

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MATTHIAS', TORQUAY, DEVON

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Details

Other names ST MATTHIAS' PCC, TORQUAY

Status Registered

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Activities

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

Activities: Serving and supporting the local community via the provision of religious services, meeting/function/catering facilities for a wide variety of local groups/societies and Pre-School facilities for local children.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£420,711	£382,219	-	-
2023-12-31	£348,760	£363,831	-	-
2022-12-31	£423,986	£355,635	-	-
2021-12-31	£369,203	£310,081	-	-
2020-12-31	£383,888	£348,066	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Buckley		2023-05-15
Cheryl May Bevins		2021-05-23
Clare Margaret Whittaker		2022-05-08
DAVID JOHN WILKINSON		2011-07-18
DR Paul Michael Benson Barton		2017-04-30
David Michael Hodson		2022-05-08
Dr Keith Roy Broome		2021-05-23
Dr Tessa Jane Barton		2020-10-18
Ester Geva William-Luscombe		2025-05-18
Jeremy Simon Aspinall		2024-05-12
Keith William Yelland		2025-05-18
MARGARET MUNDY		2024-05-12
Michael Edward Higgins		2022-05-08
Paul Sheriff		2024-05-12
Philip New		2024-05-12
Rev Claire Suzanne Reynolds		2023-09-18
SUSAN ANGELA NEWMAN		2020-10-18
Susan Jennifer Davies		2017-04-30
Sylvia Dorothy Barratt		

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

of the parish of

ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY

for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Parish of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for year ended 31st December 2024

Administrative Information

St Matthias Church is situated in Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ1 1HW, which is the correspondence address. The website address is www.st-matthias-church.org

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered number 1130983)

PCC members who have served from 1st Jan 2024 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent: Revd John Beckett

Lay Vice Chair: Cheryl Bevins

Associate minister: Revd Paul Barton

Curate : Revd Claire Reynolds

Wardens: Cheryl Bevins
Clare Whittaker

Secretary: Ester Luscombe (from September 2024; Suzy Wright until September 2024)

Treasurer: Margaret Mundy (from September 2024; Kevin Francis until September 2024)

Reader:

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

<i>(ex-officio)</i>	David Wilkinson	<i>(Diocesan Synod Rep)</i>
	David Hodson	
	Jeremy Aspinall	

Elected members: Ali Buckley
Sylvia Barratt
Tessa Barton
Keith Broome
Margaret Mundy
Natasha Dickson (stepping down in May 2025)
Mike Higgins
Sue Newman
Paul Sherriff
Phil New

Co-opted members Sue Davies (Safeguarding Rep)
Ester Luscombe (from September 2024)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and having been on the roll for six months are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition to its regular meetings the PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee and a number of committees (known as 'Action Groups'), which meet as required, and report back to the PCC. These are:

Standing and Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. It also oversees the financial aspects of the work of St Matthias and the Church Centre. The committee comprised:

Rev'd John Beckett (Incumbent), Cheryl Bevins (Churchwarden and Vice Chair),
Clare Whittaker (Churchwarden),
Margaret Mundy (Treasurer), Ester Luscombe (Secretary)

Action Groups:

In late 2021, we began to form 'Action Groups' as a new way of shaping, leading and sharing what is going on at St. Matthias. These groups work in conjunction with the PCC and the Staff Team. The Action Group Leaders now meet with the PCC twice a year with the purpose of sharing what is happening within their group, highlighting areas where they would value the co-operation of another group and sharing new ideas of ministry which they would like to be involved in but might need to go to the PCC for a decision. Listed alphabetically these are:

COMMS Action Group: To identify and manage the implementation of all communication and publicity requirements for the Church and the Church Centre, liaising with other groups as necessary and utilising the most appropriate and up-to-date tools, ranging from hard copy publications to online and social media platforms.

Chair: Suzy Wright

Eco Action Group: To challenge the whole church and us as individuals by promoting the Anglican's 5th point of 'The Five Marks of Mission' – 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'; this includes awareness of the climate change and other ecological anxieties facing us in Torbay and the world.

Chairs: David Hodson, Clare Whittaker, Judi Stannard

Facilities Management Action Group: To ensure that the buildings and grounds are kept in a good and safe state of repair for all users of the premises, enabling the church to be a place for worship, making disciples and transforming communities.

Chair: Paul Sherriiff

Mission & Outreach Action Group: To enable the church to ensure that we are outward-looking in our work, witness and resources, taking every opportunity to spread the gospel message within the Parish, the Bay and further afield, in order to encourage people to start on their faith journey and to grow in Christ.

Chair: Joanna Wilkinson

Pastoral Action Group: To organise and manage the provision of support and friendship to those who are unable to come to St. Matthias due to age or infirmity, helping to alleviate loneliness and encouraging them in their journey of faith through the difficult times.

Chair: Elaine Biden

Prayer: To organise and implement prayer for the needs of the world and to cultivate the message that prayer lies at the very heart of a Christian's relationship with God and in every activity undertaken within St. Matthias, by providing a variety of opportunities to explore and deepen that relationship, both by personal prayer and corporately.

Chair: Andrew Green

Social Action and Pre-School: working with the 'Mission and Outreach Group' to oversee the outreach that has a greater emphasis on 'Social Action' - and to include oversight of provision of Early Years Services to Pre-School children from the local community and to provide After School and Holiday Club services to a wider range of Pre-School and Primary School age children, with a view to valuing and nurturing every child, and to seek to show God's love to all children.

Chair: Sylvia Barratt

SCYP Action Group: To provide relevant and engaging activities for all age groups of children and young people both within and outside St. Matthias, enabling them to grow into and in their Christian faith and, with their leaders, reach their full potential in Christ.

Chair: Tessa Barton

Service Ministry: To provide high quality worship services as agreed by the Incumbent and the PCC, in conjunction with the staff team, that enable people to offer their worship and grow in their discipleship and encourage them to play their part in the kingdom work of transforming communities.

Chair: John Beckett

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has operational and maintenance responsibilities for the Church, Church Centre and Pre-school.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the last Annual Meeting, in May 2024, there were 174 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. This year (May 25) we have reported 174 parishioners. Every six years a completely new Electoral Roll must be created, and 2025 is one of these years. Everyone who is currently on the Electoral Roll and wishes to remain so must apply again.

Each year we report our participation numbers (the number of people who worship with us at least monthly) which allows Diocesan fund contributions to be calculated. Our 2024 participation number was 156 compared with 160 in 2023.

Review of the Year

Church services have almost returned to normal since the pandemic. People are still continuing to take advantage of the live-streamed 11 o'clock service. The 8am Book of Common Prayer service has a slight decline in attendance and the 11am service attendance has been reasonably strong. The 9.30am service Explore is attended by families with children and the numbers are steadily growing. At the 9.30am service, breakfast is provided on the 1st Sunday of the month. The monthly 'Praise @ 5.30pm' service has a growing following with young people taking the lead of this service and this is very encouraging.

Here are some highlights:

- In addition to Paul, Claire and John, we are grateful for Dallas, Norma, Brian, Andrew, Nicholas and Sharon for taking the services and preaching.
 - Our **Pre-School** numbers have continued to grow. We have 26 3/4 year olds attending currently and the number of 2 year olds has significantly increased to 20 due to the Government offering funding for working parents. There are currently 6 members of staff.
 - David and Joanna Wilkinson have continued to lead the **audio visual team** and we thank them for their dedication. The Sunday 11am service is live-streamed and there's a steady online following.
 - The **Church Centre** continues to welcome a large number of community groups, social groups, exercise classes, two choirs, two counsellors and more...to use the great facilities here. In 2024 we had 78 groups in total, some using the facilities weekly, some monthly and others coming for a one off event. We also hosted three external concerts.
 - Our various **action groups** have continued to provide a useful support to the church's operations. They have continued to grow from strength to strength.
 - We continue to support our two local Church of England Primary Academies, Ilsham and Warberry, visiting them to lead weekly Acts of Worship, hosting special seasonal services in the Church building and serving on their governance committees.
 - **Our social media** reached more people than ever before with well over 623 followers on Facebook and this is growing steadily. 76% of the followers are women whilst 24% are men. In addition there are 125 followers on the Instagram account, most of whom are not regular church attendees.
 - Our **youth group** has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Ali Buckley and Linda Townsend and with the support of Hannah Aske. However, Hannah has now stepped away but will be available for consultancy. There are often 10 to 15 youths and recently rising to 18 with an influx of year 6 pupils from Ilsham. The vast majority of the youth are not from church families. Many of them are volunteering at the 9:30 and 11am service with the breakfast/coffee preparations as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. Highlights were: bake off, rounders on Ilsham Green, BBQ at Claire's house, make your own pizza night, water games, scavenger hunt, messy games, nerf wars, slip and slide with Home church, evening walk, sponsored car wash, pancake madness, Mexican night, blackout in church, Bonfire night etc.
- Our monthly '**Praise @ 5.30**' is youth led service and is thriving with many young people getting involved and often writing the dramas, prayers and taking part in singing, games and generally running the service. Many of them were happy to dress up and take part in the Christingle service, in fact it was difficult to find enough parts for everyone!

- In 2024, St Matthias managed to maintain its long-standing commitment to paying a full **Mission Tithe**, representing 10% of voluntary income. All the charities supported by St Matthias' tithe are Christian charities, recommended for the PCC's approval by the **Missions Action Group (MAG)**. Six main ones receive support each year: Church Army, Church Mission Society (for Nicci Maxwell), Church Pastoral Aid Society, Linx Christian Youth Trust, Mission to Seafarers and Tearfund. MAG wished to make a change to the list of main charities by replacing the Church Army with Torbay United. Church Army no longer has a centre of mission in our area, whereas Torbay United is a new and active Christian charity which runs a social supermarket (the YUM bus). In addition, several other charities are chosen annually to receive a tithe donation.
- A donation of £1500 was made to **St Mary Magdalene's** Laundry and Washroom Project.
- The **'Welcome Space'** has continued to attract a regular group and other church users to have refreshments and conversation every Wednesday from 12noon – 2pm.
- Our Lent course **'Marking Lent'** was an exploration on Mark's Gospel. Attendance was around 35 to 40 people. I would encourage people to attend the Lent courses as it helps you grow on your Christian journey.
- **Coffee Box mission outreach** ran monthly on the piazza from April to September 2024. Coffee and pastries were offered to passers-by with a friendly chat and a prayer if desired.
- An **Organ Recital** by David Davies was held in church in May, organized by the Friends of St. Matthias.
- **The volunteers' week** was in June as a sign of appreciation to all our wonderful volunteers who make our church run smoothly on a daily basis. From the cleaners to toddler group helpers; from Messy Church helpers to the welcomers; from Valerie our organist to our singers and musicians; from our refreshment servers and to everyone in between a big Thank You to you all.
- At the end of June we had a family **Summer Fun** day out at Dawlish Warren. This was well attended and it was a fabulous family day out.
- An amazing **Pet Service** was held in September in appreciation of the importance of pets in our lives. Pets were all very well behaved!
- Door-to-door **parish visiting** took place in September 2024. Teams went out on 2 evenings. The streets visited were all in the area of Wellswood and the Lincombes. On the whole the project was very positive and encouraging.
- We welcomed Revd Steve Morgan from **Mission to Seafarers** to speak to us about the work of their chaplains giving counselling and practical support to seafarers on container vessels around the world.
- **PCC away day** was at Dawlish Warren in November and Bishop Mark Rylands was the guest speaker. The Away Day was very useful, and it helped us focus on our strengths and weaknesses and to move forward in making disciples and transforming our communities.
- **Tearfund Quiz Night** was held on the 16 November. This was held in the name of ending global poverty for good and helping environmental causes. This event was very well attended and we had a great time raising funds for Tearfund. About £500 was raised.
- Friends of St Matthias **Christmas Market** was held in November to raise funds for the ECO projects. This event was very well attended.

- We ran successful and well attended **Christmas Services**. There were around 400 people at the Christingle service and just over 70 people at the Crib service. The numbers were higher from previous year for all the services. The school services and the Wellswood Street party had very positive engagement.
- **Sharon Hiley** started Ordination training, in September 24.
- We continue to live our lives in accordance with the values prescribed by our Lord **Jesus Christ**.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for overseeing the work of the church. Throughout 2024 and to date the PCC have met bi-monthly – meetings primarily in person. From January to December 2024 the PCC held 6 meetings during the year, all in person. The average attendance at PCC meetings was 75%. PCC business generally falls into one of three categories: **Worshipping God, Making Disciples** and **Transforming Communities**.

Items brought to the attention of and considered by the PCC have included:

- Reviews the **Service pattern throughout the year**.
- The financial challenges posed by increases in energy bills.
- In light of the increase in energy bills, **Green energy** options have been explored and in due course solar panels and batteries would be installed. Old bulbs have been replaced with energy saving bulbs in the church premises.
- **Mummy & Me** has continued to attract significant numbers, particularly of those who have no other contact with the church.
- **Messy church** is being run bi-monthly due to the drop in numbers. Need to advertise broadly to reach a wider audience.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is at the forefront of our values as a church, seeking a culture where all are safe and able to flourish.

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all. Our Safeguarding policy has been informed by, and is consistent with, the Church of England policy entitled 'Promoting Safer Church 2017'.

At St Matthias we are committed to **promoting a safer environment and culture**.

Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church. Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.

Sue Davies continued in the role of Safeguarding Officer and is also a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Board.

One of the roles of the safeguarding officer is to be available to give advice to anyone in church if there are any safeguarding concerns. The Diocese provides a supportive role in this.

Information regarding Safeguarding can be found on the first page of our website and contact numbers are available on church noticeboards. The Domestic Abuse posters with tear off phone numbers are displayed in the toilets and they appear to be used.

We are also required to delegate to the diocese the responsibility of reporting serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, in accordance with the House of Bishops' Guidance.

Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas.

Sue Davies, Safeguarding Officer, May 2025

Report from PCC Secretary: So many good things are happening here at St Matthias.

The Chairs and members of all of the Action Groups (see list on page 4 and 5 of this report) meet to help it carry out its many responsibilities in the numerous and varied aspects of the life of St Matthias. The action groups continue to provide a structure within which the church can continue to thrive. The help and support they provide is greatly appreciated. We continue to be indebted to them all for the commitment and dedication they show **and to all those who give unstintingly of their time and their talents.** Thank you. **Please pray for our groups and their leaders.** If you feel encouraged to support them or get involved in one of the groups, please speak to group chairs or staffing team.

The **Friends of St Matthias** work closely with the PCC. The PCC would like to record their thanks for the financial support they receive from the Friends.

The PCC would like to record its appreciation of the leadership of our Rector, John Beckett, ably supported by Paul Barton and Claire Reynolds; our retired clergy, and other lay ministers, our Churchwardens, Cheryl and Clare, ably assisted by Sylvia; Pere and all who work in St Matthias – paid staff and volunteers alike. We owe a great deal to our clergy, staff and their families. **Thank you.**

Ester Luscombe *PCC Secretary*

May 2025

Churchwardens' report to the 2025 APCM

We would like to start by thanking all our Clergy team, who have worked tirelessly this year to provide services, worship, and pastoral support to us all. Of course, we are particularly conscious as we look back not just on this year but on more than 11 years of service, of all that John and Ruth have given to us and we thank God for them and will be praying for Him to use them powerfully as they start the next stage of their ministry in North Devon.

It has been a particularly busy year for our clergy team because after a really helpful review facilitated by the Diocesan adviser for Children and Young People we took the step in June of moving to a weekly Explore service, so that we have 3 services every Sunday and 4 in the week when we have an evening, youth-led service. It has been very exciting to see the numbers growing and fellowship deepening in the 9.30am congregation and to see our young people growing in confidence and taking an active role in different aspects of the monthly service. We have also established a monthly Sunday evening church prayer meeting and hope that more people will feel encouraged to join us for this vital part of our church life.

We want to express particular appreciation of all that Tessa Barton has done to recruit a new Emerging Generations leader. We are excited by Helen's arrival and all that she will bring to the many aspects of our children's, families' and young people's work, including youth group, toddlers, school assemblies and special events like Experience Easter.

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We were so glad that our Christmas services were again well attended – the young people put on a tremendous performance for a packed Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, families with younger children enjoyed taking part in a “Noisy Christmas” and other services brought in many people from outside the regular congregation. It was also great to take part in the Wellswood Christmas Fayre and to host Carol Singing on the Piazza for the community.

Live streaming of some services has continued this year and is much appreciated by those who are unable to attend church. Thank you to all who have the technical skills to make this possible each week.

We are so grateful to the too often unsung heroes from within our congregation who serve behind the scenes, the coffee makers, cleaners, flower arrangers, welcomers at services, pastoral visitors and so many more roles. We are always looking for more volunteers – do speak to us if you feel called to help in any way.

We are particularly grateful to the faithful team who allow us to offer “Welcome Space”: every Wednesday lunchtime the church is opened to members of our local community, providing soup, chat, and friendship. We continue to host the Ukrainian Support Group each week too.

Coffee box, a monthly outreach to the Community continued through the summer months on the piazza and the Mission Action Group also arranged parish visiting over two weeks in September, which has been repeated over the last few weeks.

Our fellowship has been strengthened by some lovely social events including an away day at the stunning Dawlish Warren Mission Hall (to which PCC returned for a very stimulating away day in the autumn, picnics at Cockington and in the church and a ceilidh in the church organised by the Friends of St Matthias and a local folk choir. We are delighted that many people in the congregation are involved in home groups and hope to see even more people enjoying the fellowship and support that belonging to a group can bring.

We are conscious that in the months ahead as we seek for the right person to replace John it will be particularly important to support and look out for one another, communicate well, appreciate all those who are working hard to keep things running smoothly and above all put on the love of Christ, which binds in perfect unity.

Clare and Cheryl, Churchwardens, May 2025

Curate's report 2025

I arrived at St Matthias in September 2023 and have now been here for the past 18 months to complete my curacy. My family and I have been heartily welcomed by all the St Matthias family, who were aware I was moving context mid-training. It goes without saying that given the circumstances, I was and still am incredibly grateful to John, Paul and the wardens who had to consider taking me on as a curate at incredibly short notice.

My time here has been very joyful. St Matthias is a very active church with groups happening most days of the week either run by the church family themselves or through hiring the church facilities. Personally, I have become particularly involved in the children's and youth work and home groups and it is wonderful to see what God is doing there. A particular highlight for me has been to see how our young people have taken the challenge of leading the monthly Sunday evening worship and just run with it! St Matthias has at its core, a very heart felt desire to share the good news with the local community here, and it has been great to see initiatives like the parish visiting happening, and to take part in that.

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Perhaps my one slight sadness has been that my family haven't been able to get involved in Sunday worship as much as I would have liked. I am grateful for people's understanding that they were already settled at another church and have continued to worship there for the time being. There have been some opportunities for Alastair to help with special events and home group, and Andrew has very much enjoyed being part of the Friday night youth club.

I would like to finish by thanking John and Paul for their investment in me over this time, the staff team and PCC for being so supportive and giving so much of their time, and of course the church family here for being the people you are, welcoming to whoever comes through the doors and being so willing to volunteer to help in the life of the church.

Revd Claire Reynolds, Curate

Report of the Meetings of Deanery Synod

Your lay representatives are Jeremy Aspinall, David Hodson and David Wilkinson (Deanery Secretary). Members of our parish clergy also attend. Since the last Annual Report there have been three meetings of Synod, held in churches across Torbay. The main items of business, besides finance, progress with Common Fund payments by the parishes, and reports of the proceedings of Diocesan and General Synod were:

In February we welcomed Bishop James and Archdeacon Douglas, for the commissioning of Fr Peter March as our new Rural Dean. At that meeting we shared the **Blessings, Challenges and Opportunities** faced in all our parishes. The archdeacon **charged us** to live the life of the deanery synod; one that is **living and vibrant, encouraging, inspiring, resourcing and supporting**. This theme was picked up again at our most recent meeting, when Rev Sam Leach shared what it meant for St Mags to serve in a town centre community. Archdeacon Douglas fully supported the Parish Giving Scheme, with contactless giving encouraged for casual giving.

In July, Rev Jeremy Putnam, **Diocesan Mission Enabler**, in considering mission, asked whether children and young people were in the forefront of our thinking. The ground-breaking **Talking Jesus** Report shows the state of faith in the UK, how people come to faith in Jesus and how we, as the church, can talk about Jesus more effectively with our friends and in our community. 48% identify as Christians but only 6% are practising. 60% of the 48% know someone who is a practising Christian.

Our November meeting found us in Bay Church, where Rev Claire Reynolds, Disability and Additional Needs Advisor for the Diocese of Exeter, spoke on **disabilities, additional needs and neurodivergence**. Claire asked how we could make our churches more welcoming to people with additional needs including autism and dementia. Society still marginalises people with disabilities and additional needs. See <https://exeter.anglican.org/disability/>
Further details of all deanery business may be obtained from:

David Wilkinson, Torbay Deanery Secretary

Financial Review

The **Balance Sheet** (Page 17) total net assets less liabilities rose compared with last year mainly due to increased cash assets of £209,056 (*cf.* £171,779 in 2023). This has contributed to our Unrestricted Funds balance increase from £90,081 to £112,015.

The other significant figure on the **Balance Sheet** is the amount of money in the Restricted Fund for Emerging Generations Leader, up from **£43,260** in 2023 to **£51,472** at the end of 2024.

The **Statement of Financial Activities** (SOFA) on Page 18 shows the overall income and expenditure for the year, broken down into the few major categories commonly reported across the Church of England, as well as transfers between funds. Subsequent sheets in the pack break this down into considerably more detail, Pages 19 to 23 showing a breakdown against all the booking categories that we use.

2024 saw a welcome overall improvement in the church finances and resulted in an operational surplus for the year of **£31,126**. Some of the main factors that contributed to this, referencing the three areas of operation, were:

- **Church**

The overall voluntary income was **£164.7k**, up from last year's figure of **£138.6k**. In terms of expenditure, gas costs reduced by **£7k** as heating controls were functioning better but electricity costs were up by **£3k**. Church Maintenance was up by **£5.3k**. Also, as in previous years, we paid our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese in full, which was **£89.9k**. Charity & Mission Giving, also included in Church expenditure, was increased to **£20.8k** to compensate for the lower amount of **£8.5k** for 2023. The net result was a deficit of **£1.5k** over the year between church income and expenditure.

- **Church Centre**

Income from hirers was up to **£59.7k** from **£52.1k** in 2023 and to the total Church Centre income can be added £7K from Friends of St Matthias towards refurbishment of the entrance hall toilet. Gas costs reduced by **1.4k** but the electricity costs were up by **£3k** as for the Church. Overall, there was an increase in expenditure of **£10.1k** resulting in a net surplus of **£4.6k** for the year.

- **Pre-School**

Pre-School income, comprising Early Years funding from our local Council and payments from parents for additional sessions was substantially up this year by **£38k**. This was mainly due to the admission of more two year olds as a result of the new Government funding policy. Staffing costs remained similar to 2023 and other expenditure resulted in an increase in the overall expenditure figure of **£1.2k**. This has meant that the Pre-School net position for the year was a surplus of **£28k**.

I would like to thank Trudy Guy, our book keeper for all of the accounts administration tasks and invoice payments. Also Sylvia Barratt, who continued to manage the 'Statutory Account' covering weddings and funerals held in the church, the funds for which are handled via a separate bank account.

The transactions in this account are not visible in the published accounts as all associated income and expenditure does not impact on church funds (as, basically, what comes in goes out). The accounting rules we operate to are such that we are not required to include these details in the published accounts but they do have to be submitted to our Independent Examiner and so are covered in the approval statement.

I would also like to thank all our church members for their generous financial support during this year. In particular, it was good to see more regular (planned) giving especially to the PGS scheme (details available on our website and via leaflets at the back of the church). It is an enormous help to the finance team for the purposes of administration and planning.

Looking ahead, now that we have appointed our Emerging Generations Team Leader, Helen Baker, we hope that all who are able to will increase their giving to help us grow the fund which supports this part of our church's vision.

Margaret Mundy, Hon Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK AND HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act .

