

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

The Mission Area of Aberconwy
Charity Number: 1131047

The Churches which make up the Mission Area are:

St David, Penrhyn Bay
St Hilary, Llanrhos
St Paul, Craig-y-don
All Saints, Deganwy
St Ffraild, Llansanffraid
St Cystennin, Llangwstennin
St Grwst, Llanrwst
St Martin, Eglwysbach
St Michael, Llandudno Junction

THE MISSION AREA CONFERENCE (MAC)

The members who served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved were:

Mission Area Leader
Rev Sam Erlandson

Mission Area Treasurer
Mrs Ann Harty

Mission Area Book Keeper
Mrs Helen Barritt

Mission Area Wardens
Mrs Tesni Hadwin
Mr Nick Davies

Mission Area Lay Chair
Mr Andrew James

Mission Area Secretaries
Mrs Mandy Groom

Mission Area Clergy
Rev Sam Erlandson
Rev Sarah Hildreth Osborn
Rev Juliet Fraser
Rev Ben Lines
Rev Sue Storey
Rev Grace Lomas

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Doreen Owen
Don Milne
Philip Evans
Pat Hay
Jo Bowles
Pat Chapman

Sue Buckley
Denise Templeton
Joan Williams
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MAL Report, Rev Sam Erlandson

May I begin this report by sincerely thanking everyone from across the Mission Area for your faithfulness and hard work. Being a Christian in the 21st Century is not easy, and I fear may become more difficult. However, when Jesus is at the centre of what we do and who we are, all things are possible. A sincere but humble faith is all we need to move mountains, and this is what we see across the whole of the Mission Area. Thank you so much.

2022 has been a most exciting year for the life of the mission area. What we are seeing at the moment is a modest growth in numbers across the mission area, and a great depth of growth in church health, when we consider where we were coming out of the pandemic. We are seeing more people engage with bible study and private devotion through our numerous study sessions throughout Lent and Advent and within our church house groups. We are seeing over a hundred children engage in children's activities. Schools are returning to church for celebration and education, prayer groups are meeting to pray. Social activities are returning to our calendars. Please do not forget that at the beginning of the pandemic, there were more than a few people who were certain that COVID would be the end of the church. This is truly the church of the resurrection, and this is what we are seeing.

But what about numbers on a Sunday? What about the figures in our bank accounts? This is not to be taken for granted. We can hold all the coffee mornings we like, but if it is not converting into an active faith in Jesus Christ, what is the point? We can have all the prayer groups we like, but if we don't have the money to pay for trained and qualified leaders or for the upkeep of the building the prayer group meets in, what is the point? These are extremely valid concerns.

I don't have a magic wand for either these, unfortunately. But what I do know is that for a plant to grow, it needs strategic planting and thoughtful nurturing. Growth can only come from health. If we want our churches to grow, it will not be found with gimmicks that will entertain people in. Church growth will be found when our roots are firmly planted in the gospel, fed with love, through a life of devotion and prayer. The same can also be said for finances.

Whilst we need the devotion, love, and prayer from you, as MAL, I will be overseeing the strategic planting and Andrew, our new MAC Chair, will be overseeing the financial strategy. I cannot, for sure, say what the future has in store for the Aberconwy Mission Area. Everything is uncertain these days, but I do have hope that if we faithfully follow in the ways of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, he will not lead us astray. Stay close to Jesus, and we will be fine!

A gaf fi ddechrau'r adroddiad hwn drwy ddiolch yn ddiffuant i bawb o bob rhan o'r Ardal Genhadaeth am eich ffyddlondeb a'ch gwaith caled. Nid yw bod yn Gristion yn yr 21ain Ganrif yn hawdd, ac rwy'n ofni y daw'n anoddach. Fodd bynnag, pan fydd lesu yng nghanol yr hyn a wnawn a phwy ydym ni, mae pob peth yn bosibl. Ffydd ddiwyll ond gostyngedig yw'r cyfan sydd ei angen arnom i symud mynyddoedd a dyma a welwn ar draws yr Ardal Genhadaeth gyfan. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Mae 2022 wedi bod yn flwyddyn gyffrous iawn i fywyd yr ardal genhadol. Yr hyn yr ydym yn ei weld ar hyn o bryd yw twf cymedrol mewn niferoedd ar draws yr ardal genhadol, a thwf dwfn iawn yn iechyd yr eglwys. Pan fyddwn yn ystyried lle roeddem yn dod allan o'r pandemig. Rydym yn gweld mwy o bobl yn cymryd rhan mewn astudiaeth feiblaidd ac ymroddiad preifat trwy ein sesiynau astudio niferus trwy gydol y Grawys a'r Adfent ac o fewn ein grwpiau tai eglwys. Rydym yn gweld dros gant o blant yn cymryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau plant. Mae ysgolion yn dychwelyd i'r eglwys ar gyfer dathlu ac addysg. Mae grwpiau gweddi yn cyfarfod i weddio. Mae gweithgareddau cymdeithasol yn dychwelyd i'n calendrau. Peidiwch ag anghofio, ar ddechrau'r pandemig, bod mwy nag ychydig o bobl a oedd yn sicr mai COVID fyddai diwedd yr eglwys. Dyma Wir eglwys yr atgyfodiad a dyma beth rydym ni'n ei weld.

