

St Mary's Stretton

2023 Annual Report



April 2024

St Mary's Stretton with Claymills

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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/

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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
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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 - 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	-	-	-	-	-	-
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



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 - 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