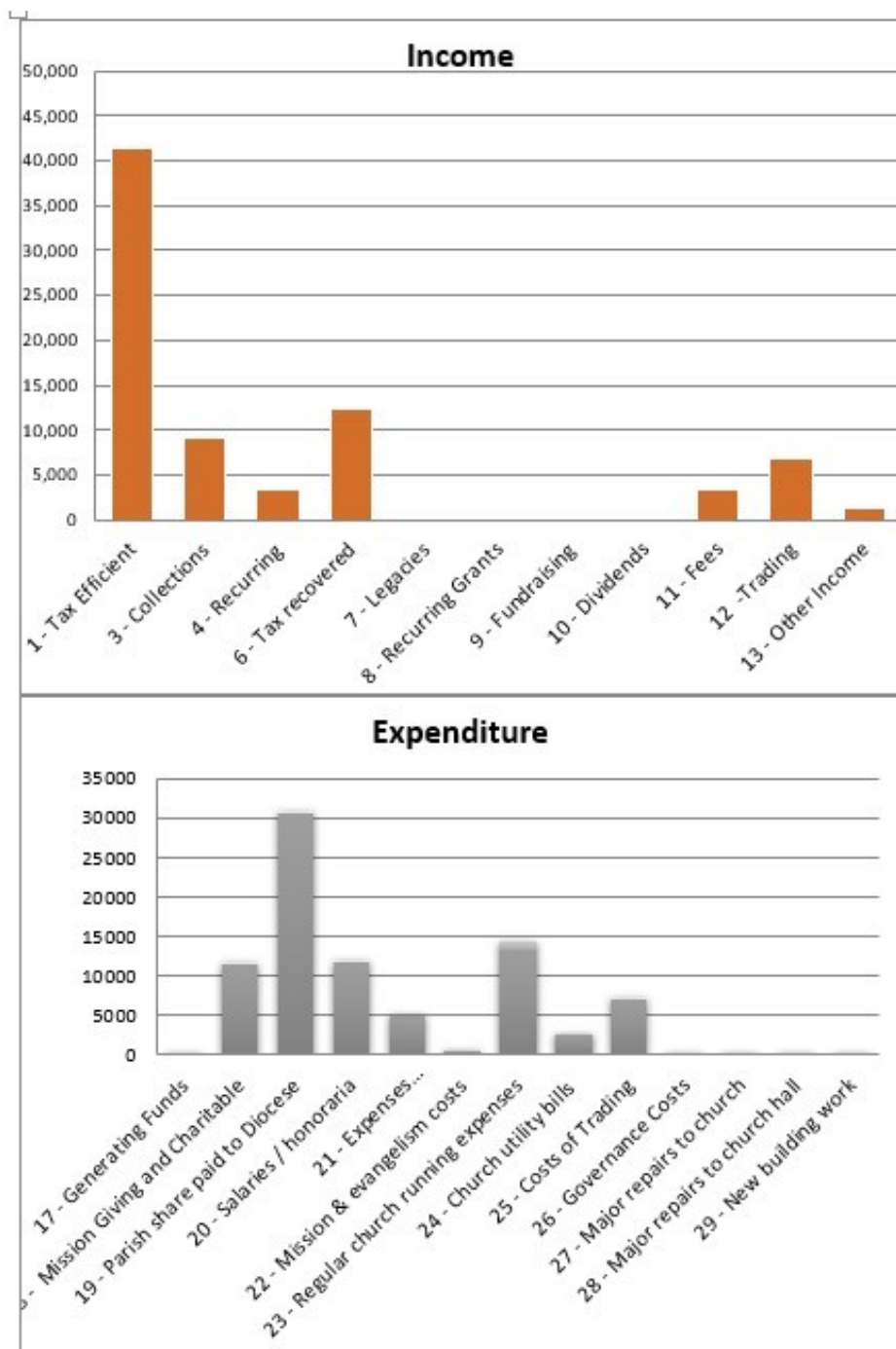
Without doubt the last year has been an exception one but we continue to have blessings as well as difficulties during this period of pandemic. It goes almost without saying that we will need to raise our level of income if we are to increase our mission and continue to meet our commitments in 2021 and beyond. We trust in God's provision and I give thanks that He never fails us.