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE

Barretts Chartered Accountants & Chartered Tax Advisers
22 Union Street, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2JS

Date: 8th May 2025

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING MAY 2025

Notes to the Accounts 2024

1. Basis of Financial Statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. These financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. They have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The charity is registered in England and Wales and details of the registered office can be found in the admin information section. The functional and presentational currency is considered to be pounds sterling, the accounts are rounded to the full pound.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Fund Accounting

(i) Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

(ii) Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

(iii) Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

(b) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

(c) Resources Expended

The Diocesan Parish Share (Common Fund) expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

(d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

St. Matthias Church Centre was built in 1985/86 at a cost of £198,629 and the extension to it was subsequently built at a cost of £146,355. During 2010 an extension to the Pine Room was constructed at a cost of £98,266. All these amounts have been written off as expended and consequently no depreciation is required. Expenditure on Church Centre furniture and equipment is written off as incurred.

3. Debtors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

4. Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities of which the PCC is aware.

5. Payments to PCC members

No member of the PCC received any salary or expenses in connection with their role on the PCC.

6. Staff Salaries / Payments

3 staff were employed by the Church/Church Centre, gross salaries paid out during the year being £39,314. 6 staff were employed by the Pre-School, gross salaries paid out during the year being £111,146.

Pension contributions on behalf of 4 eligible employees were paid to the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) in line with current UK Pension legislation (included in salary figures above).

St. Matthias participates in the Pension Builder Classic Scheme section of CWPF for lay staff. CWPF is administered by the Church of England Pensions Board, which holds the CWPF assets separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers.

CWPF has two sections:

- the Defined Benefits Scheme
- the Pension Builder Scheme, which has two subsections;
 - a deferred annuity section known as Pension Builder Classic, and,
 - a cash balance section known as Pension Builder 2014.

Pension Builder Scheme

Both sections of the Pension Builder Scheme are classed as defined benefit schemes.

Pension Builder Classic provides a pension, accumulated from contributions paid and converted into a deferred annuity during employment based on terms set and reviewed by the Church of England Pensions Board from time to time. Discretionary increases may also be added, depending on investment returns and other factors.

Pension Builder 2014 is a cash balance scheme that provides a lump sum which members use to provide benefits at retirement. Pension contributions are recorded in an account for each member. Discretionary bonuses may be added before retirement, depending on investment returns and other factors. The account, plus any bonuses declared is payable, unreduced, from age 65. There is no sub-division of assets between employers in each section of the Pension Builder Scheme.

The scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Pension Builder Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are the contributions payable (2024: £ 11,372, 2023: £ 14,042).

A valuation of the Pension Builder Scheme is carried out once every three years. The most recent valuation was carried out as at 31 December 2022.

For the Pension Builder Classic section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £34.8m on the ongoing assumptions used. At the most recent annual review effective 1 January 2025, the Board chose to grant a discretionary bonus of 6.7% to both pensions not yet in payment and pensions in payment in respect of service prior to April 1997; and a bonus on pensions in payment in respect of post April 2006 service so that the pension increase was 2.7% (where usually it would be calculated based on inflation up to 2.5%). This followed improvements in the funding position over 2024. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The next valuation is due as at 31 December 2025.

For the Pension Builder 2014 section, the valuation revealed a surplus of £8.5m on the ongoing assumptions used. There is no requirement for deficit payments at the current time.

The legal structure of the scheme is such that if another employer fails, EMPLOYER could become responsible for paying a share of the failed employer's pension liabilities.

The number of employees whose total employee benefits fell within the £10,000 - £60,000 band was 0.

7. Funding from Friends of St Matthias

During the year the Friends of St Matthias, a charity set up for the sole purpose of supporting the church via the funding of various works, contributed £7060 for the cost of refurbishing the entrance hall toilet.

8. Income and Expenditure – Details

Pages **20-22** show a categorised breakdown of all income and expenditure with comparative figures for 2023.

9. Reserves Policy

It is a requirement of the Charity Commission that all registered charities should have a Reserves Policy, designed to cater for the ongoing viability of the organisation in the event of unplanned/unexpected circumstances arising.

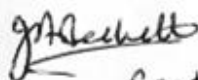
Our policy is now based on retaining 3 months' normal expenditure made up from items considered to be essential in the event of unexpected circumstances preventing us from running one or more of the three individual entities that comprise the St Matthias Church registered charity. The amount that has been calculated for this purpose, including an *appropriate amount for contingency purposes, is £75k-80k.*

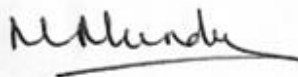
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Balance Sheet (Summary) As at: 31 December 2024

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets	0	0
Current assets		
Debtors	10,353	1,980
Cash At Bank And In Hand	209,056	171,779
	<u>219,409</u>	<u>173,758</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due in One Year	18,845	11,687
	<u>18,845</u>	<u>11,687</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>200,564</u>	<u>162,072</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>200,564</u>	<u>162,072</u>
Liabilities	0	0
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>200,564</u>	<u>162,072</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	112,015	90,081
Total Unrestricted	<u>112,015</u>	<u>90,081</u>
Designated		
Designated - Charity & Missionary Giving	0	(8,050)
Designated - Girls Allowed	98	98
Designated - Hardship Fund	8,727	10,314
Designated - Matts Cats	1,119	1,119
Designated - 'Older People' Ministry	308	308
Designated - Play Area Extension (PS)	2,000	0
Designated - Reducing Carbon Footprint	24,000	24,000
Designated - Social Core	800	800
Total Designated	<u>37,052</u>	<u>28,589</u>
Restricted		
Restricted - Emerging Group Leader	51,472	43,260
Restricted - Flowers	24	142
Restricted - Music	1	1
Total Restricted	<u>51,497</u>	<u>43,403</u>
Fund of the church	<u>200,564</u>	<u>162,072</u>

Approved by the PCC on 28/4/25 and signed on its behalf by:


Rector


TREASURER

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	171,713	424	11,096	0	183,233	157,541
Income from charitable activities	233,090	2,000	0	0	235,090	189,541
Investments	2,386	0	0	0	2,386	1,678
Other income	2	0	0	0	2	0
Total income	407,191	2,424	11,096	0	420,711	348,760
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities	351,889	21,857	3,072	0	376,818	357,844
Other expenditure	5,401	0	0	0	5,401	5,988
Total expenditure	357,290	21,857	3,072	0	382,219	363,831
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	49,901	(19,433)	8,024	0	38,492	(15,071)
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,200	29,097	70	0	30,367	0
Gross transfers between funds - out	(29,167)	(1,200)	0	0	(30,367)	0
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	21,934	8,464	8,094	0	38,492	(15,071)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	90,081	28,588	43,403	0	162,072	177,143
Total funds carried forward	112,015	37,052	51,497	0	200,564	162,072
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund	112,015	0	0	0	112,015	90,081
Designated						
Charity & Missionary Giving	0	0	0	0	0	-8,050
Girls Allowed	0	98	0	0	98	98
Hardship Fund	0	8,727	0	0	8,727	10,314
Matts Cats	0	1,119	0	0	1,119	1,119
'Older People' Ministry	0	308	0	0	308	308
Play Area Extension (PS)	0	2,000	0	0	2,000	0
Reducing Carbon Footprint	0	24,000	0	0	24,000	24,000
Social Core	0	800	0	0	800	800
Restricted						
Emerging Group Leader	0	0	51,472	0	51,472	43,260
Flowers	0	0	24	0	24	142
Music	0	0	1	0	1	1

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Carried forward
Unrestricted						
General - General fund	90,081	407,191	357,290	(27,967)	0	112,015
Sub-totals	90,081	407,191	357,290	(27,967)	0	112,015
Designated						
Carbon footprint - Reducing Carbon Footprint	24,000	0	0	0	0	24,000
CF - CASHFLOW	0	0	0	0	0	0
CMG - Charity & Missionary Giving	(8,050)	0	19,847	27,897	0	0
FEMPL - Future Employees	0	0	0	0	0	0
GL - Girls Allowed	98	0	0	0	0	98
HARDSHIP - Hardship Fund	10,314	424	2,011	0	0	8,727
MC - Matts Cats	1,119	0	0	0	0	1,119
PlayArea-PS - Play Area Extension (PS)	0	2,000	0	0	0	2,000
PS - Pre-School Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0
SC - Social Core	800	0	0	0	0	800
HLESS - Homeless Project	0	0	0	0	0	0
OLDIES - 'Older People' Ministry	308	0	0	0	0	308
Sub-totals	28,588	2,424	21,858	27,897	0	37,052
Restricted						
AV - Audio/Visual System	0	0	70	70	0	0
BIBLES - Children's Bibles	0	0	0	0	0	0
EGL - Emerging Group Leader	43,260	11,083	2,871	0	0	51,472
ADVENT - Advent Calendars	0	0	0	0	0	0
EASTER - Easter Eggs	0	0	0	0	0	0
FL - Flowers	142	13	131	0	0	24
MS - Music	1	0	0	0	0	1
YB - Youth Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-totals	43,403	11,096	3,072	70	0	51,497
Totals	162,072	420,711	382,219	0	0	200,564

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay
Income and Expenditure - Details by Category
For the period: 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2024	2023
A01 - Breakfastzone (CH)	16	0
A03 - Fees Receivable (CH)	2,456	1,986
A04 - Heat & Light Contributions (CH)	74	14
A07 - Messy Church (CH)	100	113
A09 - Special Events (CH)	0	706
A10 - Minibus donations	0	0
TOTAL FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES INCOME	2,646	2,819
B01 - Hirers (CTR)	59,671	52,102
B03 - Private Photocopying (CTR)	99	125
B04 - Sundry (CTR)	1	53
B05 - Tea & Coffee (CTR)	658	406
TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE INCOME	60,429	52,686
C01 - Fees Torbay DC (PS)	123,649	95,963
C02 - Holiday Club (PS)	12,945	12,788
C03 - Other Income (PS)	337	255
C04 - Parents Payments (PS)	33,084	25,031
C05 - Play area extension (PS)	2,000	0
TOTAL FOR PRE SCHOOL INCOME	172,014	134,037
D01 - CAF Interest (CH)	2,387	1,598
D03 - Other Interest (CH)	0	81
D04 - Sundry Income (CH)	2	0
J10: Credit Card charges deducted from Card receipts	(12)	(37)
TOTAL FOR INVESTMENT & SUNDRY INCOME	2,377	1,642
E01 - Friends (Agreed Funding)	7,060	3,173
TOTAL FOR FRIENDS OF ST MATTHIAS	7,060	3,173
F01 - Collections	0	656
F02 - Collections G/A	4,237	2,905
F03 - Collections G/A REC	1,778	(970)
F04 - Gift Day	0	2,350
F05 - Gift Day G/A	1,245	4,978
F07 - Legacies	5,022	0
F08 - Misc Donations	2,423	2,731
F09 - Misc Donations G/A	5,024	10,583
F10 - Misc Donations G/A REC	1,774	2,013
F11 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations	116	287
F12 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations G/A	166	619
F13 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations G/A REC	142	744
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (GENERAL)	21,927	26,895

F21 - Planned Giving	913	1,070
F22 - Planned Giving G/A	14,865	4,656
F23 - Planned Giving G/A REC	5,100	120
F24 - PGS Planned Giving	2,846	3,563
F25 - PGS Planned Giving G/A	119,438	103,949
TOTAL FOR PLANNED INCOME (GENERAL)	143,162	113,358
F31 - *Youth Work	969	422
F32 - *Youth Work G/A	1,040	1,553
F33 - *Youth Work G/A REC	547	101
F34 - *PGS Youth Work G/A	8,527	11,850
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (EGL)	11,083	13,926
F41 - *Audio/Visual	0	135
F51 - *Easter Eggs G/A	0	26
F52 - *Easter Eggs G/A REC	0	6
F54 - *Flowers G/A	0	53
F55 - *Flowers G/A REC	13	5
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED)	13	225
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	420,711	348,760

OUTGOING RESOURCES

G01 - Charity & Mission Giving	20,847	8,500
G08 - Welcomespace and Hardship Fund expenditure	1,010	1,766
TOTAL FOR CHARITY & MISSION GIVING	21,857	10,266
G02 - Common Fund	89,892	95,268
TOTAL FOR COMMON FUND	89,892	95,268
J01 - Bank Charges (CH)	156	88
J02 - Printing, Post & Stationery (CH)	3,185	4,235
J03 - Salaries & NI (CH)	13,422	14,703
J04 - Sundry Expenses (CH)	5,962	3,628
J06 - Book Keeping	3,541	3,958
TOTAL FOR CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	26,266	26,611.39
K01 - *A/V Equipment	76	3,651
K02 - Insurance (CH)	3,999	3,386
K03 - Electricity (CH)	1,280	(1,760)
K04 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CH)	1,735	1,293
K05 - *Flowers	131	39
K06 - Garden - General Maintenance (CH)	5,024	982
K07 - Gas (CH)	9,489	15,062
K08 - Maintenance & Repairs (CH)	4,488	3,886
K09 - Organ Maintenance	410	1,093
TOTAL FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	26,632	27,631
L02 - *Children's Bibles	0	297
L03 - Breakfastzone	500	482
L05 - Clergy Expenses	2,571	1,196
L06 - Clergy Fees	450	245
L09 - Homegroups	19	18
L10 - Messy Church	235	442
L11 - *Music	6	0
L12 - Other Outreach	1,150	1,347
L13 - Service Upkeep - Organist Fees	50	0
L14 - Service Upkeep - Other	361	307
L15 - Service Upkeep - Wafers & Wine	260	303
L17 - Visiting Clergy	50	271
L18 - Minibus	0	(138)
L20 - Special Events	0	872
L22 - Matts Cats	0	(500)
TOTAL FOR MINISTRY COSTS	5,652	5,143
M01 - *Young Children Exp	0	(993)
M02 - *Youth Bank	60	352
M03 - *Youth Work Exp	1,186	1,471
M04 - *Youth Worker Exp	0	121
M05 - *Youth Worker Fees/Salary	1,685	1,346
TOTAL FOR YOUTH WORK (EGL)	2,931	2,296

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P01 - Consumables (CTR)	4,610	4,846
P02 - Electricity (CTR)	1,280	(1,760)
P03 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CTR)	751	63
P04 - Gas (CTR)	3,262	4,697
P05 - Insurance (CTR)	3,999	2,863
P06 - Maintenance & Repairs (CTR)	10,294	8,237
P07 - Salaries & NI (CTR)	25,893	24,415
P08 - Sundry Expenses (CTR)	4,205	1,936
P09 - Telephone (CTR)	1,470	1,628
P10 - Waste Services (CTR)	5,406	3,690
P11 - Water (CTR)	1,453	1,411
P12 - Window Cleaning (CTR)	620	725
TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE COSTS	63,243	52,750
R02 - CRB Charges (PS)	198	21
R04 - Equipment, Materials & Books (PS)	3,805	4,607
R05 - Gifts (Children & Staff) (PS)	744	0
R06 - Insurance & Learning Alliance (PS)	669	590
R08 - Printing, Postage & Stationery (PS)	1,500	0
R09 - Rent (Pine Room) (PS)	15,000	15,000
R10 - Salaries & NI (PS)	119,146	119,436
R12 - Staff Training (PS)	164	1,681
R13 - Sundry Expenses (PS)	1,240	1,274
R14 - Telephone (PS)	99	99
R15 - Play Area Maintenance (PS)	1,321	0
R16 - Bank Charges (PS)	60	60
TOTAL FOR PRE-SCHOOL COSTS	143,945	142,768
G04 - Governance (Independent Examiner)	1,800	1,098
TOTAL FOR GOVERNANCE COSTS	1,800	1,098
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	382,219	363,831.73

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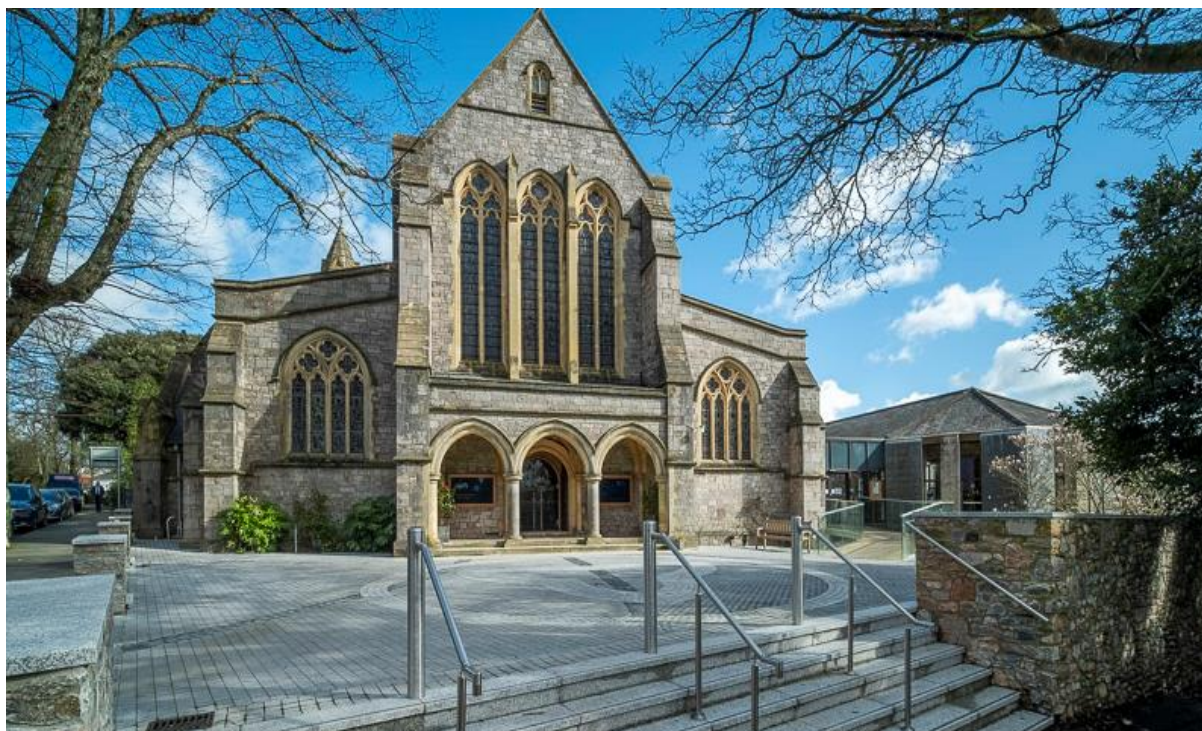
Notes to the financial statements as at 31 December 2024

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023		
1. Debtors					
	Trade debtors	10,353	1,980		
		10,353	1,980		
2. Bank and Cash					
	CAFCASH (CHURCH)	44,820	49,319		
	CAFCASH (PRE-SCHOOL)	59,295	44,667		
	CAFCASH (Statutory Account)	1,141	1,062		
	CAF GOLD	103,774	76,590		
	PETTY CASH (CHURCH CENTRE)	26	40		
	PETTY CASH (PRE-SCHOOL)	0	100		
		209,056	171,778		
	Total Current assets	219,409	173,758		
3. Creditors					
	Agency collections	179	553		
	Trade Creditors and accrued income	18,666	11,133		
		18,845	11,686		
Net Asset surplus (deficit)		200,564	162,072		
4. Analysis of net assets between funds					
	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash and current investments	120,507	37,052	51,497	209,056	171,778
Other current assets/liabilities	(8,492)	0	0	(8,492)	1,980
Creditors more than one year	0	0	0	0	(11,686)
Total	112,015	37,052	51,497	200,564	162,072

5. Trustees Remuneration / Expenses

There was no remuneration paid or expenses reimbursed to Trustees during the year or the previous year.

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
of the parish of
ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY
for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Administrative Information

St Matthias Church is situated in Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ1 1HW, which is the correspondence address. The website address is www.st-matthias-church.org

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered number 1130983)

PCC members who have served from 1st Jan 2023 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent: Rev'd John Beckett

Lay Vice Chair: Cheryl Bevins (from May 2023) Paul Stannard (until May 2023)

Associate minister: Rev'd Paul Barton

Curate : Rev'd Claire Reynolds (from Sept 23)

Wardens: Cheryl Bevins
Clare Whittaker

Secretary: Suzy Wright

Treasurer: Kevin Francis (from March 2023; Tony Barratt until March 23)

Reader:

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

<i>(ex-officio)</i>	David Wilkinson	<i>(Diocesan Synod Rep)</i>
	David Hodson	

Elected members: Ali Buckley
Sylvia Barratt
Tessa Barton
Keith Broome
Natasha Dickson
Mike Higgins
David Pinnell (left Dec 23)
Sue Newman
Paul Stannard

<i>Co-opted members</i>	Sue Davies	<i>(Safeguarding Rep)</i>
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Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and having been on the roll for six months are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition to its regular meetings the PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee and a number of committees (known as 'Action Groups'), which meet as required, and report back to the PCC. These are:

Standing and Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. It also oversees the financial aspects of the work of St Matthias and the Church Centre. The committee comprised:

Rev'd John Beckett (Incumbent), Cheryl Bevins (Churchwarden and Vice Chair),
Clare Whittaker (Churchwarden),
Kevin Francis (Treasurer), Suzy Wright (Secretary)

Action Groups:

In late 2021, we began to form 'Action Groups' as a new way of shaping, leading and sharing what is going on at St. Matthias. These groups work in conjunction with the PCC and the Staff Team. The Action Group Leaders meet with clergy and wardens termly with the purpose of sharing what is happening within their group, highlighting areas where they would value the co-operation of another group and sharing new ideas of ministry which they would like to be involved in but might need to go to the PCC for a decision. Listed alphabetically these are:

COMMS Action Group: To identify and manage the implementation of all communication and publicity requirements for the Church and the Church Centre, liaising with other groups as necessary and utilising the most appropriate and up-to-date tools, ranging from hard copy publications to online and social media platforms.

Chair: Suzy Wright

Eco Action Group: To challenge the whole church and us as individuals by promoting the Anglican's 5th point of 'The Five Marks of Mission' – 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'; this includes awareness of the climate change and other ecological anxieties facing us in Torbay and the world.

Chair: David Hodson

Facilities Management Action Group (previously Maintenance Action Group): To ensure that the buildings and grounds are kept in a good and safe state of repair for all users of the premises, enabling the church to be a place for worship, making disciples and transforming communities.

Chair: Paul Sherriiff

Mission & Outreach Action Group: To enable the church to ensure that we are outward-looking in our work, witness and resources, taking every opportunity to spread the gospel message within the Parish, the Bay and further afield, in order to encourage people to start on their faith journey and to grow in Christ.

Chairs: Joanna Wilkinson

Pastoral Action Group: To organise and manage the provision of support and friendship to those who are unable to come to St. Matthias due to age or infirmity, helping to alleviate loneliness and encouraging them in their journey of faith through the difficult times.

Chair: Elaine Biden

Prayer: To organise and implement prayer for the needs of the world and to cultivate the message that prayer lies at the very heart of a Christian's relationship with God and in every activity undertaken within St. Matthias, by providing a variety of opportunities to explore and deepen that relationship, both by personal prayer and corporately.

Chair: Andrew Green

Social Action and Pre-School: working with the 'Mission and Outreach Group' to oversee the outreach that has a greater emphasis on 'Social Action' - and to include oversight of provision of Early Years Services to Pre-School children from the local community and to provide After School and Holiday Club services to a wider range of Pre-School and Primary School age children, with a view to valuing and nurturing every child, and to seek to show God's love to all children.

Chair: Sylvia Barratt

SCYP Action Group: To provide relevant and engaging activities for all age groups of children and young people both within and outside St. Matthias, enabling them to grow into and in their Christian faith and, with their leaders, reach their full potential in Christ.

Chair: Tessa Barton

Service Ministry: To provide high quality worship services as agreed by the Incumbent and the PCC, in conjunction with the staff team, that enable people to offer their worship and grow in their discipleship and encourage them to play their part in the kingdom work of transforming communities.

Chair: John Beckett

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has operational and maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the last Annual Meeting, in May 2023, there were 181 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. This year (May 23) we have reported 174 parishioners.

Each year we report our participation numbers (the number of people who worship with us at least monthly) which allows Diocesan fund contributions to be calculated. Since Covid there has been a reduction in in-person attendance. Our 2023 participation number was 160 compared with 157 in 2022.