Ond beth am niferoedd ar ddydd Sul? Beth am y ffigyrâu yn ein cyfrifon banc? Ni ddylid cymryd hyn yn ganiataol. Gallwn gynnal yr holl foreau coffi rydym ni'n eu hoffi, ond os nad yw'n troi'n ffydd weithredol yn lesu Grist, beth yw'r pwynt? Gallwn gael yr holl grwpiau gweddi yr ydym yn eu hoffi, ond os nad oes gennym yr arian i dalu am arweinyddyr hyfforddedig a chymwysedig neu am gynnal a chadw'r adellad y mae'r grŵp gweddi yn cyfarfod ynddo, beth yw'r pwynt? Mae'r rhain yn bryderon hynod ddilys.

Does gen i ddim hudlath ar gyfer y rhain chwaith, yn anffodus. Ond yr hyn yw wyf yn ei wybod yw, er mwyn i blanhigyn dyfu, mae angen plannu strategol a methrin meddygar. Dim ond o iechyd y galli twf ddod. Os ydym am i'n heglwys dyfu, ni cheir ef â gimigau a fydd yn diddanu pobl i mewn. Ceir twf eglwysig pan blannir ein gwreiddiau'n gadarn yn yr efengyl, wedi'u bwydo â chariad, trwy fywyd o ddefosiwn a gweddi. Gellir dweud yr un peth am gyllid.

Er bod arnom angen yr ymroddiad, y cariad, a'r weddi gennych chi, fel MAL, byddaf yn goruchwyllo'r plannu strategol a bydd Andrew, ein Cadeirydd MAC newydd, yn goruchwyllo'r strategaeth ariamol. Ni allaf, yn sicr, ddweud beth sydd gan y dyfodol i Ardal Genhadol Aberconwy, mae popeth yn ansicr y dyddiau hyn, ond y mae gennyf obaith, os dilynwn yn ffyddlon yn ffyrdd ein Harglwydd a'n Gwaredwyr lesu Grist, na fydd yn arwain. Ni ar gyfeiliorn. Arhoswch yn agos at lesu, a byddwn yn iawn!

St Hilary's Church

Exploring Faith:

Faith has to be central to everything we do. The church needs to be a Jesus centred community. Whilst we are also an institution, and therefore need administration and finance, whilst we are a volunteer organisation, and therefore will need management and training, whilst we are guardians of historic buildings, we are first and foremost the body of Christ. Jesus will always be at the centre of our community and our faith must be of first concern even if it means forsaking any of the above.

We have been looking to develop and explore our faith in St Hilary's in a number of ways. We have continued with the Daily Bible Pledge. This is now with the added daily commentary offered not only on WhatsApp, but also on our Facebook page. We are also planning to hold a get-together at the end of each book for a coffee and informal chat about the book we have just finished.

We will also be setting up, this month, a St Hilary's house group. This will be a good opportunity for informal discussion, prayer, and worship. This will accompany the monthly men's group and the online women's group run by the clergy wives. These can be great opportunities to gently grow and explore our faith. They can also be excellent opportunities to invite new people to explore faith. For some, church may well be too much at first. A smaller, more informal group may well give be more comfortable for some to come to faith.

We are also holding slightly more intense groups twice a year, as a mission area, at lent and advent to get our teeth stuck into deeper study of scripture and discipleship. It is always good to see people from St Hilary's who are willing to engage with this and there is always room for more.

Exploring worship:

St Hilary's is now offering quite a range of worship throughout the month. Each Sunday we have an 8am service, an 11am, and a 6pm. We have diversified our services, which two years ago were straight forward Eucharists each week. We now have a monthly family service, which is seeing a growing number of children and families engaging with, a monthly informal eucharist, a monthly healing service, and a monthly Cymun Bendigaid. We are learning more and more contemporary hymns. The choice of hymns causes contention nearly every Sunday at the 11am. Please be respectful that at St Hilary's, we have a mixture of modern and traditional worship. We tend to go for modern on the 1st and 3rd and traditional on the 2nd and 4th. Please keep in mind that your favourites may not be everyone's favourites and I cannot please all the people all the time.