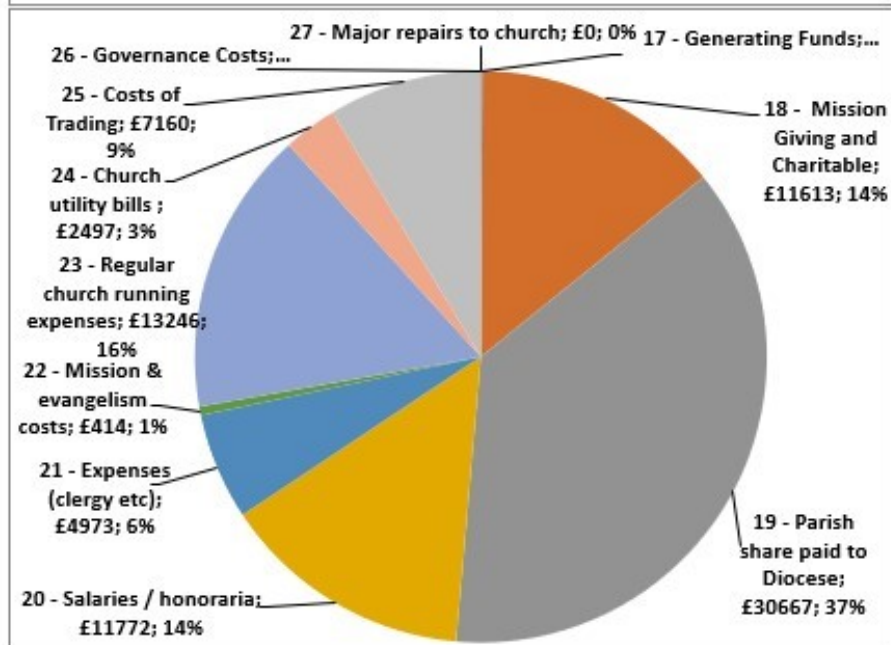
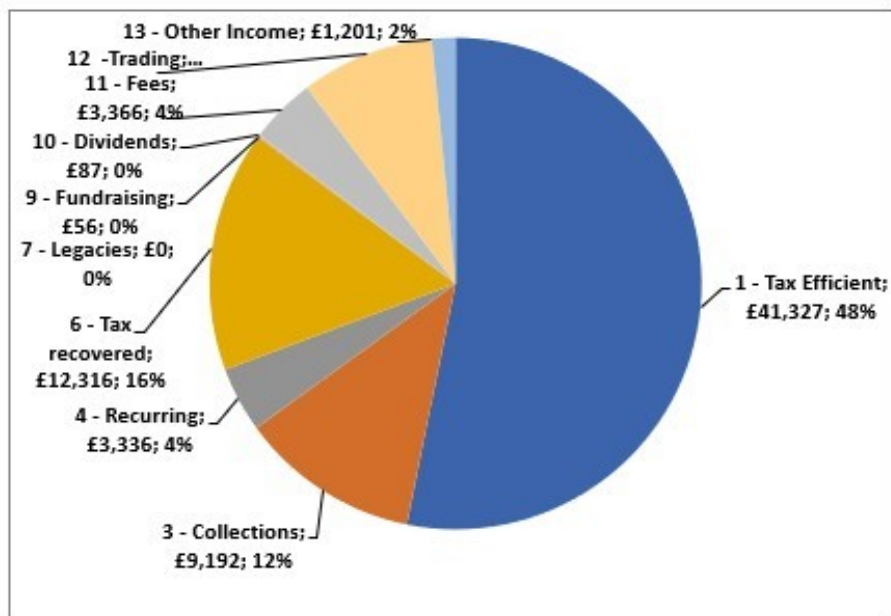
Negotiations and funding plans have had to be placed on hold towards the Disabled Toilet at the rear of church.

I am pleased to confirm that despite the financial difficulties due

to losing a large part of our generated income and reduced income from donors we have been able to end the year very close to meeting the terms of our reserves policy referred to above. This is largely due to our donors sacrificially giving what they can while themselves facing financial difficulty due to the pandemic. This together with a measure of reduced expenditure have resulted in an acceptable level of financial security. Through the generosity of the Diocese in rebating 15% of our Parish Share we were able to make the decision as a PCC to support our sister parish of St Chad's financially by making a grant of £3,809 towards payment of their parish share. A grant of £500 was made to Burton CAP (Christians Against Poverty) to support their vital work. These together corresponded to the Parish Share rebate.

The PCC tithe their income. This means that we calculate the amount of applicable income during the year and grant one tenth of this to the following charities. CMS - 25%; Footprints Orphanage - 25%; Burton YFC - 25%; Burton YMCA - 25%. This year this is





£1,776 each with a total tithe of £7,104.

The outcome of this difficult year has led to a decrease in our Unrestricted Reserves to £7,024. This figure was £11,582 for 2019. Previous years Reserves going back from 2018 to 2010 were £12,933, £5,907, £5,188, £12,066, £16,412, £14,362, £9,365, £9,929 and £9,781.

As indicated earlier as we emerge, hopefully soon, from the effects of this pandemic we will need to continue to try and increase our income if we are to expand the mission of the church that we all desire and pray for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your much appreciated giving. Whether it is regular or not, gift aided or not, it is vital to the work of our church. Without this commitment to Christ's church, we would not be able to serve God and our community in the way that we do. Remember that God allows us to keep the rest of his provision beyond our giving for ourselves.

Can I ask you to pray regularly for the financial ministry of our

church? I believe that God has responded to our prayers regarding our finances. Many of you tithe your income, thank you, but if you do not already, please prayerfully consider doing so. Especially, please also pray for the funds to cover all our work planned for this year.

Chris Rimmer - Treasurer

January 2021

Planned Giving

The year 2020 has been both the best of times and the worst of times. We can view this year not simply as one crisis after another but as challenging opportunities for individual church members and congregations.

Faithful stewards, formed and fuelled by the Gospel, are the medium God uses to bring the best results even from the worst of times. God calls us to faithful stewardship for such a time as this.

In Christ we have a new self: forgiven, child of God, cleansed, and destined for life everlasting. St. Paul encourages us to "put on the new self" and consciously exert

effort to cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him.

Coming to the Lord's House, faithfully supporting the ministry, and praying and reading Scripture daily are the works of the new self.

Church members are still giving faithfully over the year, with the total only a few hundred pounds less than last year, even though a few longstanding members left us during the year. The number of givers gift aiding their gifts was 38, and about 8 regular givers were not using Gift Aid.

Although giving fell slightly compared to 2019, using Gift Aid enabled us to claim just over £12,000 in tax refunds from the Government. If you're a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donations, making them worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to you and with no obligation. This additional income makes a real difference.

I am very happy to talk to anyone about giving regularly, using envelopes or Standing Orders, and about Gift Aid especially.