Review of the Year

Church services have returned to a mostly normal structure and attendance continues to pick up since the pandemic. The Prayer Book 8am Communion service has continued with a steady attendance. 11am service attendance has been reasonably strong but 0930 services have fluctuated. The first 0930 service of

the month is proving popular with breakfast included! Our Wednesday morning Holy Communion continues to have a small but faithful following. We continue to have a steady online following at the 11am service of perhaps 20- 30 people. The monthly 'Praise @ 5.30pm' service has a growing following and been recently invigorated with young people taking the lead of this service once more.

Here are some highlights:

- We welcomed our **new curate** from Brixham, **Claire Reynolds** in September; and we continue to be grateful to Norma, Brian, Andrew, David, Sharon and Nicholas for taking services and preaching.
- **We were also joined by** recently retired minister **Revd Dallas Ayling**
- Our **Pre-School** has 45 children on roll, and 6 staff - with regular after-school clubs
- **Hirers** have returned following Covid and the church centre had 84 hirers, some weekly or monthly and some for a special event.
- We continued **livestreaming** and extend our continued thanks to the audio visual team led by David Wilkinson
- Our **action groups** have continued to provide a solid structure to support the church's operations
- We continue to support our two local Church Primary Academies, Ilsham and Warberry, visiting them to lead weekly Acts of Worship, hosting special seasonal services in the Church building and serving on their governance committees.
- **Our social media** reached more people than ever before with well over 500 followers on Facebook and over 100 followers on the new Instagram account, most of whom are not regular church attendees.
- Pere has done a great job reinvigorating **the website** with a fresh new look. Improvements to our online presence continue
- Our **youth group** has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Ali and Linda with assistance from Hannah
- Our **'Praise @ 5.30'** has become predominantly youth led in recent months.
- We have overcome some serious financial challenges with a drop in giving and a rise in bills ably assisted by the tireless work of our Treasurer Team, Kevin and Trudy
- In 2023, St Matthias managed to maintain its long-standing commitment to paying a full **Mission Tithe**, representing 10% of voluntary income. This amounted to £14,765, which actually exceeded the tithe paid in the previous year, despite 2023 being a very challenging year for St Matthias' finances. All the charities supported by St Matthias' tithe are Christian charities, recommended for the PCC's approval by the **Missions Action Group**. Six main ones receive support each year: Church Army, Church Mission Society (for Nicci Maxwell), Church Pastoral Aid Society, Linx Christian Youth Trust, Mission to Seafarers and Tearfund. In addition, several other charities are chosen annually to receive a tithe donation. In 2023, these were: Bible Society, Christian Response to Eastern Europe, Christians Against Poverty, Compass Braille, Mercy Ships, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Open Doors, Scripture Union and Worldshare.
- We welcomed Stephen and Janet Dinsmore from **'ReSource'** for a **'Holy Spirit Weekend'** and began a teaching series on the book of Romans in our home groups and on Sunday mornings
- Our **'Warm Space' initiative** transitioned into **'Welcome Space'** and has attracted a regular group plus other church users to have refreshments and conversation every Wednesday from 12noon – 2pm.
- Funding was secured for a **youth worker** but we have still been unable to appoint anyone.
- **Easter services** were very well attended

- Our **Lent Course ‘Growing Good’**, challenged us about how we might serve the local community better
- We celebrated the **Coronation of King Charles** with an in person viewing of the ceremony; a special church family lunch, coronation cake and variety concert which raised £500 for the Turkey-Syria earthquake crisis fund.
- **Coffee Box mission outreach** took place for the local community for the second year in 2023 with free refreshments on the piazza on one Saturday morning each month between April and September. Coffee and pastries were offered to passers-by, along with friendly chat, and the offer of prayer when desired.
- In June we ran a second **‘Everybody Welcome’** course which generated valuable insights about several aspects of our welcome that we are working on.
- In Autumn 2023, following much hard work behind the scenes by members of our Eco Group we were awarded the **A Rocha Eco Church Bronze Award**
- We ran the **Christians Against Poverty** course to help those struggling with the cost of living crisis
- In December we were delighted to host the successful **Eco Fest event**, welcoming Ruth Valerio from Tearfund along with other local contributors and to run the successful **Tearfund Quiz**.
- We ran successful and well attended **Christmas services** with a packed Christingle and carols on the piazza.
- **Ruth Beckett** continued her curacy at Preston and Paignton
- **Sharon Hiley** has now been selected for Ordination training, starting in September 24.
- Many of our congregation attended the successful **‘Christmas Unwrapped’** service alongside other Torbay churches held at the Riviera Centre in December with Canon J John sharing the Christmas message
- We continued to live through our own values of **Generous like Jesus, Going Jesus’ way, Growing on the Journey and God’s Joy** in our hearts
- ... and much more!

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for overseeing the work of the church. Throughout 2023 and to date the PCC have met mostly bi-monthly – meetings primarily in person. From January to December 2023 the PCC held 6 meetings during the year, all in person. The average attendance at PCC meetings was 75%. PCC business generally falls into one of three categories: **Worshipping God, Making Disciples and Transforming Communities**.

Items brought to the attention of and considered by the PCC have included:

- Reviews of the **Service pattern throughout the year** in the light and the make up of the staffing team which was bolstered by the **arrival of Claire Reynolds as our curate in September 23**.
- The financial challenges posed by a reduction in giving and significant increases in costs, including energy bills.
- We have continued to explore options at **Ellacombe church**.
- **Messy Church** and **Mummy & Me** have both continued to attract significant numbers, particularly of those who have no other contact with the church, and have led to increased church attendance; these initiatives have real potential for the future of the church

Safeguarding:

Sue Davies continued in the role of Safeguarding Officer and is also a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Board.

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and concerns must always be shared

One of the roles of the safeguarding officer is to be available to give advice to anyone in church if there are any safeguarding concerns. The Diocese provides a supportive role in this.

Information regarding Safeguarding can be found on the first page of our website and contact numbers are available on church noticeboards. The Domestic Abuse posters with tear off phone numbers are displayed in the toilets and they appear to be used.

We are also required to delegate to the diocese the responsibility of reporting serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, in accordance with the House of Bishops' Guidance.

Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas.

Safer recruitment practices are followed which include sending for references and applying for DBS clearance if the role is applicable.

Training at all levels focuses on the principles of:

Recognise – Respond – Record – Refer

Sue Davies, Safeguarding Officer, May 2024

Report from PCC Secretary: So many good things are happening here at St Matthias.

The Chairs and members of all of the Action Groups (see list on page 4 of this report) meet to help it carry out its many responsibilities in the numerous and varied aspects of the life of St Matthias. The action groups continue to provide a structure within which the church can continue to thrive. The help and support they provide is greatly appreciated. We continue to be indebted to them all for the commitment and dedication they show **and to all those who give unstintingly of their time and their talents**. Thank you. **Please pray for our groups and their leaders**. If you feel encouraged to support them or get involved in one of the groups, please speak to group chairs or staffing team.

The **Friends of St Matthias** work closely with the PCC. The PCC would like to record their thanks for the financial support they receive from the Friends.

The PCC would like to record its appreciation of the leadership of our Rector, John Beckett, ably supported by Paul Barton and Claire Reynolds; our retired clergy, and other lay ministers, our Churchwardens, Cheryl and Clare, ably assisted by Sylvia; Pere and all who work in St Matthias – paid staff and volunteers alike. We owe a great deal to our clergy, staff and their families. **Thank you**.

Suzy Wright PCC Secretary May 2024

Churchwardens' report to the 2024 APCM

We would like to start by thanking our Clergy team, who have worked tirelessly this year to provide services, worship, and pastoral support to us all. We have welcomed Claire Reynolds and her family this year, as she works towards completing her Curacy. We have been blessed with Dallas Ayling joining the team too. I am sure you would agree with us that we, as a church family are already benefiting from both of their ministries.

We were so glad to see that our Christmas services were again well attended – there was a real buzz to have the church full once again for the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. It was also great to be able to again host Carol Singing on the Piazza, for our community too.

Live streaming of some services has continued this year and is much appreciated by those who are unable to attend church. Thank you to all who have the technical skills to make this possible each week.

We are so grateful to the too often unsung heroes from within our congregation who serve behind the scenes, the coffee makers, cleaners, flower arrangers, welcomers at services, pastoral visitors and so many

more roles. We are always looking for more volunteers – do speak to us if you feel called to help in any way.

This year has seen the Warm Space initiative, set up last year in response to the cost-of-living crisis continue with a rebranding – “Welcome Space”. Every Wednesday lunchtime the church is opened to members of our local community, providing soup, chat, and friendship. We continue to host the Ukrainian Support Group each week too.

In December we were delighted to host the successful Eco Fest event, welcoming Ruth Valerio from Tearfund along with other local contributors. It was great to welcome members of our church, the local community, and local schools to learn about ways in which we can steward our environment, even by making small changes. In Autumn 2023, following much hard work behind the scenes by members of our Eco Group we were awarded the A Rocha Eco Church Bronze Award. We are now looking at improvements that we need to make to the running of the church and centre to work towards achieving the Silver Award. One major project that we are looking to undertake later this year is the replacement of the Peter Larkin Church Hall roof and the fitting of Solar Panels, with a potential later addition of batteries.

Clare and Cheryl, Churchwardens, May 2024

Report of the Meetings of Deanery Synod

Your lay representatives are David Hodson and David Wilkinson (Deanery Secretary). Giles Fearnley (Deanery Lay Chair) is a co-opted member and members of our parish clergy also attend. Since the last Annual Report there have been three meetings of Synod.

The main items of business, besides finance, progress with Common Fund payments by the parishes, and reports of the proceedings of Diocesan and General Synod were:

- **Sharing from Parishes** – each meeting we shared news from our churches, along with **blessings, challenges** and **opportunities**, and then in small groups prayed for each parish.
- **Torbay United** was set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to administer a grant of £120k, awarded by the Government Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The two major initiatives that have been developed are the setting up of a mobile foodbank – a social supermarket – currently providing food for 62 households with 201 family members AND a Schools Support Network, providing pastoral support for schools across the Torbay.
- In preparation for a Festive Christmas Celebration at the Riviera International Centre with Canon J. John, ‘Pray for the Bay’: a series of online prayer meetings took place in November.
- Rev’d Nathan Kiyaga completed 3 years’ service as Rural Dean in December, and early in the New Year we welcomed Rev’d Fr Peter March (All Saints Torre, St Luke’s and St John’s) as our new Rural Dean, supported by Rev’ds Samantha Stayte (Cockington), Gary Deighton (Goodrington & Collaton St Mary) and Sam Leach (St Mags) as Assistant Rural Deans. Bishop James and Archdeacon Douglas commissioned the four and gave the deanery a charge. In the past everyone was part of the church – now we are ministering in communities that are detached from the church. Just being here we are evangelising and proclaiming the Christian church. In our Anglican way of doing things we are part of one holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic church, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. We live out that wholeness in our local communities, parishes and deanery, with the parish priest representing the bishop.

The deanery synod is the place where we practice being the church, interconnected as part of the whole. The archdeacon charged us to live the life of the deanery synod; one that is living and vibrant, encouraging, inspiring, resourcing and supporting.

Further details of all deanery business may be obtained from

David Wilkinson Torbay Deanery Secretary, May 2024

Financial Review

The **Balance Sheet** (Page F1 of the Accounts package) is lower than last year due to lower cash assets (£171,779 cf. £178,207 in 2022) plus creditors of £11,686 due to prepayments received in 2023 for 2024. The combined effect of these reduced our Unrestricted Funds figure from £107,399 to £90,081.

The other significant figure on the **Balance Sheet** is the amount of money in the Restricted Fund for Emerging Generations Leader, up from **£32,388** in 2022 to **£43,260** at the end of 2023.

The **Statement of Financial Activities** (SOFA) on **Page F2**, shows the overall income and expenditure for the year, broken down into the few high level categories commonly reported across the Church of England, as well as transfers between funds.

Subsequent sheets in the pack break this down into considerably more detail, Pages **F5 to F9** showing a breakdown against all the booking categories that we use.

2023 proved to be a hard year for the church finances as the effect of the cost of living crisis affected the level of giving combined with the large increases in gas and electricity costs. This has resulted in an operational deficit for the year of £22,797.

Some of the major factors that contributed to this, referencing the three areas of operation, were:

(i) Church

The overall voluntary income was **£138.6k**, down from last year's figure of **£147.6k**. In terms of expenditure, gas costs increased by **10.4k** but our electricity costs became a credit due to a rebate for paying incorrect VAT rate in previous years and energy generated and returned to the grid by our solar panels. Church Maintenance was down by **9.4k** though part of the 2022 figure was covered by a Friends payment. Also, as in previous years, we paid our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese in full, which was **£95.2k**. Charity & Mission Giving has also been included in Church expenditure which was **8.5k**. The net result was a net deficit of **£17.1k** over the year between church income and expenditure.

(ii) Church Centre

Income from hirers was up to **£52.1k** from **£46.6k** in 2022. Total Church Centre income was up **£7.2k** from 2022. Gas costs more than doubled to 4.6k but the centre benefited as well from the electricity rebate and energy return from the solar panels to show a credit. In total there was a small increase in expenditure of **2.4k** resulted in a net surplus of **£3.1k** for the year.

(iii) Pre-School

Pre-School income, comprising Early Years funding from our local Council and payments from parents for additional sessions was only marginally up this year by **£3.2k**. Higher staffing costs due to increasing hourly rates to reflect the jump in inflation and the cost of living crisis resulted in an increase in the overall expenditure figure of **£22.5k**. This has meant that the Pre-School net position for the year was a deficit of **8.7k**.

I would like to thank Trudy Guy, our book keeper for all of the accounts administration tasks and invoice payments. Also Sylvia Barratt, who continues to manage the 'Statutory Account' covering weddings and funerals held in the church, the funds for which are handled via a separate bank account. The transactions in this account are not visible in the published accounts as all associated income and expenditure does not impact on church funds (as, basically, what comes in goes out). The accounting rules we operate to are such that we are not required to include these details in the published accounts but they do have to be submitted to our Independent Examiner and so are covered in the approval statement.

I would also like to thank all our church members for their generous financial support during this difficult year. The response to the giving appeal from September was truly amazing and that has helped the church to recover from a serious financial situation in the first half of 2023. I would urge those who do not give regularly or who are still giving via the offering plate or in other ways, to consider whether you could make a regular commitment by signing up to the PGS scheme (details available on our website and via leaflets at the back of the church).

Kevin Francis, Hon Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity 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:



29 April 2024

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ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK and HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY Notes to the Accounts 2023

1. Basis of Financial Statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. These financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. They have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The charity is registered in England and Wales and details of the registered office can be found in the admin information section. The functional and presentational currency is considered to be pounds sterling, the accounts are rounded to the full pound.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Fund Accounting

- (i) Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.
- (ii) Unrestricted Funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.
- (iii) Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future.

Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

(b) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

(c) Resources Expended

The Diocesan Parish Share (Common Fund) expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

(d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

St. Matthias Church Centre was built in 1985/86 at a cost of £198,629 and the extension to it was subsequently built at a cost of £146,355. During 2010 an extension to the Pine Room was constructed at a cost of £98,266. All these amounts have been written off as expended and consequently no depreciation is required. Expenditure on Church Centre furniture and equipment is written off as incurred.

The cost of PV Solar Panels, purchased with the help of a loan from the diocese is being written off during the period of the related loan at the same rate as the capital paid off.

3. Debtors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

4. Contingent Liabilities

In the event that either the premises are sold or the Pre-School ceases to operate for reasons within the PCC's control, a portion of the grant from Torbay Council received in 2010 (£83,156) may have to be repaid.

5. Payments to PCC members

No member of the PCC received any salary or expenses in connection with their role on the PCC.

6. Staff Salaries / Payments

3 staff were employed by the Church/Church Centre, gross salaries paid out during the year being £36,497. 6 staff were employed by the Pre-School, gross salaries paid out during the year being £111,106.

Pension contributions on behalf of 4 eligible employees were paid to the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) in line with current UK Pension legislation (included in salary figures above).

The number of employees whose total employee benefits fell within the £10,000 - £60,000 band was 0.

7. Funding from Friends of St Matthias

During the year the Friends of St Matthias, a charity set up for the sole purpose of supporting the church via the funding of various works, contributed the following:

Roof Repair £1,406

Boiler Repair £1,767

8. Income and Expenditure – Details

Pages **16-19** show a categorised breakdown of all income and expenditure with comparative figures for 2022.

9. Reserves Policy

It is a requirement of the Charity Commission that all registered charities should have a Reserves Policy, designed to cater for the ongoing viability of the organisation in the event of unplanned/unexpected circumstances arising.

Our policy is now based on retaining 3 months' normal expenditure made up from items considered to be essential in the event of unexpected circumstances preventing us from running one or more of the three separate entities that comprise the St Matthias Church registered charity. The amount that has been calculated for this purpose, including an appropriate amount for contingency purposes, is £70k-75k.

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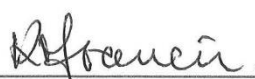
Balance Sheet (Summary)

As At: 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/23	As at 31/12/22
Fixed assets	0	0
Current assets		
Debtors	1,980	10,943
Cash At Bank And In Hand	171,779	178,207
	<u>173,758</u>	<u>189,150</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	11,687	12,007
	<u>11,687</u>	<u>12,007</u>
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>
Liabilities	0	0
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	90,081	107,399
Total Unrestricted	<u>90,081</u>	<u>107,399</u>
Designated		
Designated - Charity & Missionary Giving	(8,050)	450
Designated - Girls Allowed	98	98
Designated - Hardship Fund	10,314	11,174
Designated - Matts Cats	1,119	619
Designated - 'Older People' Ministry	308	170
Designated - Reducing Carbon Footprint	24,000	24,000
Designated - Social Core	800	800
Total Designated	<u>28,589</u>	<u>37,311</u>
Restricted		
Restricted - Audio/Visual System	0	(135)
Restricted - Emerging Group Leader	43,260	32,388
Restricted - Flowers	142	128
Restricted - Music	1	53
Total Restricted	<u>43,403</u>	<u>32,434</u>
Funds of the Church	<u>162,072</u>	<u>177,143</u>

Approved by the PCC on 29th April and signed on its behalf by:


 Rev John Beckett (Chair)


 Kevin Francis (Treasurer)

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
	Donations and legacies	142,623	905	14,012	157,541	222,586
	Income from charitable activities	189,541	0	0	189,541	192,901
	Investments	1,678	0	0	1,678	241
	Other income	0	0	0	0	8,257
Total income		333,842	905	14,012	348,760	423,986
Expenditure on:						
	Expenditure on charitable activities	345,172	9,628	3,043	357,844	353,364
	Other expenditure	5,988	0	0	5,988	3,923
Total expenditure		351,160	9,628	3,043	363,831	357,287
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		(17,318)	(8,723)	10,969	(15,071)	66,700
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in		0	0	0	0	71,781
Gross transfers between funds - out		0	0	0	0	(71,781)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets		0	0	0	0	0
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(17,318)	(8,723)	10,969	(15,071)	66,700
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		107,399	37,311	32,434	177,143	110,444
Total funds carried forward		90,081	28,588	43,403	162,072	177,143
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
	General fund	91,104	0	0	91,104	108,422
Designated						
	Charity & Missionary Giving	0	(8,050)	0	(8,050)	450
	Girls Allowed	0	98	0	98	98
	Hardship Fund	0	10,314	0	10,314	11,174
	Matts Cats	0	1,119	0	1,119	619
	'Older People' Ministry	0	308	0	308	170
	Reducing Carbon Footprint	0	24,000	0	24,000	24,000
	Social Core	0	800	0	800	800
Restricted						
	Audio/Visual System	0	0	0	0	(135)
	Emerging Group Leader	0	0	43,432	43,432	32,559
	Flowers	0	0	147	147	133
	Music	0	0	1	1	53

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

Income and Expenditure - Details by Category

For the period: 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023	2022
A03 - Fees Receivable (CH (Church))	1,986	2,960
A04 - Heat & Light Contributions (CH)	14	0
A07 - Messy Church (CH)	113	112
A09 - Special Events (CH)	706	743
A10 - Minibus donations	0	737
TOTAL FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES INCOME	2,819	4,550
B01 - Hirers (CTR (Centre))	52,102	46,689
B02 - Pre-School Printing (CTR)	0	1,500
B03 - Private Photocopying (CTR)	125	118
B04 - Sundry (CTR)	53	0
B05 - Tea & Coffee (CTR)	406	366
TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE INCOME	52,686	48,671
C01 - Fees Torbay DC (PS (Preschool)	95,963	101,999
C02 - Holiday Club (PS)	12,788	9,195
C03 - Other Income (PS)	255	189
C04 - Parents Payments (PS)	25,031	28,293
TOTAL FOR PRE SCHOOL INCOME	134,035	139,677
D01 - CAF Interest (CH)	1,598	41
D02 - Insurance Claims (CH)	0	923
D03 - Other Interest (CH)	81	200
D04 - Sundry Income (CH)	0	3,133
D06 - Solar Panel FIT (Feed in Tariff)	0	4,201
J10: Credit Card charges deducted from Card receipts	-37	0
TOTAL FOR INVESTMENT & SUNDRY INCOME	1,642	8,496
E01 - Friends (Agreed Funding)	3,173	15,233
TOTAL FOR FRIENDS OF ST MATTHIAS	3,173	15,233
F01 - Collections	656	100
F02 - Collections G/A	2,905	5,928
F03 - Collections G/A REC	-970	1,482
F04 - Gift Day	2,350	0
F05 - Gift Day G/A	4,978	0
F07 - Legacies	0	5,000
F08 - Misc Donations	2,731	32,739
F09 - Misc Donations G/A (Gift Aid)	10,583	2,178
F10 - Misc Donations G/A REC	2,013	544
F11 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations	287	5,695
F12 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations G/A	619	3,025

F13 - Hardship fund and Winter Fuel Donations G/A REC	744	0
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (GENERAL)	26,895	56,690
F21 - Planned Giving	1,070	470
F22 - Planned Giving G/A	4,656	13,400
F23 - Planned Giving G/A REC	120	3,350
F24 - PGS Planned Giving	3,563	5,691
F25 - PGS Planned Giving G/A	103,949	108,869
TOTAL FOR PLANNED INCOME (GENERAL)	113,358	131,780
F31 - *Youth Work	422	0
F32 - *Youth Work G/A	1,553	2,600
F33 - *Youth Work G/A REC (Received)	101	650
F34 - *PGS Youth Work G/A	11,850	15,515
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (EGL)	13,926	18,764
F41 - *Audio/Visual	135	0
F48 - *Children's Bibles G/A	0	-23
F49 - *Children's Bibles G/A REC	0	23
F51 - *Easter Eggs G/A	26	90
F52 - *Easter Eggs G/A REC	6	5
F54 - *Flowers G/A	53	20
F55 - *Flowers G/A REC	5	0
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED)	225	115
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	348,760	423,986
OUTGOING RESOURCES		
G01 - Charity & Mission Giving	8,500	14,500
G08 - Welcomespace and Hardship Fund expenditure	1,766	545
TOTAL FOR CHARITY & MISSION GIVING	10,265	15,045
G02 - Common Fund	95,268	100,857
TOTAL FOR COMMON FUND	95,268	100,857
J01 - Bank Charges (CH)	88	170
J02 - Printing, Post & Stationery (CH)	4,235	5,176
J03 - Salaries & NI (CH)	14,703	13,914
J04 - Sundry Expenses (CH)	3,628	4,840
J06 - Book Keeping	3,958	1,535
TOTAL FOR CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	26,609	25,633
K01 - *A/V Equipment	3,651	135
K02 - Insurance (CH)	3,386	2,940
K03 - Electricity (CH)	- 1,760	3,027
K04 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CH)	1,293	1,149
K05 - *Flowers	39	170
K06 - Garden - General Maintenance (CH)	982	528
K07 - Gas (CH)	15,062	4,599
K08 - Maintenance & Repairs (CH)	3,886	15,363
K09 - Organ Maintenance	1,093	-
K10 - Piano Tuning	-	79
TOTAL FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	27,631	27,990
L02 - *Children's Bibles	297	245
L03 - Breakfastzone	482	-
L05 - Clergy Expenses	1,196	2,507
L06 - Clergy Fees	245	-

