

St Mary's Stretton

Annual Report



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St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

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PCC Members

May 2021-April 2022

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| 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.

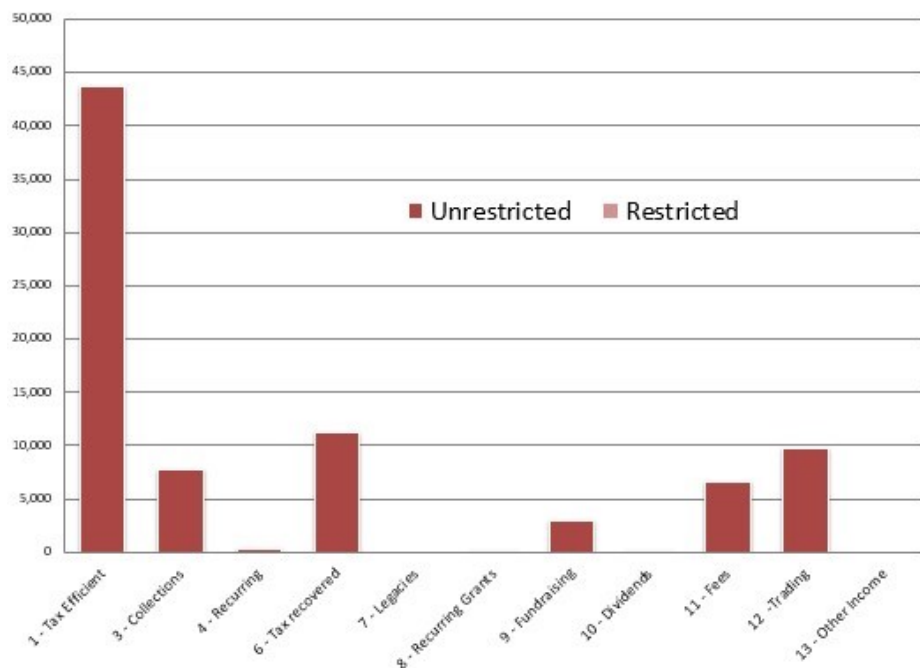
I am pleased to confirm that, despite the financial challenges, we have been able to end the year

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.)

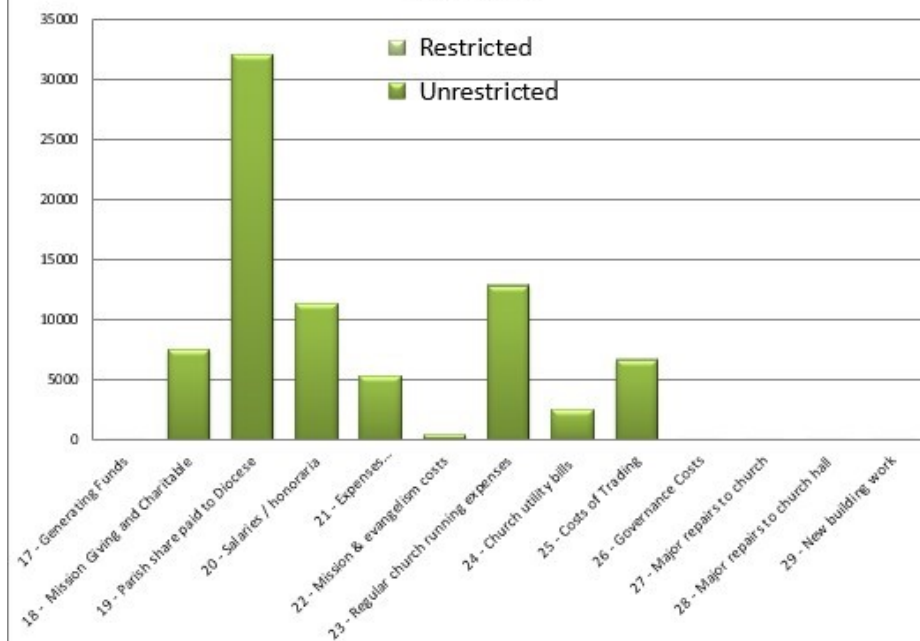
The PCC tithe their income. This means that we calculate the amount of applicable income during the year and grant one tenth of this to the following charities. CMS - 25%; The Footprints Family (formally Footprints Orphanage) - 25%; Burton YFC - 25%; Burton YMCA - 25%. This year this is £1,814.50 each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