Dennis Warner—Planned Giving Officer

Electoral Roll

The statutory notice period this year was from 9 April to 25 April 2021. Due to Covid and the church not being open during this time, the revision of the roll was advertised on the church door, in the newsletter, and on Facebook.

The roll lists 89 people as members (which is 4 less than last year): 25 men and 64 women. The roll will open again on 26 May after the APCM.

Kas Fearn—Electoral Roll Officer

Justice and Care

Children's Society

The Children's Society is a registered charity that runs 70 projects up and down the country to support vulnerable children who have no where else to turn. These include young runaways, neglected teenagers, children in care and young carers.

Some members of St Mary's Church have a collection box at home to collect any spare loose change which is collected once a year to pay into the Children's Society charitable account. This year £325.00 was collected. Anyone

who would be willing to have a box please ask me; every penny counts. Thank you.

Pauline Pidsley

SAMS

Mags Southern has been awarded a BEM for services to education in Paraguay.

We do not support Mags financially now, but keep in touch. She is now living in England at Thornton Cleveleys with her friend Gwen. They had been hoping to go back to Paraguay this year with their friend Claire Holmes and her church from Richill, but Clare has been ill and unable to go.

Janet Wedd

CMS

Throughout the pandemic I have kept in touch with Jason, Tracy, Ruby and Libby Day in Thailand, by email, What's App and more recently Zoom. In 2020 Covid numbers were low with only 64

deaths. However due to illegal border crossings, the country are now in a third lockdown. The children are educated on line.

Tracy continues her Thai language study, which she says is not easy. The family are coming to the end of a 12 month dormitory parent contract. Once a month they have supported a modular study group of teenagers who meet in Chiang Mai. They are mission families children from rural settings who have one week of intensive study with qualified Maths, English and Science teachers. Tracy says it has been a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel.

I plan to continue zoom meetings with the family and hope others will join us.

Thank you to the church and individual members of the congregation for their financial support.

Ruth James

Footprints

Kerry and Patrick have continued to make some changes to the Childrens Home in Kenya whilst maintaining all 20 buildings and looking after the staff and Children. Another 4 children were rescued in the last year. They are settling in well at the home and having the care they deserve. There are now over 40 children and adults in the care of Footprints.

Work is going on to prepare a piece of land near the Diani Beach area which has recently been purchased to give the 11 children who are over the age of 18 some independent living accommodation. The money for the land has been given by some generous donors. A bore hole has been drilled to give the site pumped water and a wall surrounding the site is nearing completion. The plan is to build units of 4 flats as finance becomes available. The past year has been very challenging for the

home as there has been no normal charity fund raising events and only a few online fundraisers, and Footprints has suffered greatly. However, in spite of the setbacks and having to home school all the children, the home is surviving and we are planning for the future. Please pray for the decisions that have to be made on a weekly basis and for the future direction. A big thank you to the PCC for their tithe gift this year

The charity is now known as “The Footprints Family” and is looking for new Trustees. If you feel able to become one, further details can be obtained by E mailing Paul at pspencer@uwclub.net or contacting the Footprints Website.

Paul Spencer—Trustee

YMCA

First and foremost I can confirm that the YMCA is most appreciative of the continued support from St Mary's Church both in the donation given each year as part of the Church tithe and in the volunteering of Church members.

As with all charities, Covid has presented major challenges to fund raising and operations. The YMCA is no different but has been aided by hugely well motivated staff, volunteers and leadership.

Although fundraising events were considerably curtailed, the sleep out did continue but remotely with those involved keeping in touch via social media and streamed links, Over £40,000 was raised and the model has been used by many other YMCA's in England and Wales.

The BYMCA has been helped considerably by a substantial grant from the National Lottery Fund for Covid support, which means it has ended the year in good finan-

cial health,

For the time being, I am acting Chair of the Board of Trustees who have continued to meet via Zoom and have been busy with ensuring continued development of the organisation through the lockdowns.

The shops operated by Burton YMCA were opened on April 12th.

The YMCA was very saddened to learn of Clive Bestall's passing as we all have, and remembers well the considerable support he and Val have given to the foodbank. It should not be forgotten that Mary Jones was instrumental in the setting up of this vital service.

A big thank you to all at St Mary's who support the Burton YMCA.

Charles Pidsley—Trustee

Burton YFC

Throughout this last year God has been faithful. He's provided for all our needs and continued to open up new opportunities in which to serve Him. We've been able to support several schools and have adjusted by working more on a one-to-one basis with young people who've been most vulnerable at this time. We've been training up volunteers and offering virtual listening and mentoring by zoom or telephone, as well as walk and talk. These have proved successful and some of our best conversations have been whilst walking through mud, climbing trees, or eating a bag of chips. Our primary school work has continued through delivering online and pre-recorded assemblies.

We have also continued to support the alternative education charity Eagles Nest, supporting small groups and individual young people with their learning and development. This is through

climbing, cooking and one to one activities.

It has now been more than a year since we were able to run a full youth club session. Having piloted and re-opened one youth club in September alongside Riverside Church and the help of some brilliant young people - we closed 6 weeks later! Since then, we have offered a weekly online gaming club and a general youth club with time to chat and play games.

Our Church youth event has come to a stand still at the moment, with also having to cancel our residential weekend twice! We are currently looking at how to re-engage with the Christian young people in the town as well as supporting the local churches in their mission to reach children and young people.

Thank you so much for your support as a Church family. We value your giving, your prayers, and your ongoing encouragement.