The Cymun Bendigaid has developed in as much as the sermon is now in Welsh also, therefore making this service entirely Welsh. One or two of the congregation cannot speak Welsh, however. I therefore print my sermon off in English for them to read, should they wish to.

We also hold a monthly 'Come and Sing' session in conjunction with St David's church. This is a good time to explore some new music to sing during worship, but also a good opportunity to explore our faith by reflecting on the words we are singing also.

It also great to have on board some new people offering themselves to come on the readers rota, we have new people who have come on the intercessions rota and we have licensed two new worship leaders this year. It is great to have these people coming forward to offer themselves for the leading of worship in the church.

A further opportunity later this year will be a mission area pilgrimage to Holywell. This is currently being planned by the mission area clergy and will, hopefully, be taking place in the Summer. All would be very welcome to come along to this day.

Sharing Christ's love

This is where our faith becomes action. This is what the letter of James is almost entirely about. Without this, all the above is dead. We are now taking home communion to the housebound regularly. It is great that people have come forward to help with this. This was a target from last year. If any of you knows of anyone who would appreciate home communion, please let me know, and I would gladly take them the sacrament. The housebound have a habit of not bothering the Rector because they think I am busy. I want to be busy with looking after people.

I have noticed how much more the Conwy foodbank seems to be filling up more regularly, and people from St Hilary's engaging with the Aberconwy care and share, this is much appreciated. Jeanette does a great amount of work for the Christian Aid, and it has been good to see St Hilary's support for this. It is fantastic that we can book in, once again, one of Jelena's concerts. This will play a huge part in welcoming new people into St Hilary's church and an opportunity to get the community together for something joyful and fun. Not only that, but they raised much needed funds for Ty Gobaith.

We have also been able to reach out to some charities through our social activity. Our harvest lunch received a speaker from the charity Compassion. It was wonderful to see that some have been able to sponsor a child through Compassion, and that some were able to give a one-off donation. We are also holding a number of lent lunches this year in aid of Water Aid. On top of this we are collecting for Water Aid under the 'Jars of Change' scheme. It is wonderful that we are able to support so much from our G small church with a big heart.

A tremendous vote of thanks must also go out to all those who help maintain and do marvellous work in the church yards. Our church yard is an asset to this church. Through it, we are a beacon to care for wildlife. Our wildflowers are exemplary and the habitats, food, and shelter they provide for insects. But also, the birdlife and the regular commitment to keep the feeders full. Along with the St Hilary's beehives, and the production of St Hilary's Honey. This is a true example of the stewardship of the planet, and something which I know we are planning on developing with our local church school.

St Paul's Church

Exploring Faith:

Our journey of faith never finishes in this lifetime. Whether we are brand new to Christian faith or have been coming to church for many a decade, there is always another step along the journey we can take. We have had some interesting opportunities to explore our faith as church over that past year. As well as a mission area bible study course, in Advent, following the diocesan study course Faith, Hope, and Love, we have also had a series of talks on the Eucharist after the Thursday service, which was well attended throughout, and a further mission area bible study course, in Lent, following Tom Wright's book Lent for Everyone: Matthew's Gospel. I have been really encouraged with the questions and the conversations surrounding these study courses, which seems to have encouraged others to open up a little bit about their faith and relationship with God and the church. I have also been encouraged with the take-up of people coming to the men's group, the way in which the St Paul's fellowship is being run, and the online ladies fellowship, all of which seems to be encouraging people to reflect on their faith, ask questions, and explore.

It is really encouraging to see how people are growing in confidence with the use and views of scripture. Some of my most joyful moments have been when people have stopped to talk about their views of a biblical character or the events preceding or proceeding a biblical event. Much is speculation, but this is where some deep biblical reflections can be made.

Exploring worship:

The Anglican church has a well-established tradition of worship. The Anglican church was once known as the church of the prayer-book. As many other churches have modernised and have abandoned the book of common prayer, St Paul's is still proudly drawing from the rich tradition and wisdom of this liturgy. Along with the glorious choral music our worship has a rich, transcendence to it which creates a numinous experience. Last year St Paul's affiliated with the Prayer Book Society. Since then, we have offered a unique opportunity in North Wales by providing a monthly 1662 communion service. This has even encouraged the North Wales branch of the Prayer Book Society to hold two of their quarterly services in St Paul's, and we look forward to seeing them again.

We have also developed the 3rd Sunday of the month a little further to help incorporate the children from Bodafon school. It is quite routine now to have children from the school reading and leading intercessions in church on the 3rd Sunday. It is also wonderful to see them growing in confidence as they tackle the traditional language of the prayer book, and as they are getting better at projecting and reading in public. These will be skills of great use for them later in life. We have also adapted the sermon slot on this particular Sunday into more of a child friendly talk, still with some pertinent remarks helpful for the adults listening too.