L09 - Homegroups	18	-
L10 - Messy Church	442	420
L11 - *Music	-	155
L12 - Other Outreach	1,347	2,539
L14 - Service Upkeep - Other	307	1,238
L15 - Service Upkeep - Wafers & Wine	303	228
L17 - Visiting Clergy	271	-
L18 - Minibus	- 138	566
L20 - Special Events	872	-
L22 - Matts Cats	- 500	-
TOTAL FOR MINISTRY COSTS	5,143	7,898
M01 - *Young Children Exp	- 993	2,185
M02 - *Youth Bank	352	366
M03 - *Youth Work Exp	1,471	624
M04 - *Youth Worker Exp	121	-
M05 - *Youth Worker Fees/Salary	1,346	3,396
TOTAL FOR YOUTH WORK (EGL) (Emerging Gen Leader)	2,296	6,571

P01 - Consumables (CTR)	4,846	4,482
P02 - Electricity (CTR)	- 1,760	2,927
P03 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CTR)	63	-
P04 - Gas (CTR)	4,697	2,119
P05 - Insurance (CTR)	2,863	2,934
P06 - Maintenance & Repairs (CTR)	8,237	9,208
P07 - Salaries & NI (CTR)	24,415	22,193
P08 - Sundry Expenses (CTR)	1,936	821
P09 - Telephone (CTR)	1,628	1,128
P10 - Waste Services (CTR)	3,690	3,454
P11 - Water (CTR)	1,411	436
P12 - Window Cleaning (CTR)	725	620
TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE COSTS	52,750	50,322
R02 - CRB Charges (PS)	21	-
R04 - Equipment, Materials & Books (PS)	4,607	2,339
R06 - Insurance & Learning Alliance (PS)	590	626
R07 - Outings (PS)	-	321
R08 - Printing, Postage & Stationery (PS)	-	1,598
R09 - Rent (Pine Room) (PS)	15,000	15,000
R10 - Salaries & NI (PS)	119,436	93,788
R11 - Staff Reporting Systems (PS)	-	59
R12 - Staff Training (PS)	1,681	472
R13 - Sundry Expenses (PS)	1,274	6,236
R14 - Telephone (PS)	99	125
R16 - Bank Charges (PS)	60	81
TOTAL FOR PRE-SCHOOL COSTS	142,768	120,645
G04 - Governance (Independent Examiner)	1,098	630
TOTAL FOR GOVERNANCE COSTS	1,098	630
G05 - Solar Panel Loan (Interest)	-	24
G06 - Solar Panel Loan (Capital)	-	-
TOTAL FOR SOLAR PANEL LOAN	-	24
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	363,828	355,635

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Fund breakdown
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
Audio/Visual							
Restricted	(135)	135	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	(135)	135	-	-	-	-	-
Reducing Carbon footprint							
Designated	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Sub-totals	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Charity Mission Giving							
Designated	450	-	8,500	-	-	-	(8,050)
Sub-totals	450	-	8,500	-	-	-	(8,050)
Emerging Generations Leader							
Restricted	32,387	13,824	2,952	-	-	-	43,260
Sub-totals	32,387	13,824	2,952	-	-	-	43,260
Girls Allowed							
Designated	98	-	-	-	-	-	98
Sub-totals	98	-	-	-	-	-	98
Hardship Fund							
Designated	11,174	905	1,765	-	-	-	10,313
Sub-totals	11,174	905	1,765	-	-	-	10,313
St Matts Cats							
Designated	618	-	(500)	-	-	-	1,118
Sub-totals	618	-	(500)	-	-	-	1,118
Social Core							
Designated	799	-	-	-	-	-	799
Sub-totals	799	-	-	-	-	-	799
Flowers							
Restricted	128	53	39	-	-	-	142
Sub-totals	128	53	39	-	-	-	142
MS							
Restricted	52	-	52	-	-	-	0
Sub-totals	52	-	52	-	-	-	0
Older People Ministry							
Designated	170	-	(138)	-	-	-	307
Sub-totals	170	-	(138)	-	-	-	307
General Funds							
Unrestricted	107,398	333,842	351,160	-	-	-	90,080
Sub-totals	107,398	333,842	351,160	-	-	-	90,080
Totals	177,143	348,759	363,831	-	-	-	162,071

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Notes to the financial statements as at 31 December 2023

			As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022	
1. Debtors					
	Trade debtors		1,980	10,943	
			1,980	10,943	
2. Bank and Cash					
	CAFCASH (CHURCH)		49,318	59,778	
	CAFCASH (PRE-SCHOOL)		44,667	40,596	
	CAFCASH (Statutory Account)		1,062	1,000	
	CAF GOLD LLOYDS (CHURCH)		76,589	75,178	
	PETTY CASH (CHURCH CENTRE)		0	1,532	
	PETTY CASH (PRE-SCHOOL)		40	20	
			100	100	
			171,776	178,204	
3. Creditors					
	Total Current assets		173,756	189,147	
	Agency collections		553	324	
	Trade Creditors		11,133	11,682	
			11,686	12,006	
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)		162,071	177,143	
4. Analysis of net assets between funds					
	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash and current investments	99,786	28,588	43,403	171,777	178,207
Other current assets/liabilities	1,980				10,943
Creditors more than one year	(11,686)				(12,007)
Total	90,080	28,588	43,403	162,071	177,143

5. Trustees Remuneration / Expenses

There was no remuneration paid or expenses reimbursed to Trustees during the year or the previous year.

Accounts



**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
of the parish of
ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY
for the year ended 31st December 2022**

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Administrative Information

St Matthias Church is situated in Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ1 1HW, which is the correspondence address. The website address is www.st-matthias-church.org

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered number 1130983)

PCC members who have served from 1st Jan 2022 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent: Rev'd John Beckett

Lay Vice Chair: Paul Stannard

Associate minister: Rev'd Paul Barton

Curate : Rev'd Pete Norris (until SEPT 2022)

Wardens: Cheryl Bevins
Paul Stannard

Secretary: Suzy Wright

Treasurer: Tony Barratt (until MARCH 2023)

Reader: Ruth Beckett (until SEPT 22)
(ex-officio)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:
(ex-officio)
Sue Davies
Giles Fearnley
Andrew Stilliard (*Diocesan Synod Rep*)
David Wilkinson(*Diocesan Synod Rep*)

Elected members: Sylvia Barratt
Tessa Barton
Keith Broome
Kevin Francis
Mike Higgins
Sharon Hiley
David Hodson
Jill McDowall
David Meek
Sue Newman
Clare Whittaker

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and having been on the roll for six months are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition to its regular meetings the PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee and a number of committees (known as 'Action Groups'), which meet as required, and report back to the PCC. These are:

Standing and Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. It also oversees the financial aspects of the work of St Matthias and the Church Centre. The committee comprised:

Rev'd John Beckett (Incumbent), Cheryl Bevins (Churchwarden),
Paul Stannard (Churchwarden and Vice Chair),
Tony Barratt (Treasurer 2022), Suzy Wright (Secretary)

Action Groups:

In late 2021, we began to form 'Action Groups' as a new way of shaping, leading and sharing what is going on at St. Matthias. These groups work in conjunction with the PCC and the Staff Team. The Action Group Leaders meet with clergy and wardens termly with the purpose of sharing what is happening within their group, highlighting areas where they would value the co-operation of another group and sharing new ideas of ministry which they would like to be involved in but might need to go to the PCC for a decision. Listed alphabetically these are:

COMMS Action Group: To identify and manage the implementation of all communication and publicity requirements for the Church and the Church Centre, liaising with other groups as necessary and utilising the most appropriate and up-to-date tools, ranging from hard copy publications to online and social media platforms.

Chair: Suzy Wright

Eco Action Group: To challenge the whole church and us as individuals by promoting the Anglican's 5th point of 'The Five Marks of Mission' – 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'; this includes awareness of the climate change and other ecological anxieties facing us in Torbay and the world.

Chair: David Hodson

Finance Action Group: To ensure that all aspects of the church finances are managed effectively and efficiently and that all statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

Chair: Tony Barratt (2022)

Maintenance Action Group: To ensure that the buildings and grounds are kept in a good and safe state of repair for all users of the premises, enabling the church to be a place for worship, making disciples and transforming communities.

Chair: Paul Stannard

Mission & Outreach Action Group: To enable the church to ensure that we are outward-looking in our work, witness and resources, taking every opportunity to spread the gospel message within the Parish, the Bay and further afield, in order to encourage people to start on their faith journey and to grow in Christ.

Chairs: Joanna Wilkinson & Andrew Stilliard

Pastoral Action Group: To organise and manage the provision of support and friendship to those who are unable to come to St. Matthias due to age or infirmity, helping to alleviate loneliness and encouraging them in their journey of faith through the difficult times.

Chair: Elaine Biden

Prayer: To organise and implement prayer for the needs of the world and to cultivate the message that prayer lies at the very heart of a Christian's relationship with God and in every activity undertaken within St. Matthias, by providing a variety of opportunities to explore and deepen that relationship, both by personal prayer and corporately.

Chair: Andrew Green

Social Action and Pre-School: working with the 'Mission and Outreach Group' to oversee the outreach that has a greater emphasis on 'Social Action' - and to include oversight of provision of Early Years Services to Pre-School children from the local community and to provide After School and Holiday Club services to a wider range of Pre-School and Primary School age children, with a view to valuing and nurturing every child, and to seek to show God's love to all children.

Chair: Sylvia Barratt

SCYP Action Group: To provide relevant and engaging activities for all age groups of children and young people both within and outside St. Matthias, enabling them to grow into and in their Christian faith and, with their leaders, reach their full potential in Christ.

Chair: Tessa Barton

Service Ministry: To provide high quality worship services as agreed by the Incumbent and the PCC, in conjunction with the staff team, that enable people to offer their worship and grow in their discipleship and encourage them to play their part in the kingdom work of transforming communities.

Chair: John Beckett

Stepping Stones Action Group: To ensure that the church has a suitable and clearly signposted range of stepping stones for people to use, to enable them to feel that they belong to the church family, find friendship and grow in their journey of discipleship – and continue to do so.

Chair: Keith Yelland

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has operational and maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the last Annual Meeting, in May 2022, there were 183 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. This year (May 23) we have reported 181 parishioners.

Each year we report our participation numbers (the number of people who worship with us at least monthly) which allows Diocesan fund contributions to be calculated. Prior to covid the number we reported was 213 but with the reduction in in-person attendance, in 2021 we submitted a figure of 165 and in 2022 this is now 157.

Review of the Year

Church services have continued to return to a more normal structure and attendance has picked up since the pandemic. 11am service attendance has been strong but 0930 services have fluctuated. Some have not returned to worship in person but follow services online. Since March 2022 the Zone Services have been replaced by 'Encounter' and 'Explore' Services at 9.30 am and 4.00 pm. We discovered however that the 4pm time did not appeal to families, so we now have 'Explore' twice a month, with a return to the monthly morning 11am United Family Service, and monthly 'Praise @ 5.30pm'

Here are some highlights:

- Funding was secured for a youth worker allowing us to commence the search for a Schools, Children, Young People and Families Worker, allowing the appointment of someone in summer 2022, who sadly then resigned soon afterwards, leaving us still with a vacancy for which we continue to advertise.
- We enjoyed returning to **normal Easter services**
- Our **Pre-School** has gone from strength to strength with 42 on roll, and 6 staff - with regular after-school clubs
- **Hirers** have returned and the church centre has returned a good financial surplus
- we continued **livestreaming** with a regular core of 20 +online worshippers- and extend our continued thanks to the audio visual team led by David Wilkinson

- **Alpha** courses continued both online and in-person
- **Our action groups** went from strength to strength
- **Our social media** reached more people than ever before with well over 500 followers on Facebook and over 80 followers already on our new Instagram account. Website redevelopment continues to incorporate some more up to date functions but this has taken longer than we anticipated.
- We have worked closely with Rev Nathan to assist with the new **foodbank and donated our minibus** which is now servicing the Torbay United 'Yum Project' social supermarket and mobile foodbank.
- Our **youth group** has grown steadily over the course of the year under the leadership of Ally and Linda with assistance from Hannah
- In 2022, the **Missions Action Group** (MAG) maintained its commitment to paying annually a Mission Tithe of 10% of St Matthias' voluntary income. Six main charities are supported each year: Church Army, Church Mission Society (for Nicci Maxwell), Church Pastoral Aid Society, Linx Christian Youth Trust, Mission to Seafarers and Tearfund. In addition, various other charities receive a tithe donation annually.
In 2022, these were: Bible Society, Christian Response to Eastern Europe, Compass Braille, Mercy Ships, Open Doors, Scripture Union, and WorldShare.
- We had visits from the Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga, our **Rural (Area) Dean**.
- In September 2022, St Matthias was one of two hub churches **for Mission Torbay**, hosting a team of 8 from Through Faith Missions for a weekend of outreach in the local community which included activities on the piazza and door-to-door visiting. A special evening service was organised by the team, as 'A Time of Worship and Healing', and held in St Matthias on Saturday 17th September.
- We ran successful and well attended **Christmas services** with a packed Christingle and carols on the piazza which were very popular.
- We supported the plans to have the **church open** each weekday lunchtime for private prayer
- We launched the successful '**Warm Space**' initiative which started in October and soon attracted a regular group plus other church users to have fresh soup and conversation every Wednesday afternoon
- We ran the **Christians Against Poverty** course to help those struggling with the cost of living crisis
- We worked steadily on our eco credentials led by the Eco group towards bronze accreditation
- **Ruth Beckett** started her curacy at Preston and Paignton - Sharon Hiley is exploring her call to ordained ministry - And we continue to be grateful to Norma, Brian, Andrew and Mark for taking services and preaching
- We ran the **Living in Love and Faith** course over Lent and around 45 people in small groups considered:
 - How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ?
 - What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>
- In addition to leading weekly acts of worship, which recommenced in person in September, we worked with **Warberry and Ilsham Church of England Primary Academies** to explore their '**Values**'. Both schools also valued the **Godly Play** sessions led by Lena
- We continued to live through our own values of **Generous** like Jesus, **Going Jesus'** way, **Growing** on the Journey and **God's Joy** in our hearts

- We celebrated the **Platinum Jubilee** with a church family Sunday lunch and an extremely well attended hog roast in conjunction with pre school and a visit from our 'queen'
- ... and much more!

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for overseeing the work of the church.

Throughout 2022 and to date the PCC have met mostly bi-monthly – meetings have returned to being in person. In 2022 the PCC held 5 meetings during the year, mostly in person. The average attendance at PCC meetings was 68%. PCC business generally falls into one of three categories:

Worshipping God, Making Disciples and Transforming Communities.

Items brought to the attention of and considered by the PCC have included:

- Reviews of the **Service pattern throughout the year in the light of clergy shortages now that we do not currently have a curate in training.**
- The **Wellspring** project was finally completed, finances signed off and changes embedded.
- **Our PCC away** day led by Jon Curtis from the Diocesan Office gave us some great areas to work on including reviewing the quality and depth of our welcome; exploring better ways to connect with our community; considering more teaching courses; continuing to build a better online presence and reviewing our music offer.
- We have begun to work closely with other churches to explore options at **Ellacombe**
- Lena reported on **Messy Church, Begin Well** and **Mummy & Me**, which have had great attendance and have led to increased church attendance and an interest in baptisms in some cases; these initiatives are real areas of growth – well done!
- We received the **Quinquennial Report** – little work required in next 12 months with no major issues.

Safeguarding:

Sue Davies continued in the role of Safeguarding Officer and is also a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Board.

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016.

Information regarding Safeguarding can be found on the first page of our website and contact numbers are available on church noticeboards.

We are also required to delegate to the diocese the responsibility of reporting serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, in accordance with the House of Bishops' Guidance.

Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas.

Safer recruitment practices are followed which include sending for references and applying for DBS clearance if the role is applicable.

Church officers attend safeguarding training at the appropriate level for their role. From their training they should understand the principles of: *Recognise – Respond – Record – Refer*

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – concerns must always be shared

Report from PCC Secretary: So many good things are happening here at St Matthias. I would encourage you to read the accompanying document which holds Reports from Groups. **Please pray for our groups and their leaders.** If you feel encouraged to support them, please speak to the named people. The **Friends of St Matthias** work closely with the PCC to ensure that all the money they raise is spent for the benefit of the church, in accordance with their charitable objects. The PCC wish to record their thanks for the financial support they receive from the Friends.

The PCC would also like to thank Chairs and members of all Action Groups (see list on page 4 of this report) that meet, either virtually or face-to-face, to help it carry out its many responsibilities in the numerous and varied aspects of the life of St Matthias. The help and support they provide is greatly appreciated. We continue to be indebted to them all for the commitment and dedication they show **and to all those who give unstintingly of their time and their talents.** Thank you.

The PCC would like to record its appreciation of the leadership of our Rector, John Beckett, ably supported by Paul Barton; our retired clergy, our Readers, our Churchwardens, Cheryl and Paul, ably assisted by Sylvia; Pere and all who work in St Matthias – paid staff and volunteers alike. We owe a great deal to our clergy, staff and their families. **Thank you.**

Suzy Wright *PCC Secretary* May 2023

Churchwardens' report to the 2023 APCM

We would like to start by thanking our Clergy team, who have worked tirelessly this year to provide services, worship, and pastoral support to us all. Their workload sadly increased considerably due to our curate Pete Norris and family moving on in their ministry to another parish. This led to us needing to make changes to our service patterns this year, which we know for some will have been challenging. We thank you for your ongoing patience, as we seek to serve the needs of our entire church family.

We were so glad to see that our Christmas services were well attended – there was a real buzz to have the church full once again for the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. It was also great to be able to host Carol Singing on the Piazza, for our community too.

Live streaming of some services has continued this year and is much appreciated by those who are unable to attend church. Thank you to all who have the technical skills to make this possible each week.

We are so grateful to the too often unsung heroes from within our congregation who serve behind the scenes, the coffee makers, flower arrangers, welcomers at services, pastoral visitors and so many more roles. We are always looking for more volunteers – do speak to us if you feel called to help in any way.

This year has been difficult for so many within our community, due to the rising costs of living. It has been encouraging to see our church family respond to this need with new initiatives including opening the church up as “Warm Space” and running the CAP course.

Once again, the Churchwardens made minor changes to the Health & Safety policy and all necessary inspections have been carried out on the building.

Paul & Cheryl, Churchwardens

Report of the Meetings of Deanery Synod

Your lay representatives are Sue Davies, Giles Fearnley (Deanery Lay Chair), Andrew Stilliard and David Wilkinson (Deanery Secretary). Members of our parish clergy also attend. Since the last Annual Report there have been three in-person meetings of Synod.

The main items of business, besides finance, progress with Common Fund payments by the parishes, and reports of the proceedings of Diocesan and General Synod were:

- **Sharing from Parishes** – each meeting we shared news from our parishes and then in small groups prayed for each parish.
- Plans for working with **LICC**, (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) to help church members become disciples and disciple makers were discussed.
- The distinction between Torbay Deanery and **Torbay United** was explained: The latter has been set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to administer a grant of £120k, awarded by the Government Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The two major initiatives that have been developed are the setting up of a mobile foodbank, a social supermarket and support for existing foodbanks AND a School Support Network, providing pastoral support for schools across the Torbay.
- **Warm Spaces** – set up with support from Torbay Council
- **Growing Good** – a course to help churches explore the connection between social action, discipleship and growth, exploring how our churches can be faithful and fruitful in our local communities.
- The deanery completed a skills audit of **Asylum Seekers** in Torbay to see how we could best support them.
- A number of meetings were arranged with civic leaders and local church leaders, to see how each could support the other – **all has been accompanied by much prayer**.
- In February 2023 Dr Jon Curtis, who works in the Mission and Ministry Dept. of Exeter Diocese explained how the **Mission Community Health Check** may be used as a tool to help measure the ‘health’ of a parish and mission community, in areas like mission and discipleship, safeguarding, stewardship and engagement with children and families. He used Bishop Robert’s picture of a flourishing church being like a healthy vine, with deep roots, growing, bearing good fruit, being good for its environment but needing pruning and training, and being just one part of a vineyard.

Further details of all deanery business may be obtained from:

David Wilkinson Torbay Deanery Secretary

Financial Review

The **Balance Sheet (page 13)** is considerably healthier than last year, due principally to a much lower Liabilities (Creditors) figure of £2,006+ compared to £17,939 in 2021 and higher cash assets (£178,206 cf. £121,135 in 2021). The combined effect of these topped up our Unrestricted Funds figure from £88,773 to £106,050.

The other significant figures on the **Balance Sheet** are the amount of money in the Restricted Fund for Youth Work, up from **£19,645** in 2021 to **£32,387** at the end of 2022 continuing to give a solid financial resource for payment of a salary to the Youth Worker we are trying to recruit. The Hardship Fund has raised **£11,174** to provide support during this time of rising cost of living. A **£24,000** donation has been received that has been requested to be used to reduce our carbon footprint.

The **Statement of Financial Activities** (SOFA) , shows the overall income and expenditure for the year, broken down into the few high level categories commonly reported across the Church of England, as well as transfers between funds. Subsequent sheets in the pack break this down into considerably more detail, Pages 15 - 18 showing a breakdown against all the booking categories that we use. As in previous years the **Operational Income and Expenditure Summary (Page F10)**, which excludes exceptional items such as legacy income, restricted and designated funds shows a much more informative picture of the day to day financing of activities in our three main areas of operation i.e. the Church, Church Centre and Pre-School.

Following on from the challenges of 2021, we have ended 2022 with an operational surplus of income against expenditure of **£15,773**. Some of the major factors that contributed to this, referencing the three areas of operation, were:

(i) Church

The overall voluntary income was **£147.6k**, in line with last year's figure of **£144.7k**. Planned Giving was up **9.8%** from **£120k** to **£132k**. General Giving was down 35.8% from **£24.7k** to **£15.8k**. In terms of expenditure, most areas of the Church were in line with the previous year, the total amount was up by **£11k**. Church Maintenance up by **£13k** but as we cleared our outstanding loan this was a reduction in outgoings by **£3k** which brings the total movement to **£10k**. Also, as in previous years, we paid our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese in full, which was **£100.8k**. The net result was a net deficit of **£1.9k** over the year between church income and expenditure.

(ii) Church Centre

Income from hirers was up **19.1%** to **£41.6k** from **£35k** in 2021. There was no Furlough Grant in 2022 to offset salary payments which meant a **£5.3k** reduction in income from 2021. An increase in salaries, maintenance and general ongoing expenses resulted in a net deficit of **£1.6k** for the year.

(iii) Pre-School

Pre-School income, comprising Early Years funding from our local Council and payments from parents for additional sessions was again up this year (by **£27.5k** compared to 2021). This was principally due to a large increase in the number of children registered, leading to us receiving higher levels of per pupil funding from our Local Council, and also a corresponding increase in the number of parents requesting extra sessions over and above the funded ones. This, of course, led to higher staffing and other costs, reflected in the overall expenditure figure of **£120.2k**. Income and expenditure do vary, sometimes quite noticeably year on year, depending on the numbers of children attending, which clearly is not directly under our control, although we do advertise our facilities very widely during the year to attract as many pupils as possible in the 2/3 year age group. When surpluses occur, as in this report (**+£19.4k**), our policy is to re-invest the excess in buying new equipment, toys, books etc. As well as carrying out repairs/refurbishments of the facilities, both indoors and outdoors in the enclosed play area and the Forest School. It is also used as necessary to provide additional financial support in the leaner years when numbers may be down.

Finally I would like to thank Tony Barratt for all the years of hard work as treasurer including all of 2022 making it easy for me to complete this year's figures.

I would also like to thank Trudy Guy, our book keeper for all of the accounts administration tasks and invoice payments and being patient as I took on the role. Also Sylvia Barratt, who continues to manage the 'Statutory Account' covering weddings and funerals held in the church, the funds for which are handled via a separate bank account. The transactions in this account are not visible in the published accounts as all associated income and expenditure do not impact on

church funds (as, basically, what comes in goes out). The accounting rules we adhere to are such that we are not required to include these details in the published accounts but they do have to be submitted to our Independent Examiner and so are covered in the approval statement.

I would also like to thank all our church members for their generous financial support during the year. The PGS donations have played a vital role in ensuring our final healthy financial situation. I would urge those who do not give regularly or who are still giving via the offering plate or in other ways, to consider whether you could make a regular commitment by signing up to the PGS scheme (details available on our website and via leaflets at the back of the church).