Sue Garb— Burton YFC Director

Baptism

As it was for a lot of people, baptisms have meant an extremely challenging year since March 2020 when William Bailey was baptised. Our one and only service for well over a year.

I kept in touch with couples who had baptisms booked by calling them a couple of times and sending them a Christmas card to let them know we hadn't forgotten them. By the end of the year "off" I had 14 babies/people on our waiting list. This next year will be a much busier one.

Cheryl Broom—Baptism Coordinator

Weddings

Following the outbreak of the virus, most of the weddings booked for 2020 were postponed and in the end there were just 3 couples who got married at St Mary's. All the services were conducted by George and verger's duties were shared between myself, Val and

Sue Jones. For one wedding, the groom's father played the organ, and Roger Sharp played for the other two services.

Many weddings have been rearranged and we currently only have 3 booked for 2021. We have been unable to hold our annual Marriage Preparation Day due to the restrictions.

Please look out for notices about the banns of marriage and forthcoming weddings in the Newsletter and pray for the couples and their wedding services. All the wedding couples are personally invited to come and hear their banns being read so if you should meet them in church, please make them welcome.

Laura Spencer—Wedding Coordinator

Bereavement Team

It's been a very difficult year for many people, not only here in St Mary's but Nation Wide and

indeed World Wide. In our own Family of St Mary's we have lost a number of loved ones, we shall miss their presence enormously. During these times of Covid, Friends and Family have experienced added grief through necessary separations from their loved ones, followed by restricted Funeral arrangements. Of course the love and support of Friends and Family is always a Blessing. May those who are Bereaved find the strength of their Faith, that has, and will carry them through. It is comforting to know, that the God who loves us, strengthens and comforts us during times of need, promising never to leave us.

Sue Jones.

Bereavement Co-ordinator

starting the role we had Covid-19 so the way visits were able to go ahead changed. I drew up a list of everyone from the congregation who weren't part of a house group and asked the pastoral visitors to make phone calls to everyone they had been allocated to see if they wanted calls throughout the crisis then if it was a yes to offer an ear. It's been a longer crisis than anyone could imagine so my grateful thanks to the team for their Stirling work, and hope that once things slowly get back to any normality that they will continue in this very important role and of course we will welcome anyone who feels that this may be a role they feel able to do.

Andrea Tabberer—Pastoral Co-ordinator

Pastoral Care

I took over this role from Mel Siner near the beginning of 2020, so grateful thanks to Mel for the great job she did. Shortly after

Safeguarding

I took over the role of Safeguarding Officer in November 2021. Firstly, thanks must go to Celia Hogg for the Stirling work she did. Because of Covid-19 with the Church being closed there has been very little for me to report on. However, what has been done is we now have a definitive list of Church roles and the training and/or DBS certification each role requires. I've also concentrated on the roles still in operation and anyone who needs training and DBS which are now up to date. Once the Church re-opens we will then look at who needs what and work out how best to offer training for anyone who is taking up roles for the first time or continuing in their chosen roles, for which we are all grateful for their service.

Andrea Tabberer—Safeguarding Officer

House Groups

All groups have kept in touch with each other. Carol Wheale's group have done various subjects, the last one being a follow-on from Ben's sermon on peace. The Wednesday group continue to zoom and presently doing Zechariah.

Lynette Yates— House group Co-ordinator

Messy Church

It is now over a year since Messy Church has taken place in person. Along with most other groups we are still not able to meet and we still have no clear picture if/when we will be able to hold Messy Church at William Shrewsbury School again.

We continue to post out copies of 'Messy Church at Home' to all the children who came to Messy Church before lockdown. The sheets follow our normal pattern; a bible story with some kind of commentary, 3 activities, a

Prayer etc. Each session has a main theme and we are still trying to keep these relevant to the childrens' changing circumstances. The session material is in colour and is posted out by Kas to each child individually. Each envelop also contains any specialist materials needed to complete the activity tasks. Session material is sent out each month.

We are doing our best to maintain contact with our Messy Church children but we are acutely aware that by September 2021 there will be 2 cohorts of children who have had no contact with Messy Church.

All we can do is leave this in God's hands.

Sue Stokes

Family Church

This new ministry was launched in January 2020 with personal invitations sent to each child who attends Messy Church or who had been baptised in the last 5 years. The January meeting attracted 15

families (some 70 adults and children). Unfortunately the February meeting clashed with half-term and a number of families were away and the March meeting was held just as the country was going into lockdown.

On-line videos have been posted on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and appear to have been well received. We don't know yet whether this is something we can pick up again or not, but as Sue said about Messy Church, we are just trying to keep in touch with everyone. 2021 is going to be an exciting new adventure with God, but we are not quite sure where yet!

Kas Fearn

Holiday Club

Although Holiday Club could not meet up in person in 2020, we did deliver activity packs, including craft materials to make a bird feeder, and a photo quiz encouraging families to explore Stretton, to each child that came to the

2019 Holiday club—52 children in all.

Church Hall

2020 has been a very quiet year due to Covid-19. The hall had to close at the end of March, and remained closed until August, when a couple of regular hirers returned for the autumn and early winter. In preparation for the partial return of some hirers a one-way system has been put into operation, along with restricted use of certain facilities.

The financial implications of the hall been closed, or restricted in use, have been severe and I look forward to the hall being open again for all hirers, and having some parties again!

Kas Fearn—Hall Manager

Lunch Club

Unfortunately to the current pandemic we have been unable to meet together since March 2020.