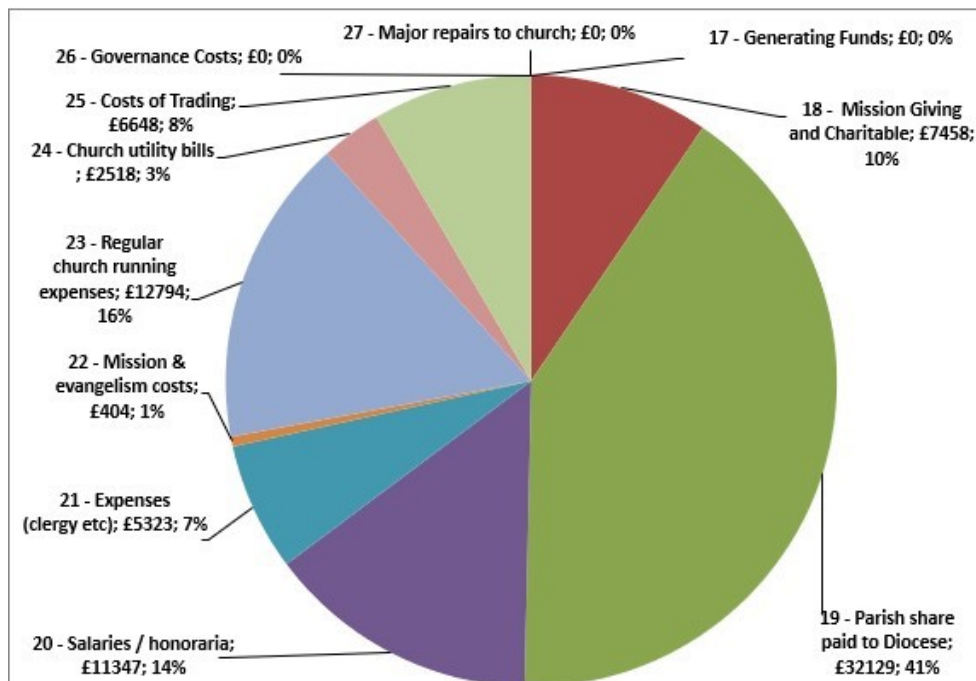
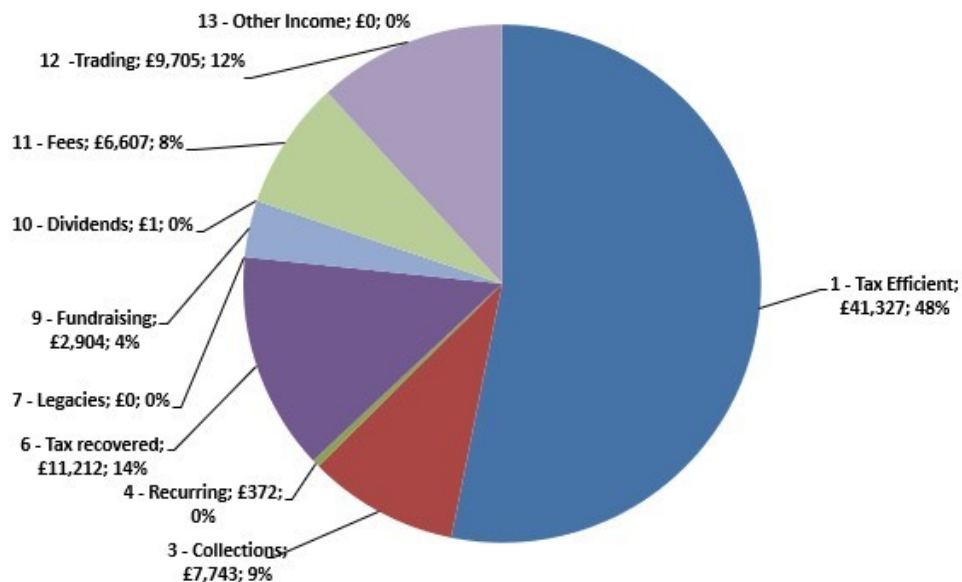
The outcome of this improved year has led our Unrestricted

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.

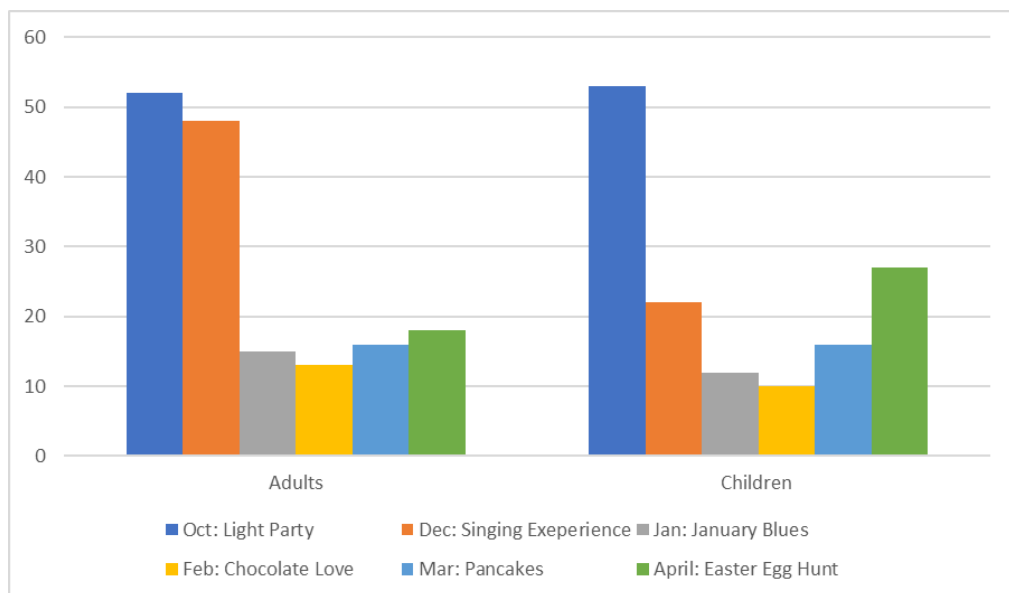
In March we had 'Pancakes' which included pancake tossing and races, creating their own chef hats and aprons. There were lots of pancakes to eat, with toppings of their choice which went down well. *16 Adults and 16 Children registered.

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
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 |
| 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

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 | 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 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 32,098 | 32,137 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year | 8,123 | 11,600 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net current assets less current liabilities | 23,974 | 20,537 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 23,974 | 20,537 |
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| Total net assets less liabilities | 23,974 | 20,537 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 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 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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 |
| Activities relating to the work of the Church Totals | 70,832 | 330 | 230 | 71,392 | 71,889 |
| Church management and administration | | | | | |
| 23AIndEx - Independent Examiner | - | - | - | - | 70 |
| Church management and administration Totals | - | - | - | - | 70 |
| Expenditure Grand totals | 78,290 | 330 | 230 | 78,850 | 83,644 |

Conclusion

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 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

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: 

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