Kevin Francis *Hon Treasurer*

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay

I report to the Parochial Church Council members on my examination of the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and the examiner

The Parochial Church Council members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

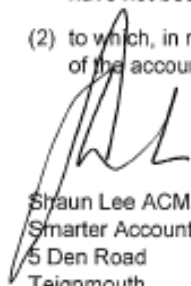
In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect of the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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5 May 2023

ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK and HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY

Notes to the Accounts 2022

1. Basis of Financial Statements

These financial statements have been prepared under the *Church Accounting Regulations 2006* in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current *Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRRSE) 2015*. They have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Fund Accounting

(i) *Restricted Funds* comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

(ii) *Unrestricted Funds* are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

(iii) *Designated Funds* are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

(b) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

(c) Resources Expended

The Diocesan Parish Share (Common Fund) expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

(d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with *Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011*.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

St. Matthias Church Centre was built in 1985/86 at a cost of £198,629 and the extension to it was subsequently built at a cost of £146,355. During 2010 an extension to the Pine Room was constructed at a cost of £98,266. All these amounts have been written off as expended and consequently no depreciation is required. Expenditure on Church Centre furniture and equipment is written off as incurred. The cost of PV Solar Panels, purchased with the help of a loan from the diocese is being written off during the period of the related loan at the same rate as the capital paid off.

3. Contingent Liabilities

In the event that either the premises are sold or the Pre-School ceases to operate for reasons within the PCC's control, a portion of the grant from Torbay Council received in 2010 (£83,156) may have to be repaid.

4. Payments to PCC members

No member of the PCC received any salary or expenses in connection with their role on the PCC.

5. Staff Salaries / Payments

3 staff were employed by the Church/Church Centre, gross salaries paid out during the year being **£36,106**. 6 staff were employed by the Pre-School, gross salaries paid out during the year being **£93,788**.

Pension contributions on behalf of 5 eligible employees were paid to the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) in line with current UK Pension legislation (included in salary figures above).

6. Funding from Friends of St Matthias

During the year the Friends of St Matthias, a charity set up for the sole purpose of supporting the church via the funding of various works, contributed the following:

Church Centre Energy Saving Sensor lighting.	1814
Additional CCTV Security Camera	450
New Cooker, Fridge & Freezer for Hall Kitchen	2954
Church Quinquennial Report repairs	1538
North Porch automatic door repairs	1074
Bell Tower Pigeon Proofing	4883
Mobile Noticeboards	<u>2520</u>
	<u>£15,233</u>

7. Income and Expenditure – Details

Pages 15-18 show a categorised breakdown of all income and expenditure with comparative figures for 2021.

Page 19 shows a 1 page summary of the day to day 'operational' income and expenditure in our 3 main areas of operation i.e. Church, Church Centre and Pre-School. This excludes Legacy Income, Restricted and Designated Funds and therefore shows a much more realistic picture of our financial performance in those 3 areas.

8. Reserves Policy

It is a requirement of the Charity Commission that all registered charities should have a Reserves Policy, designed to cater for the ongoing viability of the organisation in the event of unplanned/unexpected circumstances arising.

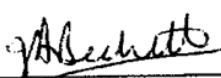
Our policy is now based on retaining 3 months' normal expenditure made up from items considered to be essential in the event of unexpected circumstances preventing us from running one or more of the three separate entities that comprise the St Matthias Church registered charity. The amount that has been calculated for this purpose, including an appropriate amount for contingency purposes, is £70k-75k.

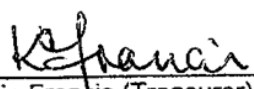
St Matthias Church

Balance Sheet As at: 31 December 2022

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	1,651	1,651
	1,651	1,651
Current assets		
Debtors	10,943	5,595
Cash At Bank And In Hand	178,206	121,135
	189,149	126,731
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	12,006	17,939
	12,006	17,939
Net current assets less current liabilities	177,143	108,791
Total assets less current liabilities	178,794	110,443
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Total net assets less liabilities	178,794	110,443
Represented by		
Unrestricted - General Funds	109,050	88,773
Total Unrestricted	109,050	88,773
Designated - Charity & Missionary Giving	450	-
Designated - Girls Allowed	98	98
Designated - Carbon Footprint Reduction	24,000	-
Designated - Hardship Fund	11,174	-
Designated - Matts Cats	618	618
Designated - 'Older People' Ministry	170	-
Designated - Social Core	799	799
Total Designated	37,310	1,516
Restricted - Audio/Visual System	-135	-
Restricted - Children's Bibles	-	22
Restricted - Flowers	128	278
Restricted - Music	52	207
Restricted - Youth Work	32,387	19,645
Total Restricted	32,433	20,154
Funds of the Church	178,794	110,443

Approved by PCC on 27 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Rev'd John Beckwith (PCC Chair)


Kevin Francis (Treasurer)

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	195,552	8,720	18,313	222,586	179,125
Income from charitable activities	192,096	737	67	192,901	151,265
Investments	241 -	-	-	241 -	-
Other income	8,257 -	-	-	8,257	38,812
Total income	396,148	9,457	18,381	423,986	369,203
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	331,818	15,162	6,382	353,364	308,107
Other expenditure	2,270 -	-	-	2,270	1,974
Total expenditure	334,089	15,162	6,382	355,635	310,081
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transf	62,058	(5,706)	11,998	68,351	59,122
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	41,500	281	44,781	87,607
Gross transfers between funds - out	(41,782) -	-	-	(44,782)	(87,608)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	20,277	35,794	12,279	68,351	59,122
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	88,772	1,516	20,154	110,443	51,321
Total funds carried forward	109,050	37,310	32,433	178,794	110,443
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	110,073 -	-	-	110,073	89,796
Designated					
Charity & Missionary Giving	-	450 -	-	450 -	-
Church Re-Ordering (DES)	-	-1,200 -	-	-1,200	-1,200
Girls Allowed	-	98 -	-	98	98
Hardship Fund	-	11,174 -	-	11,174 -	-
Carbon Footprint Reduction	-	24,000	-	24,000	-
Matts Cats	-	618 -	-	618	618
'Older People' Ministry	-	170 -	-	170 -	-
Social Core	-	799 -	-	799	799
Restricted					
Audio/Visual System	-	-	-135	-135 -	-
Children's Bibles	-	-	-	-	22
Flowers	-	-	133	133	283
Music	-	-	52	52	207
Youth Work	-	-	32,559	32,559	19,816

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay
Income and Expenditure - Details by Category
For the period: 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES

Church Activities Income

	2022	2021
A01 - Breakfastzone (CH)	-	
A02 - Chat at St Matts (CH)	-	
A03 - Fees Receivable (CH)	2,960	2,004
A05 - Home Groups (CH)	-	
A07 - Messy Church (CH)	43	
A07 - Messy Church (CH) Restricted	67	
A08 - Social Core (CH)		302
A09 - Special Events (CH)	743	
A10 - Minibus donations	737	-
A11 - Matts Cats		158
A12 - Girls Allowed		98
TOTAL FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES INCOME	4,550	2,562
B01 - Hirers (CTR)	46,688	34,946
B02 - Pre-School Printing (CTR)	1,500	1,500
B03 - Private Photocopying (CTR)	117	65
B04 - Sundry (CTR)		6
B05 - Tea & Coffee (CTR)	366	105
B06 - HMRC Furlough Grant (CTR)	0	5,347
TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE INCOME	48,671	41,969
S04 - Church Re-Ordering	0	9,117
S05 - Church Re-Ordering G/A	0	17,621
S06 - Church Re-Ordering G/A Rec'd	0	4,405
TOTAL FOR CHURCH RE-ORDERING PROJECT	0	31,143
<i>E01 - Friends (Agreed Funding)</i>	<i>15,233</i>	<i>2,458</i>
TOTAL FOR FRIENDS OF ST MATTHIAS	15,233	2,458
D01 - CAF Interest (CH)	41	
D02 - Insurance Claims(CH)	923	
D03 - Other Interest (CH)	199	
D04 - Sundry Income (CH)	3,132	93
D06 - Solar Panel FIT	4,201	
D07 - HMRC Furlough Grant (CH)	0	2,228
TOTAL FOR INVESTMENT & SUNDRY INCOME	8,496	2,321
C01 - Fees Torbay DC (PS)	101,999	80,792
C02 - Holiday Club (PS)	9,195	9,345
C03 - Other Income (PS)	189	106
C04 - Parents Payments (PS)	28,293	21,837
C06 - HMRC Furlough Grant (PS)	-	
TOTAL FOR PRE SCHOOL INCOME	139,676	112,080

F01 - Collections	100	-
F02 - Collections G/A	5,928	4,127
F03 - Collections G/A REC	1,482	1,147
F07 - Legacies	5,000	15,344
F08 - Misc Donations	5,739	4,083
F09 - Misc Donations G/A	2,177	11,717
F10 - Misc Donations G/A REC	544	3,647
F11 - * Winter Fuel Donations	8,695	
F12 - * Winter Fuel Donations G/A	3,025	
F13 - * Carbon Footprint Reduction	24,000	
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (GENERAL)	56,690	40,065
F21 - Planned Giving	470	400
F22 - Planned Giving G/A	13,400	3,514
F23 - Planned Giving G/A REC	3,350	1,102
F24 - PGS Planned Giving	5,691	5,471
F25 - PGS Planned Giving G/A	108,869	109,557
TOTAL FOR PLANNED INCOME (GENERAL)	131,780	120,044
F31 - *Youth Work	0	877
F32 - *Youth Work G/A	2,600	2,555
F33 - *Youth Work G/A REC	650	706
F34 - *PGS Youth Work G/A	15,514	12,201
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (YOUTH)	18,764	16,339
F56 - *Youth Bank	-	-
F57 - *Youth Bank G/A		
F58 - *Youth Bank G/A REC		
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (YOUTH BANK)	0	0
F47 - *Children's Bibles	0	105
F48 - *Children's Bibles G/A	-23	112
F49 - *Children's Bibles G/A REC	22	
F51 - *Easter Eggs G/A	90	
F52 - *Easter Eggs G/A REC	5	
F54 - *Flowers G/A	20	
TOTAL FOR VOLUNTARY INCOME (OTHER RESTRICTED)	114	217
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	423,986	369,203

OUTGOING RESOURCES

G01 - Charity & Mission Giving	14,500	14,200
G08 - Warmspace and Hardship Fund expenditure	545	
TOTAL FOR CHARITY & MISSION GIVING	15,045	14,200
J01 - Bank Charges (CH)	170	207
J02 - Printing, Post & Stationery (CH)	5,176	5,713
J03 - Salaries & NI (CH)	13,913	13,533
J04 - Sundry Expenses (CH)	4,839	4,084
J05 - Telephone - Alarm line (CH)	-	
J06 - Book Keeping	1,535	888
TOTAL FOR CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	25,633	24,425
P01 - Consumables (CTR)	4,482	1,949
P02 - Electricity (CTR)	2,927	2,400
P03 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CTR)		774
P04 - Gas (CTR)	2,119	1,622
P05 - Insurance (CTR)	2,934	2,847
P06 - Maintenance & Repairs (CTR)	9,208	3,608
P07 - Salaries & NI (CTR)	22,193	20,367
P08 - Sundry Expenses (CTR)	821	1,044
P09 - Telephone (CTR)	1,128	612
P10 - Waste Services (CTR)	3,454	3,144
P11 - Water (CTR)	436	291
P12 - Window Cleaning (CTR)	620	425
TOTAL FOR CHURCH CENTRE COSTS	50,322	39,083
K01 - *A/V Equipment	135	1,022
K02 - Insurance (CH)	2,940	3,347
K03 - Electricity (CH)	3,027	2,400
K04 - Fire & Intruder Alarms (CH)	1,149	1,300
K05 - *Flowers	170	
K06 - Garden - General Maintenance (CH)	528	
K07 - Gas (CH)	4,599	3,410
K08 - Maintenance & Repairs (CH)	15,363	3,718
K09 - Organ Maintenance	0	624
K10 - Piano Tuning	79	49
TOTAL FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	27,990	15,870
S01 - Project Costs (Re-Ordering)	0	-767
S02 - Professional Fees (Re-Ordering)	0	-2,500
S03 - Sundry Expenses (Re-ordering)	0	304
TOTAL FOR CHURCH RE-ORDERING	-	2,963
G02 - Common Fund	100,857	100,512
TOTAL FOR COMMON FUND	100,857	100,512
G04 - Governance (Independent Examiner)	630	600
TOTAL FOR GOVERNANCE COSTS	630	600

L01 - *Advent Calendars	0	194
L02 - *Children's Bibles	245	211
L03 - Breakfastzone	0	26
L05 - Clergy Expenses	2,507	2,523
L08 - *Easter Eggs	0 -	
L10 - Messy Church	420	
L11 - *Music	155 -	
L12 - Other Outreach	2,539	2,701
L14 - Service Upkeep - Other	1238	290
L15 - Service Upkeep - Wafers & Wine	228	124
L18 - Minibus	566	1,268
L19 - Chat at St Matts	0 -	
L22 - Matts Cats	0 -	
TOTAL FOR MINISTRY COSTS	7,898	7,337
R01 - Consumables (PS)	0	67
R02 - CRB Charges (PS)	0	76
R04 - Equipment, Materials & Books (PS)	2,339	4,680
R05 - Gifts (Children & Staff) (PS)	0	132
R06 - Insurance & Learning Alliance (PS)	626	590
R07 - Outings (PS)	321 -	
R08 - Printing, Postage & Stationery (PS)	1,598	1,535
R09 - Rent (Pine Room) (PS)	15,000	15,000
R10 - Salaries & NI (PS)	93,788	73,609
R11 - Staff Reporting Systems (PS)	59 -	
R12 - Staff Training (PS)	472	1,306
R13 - Sundry Expenses (PS)	6,236	7,329
R14 - Telephone (PS)	125	112
R16 - Bank Charges (PS)	81	96
TOTAL FOR PRE-SCHOOL COSTS	120,645	104,532
G05 - Solar Panel Loan (Interest)	24	146
G06 - Solar Panel Loan (Capital)	0	3,206
TOTAL FOR SOLAR PANEL LOAN	24	3,352
M02 - *Youth Bank	366	336
TOTAL FOR YOUTH BANK	366	336
M01 - *Young Children Exp	2,185	2,938
M03 - *Youth Work Exp	624	-143
M05 - *Youth Worker Fees/Salary	3,396	
TOTAL FOR YOUTH WORK	6,205	2,795
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	355,635	310,081

Operating Income & Expenditure Summary Jan to Dec 2022
(Church , Centre & Pre School)
Excluding Legacy Income, Restricted & Designated Funds

Church Income	2022	2021	2022 v 2021
Church Activities	3,679	2,306	1,373
Other Income	8,591	191	8,400
HMRC Furlough Grant	0	2,228	-2,228
Voluntary Income (overall)	147,650	144,765	2,885
<i>General Giving</i>	<i>15,870</i>	<i>24,721</i>	<i>-8,851</i>
<i>Planned Giving</i>	<i>131,780</i>	<i>120,044</i>	<i>11,736</i>
Sub Total (Church)	159,920	149,490	10,430
Church Centre Income			
Hirers	46,688	34,946	11,742
Other income	1,983	1,675	308
HMRC Furlough Grant	0	5,347	-5,347
Sub Total (Centre)	48,671	41,968	6,703
Pre - School Income			
Council Fees	101,999	80,791	21,208
Parents Payments	37,488	31,182	6,306
Other income	189	106	83
Sub Total (Pre - School)	139,676	112,079	27,597
TOTAL INCOME	348,267	303,537	44,730
Church Expenditure			
Church Administration	25,633	24,425	-1,208
Church Maintenance	27,685	14,847	-12,838
Common Fund	100,857	100,512	-345
Governance	630	600	-30
Ministry	7,078	6,931	-147
Other expenses (inc loan)	24	3,353	3,329
Sub Total (Church)	161,907	150,668	-11,239
Church Centre Expenditure			
Salaries & NI	22,193	20,367	-1,826
Maintenance	9,208	3,608	-5,600
Other expenses	18,921	15,105	-3,816
Sub Total (Centre)	50,322	39,080	-11,242
Pre - School Expenditure			
Salaries & NI	93,788	73,609	-20,179
Other expenses	26,477	30,920	4,443
Sub Total (Pre School)	120,265	104,529	-15,736
TOTAL EXPENSE	332,494	294,278	-38,216
Church (Surplus / Deficit)	-1,987	- 1,177	- 810
Centre (Surplus / Deficit)	-1,651	2,886	- 4,537
Pre School (Surplus / Deficit)	19,411	7,548	11,863
Total Surplus / Deficit	15,773	9,257	6,516

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and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
of the parish of
ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY
for the year ended 31st December 2021

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Administrative Information

St Matthias Church is situated in Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ1 1HW, which is the correspondence address. The website address is www.st-matthias-church.org

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered number 1130983)

PCC members who have served from 1st Jan 2021 until the date of this report are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Rev'd John Beckett	
<i>Lay Vice Chair:</i>	Paul Stannard	
<i>Associate minister:</i>	Rev'd Paul Barton	
<i>Curate :</i>	Rev'd Pete Norris	(from Sept 2021)
<i>Wardens:</i>	Sylvia Barratt Paul Stannard	
<i>Secretary:</i>	David Wilkinson	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Tony Barratt	
<i>Reader:</i>	Ruth Beckett	
<i>(ex-officio)</i>		
<i>Readers:</i>	Norma Gerry Alan Taylor Lindsay Glazebrook	(to August 2021)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>		
<i>(ex-officio)</i>	Sue Davies Giles Fearnley Andrew Stilliard David Wilkinson	<i>(Diocesan Synod Rep)</i> <i>(Diocesan Synod Rep)</i>
<i>Elected members:</i>	Tessa Barton Cheryl Bevins Julie Bouskill Keith Broome Angela Boyd Norman Doidge Kevin Francis Anya Jones Jill McDowall David Meek Phil Miles Sue Newman Hilary Stilliard Graeme Whitaker Elaine Wilson Suzy Wright	<i>(from APCM 2021)</i> <i>(to APCM 2021)</i> <i>(from APCM 2021)</i> <i>(to APCM 2021)</i> <i>(from APCM 2021)</i> <i>(from APCM 2021)</i> <i>(to APCM 2021)</i> <i>(to Dec 2021)</i> <i>(to Dec 2021)</i>

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and having been on the roll for six months are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition to its regular meetings the PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee and a number of committees (known as 'Action Groups'), which meet as required, and report back to the PCC. These are:

Standing and Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. It also oversees the financial aspects of the work of St Matthias and the Church Centre. The committee comprised:

Rev'd John Beckett (Incumbent), Sylvia Barratt (Churchwarden),
Paul Stannard (Churchwarden and Vice Chair),
Tony Barratt (Treasurer), David Wilkinson (Secretary)

Action Groups: (listed alphabetically)

COMMS Action Group: To identify and manage the implementation of all communication and publicity requirements for the Church and the Church Centre, liaising with other groups as necessary and utilising the most appropriate and up-to-date tools, ranging from hard copy publications to online and social media platforms.

Chair: Suzy Wright

Eco Action Group: To challenge the whole church and us as individuals by promoting the Anglican's 5th point of 'The Five Marks of Mission' – 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'; this includes awareness of the climate change and other ecological anxieties facing us in Torbay and the world.

Chair: David Hodson

Finance Action Group: To ensure that all aspects of the church finances are managed effectively and efficiently and that all statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

Chair: Tony Barratt

Maintenance Action Group: To ensure that the buildings and grounds are kept in a good and safe state of repair for all users of the premises, enabling the church to be a place for worship, making disciples and transforming communities.

Chair: Paul Stannard

Mission & Outreach Action Group: To enable the church to ensure that we are outward-looking in our work, witness and resources, taking every opportunity to spread the gospel message within the Parish, the Bay and further afield, in order to encourage people to start on their faith journey and to grow in Christ.

Chairs: Joanna Wilkinson & Andrew Stilliard

Pastoral Action Group: To organise and manage the provision of support and friendship to those who are unable to come to St. Matthias due to age or infirmity, helping to alleviate loneliness and encouraging them in their journey of faith through the difficult times.

Chair: Elaine Biden

Prayer: To organise and implement prayer for the needs of the world and to cultivate the message that prayer lies at the very heart of a Christian's relationship with God and in every activity undertaken within St. Matthias, by providing a variety of opportunities to explore and deepen that relationship, both by personal prayer and corporately.

Chair: Andrew Green

Pre-School Management Committee: To provide Early Years Services to Pre-School children from the local community and to provide After School and Holiday Club services to a wider range of Pre-School and Primary School age children, with a view to valuing and nurturing every child, and to seek to show God's love to all children.

Chair: Sylvia Barratt

SCYP Action Group: To provide relevant and engaging activities for all age groups of children and young people both within and outside St. Matthias, enabling them to grow into and in their Christian faith and, with their leaders, reach their full potential in Christ.

Chair: Tessa Barton

Service Ministry: To provide high quality worship services as agreed by the Incumbent and the PCC, in conjunction with the staff team, that enable people to offer their worship and grow in their discipleship and encourage them to play their part in the kingdom work of transforming communities.

Chair: John Beckett

Stepping Stones Action Group: To ensure that the church has a suitable and clearly signposted range of stepping stones for people to use, to enable them to feel that they belong to the church family, find friendship and grow in their journey of discipleship – and continue to do so.

Chair: Keith Yelland

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has operational and maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the last Annual Meeting, in May 2021, there were 214 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. This year the electoral roll has been open for revision until 24th April. Revised numbers will be reported at the Annual Meeting.

Each year we report our participation numbers (the number of people who worship with us at least monthly) which allows Diocesan fund contributions to be calculated. Prior to covid the number we reported was 213 but with the reduction in in-person attendance, in 2021 we have submitted a figure of 165.

Review of the Year

As recorded in last year's Annual Report, from March 2020, the church was closed for all services due to the national lockdown, as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. From July 2020, the church was open again for private prayer and a short 11 am service, with facemasks and plastic screens, social distancing and sanitising, but without singing or communion. Sadly, November 2020 saw the start of a second lockdown, when we returned to online worship only.

We recommenced in-person worship at Easter 2021; we were able to sing again – but only outside. This though was a great opportunity for Christian witness. Since then we have seen a steady increase in numbers for 11 am services – less so for 9.30 am Zone services. Some have not returned to worship in person but follow services online. Since March 2022 the Zone Services have been replaced by ‘Encounter’ and ‘Explore’ Services at 9.30 am and 4.00 pm.

Ilsham and Warberry were able to return to St Matthias for their services at Christmas, though without parents; these services were livestreamed. This Easter it was great that we could welcome the children and their parents into church once again for school Easter Services.

Safeguarding: Sue Davies continued in the role of Safeguarding Officer. The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016. Information regarding Safeguarding can be found on the first page of our website. We are also required to delegate to the diocese the responsibility of reporting serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, in accordance with the House of Bishops' Guidance. Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas. ‘Promoting Safer Church’ documents are now on display. Sue has completed the safeguarding dashboard and reapplied to be a trainer. There is greater emphasis on reporting all safeguarding incidents going forward. Safer recruitment practices (including DBS clearance) are followed at St Matthias to be protective of vulnerable members of our community.