Helping Hands

As you can image Helping hands has been really busy this year, it's been great to be there in the community showing God's love for all in a year where it couldn't be more important. The jobs include collecting doctor forms to swap surgeries, food shopping which at times proved problematic as at times the shops didn't also have the brand or item available! removal of a dead bird! There have been many hospital appointments and due to the volunteers, the people have managed to attend these important appointments. There have been dentist visits and also taking people to get their vaccinations. As always, a big thank you to Andrea for manning the phone calls and thanks goes to all the volunteers as this would not succeed without their support.

Louise Burke

Book Club and Not Just Sunday

Both groups were unable to meet in 2020 so have nothing to report.

Community Café @ St Mary's

The Community Café has been unable to meet since 13 March 2020.

Claire Goodwin—Café Organiser

Other activities during lockdown

In April 2020 we were donated around 100 plants these were distributed throughout the village to most St Mary's members, helping hands contacts and others known throughout the village. A big thank you to Ian manager of Berkeley garden centre for the donation, and Colin who helped me to deliver the plants.

200 packs of flowers, vegetable seeds were delivered in May, In June little packs of tea, coffee and hot chocolate were given out to enjoy a cuppa on us.

July 100's of cookies were delivered around the village as well as some lemon drizzle cake, I know these were really yummy, and much enjoyed. A big thank you to Janet Jarvis who baked the goodies. We also kept in touch with all our messy church, family church and holiday club families by hand delivering 100 activity packs for them to take part in.

August little bags of bible verses were given out to some people in the village.

We were also able to deliver food parcels to some of our venerable, elderly, single people and thank you to Mrs. Poulos who provided most of the food.

In December we managed to deliver 4,200 Christmas cards to the whole village, we also hand delivered to all the messy church, family church, baptism families and holiday club children a book that we normally give out at our

Christmas services.

In February 2021 we delivered valentine's cards to the whole village to keep in touch with them all, hopefully showing God's love is for all. We then also sent out Easter cards showing what Easter means to every Christian.

Louise Burke



St Mary's Church Stretton with Claymills

Trustees Annual Report incorporating End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2020



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary, Stretton with Claymills
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Stretton, Burton upon Trent DE13 0HD
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Vicar: Revd Dr George Crossley,
Registered Charity No. 1130916

Reference and Administration Details

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended, and Church Representation Rules that came into effect on 2 January 1957.

How the charity is constituted

Church Representation Rules 2 January 1957

Names of Charity Trustees - PCC Members

Revd Dr George Crossley	Minister – Chair
Revd Dennis Warner	Minister
Mrs Karen Fearn	Licensed Reader - Secretary
Mrs Shirley Irons	Reader Emeritus
Mr Brian Cook	Churchwarden - elected October 2020
Dr Charles Pidsley	Churchwarden - elected October 2020
Mrs Pauline Pidsley	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Mrs Pauline Macdonald	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Miss Ruth James	Deanery Synod Representative – elected October 2020
Mrs Celia Hogg	elected for 3 years April 2018
Mrs Louise Burke	elected for 3 years April 2018
Mr Chris Rimmer	elected for 3 years April 2019 – Treasurer
Mr Tim Shambrook-Cox	elected for 3 years April 2019
Mr Paul Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2019
Mrs Laura Spencer	elected for 3 years April 2019
Mrs Christine Davenport	elected for 3 years April 2020
Mrs Andrea Tabberer	elected for 3 years April 2020

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in *The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit* and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believes that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary's Stretton with Claymills it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church

(pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in doing so it provides a benefit to the public by:-

- Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Stretton with Claymills. The trustees maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Achievements and Performance

St Mary's, as a lively and outward looking church, continues to put it's objectives into practice with good effect. This is reviewed on a regular basis through it's bi-monthly trustee and other business meetings.

Future plans

Alongside, and as part of, this Trustees Annual Report an Annual and Finance Report is produced giving more detail on the year's achievements and our future plans.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees operate their finances on an unrestricted reserve equal to the anticipated highest expenditure within any one month.

Restricted Funds

We operate a number of restricted funds where donors or grant making bodies have given money for a specific (restricted) purpose. The full list is included in the financial statements that follow.

Funds Materially in Deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Investments

The day-to-day financial reserves of the charity are held in a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank cash account. All other reserves are held in a CAF Bank deposit account except that Standing Order donations are directed to a general account held with Lloyds Bank. All income into this Lloyds Bank account is transferred to either of the two CAF Bank accounts monthly.

Due to the minimal levels of these reserves no other form of investment is deemed necessary.

Financial risk management

Two persons are needed to authorise all mandate or online transactions on behalf of the charity. Four persons have online access to the CAF Bank accounts for authorisation and oversight purposes. This online access requires input of three levels of information, all unique to each person. In addition to this a Debit card is held in the name of the Treasurer, Administrator and Church Warden for other occasional payments. These debit cards are only used for small payments and when confirmed with another mandated person. The treasurer prepares a monthly report to the trustees for their information and oversight. This procedure helps to ensure that any unusual financial transactions are noted at the earliest opportunity and the day-to-day cash-flow is satisfactory.

Safeguarding

‘Safeguarding is God’s agenda & everyone’s responsibility’.

The trustees will take all reasonable steps to work towards ‘The protection of Children and Adults within the Diocese of Lichfield, its churches and parishes.

The trustees will work towards adopting the recommendations of the House of Bishops as published in the Policy for Safeguarding Children Protecting All God’s Children (2010) and Promoting a Safe Church (2006).

The trustees will work towards complying with: The Diocese of Lichfield Safeguarding Policy 2017 and the Safer Recruitment; application of DBS & Training Policy as relating to Safeguarding 2017.

The trustees will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Mary's, Stretton with Claymills

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or 3. the accounts do 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: 

Date: 

Name: Mark Desmond Vickers
Address: 50 Stanton Road,
Stapenhill
Burton upon Trent,
DE15 9RP

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors	66,171	—	—	—	66,171	67,911
Other voluntary incoming resources	—	—	10	—	10	5,750
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects	10,471	973	146	—	11,591	33,024
Income from investments	37	50	—	—	87	76
Total income	76,680	1,023	156	—	77,860	106,762
Expenditure on:						
Costs of generating funds	72	—	—	—	72	170
Grants	11,613	—	—	—	11,613	8,942
Activities relating to the work of the Church	69,482	1,176	1,230	—	71,889	88,908
Church management and administration	70	—	—	—	70	70
Total expenditure	81,237	1,176	1,230	—	83,644	98,091
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(4,557)	(152)	(1,074)	—	(5,784)	8,670
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	405
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	(405)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Net movement in funds	(4,557)	(152)	(1,074)	—	(5,784)	8,670
Total funds brought forward	11,582	3,348	11,390	—	26,321	17,650
Total funds carried forward	7,024	3,196	10,316	—	20,537	26,321
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	7,024	—	—	—	7,024	11,582
Designated						
Bell Tower Upkeep	—	210	—	—	210	165
Churchyard Upkeep	—	—	—	—	—	74
Designated Projects	—	304	—	—	304	304
Helping Hands Welfare	—	290	—	—	290	290
Organ Maintenance	—	2,391	—	—	2,391	2,515
Restricted						
Bell Tower Upkeep	—	—	91	—	91	91
Churchyard Upkeep	—	—	20	—	20	10
Community Events (PCC)	—	—	230	—	230	230
Disabled Toilet Fund	—	—	9,974	—	9,974	9,974
Organ Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	912
Organ Restoration	—	—	—	—	—	172

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Debtors	9,813	6,442
Cash at bank and in hand	22,323	29,998
	32,137	36,440
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	11,600	10,119
	11,600	10,119
Net current assets less current liabilities	20,537	26,321
Total assets less current liabilities	20,537	26,321
Total net assets less liabilities	20,537	26,321
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	7,024	11,582
Designated		
Bell Tower Upkeep	210	165
Churchyard Upkeep	—	74
Designated Projects	304	304
Helping Hands Welfare	290	290
Marriage Preparation	—	—
Organ Maintenance	2,391	2,515
Altar Frontal	—	—
Restricted		
Youth Project	—	—
Worship Projects	—	—
Summer Club (PCC)	—	—
Bell Tower Upkeep	91	91
Church Hall Project	—	—
Churchyard Upkeep	20	10
Community Events (PCC)	230	230
Disabled Toilet Fund	9,974	9,974
Messy Church (PCC)	—	—
Organ Maintenance	—	912
Organ Restoration	—	172
Funds of the church	20,537	26,321

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
PCC Cash in hand -	285	(173)	12	—	124	74
PCC CAFCash -	38,113	(26,989)	(5964)	—	5159	6,099
PCC CAF GOLD -	(29,546)	30,308	15,521	—	16,284	20,571
PCC Lloyds -	(2)	—	50	—	48	2,544
Diocese Vicarage Decoration -	708	—	—	—	708	708
Totals	9,558	3,146	9,619	—	22,323	29,998
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	9,763	50	—	—	9,813	6,442
Totals	9,763	50	—	—	9,813	6,442
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due 1 yr.						
Accounts Payable -	12,298	—	—	—	12,298	10,817
Accounts Payable -	—	—	(698)	—	(698)	(698)
Totals	12,298	—	(698)	—	11,600	10,119
Grand total	7,024	3,196	10,316	—	20,537	26,321

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	11,582	76,680	81,237	—	—	7,024
Sub-total for General	11,582	76,680	81,237	—	—	7,024
DBells - Bell Tower Upkeep						
Designated	165	45	—	—	—	210
Restricted	91	—	—	—	—	91
Sub-total for DBells	256	45	—	—	—	301
HallProject - Church Hall Project						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HallProject	—	—	—	—	—	—
DChurchyar - Churchyard Upkeep						
Designated	74	225	299	—	—	—
Restricted	10	10	—	—	—	20
Sub-total for DChurchyar	84	235	299	—	—	20
Community - Community Events (PC						
Restricted	230	—	—	—	—	230
Sub-total for Community	230	—	—	—	—	230
DProjects - Designated Projects						
Designated	304	—	—	—	—	304
Sub-total for DProjects	304	—	—	—	—	304
Access - Disabled Toilet Fund						
Restricted	9,974	—	—	—	—	9,974
Sub-total for Access	9,974	—	—	—	—	9,974
DWelfare - Helping Hands Welfar						
Designated	290	—	—	—	—	290
Sub-total for DWelfare	290	—	—	—	—	290
DOrganMain - Organ Maintenance						
Designated	2,515	753	876	—	—	2,391
Restricted	912	146	1,058	—	—	—
Sub-total for DOrganMain	3,427	900	1,935	—	—	2,391
OrganRest - Organ Restoration						
Restricted	172	—	172	—	—	—
Sub-total for OrganRest	172	—	172	—	—	—
Worship - Worship Projects						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Worship	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	26,321	77,860	83,644	—	—	20,537