In a separate document there is a report of the activities of various groups in the church. Throughout 2021 and to date the PCC have met bi-monthly – remotely by Zoom. In 2021 the PCC held 7 meetings during the year, all by Zoom. The average attendance at PCC meetings was 83%. PCC business generally falls into one of three categories: **Worshipping God, Making Disciples and Transforming Communities.**

Items brought to the attention of and considered by the PCC have included:

- In early 2021 **the Service pattern was reviewed** in view of the new lockdown – Risk Assessments for worship in church were reviewed, informed by advice from the Church of England, the Government and Tessa Barton, all in light of the new and more contagious variant. The PCC were unanimous in agreeing to close the church for public worship for the foreseeable future and agreed to review that decision when there was a change in the national guidance.
- the PCC agreed that the normal limit for **funerals** at St Matthias would be 20, with the service livestreamed if requested; there are no longer restrictions on numbers at any services
- a strategy was agreed to raise the **final funds** for **Wellspring** and to secure funding for a full-time Schools, Children, Young People and Families Worker, subsequently redesignated **Youth Worker**
- welcomed the appointment of Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga as **Rural (Area) Dean** with Fr. Peter March and Rev'd Stephen Yates as assistants
- agreed that money that has been given for the **homeless** be passed on to the Living Room; it would go towards white goods to allow clothes for people who are homeless to be laundered
- considered a **‘roadmap’ for Easter**, with outside singing and live worship in church
- learned that **Pre-School** had fully reopened (42 on roll by May), with regular after-school clubs, and **hired** were starting to return; numbers in Pre-School were regularly reported to the PCC
- considered our online audience; pastoral concerns for the church family; discipleship and outreach; fellowship and social activity; and recruitment to roles
- **Alpha** courses continued online, and later in-person
- planned for updates to our website and welcome booklet
- explored some of the key issues that faced us as we sought to rebuild the church – a **Journey towards Recovery – our Pandemic Experience**; questions considered included:
 - What has been lost that we need to grieve?
 - What has been paused or reduced that we have the opportunity to let go?
 - What has been paused or reduced that we need to work at to renew?
 - What has been discovered that we will need to respond to?
 - What is positive new and emerging, to be developed and resourced?

- learned of the plans for **Bay Church** – a church plant in St Andrew’s Church, Paignton – due to ‘launch’ at Easter 2022
- Lena reported on **Messy Church, Begin Well** and **Mummy & Me**, which are working well and leading to increased church attendance and an interest in baptisms in some cases; these initiatives are real areas of growth – well done!
- welcomed **South West Awake** – with prayer points around the SW (held in June)
- welcomed our new **Curate** – Pete Norris, with Rachel and Evie (and shortly afterwards Elorah); Pete was initially appointed as a licensed lay-worker before being ordained a deacon in September
- received the **Quinquennial Report** – little work required in next 12 months with no major items
- Pete updated on plans to work with the younger generation through the Friday night youth group (with a mix of social activities and discipleship) and restarting youth-led services
- welcomed Bishop Robert’s **‘Next Steps’** initiative which fits in well with our own strategic review, following on from the pandemic, as we began to return and grow the church again;
<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Next-Steps-MC-vision-document-1-7-21.pdf>
- welcomed **Mike Robins, Compassion UK** and agreed that Compassion would be our Christmas charity; also, we now had a card reader available for those without cash to give in church; the Missions Action Group recommended that the final £1k mission tithe be given to the DEC Afghanistan appeal
- the **Wellspring project** was finally completed: doors rehung, handrail and planter installed
- confirmed that we would continue to pay a **Mission Tithe** of 10% of our voluntary income; in 2021 the main charities supported were Church Army, Church Mission Society (for Nicci Maxwell), Church Pastoral Aid Society, LINX Christian Youth Trust, Mission to Seafarers and Tear Fund – further details may be found in the Church Reports booklet, published separately
- supported **Mission Torbay**, run by Through Faith Missions, in Sept 2021; St Matthias was one of three hub churches; we hosted 8 mission team members for the week, and in that time visited many local homes and ran outreach events in church and on the piazza
- agreed plans for Christmas services, but decided to discontinue livestreaming 9.30 services, to encourage more families to attend in person
- supported the plans to have the church open each weekday lunchtime for private prayer
- received a presentation on **Taking action on climate change**: including ‘working towards the adoption of green accreditation from an appropriate organisation, A Rocha’ – a response to the General Synod setting a Net Zero carbon target for 2030
- congratulated **Ruth Beckett** as she gets close to the end of her ordination training and prepares for her curacy
- supported the re-formation of **Action Groups**, each with clear briefs and responsibilities
- adopted as a Lent course: **Living in Love and Faith**; groups considered:
 - How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ?
 - What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>
- learned that our Primary Schools were exploring their **‘Values’** and valuing **Godly Play** sessions
- we reviewed our own values:
Generous like Jesus, Going Jesus’ way, Growing on the Journey and God’s Joy in our hearts
- received details of a termly leaflet with information about **What’s on**
- prepared for a **PCC Away Day** and the **Platinum Jubilee** and **much more ...**

So many good things are happening here at St Matthias. I would encourage you to read the Reports from Groups. **Please pray for our groups and their leaders.** If you feel encouraged to support them, please speak to the named people. The **Friends of St Matthias** work closely with the PCC to ensure that all the money they raise is spent for the benefit of the church, in accordance with their charitable objects. The PCC wish to record their thanks for the financial support they receive from the Friends.

The PCC would also like to thank Chairs and members of all Action Groups (see list on pages 3 - 4 of this report) that meet, either virtually or face-to-face, to help it carry out its many responsibilities in the numerous and varied aspects of the life of St Matthias. The help and support they provide is greatly appreciated. We continue to be indebted to them all for the commitment and dedication they show **and to all those who give unstintingly of their time and their talents**. Thank you.

The PCC would like to record its appreciation of the leadership of our Rector, John Beckett, ably supported by Paul Barton and Pete Norris, our retired clergy, our Readers, our Churchwardens Sylvia and Paul, Pere and all who work in St Matthias – paid staff and volunteer alike. This has been a challenging year for everyone and we owe a great deal to our clergy, staff and their families. **Thank you**. Having given notice, in November 2020, of my intention to step down from the position of PCC Secretary at this year's annual meeting, this will be my final annual report. I should like to express my appreciation to all those who have assisted me in that role over the years; this year I have valued the support of Suzy Wright in her role as Minutes Secretary.

David Wilkinson *PCC Secretary* May 2022

Churchwardens' Report to the 2022 APCM

Another year has passed and once again we want to thank the Clergy team for steering us through, following on from the impact that the coronavirus has had on our services, worship and pastoral work. We are so glad that we have been able to hold services in church once again throughout the past year; singing has resumed albeit wearing masks, and gradually numbers have increased. Live streaming of some services has continued and is much appreciated by those unable to attend church.

We would like to thank everyone who has served in whatever aspect of church life during the past year. We are always on the lookout for helpers whether it be making coffee, welcoming at services, taking on one of the readings or any one of the many parts of church life – do speak to us and it would be good to have your help.

It has been good to welcome Pete Norris as our curate during this year together with Rachel and family. His help and leadership with the Young People's work has been gratefully received. However, we were sorry to say 'goodbye' to Lindsay, one of our Readers, who returned to Bath – her ministry is sadly missed.

Once again, the Churchwardens made minor changes to the Health & Safety policy and all necessary inspections have been carried out on the building, including, during the year, the Quinquennial Inspection, that we are required to have every 5 years. Remedial work has been carried out as necessary.

Paul & Sylvia

Report of the Meetings of Deanery Synod

Your lay representatives are Sue Davies, Giles Fearnley (Deanery Lay Chair), Andrew Stilliard (and on Diocesan Synod until Sept 2021) and David Wilkinson (on Diocesan Synod from Sept 2021). Members of our parish clergy also attend. Since the last Annual Report there have been three meetings of Synod, all held by Zoom. Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga, Chaplain at St Cuthbert Mayne School, continues as Rural (Area) Dean, ably supported by Fr. Peter March and Rev'd Stephen Yates as Assistants.

The main items of business, besides finance and progress with Common Fund payments by the parishes, were:

- In February 2021 Rev'd Nathan challenged us with a paper: **A way of serving together "Roots down, walls down, bridges out"**:
Roots down: secure in what we are and what we believe; drink deeply from the welling spring.
Walls down: from our security as people of a clear faith we have no need to hide. We can include.

We can be there for all people, undefended, since we are deeply rooted in the faith that we believe God has gifted to us.

Bridges out: actively and courageously we can reach out to our sisters and brothers and together we can continue to build a community of love, as we too devote ourselves to serve. This coincided with the setting up a Christian website covering the whole of Torbay: www.torbayunited.org.uk

- **Parishes** shared **What can we celebrate from Lockdown** – news of the innovative ways that churches were keeping in touch with their congregations and the wider community: laity taking on pastoral care roles, regular newsletters and emails, expanded foodbank provision, phone pastors, regular live streaming, lots of Zoom groups and daily prayer, virtual collective worship in schools and ‘Open the Book, regular staff prayers in school (St Cuthbert Mayne) and lots more. Churches (like St Matthias) that encourage giving through the PGS were seeing strong financial support.
- In June we learned of the retirement of Fr Gorran at St Martin’s and the appointment of Rev’ds Neil Knox – St John’s Paignton, Stephen Ball – curate at All Saints, Torre and Torquay St John’s, Matt Bray and Gareth Harper (curate) – Bay Church, Pete Norris – St Matthias, and Peter Jackson – All Saints, Torre and Torquay St John’s.
- The diocese has been granted national Strategic Development Funding (SDF) of just under £1.5 million to support the initial development of a mission initiative in Torbay – Bay Church – over a five-and-a-half-year period, with further church plants to follow in other parts of Torbay. Bay Church will have a specific focus on mission and evangelism among unchurched and de-churched young people, children and families, particularly in those areas and demographics within Torbay which currently have the lowest levels of church participation. The intention of the project is to grow the number of new (and returning lapsed) Christian disciples worshipping within the Church of England in Torbay by at least 750 over the period covered by SDF funding (by 2026) and 1,075 by 2030.
- Synod received updates on Mission Torbay – centred on three hubs: Living Waters with St Paul’s, St Boniface, and St Matthias, on LICC <https://licc.org.uk/about/> and General Synod.
- Parishes reported on how they were **Growing in Prayer, Making Disciples** and **Serving their area with Joy**. Examples given included: joint services on the beach at dawn, celebrating creation as the sun rose, collecting toiletries for a women’s refuge, a pet service, weekly prayer meetings and an 8-week Prayer Course, Alpha courses and mid-week worship, strong support for outside Messy Church and Mummy & Me, fellowship activities, healing ministry and outside worship, a Peace Garden at St Boniface – a space of tranquillity in the church grounds where locals can come to sit and reflect; a week-long exhibition held in church – everyone invited to showcase their ‘lockdown’ talents, Summer ‘Flight of Light’, to finish the ‘Inspire’ project, ‘Living Room’ ‘Playroom’ and ‘Celebrate Recovery’ and so much more.
- **Feedback about ‘Next Steps’** <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Next-Steps-MC-vision-document-1-7-21.pdf>
- The Rural Dean invited civic leaders to meet with leaders in the faith community, to eat together and to pray into the things that they see – “building together but with Jesus at the centre of things”.
- In February 2022 Deanery Synod met in person for the first time since the first lockdown, where we learned about **Anna Chaplaincy** and **Messy Vintage**. Much of the work of Anna Chaplains takes place in care homes. The role of the Anna Chaplain is wide ranging and includes developing a relationship with the older person, and also with the family. It supports care home staff in their role, offering some degree of spiritual support as well as to the residents themselves. Messy Vintage is a lot like Messy Church, but with the elderly, and is just as much fun!
- The Rural Dean shared a comprehensive **Deanery Report**, summarising the work of synod. If you would like a copy, please contact the secretary (me) on secretary@torbayunited.org.uk. At the same meeting parishes shared their good news stories – further details as above.
- The Deanery Treasurer thanked parishes for their contributions to the Common Fund. 95% was paid in 2021 against 92% in 2020. He encouraged all churches to use the Parish Giving Scheme.

David Wilkinson

Deanery Synod Representative May 2022

Financial Review

Despite the ongoing Covid pandemic, which meant that, during the first few weeks of the year, we were not holding live services and, for several months, rooms were not being hired in the Church Centre due to the restrictions in force at the time, the financial impact on St Matthias was not as drastic as it might have been, as the accounts demonstrate. One of the main mitigating factors from a financial perspective was that the bulk of our voluntary (unrestricted) income (**83% of the total**) came in as planned, regular giving, either via the Parish Giving Scheme (**PGS**), which accounts for the majority, or other online and cash donations in a few cases.

The **Balance Sheet** (**Page F1** of the Accounts package) is considerably healthier than last year, due principally to a much lower Liabilities (Creditors) figure of **£17,939** compared to **£48,832** in 2020 and higher cash assets (**£121,135** cf. **£90,340** in 2020). The combined effect of these topped up our Unrestricted Funds figure from **£43,582** to **£88,773**. The reduction in the Liabilities figure was due to us paying off the final Wellspring bills during the year, which enabled us to fully sign off the project with no outstanding debts. Grateful thanks are due to all those church members who responded so generously to our appeal at the beginning of the year, raising just over **£31k** which, effectively, replaced the shortfall in our Reserves Fund (i.e. money that we had allocated at the end of 2020 from this fund to pay off the final bills), bringing it back to the target figure of **£70k**, which we initially thought may take considerably longer than just one year to achieve.

The other significant figure on the **Balance Sheet** is the amount of money in the Restricted Fund for Youth Work, up from **£6,073** in 2020 to **£19,645** at the end of 2021, providing a solid financial resource for payment of a salary to the Youth Worker we are trying to recruit. Thanks are also due to those church members who pledged to make regular donations to this fund which, at the end of the year, was bringing in about **£2k** per month.

The **Statement of Financial Activities** (SOFA) on **Page F2**, shows the overall income and expenditure for the year, broken down into the few high level categories commonly reported across the Church of England, as well as transfers between funds. Subsequent sheets in the pack break this down into considerably more detail, **Pages F5 to F9** showing a breakdown against all the booking categories that we use. As in previous years the **Operational Income and Expenditure Summary** (**Page F10**), which excludes exceptional items such as legacy income, restricted and designated funds and Wellspring, shows a much more informative picture of the day to day financing of activities in our three main areas of operation i.e. the Church, Church Centre and Pre-School.

The first point to note is that, despite the ongoing challenges of 2021, remarkably and thankfully, we still ended up with an operational surplus of income against expenditure of **£9,257**, somewhat lower than the surplus recorded in 2020 but, nevertheless, still a positive figure. Some of the major factors that contributed to this, referencing the three areas of operation, were:

(i) Church

The overall voluntary income was **£144.7k**, which, although slightly higher than last year's figure of **£142.2k**, was made up somewhat differently. Planned Giving (mainly but not exclusively via the PGS) was **£120k**, down by **6.5%** on 2020, whereas other donations, given via the offering plate or in other ways, were up by a remarkable **80%** to **£24.7k**, albeit representing a much smaller proportion of the total. We also continued to receive help from the government's Furlough Grant Scheme for salary payments, although at a lower level than in 2020, as we emerged from the pandemic and as the level of grant available was reduced. In terms of expenditure, this was up by some **£11k**, not surprising as we had a much busier year than 2020 as Covid restrictions began to ease. Also, as in previous years, we paid our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese in full, which was **£100.5k**. The nett result was a slight deficit of **£1.2k** over the year between church income and expenditure.

(ii) **Church Centre**

There was a higher level of activity in the Centre with some hirers returning following relaxation of the Covid restrictions and also a number of new hirers starting to use our premises, reflected in a **60%** increase in income to **£35k**. With income from the Furlough Grant still offsetting our salary payments and other expenditure continuing at a similar level to 2020 this led to a modest surplus of almost **£3k** compared to the previous deficit of **£10.8k**, demonstrating a significant recovery over the year.

(iii) **Pre-School**

Pre-School income, comprising Early Years funding from our local Council and payments from parents for additional sessions, was up substantially (by almost **£39k** compared to 2020). This was principally due to a large increase in the number of children registered, leading to us receiving a higher level of per pupil funding from our Local Council, and also a corresponding increase in the number of parents requesting extra sessions over and above the funded ones. This, of course, led to higher staffing and other costs, reflected in the overall expenditure figure of **£73.6k**. Income and expenditure does vary, sometimes quite noticeably year on year, depending on the numbers of children attending, which clearly is not directly under our control, although we do advertise our facilities very widely during the year to attract as many pupils as possible in the 2/3 year age group. When surpluses occur, as in this report (**+£7.5k**), our policy is to re-invest the excess in buying new equipment, toys, books etc. as well as carrying out repairs/refurbishments of the facilities, both indoors and outdoors in the enclosed play area and the Forest School. It is also used as necessary to provide additional financial support in the leaner years when numbers may be down.

Finally I would like to thank those who help out in any way with the church finances, in particular, Trudy Guy, our book keeper, who started work again during the year, as we were emerging from the pandemic, assisting me with some of the accounts administration tasks and setting up invoice payments, and also Sylvia Barratt, who continues to manage the 'Statutory Account' covering weddings and funerals held in the church, the funds for which are handled via a separate bank account. The transactions in this account are not visible in the published accounts as all associated income and expenditure does not impact on church funds (as, basically, what comes in goes out). The accounting rules we operate to are such that we are not required to include these details in the published accounts but they do have to be submitted to our Independent Examiner and so are covered in the approval statement.

I would also like to thank all our church members for their generous financial support during the year that has led to us not being as severely impacted by the pandemic as many churches, charitable and commercial organisations have been. As I earlier referred to the major part that giving via the PGS has played in us ending up in that situation, I would like to urge those who do not give regularly or who are still giving via the offering plate or in other ways, to consider whether you could make a regular commitment by signing up to the PGS scheme (details available on our web site and via leaflets at the back of church).

Tony Barratt

Hon Treasurer

Reserves Policy

It is a requirement of the Charity Commission that all registered charities should have a Reserves Policy, designed to cater for the ongoing viability of the organisation in the event of unplanned/unexpected circumstances arising. Our policy is now based on retaining approximately 3 months' normal expenditure as unrestricted funds in our accounts, made up from items considered to be essential in the event of unexpected circumstances preventing us from running one or more of the three separate entities that comprise the St Matthias Church registered charity. The amount that has been calculated for this purpose, including an appropriate amount for contingency purposes, is **£70k-75k**.

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 8 in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and the examiner

The Parochial Church Council members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect of the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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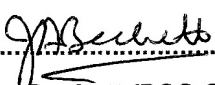
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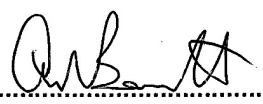
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Balance sheet
As at: 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/21	As at 31/12/20
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1,651	4,587
	1,651	4,587
Current assets		
Debtors	5,595	6,606
Cash at bank and in hand	121,135	90,340
	126,731	96,947
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	17,939	48,832
Net current assets less current liabilities	108,791	48,115
Total assets less current liabilities	110,443	52,973
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	1,651
Total net assets less liabilities	110,443	51,321
Represented by:		
Unrestricted - General fund	88,773	43,582
Total Unrestricted	88,773	43,582
Designated - Girls Allowed	98	
Designated - Matts Cats	618	461
Designated - Social Core	799	497
Total Designated	1,516	958
Restricted - Children's Bibles	22	-
Restricted - Flowers	278	278
Restricted - Music	207	207
Restricted - Youth Bank	-	220
Restricted - Youth Work	19,645	6,073
Total Restricted	20,154	6,778
Funds of the Church	110,443	51,321

Approved by the PCC on 28 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Rev'd John Beckett (PCC Chair)


.....
Tony Barratt (Treasurer)

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	162,396	-	16,729	179,125	177,065
Charitable activities	150,707	558	-	151,265	96,995
Other income	8,668	-	30,143	38,812	109,826
Total income	321,772	558	46,872	369,203	383,888
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	289,938	14,853	3,314	308,107	268,597
Other expenditure	(29,258)	27,867	3,364	1,974	79,468
Total expenditure	260,680	42,721	6,679	310,081	348,066
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	61,091	(42,162)	40,193	59,122	35,822
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	34,445	49,853	3,308	87,607	178,659
Gross transfers between funds - out	(50,346)	(7,132)	(30,128)	(87,607)	(178,659)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	45,190	558	13,373	59,122	35,822
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	43,582	958	6,781	51,321	15,499
Total funds carried forward	88,772	1,516	20,154	110,443	51,321
Represented by:					
Unrestricted					
General fund	88,871	-	-	88,871	43,582
Designated					
Girls Allowed	-	98	-	98	-
Matts Cats	-	618	-	618	461
Social Core	-	799	-	799	497
Restricted					
Children's Bibles	-	-	22	22	-
Flowers	-	-	278	278	278
Music	-	-	207	207	207
Youth Bank	-	-	-	-	220
Youth Work	-	-	19,645	19,645	6,073

ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK and HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY

Notes to the Accounts 2021

1. Basis of Financial Statements

These financial statements have been prepared under the *Church Accounting Regulations 2006* in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current *Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRRSE) 2015*. They have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Fund Accounting

(i) *Restricted Funds* comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

(ii) *Unrestricted Funds* are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

(iii) *Designated Funds* are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

(b) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

(c) Resources Expended

The Common Fund expected to be paid over to the Diocese is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

(d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with *Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011*.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

St. Matthias Church Centre was built in 1985/86 at a cost of £198,629 and the extension to it was subsequently built at a cost of £146,355. During 2010 an extension to the Pine Room was constructed at a cost of £98,266. All these amounts have been written off as expended and consequently no depreciation is required. Expenditure on Church Centre furniture and equipment is written off as incurred. The cost of PV Solar Panels, purchased with the help of a loan from the diocese is being written off during the period of the related loan at the same rate as the capital paid off.

3. Contingent Liabilities

In the event that either the premises are sold or the Pre-School ceases to operate for reasons within the PCC's control, a portion of the grant from Torbay Council received in 2010 (£83,156) may have to be repaid.

4. Payments to PCC members

No member of the PCC received any salary or expenses in connection with their role on the PCC.

5. Staff Salaries / Payments

3 staff were employed by the Church/Church Centre, gross salaries paid out during the year being **£33,900**. 5 staff were employed by the Pre-School, gross salaries paid out during the year being **£73,609**.

Pension contributions on behalf of 3 eligible employees were paid to the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) in line with current UK Pension legislation (included in salary figures above).

6. Funding from Friends of St Matthias

During the year the Friends of St Matthias, a charity set up for the sole purpose of supporting the church via the funding of various works, contributed the following:

Border Hedge Trimming	£1,656
Boiler Repair	£802
Total value of contributions:	£2,458

7. Income and Expenditure – Details

Pages F5 to F10 show a categorised breakdown of all income and expenditure with comparative figures for 2020.

Page F11 shows a 1 page summary of the day to day 'operational' income and expenditure in our 3 main areas of operation i.e. Church, Church Centre and Pre-School. This excludes Legacy Income, Restricted and Designated Funds and the Church Re-development Project and therefore shows a much more realistic picture of our financial performance in those 3 areas.

ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY**Income and Expenditure - Details by Category****For the period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

	2021	2020
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Church Activities Income		
<i>A01: Breakfastzone</i>	-	16
<i>A02: Chat at St Matts</i>	-	26
<i>A03: Fees Receivable</i>	2,004	1,384
<i>A08: Social Core</i>	302	-
<i>A10: Minibus Donations</i>	-	204
<i>A11: Matts Cats</i>	157	170
<i>A12: Girls Allowed</i>	98	
Total for Church Activities Income	2,562	1,821
Church Centre Income		
<i>B01: Hirers</i>	34,946	21,644
<i>B02: Pre-School Printing</i>	1,500	-
<i>B03: Private Photocopying</i>	65	42
<i>B04: Sundry</i>	6	11
<i>B05: Tea & Coffee</i>	104	164
<i>B06: HMRC Furlough Grant (CTR)</i>	5,347	6,945
Total for Church Centre Income	41,969	28,807
Church Re-ordering Project		
<i>S04: Pledges & Donations</i>	9,117	58,362
<i>S05/06: Pledges & Donations G/A</i>	22,026	21,407
Total for Church Re-ordering Project	31,143	79,770
Friends of St Matthias		
<i>E01: Agreed Funding</i>	2,458	2,319
Total for Friends of St Matthias	2,458	2,319
Investment & Sundry Income		
<i>D04: Sundry Income</i>	92	2,552
<i>D07: HMRC Furlough Grant (CH)</i>	2,228	5,704
Total for Investment & Sundry Income	2,321	8,256

Pre-School Income

<i>C01: Fees Torbay DC (PS)</i>	80,791	53,713
<i>C02: Holiday Club (PS)</i>	9,345	6,875
<i>C03: Other Income (PS)</i>	106	280
<i>C04: Parents Payments (PS)</i>	21,837	12,442
<i>C06: HMRC Furlough Grant (PS)</i>	-	14,854
Total for Pre-School Income	112,080	88,166

Voluntary Income (General)

<i>F01: Collections</i>	-	2,213
<i>F02/3: Collections G/A</i>	5,272	1,189
<i>F07: Legacies</i>	15,344	26,566
<i>F08: Misc Donations</i>	4,083	4,367
<i>F09/10: Misc Donations G/A</i>	15,364	5,987
Total for Voluntary Income (General)	40,065	40,322

Voluntary Income (Planned)

<i>F21: Planned Giving</i>	400	1,055
<i>F22/23: Planned Giving G/A</i>	4,614	3,991
<i>F24: PGS Planned Giving</i>	5,471	5,720
<i>F25: PGS Planned Giving G/A</i>	109,557	117,666
Total for Voluntary Income (Planned)	120,044	128,433

Voluntary Income (Youth)

<i>F31: *Youth Work</i>	877	270
<i>F32/33: *Youth Work G/A</i>	3,259	1,500
<i>F34: *PGS Youth Work G/A</i>	12,201	4,113
Total for Voluntary Income (Youth)	16,339	5,883

Voluntary Income (Youth Bank)

<i>F56/57/58: *Youth Bank</i>	-	106
Total for Voluntary Income (Youth Bank)	-	106

Voluntary Income (Other Restricted)

<i>F47/48: *Children's Bibles</i>	217	-
Total for Voluntary Income (Other Restricted)	217	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	369,203	383,888

OUTGOING RESOURCES

Charity & Mission Giving

<i>G01: Charity & Mission Giving</i>	14,200	17,000
Total for Charity & Mission Giving	14,200	17,000

Church Administration

<i>J01: Bank Charges (CH)</i>	207	138
<i>J02: Printing, Post & Stationery (CH)</i>	5,711	3,491
<i>J03: Salaries & NI (CH)</i>	13,533	13,287
<i>J04: Sundry Expenses (CH)</i>	4,084	2,902
<i>J05: Telephone - Alarm line</i>	-	211
<i>J06: Book Keeping</i>	888	405
Total for Church Administration	24,425	20,435

Church Centre Costs

<i>P01: Consumables (CTR)</i>	1,949	2,302
<i>P02: Electricity (CTR)</i>	2,400	2,481
<i>P03: Fire & Intruder Alarms (CTR)</i>	774	925
<i>P04: Gas (CTR)</i>	1,622	2,072
<i>P05: Insurance (CTR)</i>	2,847	2,770
<i>P06: Maintenance & Repairs (CTR)</i>	3,608	3,255
<i>P07: Salaries & NI (CTR)</i>	20,367	21,407
<i>P08: Sundry Expenses (CTR)</i>	1,044	460
<i>P09: Telephone (CTR)</i>	609	365
<i>P10: Waste Services (CTR)</i>	3,144	2,342
<i>P11: Water (CTR)</i>	291	975
<i>P12: Window Cleaning (CTR)</i>	425	240
Total for Church Centre Costs	39,083	39,598

Church Maintenance

<i>K01: *A/V Equipment</i>	1,022	2,063
<i>K02: Insurance (CH)</i>	3,347	2,770
<i>K03: Electricity (CH)</i>	2,400	2,481
<i>K04: Fire & Intruder Alarms (CH)</i>	1,300	1,654
<i>K07: Gas (CH)</i>	3,410	3,730
<i>K08: Maintenance & Repairs (CH)</i>	3,715	1,084

<i>K09: Organ Tuning (CH)</i>	624	-
<i>K10: Piano Tuning</i>	49	-
Total for Church Maintenance	15,870	13,785
Church Re-ordering Project		
<i>S01: Project Costs</i>	(767)	60,042
<i>S02: Professional Fees</i>	(2500)	14,731
<i>S03: Sundry Expenses</i>	304	337
Total for Church Re-ordering	(2963)	75,110
Common Fund		
<i>G02: Common Fund</i>	100,512	99,266
Total for Common Fund	100,512	99,266
Governance Costs		
<i>G04: Governance (Independent Examiner)</i>	600	540
Total for Governance Costs	600	540
Ministry Costs		
<i>L01: *Advent Calendars</i>	194	-
<i>L02: *Children's Bibles</i>	211	-
<i>L03: Breakfastzone</i>	26	56
<i>L05: Clergy Expenses</i>	2,523	1,826
<i>L08: *Easter Eggs</i>	-	119
<i>L11: *Music</i>	-	67
<i>L12: Other Outreach</i>	2,701	902
<i>L14: Service Upkeep - Other</i>	289	177
<i>L15: Service Upkeep - Wafers & Wine</i>	123	260
<i>L18: Minibus</i>	1,268	905
<i>L19: Chat at St Matts</i>	-	7
<i>L22: Matts Cats</i>	-	560
Total for Ministry Costs	7,337	4,884
Pre-School Costs		
<i>R01: Consumables</i>	67	224
<i>R02: DBS Charges</i>	76	134
<i>R04: Equipment, Materials & Books</i>	4,677	1,153
<i>R05: Gifts (Children & Staff)</i>	132	195
<i>R06: Insurance</i>	590	507

<i>R07: Outings</i>	-	290
<i>R08: Printing, Postage & Stationery</i>	1,535	-
<i>R09: Rent (Pine Room)</i>	15,000	6,000
<i>R10: Salaries & NI</i>	73,609	62,487
<i>R11: Staff Reporting Systems (PS)</i>	-	153
<i>R12: Staff Training</i>	1,306	460
<i>R13: Sundry Expenses</i>	7,329	1,258
<i>R14: Telephone</i>	112	127
<i>R16: Bank Charges</i>	96	60
Total for Pre-School Costs	104,532	73,052
Solar Panel Loan		
<i>G05: Solar Panel Loan (Interest)</i>	146	271
<i>G06: Solar Panel Loan (Capital)</i>	3,206	3,081
Total for Solar Panel Loan	3,352	3,352
Youth Bank		
<i>M02: *Youth Bank</i>	336	327
Total for Youth Bank	336	327
Youth Work		
<i>M03: *Young Children Exp</i>	2,938	-
<i>M03: *Youth Work Exp</i>	(142)	713
<i>M05: *Youth Worker Fees</i>	-	-
Total for Youth Work	2,795	713
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	310,081	348,066

Operating Income & Expenditure Summary Jan to Dec 2021 (Church, Centre & Pre-School)

Excluding Legacy Income, Restricted & Designated Funds & Church Re-development

	2021	2020	2021v2020
Church Income:			
Church Activities	2,306	1,652	654
Other Income	191	2,552 -	2,361
HMRC Furlough Grant	2,228	5,704 -	3,476
Voluntary Income (overall)	144,765	142,190	2,575
General Giving	24,721	13,756	10,965
Planned Giving	120,044	128,434 -	8,390
Sub Total (Church)	149,490	152,098 -	2,608
Church Centre Income:			
Hirers	34,946	21,645	13,301
Other Income	1,675	218	1,457
HMRC Furlough Grant	5,347	6,945 -	1,598
Sub Total (Centre)	41,968	28,808	13,160
Pre-School Income:			
Council Fees	80,791	53,714	27,077
Parents Payments	31,182	19,318	11,865
Other income	106	-	106
HMRC Furlough Grant	-	14,855 -	14,855
Sub Total (Pre-School)	112,079	87,886	24,193
Total Income	303,537	268,792	34,745
Church Expenditure:			
Church Administration	24,425	20,225 -	4,201
Church Maintenance	14,847	11,932 -	2,915
Common Fund	100,512	99,266 -	1,246
Governance	600	540 -	60
Ministry	6,931	4,137 -	2,794
Other expenses (inc. loan)	3,353	3,353 -	0
Sub Total (Church)	150,668	139,453 -	11,215
Church Centre Expenditure:			
Salaries & NI	20,367	21,407	1,040
Maintenance	3,608	3,255 -	353
Other expenses	15,105	14,936 -	169
Sub Total (Centre)	39,080	39,598	518
Pre-School Expenditure:			
Salaries & NI	73,609	62,487 -	11,122
Other expenses	30,920	10,565 -	20,355
Sub Total (Pre-School)	104,529	73,052 -	31,477
Total Expense	294,278	252,104 -	42,174
Church (surplus / deficit)	- 1,177	12,645 -	13,822
Centre (surplus / deficit)	2,886 -	10,790	13,676
Pre-School (surplus / deficit)	7,548	14,834 -	7,286
Total surplus / deficit	9,257	16,688 -	7,431

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
of the parish of
ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY
for the year ended 31st December 2020

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Administrative Information

St Matthias Church is situated in Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ1 1HW, which is the correspondence address. The website address is www.st-matthias-church.org

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered number 1130983)

PCC members who have served from 1st Jan 2020 until the date of this report are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Rev'd John Beckett	<i>Curate:</i> Rev'd Stephen Yates	<i>(to Feb 2020)</i>
<i>Lay Vice Chair:</i>	Paul Stannard		
<i>Associate minister:</i>	Rev'd Paul Barton		
<i>Wardens:</i>	Sylvia Barratt Paul Stannard		
<i>Secretary:</i>	David Wilkinson		
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Tony Barratt		
<i>Readers:</i> <i>(ex-officio)</i> <i>also, Readers</i>	Ruth Beckett Lindsay Glazebrook Norma Gerry Alan Taylor		
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i> <i>(ex-officio)</i>	David Burch Sue Davies Giles Fearnley Andrew Stilliard David Wilkinson	<i>(to APCM 2020)</i> <i>(from APCM 2020)</i> <i>(Diocesan Synod Rep)</i>	
<i>Elected members:</i>	Tessa Barton Julie Bouskill Angela Boyd Norman Doidge Jill McDowall David Meek Jan Miles Phil Miles Michael Moore Sue Newman Jack Perry Alan Poole Nicola Reeve Marilyn Smee Hilary Stilliard Graeme Whitaker Elaine Wilson Suzy Wright	<i>(from APCM 2020)</i> <i>(to APCM 2020)</i> <i>(from APCM 2020)</i> <i>(to APCM 2020)</i> <i>(from APCM 2020)</i>	

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and having been on the roll for six months are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition to its regular meetings the PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee and a number of committees (known as 'Action Groups'), which meet as required, and report back to the PCC. These are:

Standing and Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. It also oversees the financial aspects of the work of St Matthias and the Church Centre. The committee comprised:

Rev'd John Beckett (Incumbent), Sylvia Barratt (Churchwarden),
Paul Stannard (Churchwarden and Vice Chair),
Tony Barratt (Treasurer), David Wilkinson (Secretary)

Action Groups:

Church Centre Management (oversees all aspects of the staffing and running of the Church Centre, including publicity and noticeboard publicity)

Chair: Pere Snow

Health and Safety (responsible for Health and Safety arrangements in the Church, Church Centre and Church grounds); this is the responsibility of the Churchwardens and PCC, advised by Pere Snow (Church Centre) and the Re-ordering and Maintenance Committee

Missions (seeks to expand the work of world mission in accordance with 1996 call of General Synod and makes recommendations for payment of the Church's missionary tithe)

Chair: Joanna Wilkinson

Re-ordering and Maintenance (responsible for the oversight of the Wellspring (Re-ordering) Project and the maintenance of Church, Church Centre and grounds)

Chair: Paul Stannard

Social Core Group (arranges events to encourage social contact) *See Ruth Beckett for details.*

Pre-School Management (responsible for the running of St Matthias Pre-School and Childcare Centre)

Chair: Sylvia Barratt

Youth Worker Management (responsible for management of Youth Worker at St Matthias, then, following Victoria's departure, became 'SCYP' Group – overseeing the SCYP work)

Chair: Tessa Barton

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has operational and maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

At the time of the last Annual Meeting, in November 2020, there were 207 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. This year the electoral roll has been open for revision from 11th April 2021. Revised numbers will be reported at the Annual Meeting.

From March 2020, the church was closed for all services due to the national lockdown and as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Initially, worship was only online, with services pre-recorded and made available through YouTube. Until the first national lockdown the average weekly attendance was 146 adults and 21 children. Since then the majority of worship has been online.

Review of the Year

Last year's Annual Report concentrated mainly on the work of the previous year, 2019, but was completed in April 2020; this was just before the planned APCM date in May 2020. In April I wrote *'Following a degree of disturbance when we relocated to the Peter Larkin Hall, on our return to the church we had been looking forward to a period of stability. Sadly, the circumstances of the past two months have come as an enormous shock to us all. Over a period of just three weeks we have transitioned from relatively 'normal' services, with some precautions to be followed, to a complete closure of all places of worship, even for private prayer. The Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England have called on the Church to "continue to pray, to love and to care for the vulnerable"'*.

From March 2020, the church was closed for all services due to the national lockdown and as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. With the church closed for public worship we quickly moved to online worship. Coffee at 10.30 continued, but now on something new, called Zoom. From April, at least one service was recorded each week by the clergy, and uploaded to our new YouTube channel, and Godly Play bible stories or another suitable resource followed from Lena, for children and families (though valuable for all of us). Recordings were made in homes, gardens and other outdoor locations. Church members of all ages have contributed to our services, recording and uploading activities, readings and prayers. Once it was possible to return to church – still without a congregation – the clergy were able to record services in church. From July the church was open again for private prayer and a short 11 am service, with facemasks and plastic screens, social distancing and sanitising, but without singing or communion. Online services continued and we quickly invested in the technology to record and subsequently live stream an 11 am service. Our 'congregation' could then watch live or at a later time of their choosing. November saw a second lockdown.

Most of us have come to terms with using new technology and now (from Easter Day) we are finally able to worship again in church. We can now offer 'hybrid' worship, reaching our in-person and at-home worshipping community, and recently we have incorporated singing outside on the piazza at the start and end of livestreamed services and have just trialled live Zone services.

We were sad that we could not worship together in church during Lent and Easter (2020); nor were there any of the special services for the children and parents of our local schools. Wedding and funeral services, when allowed, were limited to very small numbers, but we were able to remember those who had passed away at a special All Souls Service in November. Fortnightly prayer meetings have continued, socially distanced in church, when allowed – otherwise on Zoom. The same technology allowed some home groups and other church activities to continue, and regular contact was maintained with those who were unable to access online services. With the gradual easing of lockdown, life at St Matthias is starting to return to normal, albeit a new normal.

In 2020 the PCC held 11 meetings during the year, of which 9 were by Zoom. The average attendance at PCC meetings was 82%.

Safeguarding: Sue Davies continued in the role of Safeguarding Officer. The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016. Information regarding Safeguarding can be found on the first page of our website. We are also required to delegate to the diocese the responsibility of reporting serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, in accordance with the House of Bishops' Guidance. Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas.

In a separate document there is a report of the activities of various groups in the church. Items brought to the attention of and considered by the PCC have included:

- decisions necessary for the final completion of the **Wellspring project**
- decision to appoint a full-time **SCYP worker** – Schools, Children Young People and Families
- support for Through Faith Missions training in preparation for **Mission Torbay** in Sept 2021
- visit of **Bishop Jackie** for a confirmation service
- preparing for **Yates'** family departure with a farewell lunch
- **Lent courses**
- news of **Mission Shed**
- decision to seek a new **Curate** – Pete Norris, with Rachel and Evie, join us in Summer 2021
- received news of the **Torbay Bid** to include the establishment of a new church in the Bay; initially unsuccessful but finally agreed on 1st May 2021
- news of **Bishops in Mission**, sadly cancelled
- agreement to continue to pay **Mission Tithe** 10% of our voluntary income
- establishment of a **Pastoral Care Network** following the first lockdown
- we were asked to consider how we were coping and how do we 'feel' as a church in lockdown
- school assembly stories continued for primary schools
- IT support was offered for 'strugglers'
- **Thy Kingdom Come** – we were asked to pray the Lord's Prayer daily at 1 pm and to pray for 5 individuals
- the provision of **Pentecost packs** with materials for children
- learned that **Brunel Manor** was closing and going into administration
- learned of the closure of the Church Army **Centre of Mission** in Ellacombe
- consideration of a survey to decide how and when the church opened for private prayer
- and how and when we should open the church for services, including booking a place!
- agreed a resolution to authorise dispensing with the reading of Morning and Evening Prayer as required by Canon B 11 and the celebration of the Holy Communion as required by Canon B 14
- considered a document from the Diocese of Oxford – **Emerging from Coronavirus**
- valued **Preschool**, which was running as close to normal as possible
- welcomed **Lena** in her voluntary role as she sought to reboot and grow children's work
- agreed to pay our **Common Fund** in full
- considered **ideas post lockdown**
- learned of the start of a further 'Zone' Service, provisionally called '**O Zone**', on the 2nd Sunday
- valued all of the **Messy Church** activities, Advent packs and engagement with families, who in turn have a real appetite to engage with Church; agreed that this year's Christingle Service would be virtual, with 700 packs delivered to all Primary and Preschool children
- welcomed **Rose Wills**, a Reader in training, here on placement from All Saints, Babbacombe
- congratulated **Ruth Beckett** as she embarked on ordination training

- learned of the retirement of Roger Carlton as **Rural Dean**, and his replacement by Nathan Kiyaga, with Peter March and Stephen Yates as Assistant Rural Deans.
- In 2021 **reviewed the Service pattern** in view of the new lockdown and received a review of Risk Assessments for worship in church, informed by advice from the C of E, Government and Tessa Barton, in light of the new and more contagious variant. The PCC were unanimous in agreeing to close the church for public worship for the foreseeable future and would review that decision if there was a change in the national guidance.
- learned of a programme of services for **Easter 2021** to include outside singing on Good Friday and Easter Day and a return to worshipping in church from Easter
- considered how best to publish **PCC agendas and minutes**

So many good things are happening here at St Matthias. I would encourage you to read the Reports from Groups. **Please pray for our groups and their leaders.** If you feel encouraged to support them do please speak to the named people. The PCC would again like to thank Chairs and members of all Committees (see list on page 4 of this report) that meet – this year virtually – to help it carry out its many responsibilities in the numerous and varied aspects of the life of St Matthias. The help and support they provide is greatly appreciated. We continue to be indebted to them all for the commitment and dedication they show **and to all those who give unstintingly of their time and their talents.** Thank you.

The PCC would like to record its appreciation of the leadership of our Rector, John Beckett, ably supported by Paul Barton, retired clergy, our Readers, our Churchwardens Sylvia and Paul, Pere and all who work in St Matthias – paid staff and volunteer alike. Stephen, Victoria and their children left us for pastures new in Brixham in 2020 and we look forward to welcoming Pete Norris and his family in the summer.

The second half of this booklet reports on financial matters over the past year. We are hugely grateful for the exemplary work carried out by our treasurer, Tony Barratt.

David Wilkinson

PCC Secretary

May 2021

Churchwardens' Report to the APCM 2021

Since the last APCM we are pleased to be able to report the successful completion of Wellspring. We were very encouraged at the overwhelming response to the request for a final effort on funding. Already the changes have demonstrated their worth, from the ease with which the seating arrangements can be changed to cope with the varying demands of lockdowns, to the highly successful use of the Piazza for carol singing and Easter services. The variety of settings for the You Tube services has been a revelation as to the ways the space can be used. Having said that, we are sure that everyone is looking forward to the time when we can use the changes brought about by Wellspring as intended.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding during this very difficult and worrying time. The churchwardens have made minor changes to the Health and Safety policy and have ensured that changes advised in the last Fire Risk Review have been implemented and that fire precautions are functional.

Sylvia and Paul

Report of the Meetings of Deanery Synod

Your lay representatives are Sue Davies, Giles Fearnley, Andrew Stilliard (who also serves on Diocesan Synod) and David Wilkinson. Members of our parish clergy also attend. Since the last Annual Report there have been two meetings of Synod, all held by Zoom. At the end of the year we said farewell to Rev'd Prebendary Roger Carlton as Rural Dean. Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga, Chaplain at St Cuthbert Mayne School, was appointed to the position of Rural (Area) Dean, ably supported by Fr. Peter March and Rev'd Stephen Yates as Assistants. In 2020 there were 2 meetings of Torbay Deanery Synod. The main items of business, besides finance and

progress with Common Fund payments by the parishes, were:

- **Report on the Torbay Bid:** The Rural Dean explained that the submission had been unsuccessful but that we had been invited to reapply in the autumn.
- **Deanery Mission Plan:** A small working group drafted a Torbay Deanery Plan. Ideas so far included the creation of a **Deanery Spirituality Network, supporting and encouraging the work undertaken by Rev Nathan Kiyaga, Chaplain at St Cuthbert Mayne School** and developing the **Anna Chaplaincy - Gift of Years**.
- **Feasting for Fun** provided cooked meals, during school holidays. Some parishes combined meals with Messy Church; others provide a cooked breakfast. All focussed on the community and social aspect of the events.
- **101 & Isolation** has grown out of a request from the Police in Plymouth, who receive a large number of calls from the same people, many of whom are lonely and isolated. ROC Care Plymouth has found volunteers who phone people to check on how they are, and perhaps invite them to something – a missional approach.
- In Torbay the **ToWNS** Project pulled people together from many different churches. Deanery Synod continued with support for **Dementia** and **Domestic Abuse Awareness**
- **Financial Report:** The treasurer reported that in 2019 £624k out of £627k Common Fund had been paid by the parishes in our deanery – 99.6% and a record. The Rural Dean asked us to take thanks back to the churches. He was excited by the sense of Mission and Growth expressed by the parishes in the deanery.
- **Grass Roots** was a series of resources made by the Diocese of Exeter for the people of Devon. It is a collection of ideas and activities written to encourage us to think about how we might follow Jesus. It highlights how the life lessons Jesus taught to his disciples 2000 years ago are as relevant as ever to us in Devon today. <https://exeter.anglican.org/ministry/grass-roots/>
- **South West Awake:** A chain of prayer & praise around the South West was to bring together Christians of all traditions on one of the 630 miles of the South West Coast Path to pray Thy Kingdom Come.
- At the November meeting, the Archdeacon of Totnes, the Venerable Douglas Dettmer spoke of what we hoped to do in Torbay: “We have 24 churches, 14 full-time clergy and many more self-supporting ministers, chaplains and those with PTO, who give their time voluntarily, along with a dedicated number of Deacons and Readers and teams of Lay people who are committed to the ministry of mission. Covid 19 and the subsequent lockdown have given opportunities for increasing fruitfulness in terms of service in Torbay, for example with foodbanks and food larders and engagement with civil authorities in Torbay. A large proportion of the population is elderly but we are generally less effective at incorporating younger age groups in worship.

In 2018 the average number in our churches was 1234 adults and 100 children, out of a population of 133-135k (c.1% of the population). We could be doing a great deal more to reach the unchurched, hence our application for Strategic Development Funding. We had applied last year and although we were unsuccessful, we had been invited to develop our submission and reapply, bidding against other dioceses.” The Archdeacon went on to share bullet points from the SDF application, intentionally focussed on the younger end of the age range but recognising that a huge part of our mission is to support the middle-aged and elderly. The model that was being developed was for a Resource Church, involving a church plant from St Matthias in Plymouth, which itself has grown from 40 – 600. **Bay Church** would be located in St Andrew’s Church, Paignton – no longer used for regular worship.

- At both meetings there was lots of **Good News** from parishes across the Bay.
- In February 2021 Rev’d Nathan Kiyaga, Chaplain at St Cuthbert Mayne School and our new Rural Dean, challenged us with a paper: **A way of serving together** “Roots down, walls down, bridges out”.

David Wilkinson
Deanery Synod Representative

Financial Review

After a year like no other, it is not surprising to report that, along with all the other aspects of our church, professional and personal lives that have been affected by the Covid pandemic, our finances have also been affected, although not as drastically as some churches, for reasons that I will explain in this review.

First of all, the Balance Sheet (*Page F1 of the Accounts package*) looks somewhat different from last year, in particular the unrestricted general fund balance (**£43,582**) is shown, for the first time in many years, as being below the amount that we normally allocate to Reserves (see '*Reserves Policy*' immediately following this report). Although the impact of the pandemic is a factor in this, the other main reason is the pending completion of the Wellspring Project and the accruals allocated to the payment of final bills due in 2021. The '*Creditors*' figure shown (**£48,832**) includes the **£35k** estimated figure for the total amount outstanding. So, although we ended the year with a cash balance of **£90,340**, this liability reduced the unrestricted fund balance available for spending to the figure shown. During the year we also paid back the **£50k** interest free loan from the Diocese and the **£100k** interest free personal loan from one of our members that had been given on a temporary basis, for which we were very grateful (shown as a liability in last year's accounts), to help with our cash flow until we received the recovered VAT for Wellspring from HMRC and also an expected legacy.