Analysis of income and expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Incoming resources from donors						
01Env - GA Reg Envelopes	9153	-	-	-	9153	11780
01EnvNGA - Non GA Reg Envelopes	1756	-	-	-	1756	1471
01SO - GA Reg Bank SO	28308	-	-	-	28308	27401
01SONGA - Non GA Bank SO	2110	-	-	-	2110	1880
03Card - Contactless Card Donations	255	-	-	-	255	75
03EnvGAS - Gift Aid envelopes at services (One Off)	6542	-	-	-	6542	4247
03EnvNGAS - Non GA Envelopes at services	832	-	-	-	832	689
03Plate - Loose plate Donations	1562	-	-	-	1562	4351
04CP - Donations to Church Project	-	-	-	-	-	2500
04GAYL - Give as you live donations	165	-	-	-	165	-
04Gen - Donations to General Fund	3171	-	-	-	3171	1513
06Gen - PCC Tax Recovered on GA	12316	-	-	-	12316	12005
Incoming resources from donors Totals	66171	-	-	-	66171	67911
Other voluntary incoming resources						
08GNR - Non-Recurring or One-Off Grants	-	-	-	-	-	5000
08GR - Recurring Grants	-	-	10	-	10	750
Other voluntary incoming resources Totals	-	-	10	-	10	5750
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects						
09Gentd - Generated Funds	56	-	-	-	56	2612
11Fees - Fees Weddings Funerals	3116	250	-	-	3366	8472
12CCAFE - Community Cafe Income	851	-	-	-	851	884
12Hall - Hall Income	5920	-	-	-	5920	17471
12OffInc - Office income Printing etc	-	-	-	-	-	2
12Reimb - Reimbursements to PCC	51	-	-	-	51	919
13InsC - Insurance Claims Church	478	723	147	-	1348	2664
<i>NOTE Relates to church flooding due to blocked drain</i>						
Activities in furtherance of the councils objects Totals	10472	973	147	-	11592	33024
Income from investments						
10BInt - PCC Bank Interest	12	-	-	-	12	14
10VDSB - Vicarage Decoration Scheme Bonus	25	50	-	-	75	63
Income from investments Totals	37	50	-	-	87	77
Income and endowments Grand totals	76680	1023	157	-	77860	106762
Expenditure on:						
Costs of generating funds						
17Env - Collection Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	118
17FREv - Fundraising Events	50	-	-	-	50	-
17Stew'p - Contactless / Stewardship Costs	23	-	-	-	23	53
Costs of generating funds Totals	73	-	-	-	73	171

Grants						
18NTONSec - Other Non-secular Grants (Non-tithe)	4309	-	-	-	4309	-
18NTTTrust - Transformation Trust(CiB)	200	-	-	-	200	200
18TBYFC - Burton YFC - (tithe)	1776	-	-	-	1776	2186
18TCMS - CMS - (Tithe)	1776	-	-	-	1776	2186
18TFoot - The Footprints Family (Tithe)	1776	-	-	-	1776	2186
18TYMCA - Burton YMCA (tithe)	1776	-	-	-	1776	2186
Grants Totals	11613	-	-	-	11613	8942

Activities relating to the work of the Church

19Share - Parish Share (Purse)	30667	-	-	-	30667	34404
20Admin - Administrator	10802	-	-	-	10802	10506
20Clean - Cleaner	495	-	-	-	495	1435
20DioAdmin - Diocese Salary Admin Charge	120	-	-	-	120	120
20SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Session	200	-	-	-	200	970
20SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Session	120	-	-	-	120	665
20VisMus - Visiting Organist/Buglar/Musician	-	-	-	-	-	135
20VisSp - Visiting Speakers	35	-	-	-	35	50
21CExp - Curate - Expenses	118	-	-	-	118	515
21Gift - Gifts (Flowers & 80+)	23	-	-	-	23	117
21OEquip - Office Equipment (Small)	56	-	-	-	56	30
21OS/W - Office Software Materials	301	-	-	-	301	23
21Post - Postage Stamps	191	-	-	-	191	123
21Print - Printers - Lease - Toner - Maint.	3550	-	-	-	3550	3778
21SS1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	29	-	-	-	29	102
21SS2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	42
21Stat - Office Stationery	101	-	-	-	101	148
21VExp - Vicar - Expenses	213	-	-	-	213	252
21VRes - Vicar - Resources Books/Software	36	-	-	-	36	-
21VTel - Vicar - Telephone	355	-	-	-	355	369
22CHC - Children's Holiday Club	98	-	-	-	98	316
22EvMat - Evangelism Materials	165	-	-	-	165	195
22Family - Family Church	133	-	-	-	133	-
22Messy - Messy Church	18	-	-	-	18	119
23ABankCh - Bank Charges	60	-	-	-	60	60
23ABells - Bells Belltower	-	-	-	-	-	667
23ACClean - Church Cleaning	254	-	-	-	254	159
23ACIns - Church Insurance	4191	-	-	-	4191	4370
23ACInsRep - Insurance Repairs - Church	-	-	-	-	-	4077
23ACSecu - Church Security	1120	-	-	-	1120	1214
23ACYard - Churchyard Upkeep	225	300	-	-	524	2907
23ADeanSub - Deanery Subscription	-	-	-	-	-	24
23AHMaint - Heating Maintenance	74	-	-	-	74	864
23AMinRep - Minor Repairs / Maint. / Equip.	1929	-	-	-	1929	1806
23AOffTel - Office - Broadband Telephone	492	-	-	-	492	459
23APub - Publicity	642	-	-	-	642	620
23AQuin - Quinquennial	625	-	-	-	625	-
23AREimb - Reimbursible Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	780
23ASubs - Subscriptions (General)	105	-	-	-	105	105