(N.B. There is a fuller explanation on Page F12 of the overall shortfall in funding for Wellspring in terms of the donations that have been specifically given for the project vs. the cost and the PCC decisions that have been made regarding that, culminating in a conscious decision to 'borrow', on a temporary basis, the final (approx.) £25k outstanding from our Reserves, in preference to taking out a loan to cover that amount. A decision was then subsequently made to launch a final appeal for money that would, effectively, replenish our Reserves. Page F12 also shows a summary of the major sources of funding for Wellspring and Page F13 shows a more detailed year on year overview of the categorised income and expenditure.)

Page F2, the Statement of Financial Activities, shows the overall income and expenditure for the year and subsequent sheets in the pack break this down into considerably more detail, pages F5 to F10 showing a breakdown against all the booking categories that we use. As in previous years the '*Operational Income and Expenditure Summary*' (page F11), which excludes exceptional items such as legacy income, restricted and designated funds and Wellspring, shows a much more informative picture of the day-to-day financing of activities in our three main areas of operation so the remainder of this review will focus on those figures and the explanations behind them.

The first point to note is that, despite the challenges of 2020, remarkably and thankfully, we still ended up with an operational surplus of income against expenditure of **£16,688**, just over half of the surplus recorded in 2019. Some of the major factors that contributed to this were:

- (a) Because the major portion of our voluntary income now comes from people using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), most of this continued to come in, although there was a reduction in the total figure compared to 2019. Therefore, unlike other churches who rely much more on Sunday offerings, although these were also reduced for us due to the cancellation of services, the proportionate effect was not very large.
- (b) We were able to benefit from the Government Furlough Grant Scheme during the times that the Pre-School and Church Centre had to be closed due to the Covid restrictions (the total grant money received across all three areas was **£27,504**). That meant we were able to continue paying all our staff during those periods and subsequently on a part time basis for those that were not able to fully resume work.
- (c) Although our income was reduced in all three areas of operation, expenditure was also substantially lower due to the lack of activities and other factors, mitigating to an extent the effects of the income reduction.

Some of the highlights of the figures in the three areas are as follows:

- (i) **Church**
The overall voluntary income was **£142k**, which was **£29.3k** lower than in 2019, a **17%** reduction. Out of this total, the planned giving, largely via the PGS, was down by **12%**, the

remaining shortfall being due to the lack of general giving normally received on the offering plate at Sunday services (down by almost **50%**). This demonstrated some of the major benefits of the PGS and affirmed how fortunate we are that so many of our regular worshippers have now changed over to that scheme.

In terms of expenditure, we continued to pay our Common Fund contribution in full (a **£5k** increase on the 2019 figure, which was expected). Other costs were reduced by some **£13k** due to the lack of normal church activities for most of the year. The result of all these differences was a surplus of **£12.6k** which, although **£17k** less than last year, we were very grateful for.

(ii) **Church Centre**

The main impact of the lockdowns and limitations imposed during the times in between when we were allowed to open for hirers was that, over the year, the revenue we normally receive from individuals and groups using our facilities was reduced by almost **50%** to a figure of **£19k**. Despite some savings in other expenses, amounting to almost **£4k**, and the offset due to the Furlough payments, the result was a deficit of **£10.8k** in this area.

(iii) **Pre-School**

Pre-School income, comprising Early Years funding from our local Council and payments from parents for additional sessions, was down substantially (by **£35k** compared to 2019) due to a reduction in the number of children on our register and also due to our lack of ability to operate normally for some of the time due to Covid restrictions. On the other hand, our salary bill was considerably less due to a planned reduction in manpower and other expenses were reduced in line with the reduced activity level, leading to a surplus of **£14.8k**.

Finally I would like to thank all those members of the team who normally help out with different aspects of our finances throughout the year (book keeping, banking, gift aid etc.). Although the level of activity in some areas (e.g. banking, book keeping) has been substantially reduced since the start of the first lockdown in March, I sincerely hope, as we look forward to a gradual return to a more normal church life, that those people will be willing to offer their support once more.

I would also like to thank all our church members for their generous financial support during the year that has led to us not being as severely impacted by the pandemic as many churches, charitable and commercial organisations have been. As I earlier referred to the major part that giving via the PGS has played in us ending up in that situation, I would like to urge those who do not give regularly or who were previously giving via the offering plate, to consider whether you could make a regular commitment by signing up to the PGS scheme (details available on our web site).

Tony Barratt

Hon Treasurer

Reserves Policy

It is a requirement of the Charity Commission that all registered charities should have a Reserves Policy, designed to cater for the ongoing viability of the organisation in the event of unplanned/unexpected circumstances arising.

Our policy is now based on retaining approximately 3 months' normal expenditure as unrestricted funds in our accounts, made up from items considered to be essential in the event of unexpected circumstances preventing us from running one or more of the three separate entities that comprise the St Matthias Church registered charity. The amount that has been calculated for this purpose, including an appropriate amount for contingency purposes, is **£70k-75k**.

Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 2 to 9 in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and the examiner

The Parochial Church Council members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

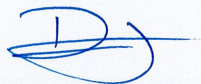
In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect of the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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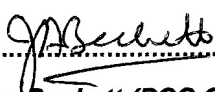
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St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

Balance sheet
As at: 31 December 2020

	As at 31/12/20	As at 31/12/19
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	4,587	7,939
	4,587	7,939
Current assets		
Debtors	6,606	8,516
Cash at bank and in hand	90,340	170,149
	96,947	178,665
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	48,832	166,247
Net current assets less current liabilities	48,115	12,417
Total assets less current liabilities	52,973	20,357
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	1,651	4,857
Total net assets less liabilities	51,321	15,499
Represented by:		
Unrestricted - General fund	43,582	103,084
Total Unrestricted	43,582	103,084
Designated - CASHFLOW	-	(90,904)
Designated - Church Re-Ordering (DES)	-	-
Designated - Matts Cats	461	851
Designated - 'Older People' Ministry	-	-
Designated - Social Core	497	497
Total Designated	958	(89,556)
Restricted - Church Re-Ordering (RES)	-	-
Restricted - Flowers	278	278
Restricted - Music	207	275
Restricted - Youth Bank	220	457
Restricted - Youth Work	6,073	959
Total Restricted	6,778	1,969
Funds of the Church	51,321	15,499

Approved by the PCC on 8 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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Rev'd John Beckett (PCC Chair)


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Tony Barratt (Treasurer)

St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	171,148	-	5,917	177,065	309,830
Charitable activities	96,619	376	-	96,995	156,700
Investments	-	-	-	-	471
Other income	43,001	-	66,825	109,826	153,853
Total income	310,768	376	72,743	383,888	620,855
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Charitable activities	249,799	17,689	1,107	268,597	345,843
Other expenditure	40,317	16,061	23,089	79,468	646,747
Total expenditure	290,117	33,751	24,197	348,066	992,590
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	20,650	(33,374)	48,546	35,822	(371,735)
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	8,758	152,453	17,447	178,659	59,007
Gross transfers between funds - out	(88,911)	(28,564)	(61,184)	(178,659)	(59,007)
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(59,502)	90,514	4,809	35,822	(371,735)
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	103,084	(89,556)	1,971	15,499	387,234
Total funds carried forward	43,582	958	6,781	51,321	15,499
<i>Represented by:</i>					
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General fund	43,582	-	-	43,582	103,084
<i>Designated</i>					
CASHFLOW	-	-	-	-	(90,904)
Church Re-ordering (DES)	-	-	-	-	-
Matts Cats	-	461	-	461	851
'Older People' Ministry	-	-	-	-	-
Social Core	-	497	-	497	497
<i>Restricted</i>					
Church Re-ordering (RES)	-	-	-	-	-
Flowers	-	-	278	278	278
Music	-	-	207	207	275
Youth Bank	-	-	220	220	457
Youth Work	-	-	6,073	6,073	959

ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK and HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY

Notes to the Accounts 2020

1. Basis of Financial Statements

These financial statements have been prepared under the *Church Accounting Regulations 2006* in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current *Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRRSE) 2015*. They have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

2. Accounting policies

(a) Fund Accounting

(i) *Restricted Funds* comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.

(ii) *Unrestricted Funds* are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

(iii) *Designated Funds* are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

(b) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

(c) Resources Expended

The Diocesan Parish Share (Common Fund) expected to be paid over is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

(d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with *Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011*.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

St. Matthias Church Centre was built in 1985/86 at a cost of £198,629 and the extension to it was subsequently built at a cost of £146,355. During 2010 an extension to the Pine Room was constructed at a cost of £98,266. All these amounts have been written off as expended and consequently no depreciation is required. Expenditure on Church Centre furniture and equipment is written off as incurred. The cost of PV Solar Panels, purchased with the help of a loan from the diocese is being written off during the period of the related loan at the same rate as the capital paid off.

3. Contingent Liabilities

In the event that either the premises are sold or the Pre-School ceases to operate for reasons within the PCC's control, a portion of the grant from Torbay Council received in 2010 (£83,156) may have to be repaid.

4. Payments to PCC members

No member of the PCC received any salary or expenses in connection with their role on the PCC.

5. Staff Salaries / Payments

3 (4) staff were employed by the Church/Church Centre, gross salaries paid out during the year being **£34,694** (£34,199). 6 (5) staff were employed by the Pre-School, gross salaries paid out during the year being **£62,487** (£88,771).

Pension contributions on behalf of 3 (3) eligible employees were paid to the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) in line with current UK Pension legislation (included in salary figures above).

(N.B. Figures in brackets refer to 2019)

6. 'Gifts in Kind' / Payments from Friends of St Matthias

During the year the Friends of St Matthias, a charity set up for the sole purpose of supporting the church via the funding of various works, contributed the following:

Additional Audio/Visual equipment	£1,203
Fire Alarm system upgrade	£1,116
Total value of contributions:	£2,319

7. Loans Repaid

The two interest free loans reported in the 2019 Accounts (£50,000 from Exeter Diocese and £100,000 from a church member) were paid back in full during the year after being used to help with our cash flow for the Wellspring Project.

8. Income and Expenditure – Details

Pages F5 to F10 show a categorised breakdown of all income and expenditure with comparative figures for 2019.

Page F11 shows a 1 page summary of the day to day 'operational' income and expenditure in our 3 main areas of operation i.e. Church, Church Centre and Pre-School. This excludes Legacy Income, Restricted and Designated Funds and the Church Re-development Project and therefore shows a much more realistic picture of our financial performance in those 3 areas.

Pages F12 and F13 show summaries of the complete Wellspring project as referred to in the Financial Review.

ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY**Income and Expenditure - Details by Category****For the period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020**

	2020	2019
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Church Activities Income		
<i>A01: Breakfastzone</i>	16	33
<i>A02: Chat at St Matts</i>	26	54
<i>A03: Fees Receivable</i>	1,384	2,173
<i>A05: Home Groups</i>	20	268
<i>A06: Magazine Income</i>	-	99
<i>A09: Special Events</i>	-	12
<i>A10: Minibus Donations</i>	204	1,102
<i>A11: Matts Cats</i>	170	510
Total for Church Activities Income	1,821	4,253
Church Centre Income		
<i>B01: Hirers</i>	21,644	40,592
<i>B02: Pre-School Printing</i>	-	1,000
<i>B03: Private Photocopying</i>	42	109
<i>B04: Sundry</i>	11	63
<i>B05: Tea & Coffee</i>	164	876
<i>B06: HMRC Furlough Grant (CTR)</i>	6,945	-
Total for Church Centre Income	28,807	42,640
Church Re-ordering Project		
<i>S04: Pledges & Donations</i>	58,362	90,396
<i>S05/06: Pledges & Donations G/A</i>	21,407	61,833
Total for Church Re-ordering Project	79,770	152,230
Friends of St Matthias		
<i>E01: Agreed Funding</i>	2,319	129,504
Total for Friends of St Matthias	2,319	129,504

Investment & Sundry Income

<i>D03: Other Interest</i>	-	471
<i>D04: Sundry Income</i>	2,552	516
<i>D07: HMRC Furlough Grant (CH)</i>	5,704	516
Total for Investment & Sundry Income	8,256	988

Pre-School Income

<i>C01: Fees Torbay DC (PS)</i>	53,713	83,463
<i>C02: Holiday Club (PS)</i>	6,875	8,649
<i>C03: Other Income (PS)</i>	280	685
<i>C04: Parents Payments (PS)</i>	12,442	15,860
<i>C05: Play area extension (PS)</i>	-	1,148
<i>C06: HMRC Furlough Grant (PS)</i>	14,854	-
Total for Pre-School Income	88,166	109,806

Solar Panel FIT

<i>D06: Solar Panel FIT</i>	-	1,106
Total for Solar Panel FIT	-	1,106

Voluntary Income (General)

<i>F01: Collections</i>	2,213	4,816
<i>F02/3: Collections G/A</i>	1,189	10,000
<i>F07: Legacies</i>	26,566	5,500
<i>F08: Misc Donations</i>	4,367	2,044
<i>F09/10: Misc Donations G/A</i>	5,987	8,868
Total for Voluntary Income (General)	40,322	31,229

Voluntary Income (Planned)

<i>F21: Planned Giving</i>	1,055	560
<i>F22/23: Planned Giving G/A</i>	3,991	5,238
<i>F24: PGS Planned Giving</i>	5,720	10,861
<i>F25: PGS Planned Giving G/A</i>	117,666	129,268
Total for Voluntary Income (Planned)	128,433	145,927

Voluntary Income (Youth)

<i>F31: *Youth Work</i>	270	351
<i>F32/33: *Youth Work G/A</i>	1,500	625
<i>F34: *PGS Youth Work G/A</i>	4,113	1,875
Total for Voluntary Income (Youth)	5,883	2,851

Voluntary Income (Youth Bank)

<i>F56/57/58: *Youth Bank</i>	106	227
Total for Voluntary Income (Youth Bank)	106	227
Voluntary Income (Other Restricted)		
<i>F53/54/55: *Flowers</i>	5	90
Total for Voluntary Income (Other Restricted)	5	90
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	383,888	620,855

OUTGOING RESOURCES**Charity & Mission Giving**

<i>G01: Charity & Mission Giving</i>	17,000	15,750
Total for Charity & Mission Giving	17,000	15,750

Church Administration

<i>J01: Bank Charges (CH)</i>	138	138
<i>J02: Printing, Post & Stationery (CH)</i>	3,491	4,997
<i>J03: Salaries & NI (CH)</i>	13,287	13,123
<i>J04: Sundry Expenses (CH)</i>	2,902	3,543
<i>J05: Telephone - Alarm line</i>	211	93
<i>J06: Book Keeping</i>	405	1,666
Total for Church Administration	20,435	23,562

Church Centre Costs

<i>P01: Consumables (CTR)</i>	2,302	3,740
<i>P02: Electricity (CTR)</i>	2,481	2,136
<i>P03: Fire & Intruder Alarms (CTR)</i>	925	1,020
<i>P04: Gas (CTR)</i>	2,072	2,540
<i>P05: Insurance (CTR)</i>	2,770	2,716
<i>P06: Maintenance & Repairs (CTR)</i>	3,255	20,114
<i>P07: Salaries & NI (CTR)</i>	21,407	21,076
<i>P08: Sundry Expenses (CTR)</i>	460	486
<i>P09: Telephone (CTR)</i>	365	479
<i>P10: Waste Services (CTR)</i>	2,342	2,757
<i>P11: Water (CTR)</i>	975	1,250
<i>P12: Window Cleaning (CTR)</i>	240	404
Total for Church Centre Costs	39,598	58,723

Church Maintenance

<i>K01: *AV Equipment</i>	2,063	142
<i>K02: Insurance (CH)</i>	2,770	3,147
<i>K03: Electricity (CH)</i>	2,481	2,513
<i>K04: Fire & Intruder Alarms (CH)</i>	1,654	1,033
<i>K05: *Flowers</i>	-	112
<i>K06: Garden - General Maintenance (CH)</i>	-	332
<i>K07: Gas (CH)</i>	3,730	4,125
<i>K08: Maintenance & Repairs (CH)</i>	1,084	1,348
<i>K10: Piano Tuning</i>	-	94
Total for Church Maintenance	13,785	12,850

Church Re-ordering Project

<i>S01: Project Costs</i>	60,042	584,495
<i>S02: Professional Fees</i>	14,731	49,037
<i>S03: Sundry Expenses</i>	337	5,061
Total for Church Re-ordering	75,110	638,594

Common Fund

<i>G02: Common Fund</i>	99,266	94,076
Total for Common Fund	99,266	94,076

Governance Costs

<i>G04: Governance (Independent Examiner)</i>	540	480
Total for Governance Costs	540	480

Ministry Costs

<i>L01: *Advent Calendars</i>	-	92
<i>L02: *Children's Bibles</i>	-	21
<i>L03: Breakfastzone</i>	56	196
<i>L05: Clergy Expenses</i>	1,826	3,753
<i>L08: *Easter Eggs</i>	119	-
<i>L09: Homegroups</i>	-	178
<i>L10: Messy Church</i>	-	12
<i>L11: *Music</i>	67	82
<i>L12: Other Outreach</i>	902	3,500
<i>L14: Service Upkeep - Other</i>	177	312
<i>L15: Service Upkeep - Wafers & Wine</i>	260	453

<i>L18: Minibus</i>	905	2,450
<i>L19: Chat at St Matts</i>	7	81
<i>L20: Special Events</i>	-	2,593
<i>L22: Matts Cats</i>	560	-
Total for Ministry Costs	4,884	13,730
Pre-School Costs		
<i>R01: Consumables</i>	224	351
<i>R02: DBS Charges</i>	134	89
<i>R04: Equipment, Materials & Books</i>	1,153	5,781
<i>R05: Gifts (Children & Staff)</i>	195	226
<i>R06: Insurance</i>	507	507
<i>R07: Outings</i>	290	292
<i>R15: Play area extension</i>	-	13,173
<i>R08: Printing, Postage & Stationery</i>	-	1,011
<i>R09: Rent (Pine Room)</i>	6,000	10,000
<i>R10: Salaries & NI</i>	62,487	88,771
<i>R11: Staff Reporting Systems (PS)</i>	153	-
<i>R12: Staff Training</i>	460	570
<i>R13: Sundry Expenses</i>	1,258	131
<i>R14: Telephone</i>	127	127
<i>R16: Bank Charges</i>	60	60
Total for Pre-School Costs	73,052	121,094
Solar Panel Loan		
<i>G05: Solar Panel Loan (Interest)</i>	271	391
<i>G06: Solar Panel Loan (Capital)</i>	3,081	2,960
Total for Solar Panel Loan	3,352	3,352
Youth Bank		
<i>M02: *Youth Bank</i>	327	300
Total for Youth Bank	327	300
Youth Work		
<i>M03: *Youth Work Exp</i>	713	980
<i>M05: *Youth Worker Fees</i>	-	9,095
Total for Youth Work	713	10,076
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	348,066	992,590

Operating Income & Expenditure Summary Jan to Dec 2020

(Church, Centre & Pre-School)

Excluding Legacy Income, Restricted & Designated Funds & Church Re-development

	2020	2019	2020v2019
Church Income:			
Church Activities	1,652	3,743 -	2,091
Other Income	2,552	2,094	458
HMRC Furlough Grant	5,704	-	5,704
Voluntary Income (overall)	142,190	171,581 -	29,391
<i>General Giving</i>	<i>13,756</i>	<i>25,653 -</i>	<i>11,897</i>
<i>Planned Giving</i>	<i>128,434</i>	<i>145,928 -</i>	<i>17,494</i>
Sub Total (Church)	152,098	177,418 -	25,320
Church Centre Income:			
Hirers	21,645	40,592 -	18,947
Other Income	218	2,048 -	1,830
HMRC Furlough Grant	6,945	-	6,945
Sub Total (Centre)	28,808	42,640 -	13,832
Pre-School Income:			
Council Fees	53,714	83,464 -	29,750
Parents Payments	19,318	24,509 -	5,191
Other income	-	685 -	685
HMRC Furlough Grant	14,855	-	14,855
Sub Total (Pre-School)	87,886	108,658 -	20,772
Total Income	268,792	328,716 -	59,924
Church Expenditure:			
Church Administration	20,225	23,485	3,260
Church Maintenance	11,932	12,595	663
Common Fund	99,266	94,076 -	5,190
Governance	540	480 -	60
Ministry	4,137	13,626	9,489
Other expenses (inc. loan interest)	3,353	3,353	0
Sub Total (Church)	139,453	147,615	8,162
Church Centre Expenditure:			
Salaries & NI	21,407	21,077 -	330
Maintenance	3,255	4,984	1,729
Other expenses	14,936	17,532	2,596
Sub Total (Centre)	39,598	43,592	3,994
Pre-School Expenditure:			
Salaries & NI	62,487	88,771	26,284
Other expenses	10,565	19,150	8,585
Sub Total (Pre-School)	73,052	107,921	34,869
Total Expense	252,104	299,128	47,024
Church (surplus / deficit)	12,645	29,803 -	17,158
Centre (surplus / deficit)	- 10,790 -	952 -	9,838
Pre-School (surplus / deficit)	14,834	737	14,097
Total surplus / deficit	16,688	29,588 -	12,900

Wellspring Project – Financial Overview at 31 December 2020 with projected completion figures for 2021

TOTAL INCOME (from 2014 to 2020):	£000's (rounded)
Legacies	£171k
Grants from charitable bodies	£75k
Friends of St Matthias contributions <i>(including Audio/Visual system replacement in 2016/2017)</i>	£170k
VAT Recovery	£70k
Individual and other contributions <i>(including PCC transfers from surpluses in unrestricted funds, sales of pews and other items etc.)</i>	£248k
Gift Aid recovered on donations	£48k
TOTAL:	£782k

TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURE (to end of 2020):	£808k
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SHORTFALL BETWEEN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: (to end of 2020)	£26k
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(N.B. this shortfall has been covered by using some of the surpluses in unrestricted funds from 2019 and 2020 as agreed by the PCC on 30 Nov)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF COMPLETED PROJECT:	£843k
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(including Contractor retention fee but excluding new communion table)

FORECAST EXPENDITURE TO COMPLETION IN 2021:	£35K
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(N.B. this additional shortfall will initially be funded from the remainder of the surplus from 2020 (£10k) and by utilising a portion of our reserves to make up the rest, as agreed by the PCC on 30 Nov, which amounts to £25k.

*****This is the £25k we are asking for in the 2021 Appeal*****
It leaves approx. £45k in Unrestricted Funds, which is effectively our reserves going into 2021).

In summary, the overall shortfall between income and expenditure for the whole project is **£61k** (made up of **£26k** actual to end of 2020 and **£35k** forecast to project completion in 2021).

Tony Barratt, January 2021
Treasurer

Wellspring Project - Financial Overview 2014 - ye2020 / fc2021

Year	S01 Proj Costs	S02 Prof Fees	S03 Sundry	Expense (Total)	S04 Non G/A	S05 G/A	S06 G/A Rec'd	Income (Total)	Transfers In (Des Funds)	Income (Overall)
2014/2015		7,516		7,516					27,148	27,148
2016		14,549	292	14,841					22,800	22,800
2017		15,749	6,460	22,209	8,621	68,718	17,169	94,508	106,673	201,181
2018	3,465	25,302	448	29,215	16,948	50,560	12,612	80,120		80,120
2019	584,495	49,037	5,061	638,593	90,396	49,473	12,360	152,229	23,618	175,847
FRIENDS FUNDS					114,374			114,374		
2020	27,542	12,231	337	40,111	58,363	16,927	5,768	81,058	23,566	104,623
TOTALS (TO 2020)	615,502	124,384	12,598	752,485	288,702	185,678	47,909	522,289	203,805	726,093
OVERSPEND	(CASHFLOW, covered by loans & reserves)									
	26,391									
FORECAST TO COMPLETION:	Total Income to 2020									
	726,093									
	Forecast Spend 2021 (inc. retention)									
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SHORTFALL	(Amount to raise to cover all bills and loans payback)									
	-61,391									
'PROXY' SPEND	A/V commissioned and paid for by Friends in 2016/2017									
	55,812									
TOTAL PROJECT SPEND (2014-21)	843,297									