23AWeb - Website	90	-	-	-	90	-
23PBapt - Baptism Confirmation Preparation	97	-	-	-	97	177
23PComm - Community Events	-	-	-	-	-	160
23PMPrep - Marriage Preparation	108	-	-	-	108	159
23PTrain - Training Courses Materials	-	-	-	-	-	51
23WGEqu - Worship Equipment General	110	-	-	-	110	213
23WHosp - Services Hospitality	48	-	-	-	48	182
23WInst - Instrument Organ Piano Maintenance	-	876	1231	-	2107	-
23WLic - Licences - Copyright etc.	475	-	-	-	475	462
23WLitMus - Liturgy Books Music	-	-	-	-	-	21
23WMat - Services Materials	162	-	-	-	162	122
23WMEqu - Worship Equipment Major	1006	-	-	-	1006	-
23WSacr - Sacristry	96	-	-	-	96	319
23WSSRes1 - Daniel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	58	-	-	-	58	344
23WSSRes2 - Rachel Ortiz Sunday School Resources	35	-	-	-	35	163
24Elec - Church Electricity	200	-	-	-	200	1234
24Gas - Church Gas	2163	-	-	-	2163	2007
24Wat - Church Water	133	-	-	-	133	93
25CCMan - Community Cafe Manager	363	-	-	-	363	472
25CCOth - Community Cafe Costs	127	-	-	-	127	581
25Clean - Hall Cleaning materials	164	-	-	-	164	741
25Elec - Hall Electricity	309	-	-	-	309	533
25Equip - Hall Equipment Fittings	136	-	-	-	136	585
25Gas - Hall Gas	692	-	-	-	692	1050
25Ins - Hall Insurance	950	-	-	-	950	873
25Mow - Hall Field Mowing	445	-	-	-	445	150
25Rep - Hall Repairs etc	318	-	-	-	318	727
25SalCle - Hall Cleaner salary	2183	-	-	-	2183	3413
25SalMan - Hall Manager inc. mobile phone	1336	-	-	-	1336	1267
25Wat - Hall Water	138	-	-	-	138	286
Activities relating to the work of the Church						
Totals	69482	1176	1231	-	71889	88908
Church management and administration						
23AIndEx - Independent Examiner	70	-	-	-	70	70
Church management and administration	70	-	-	-	70	70
Totals						
Expenditure Grand totals	81238	1176	1231	-	83645	98092

Conclusion

Without doubt the last year has been an exception one but we continue to have blessings as well as difficulties during this period of pandemic. It goes almost without saying that we will need to raise our level of income if we are to increase our mission and continue to meet our commitments in 2021 and beyond. We trust in God's provision and I give thanks that He never fails us.

Negotiations and funding plans have had to be placed on hold towards the Disabled Toilet at the rear of church.

I am pleased to confirm that despite the financial difficulties due to losing a large part of our generated income and reduced income from donors we have been able to end the year very close to meeting the terms of our reserves policy referred to above. This is largely due to our donors sacrificially giving what they can while themselves facing financial difficulty due to the pandemic. This together with a measure of reduced expenditure have resulted in an acceptable level of financial security. Through the generosity of the Diocese in rebating 15% of our Parish Share we were able to make the decision as a PCC to support our sister parish of St Chad's financially by making a grant of £3,809 towards payment of their parish share. A grant of £500 was made to Burton CAP (Christians Against Poverty) to support their vital work. These together corresponded to the Parish Share rebate.

The PCC tithe their income. This means that we calculate the amount of applicable income during the year and grant one tenth of this to the following charities. CMS - 25%; Footprints Orphanage - 25%; Burton YFC - 25%; Burton YMCA - 25%. This year this is £1,776 each with a total tithe of £7,104.

The outcome of this difficult year has led to a decrease in our Unrestricted Reserves to £7,024. This figure was £11,582 for 2019. Previous years Reserves were £12,933 in 2018. £5,907 in 2017, £5,188 in 2016, £12,066 in 2015, £16,412 in 2014, £14,362 in 2013, £9,365 in 2012, £9,929 in 2011 and £9,781 in 2010.

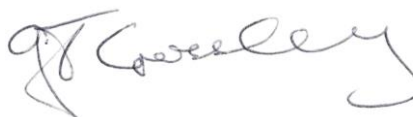
As indicated earlier as we emerge, hopefully soon, from the effects of this pandemic we will need to continue to try and increase our income if we are to expand the mission of the church that we all desire and pray for.

A separate Annual and Finance Report contains further information and reports that form part of our Trustees Annual Report.

This report dated 31 January 2021.

Adopted at meeting of the PCC on 9 March 2021

Vicar
9 March 2021



Treasurer
9 March 2021



Addendum to Treasurers report for 2020

In my main report I stated that “as we emerge, hopefully soon, from the effects of this pandemic we will need to continue to try and increase our income if we are to expand the mission of the church that we all desire and pray for”.

However, the effects of Covid 19 on all areas of our income has continued to the effect that as at 30 April this year our general (unrestricted) reserves were in a negative balance by £3,937.

I have now analysed in detail our income trends over the last 2 years and as you might expect our income from the church hall together with weddings and funeral fees have taken a big hit during the pandemic, hopefully these will recover as the effects of lockdown are lifted. The analysis of our voluntary giving trends has shown that this area of income has been declining, most markedly in the last 4 months.

To address this the PCC have agreed a strategy to try and redress these difficulties by the end of this current financial year. Church members will be receiving more information on this strategy soon.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St Mary's, Stretton with Claymills

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or 3. the accounts do 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.

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