We have, from this, been able to encourage some of these children to get involved with the music of the church. It was a great joy to welcome eight children into the choir on Septuagesima. These children will now sing with the choir on the third Sunday of the month, and we look forward to seeing that increase as time progresses. I know they are already working hard for Mothering Sunday. It was also great to receive Cor Bodafon into our church for the nine lessons and carols. This is a good tradition worth pursuing.

We continue to develop and publish a weekly Seven Minute Service in term time, where we use a wider range of readers from the pupils at Bodafon. This year we have also developed more staff input, as the seven-minute service now features within the RE scheme of work for the term, resulting in more work from the children being displayed during the production. This continues to get a good viewer rating.

Sharing Christ's love

This is where our faith becomes action. This is what the letter of James is almost entirely about. Without this, all the above is dead. Since the days of lockdown, we have been able to re-establish Home Communion to the housebound and the elderly. I am really pleased to say that two pastoral assistants have come on board this year. They will assist me in taking communion to those at home and assisting me with the organisation of baptisms. I am very grateful for this help and glad that we now have a good team offering pastoral love and care to those on the fringes of the church community.

We have also seen a good amount of support for the Conwy food bank, from people donating regularly to this, to people delivering the food to the bank, this is all faith-in-action. The support of the RNLI at the nine lessons and carols, the support and links with the local school and Springfield nursery, the choral scholarships for some of our younger musicians, our support for Christian aid. We worked very hard this Christmas in welcoming four schools into our church. We need to keep building on this and it hopefully won't be long before we will be seeing some good fruit coming from this.

We have also welcomed Cor Meibion Maelgwn in twice over the summer to sing to American cruise liner tourists. We look forward to welcoming them with the school choir, and an American choir for a concert in church.

We have also had three children's outreach events this year. The Easter treasure hunt, the Summer family fun day, and the October Light Party. All of which saw an overwhelming number of children. These events are great at establishing some connections with younger families in the community. Hopefully, this will begin to show fruit to our membership in church.

Thank you also for the way in which you have embraced my family and I into your family. I genuinely enjoy being the Rector of St Paul's, it brings me life, and although I know I overwork at times, please know it is out of enjoyment in vocation you are enabling in allowing me to serve you.

St David's Church

In July 2022 our Hub Church welcomed Rev Grace Lomas as Curate at St David's, Grace quickly settled into the life of the Hub Church and was immediately a great asset to our worship, fellowship, Pastoral visiting and teaching. The family of St David's have really taken to Grace and appreciate the contribution she makes.

We also welcomed Alan McKinnell as the All-Age Engagement Officer and along with his wife Jean they have become such valuable hard working and dedicated members of our Hub Team.

Jo Bowles has been in training with us too as Pastoral Chaplain and has been an active member of our new Worship Team who have been putting together and leading our monthly family non-Eucharist 11.00am service.

As a team here we have established an extended pattern of worship in Penrhyn Bay and are working together to achieve the vision of the Hub Church and the MA Action Plan.

In addition to the traditional Sunday and Friday services, we now have the Church Open an additional 3 mornings per week for prayer and fellowship.

A Children's Hub Club has been established since last September and meets every Tuesday during term time with upward of 20 children and their parents or grandparents in attendance every week.

On Tuesday's evenings there is a Bible Study Meeting and one Sunday per month we hold a Café Church service in the Church Hall which is a less formal service with a different vibe to the traditional service, with live music, scripture readings and prayers. We have regularly run a selection of Bible Study courses during this last year, e.g., Hope Explored, study of the letter of James, Gospel of Mark, the Welling being Course which looked at our physical, mental and Spiritual wellbeing and how scripture can help us establish a healthy pattern of life based on Faith Hope and Love.

Advent and Lent courses, and the Bible Society Bible study course. These have been attended by about 16 regulars each Tuesday Evening and we have had some engaging discussions and it has encouraged them to read the bible regularly at home.

Activity in the Church Hall has returned post Covid, and we have a busy weekly diary with the hall bookings now being managed by Alan McKinnon which enables him to engage with the groups to grow links with the Church. This was highlighted at the Christmas Carol Service where Beulah Brass Band provided the music to a packed Church and a big group of young people from the Gateway Club wanted to take part and sang us out with Jingle Bells.

The Community Garden also developed further during the year with raised beds growing fruit and vegetables being established which are available and are harvested by members of the community. We continue to see students from Llandrillo College supporting the project. The group come along with them.

Teacher to help with weeding and planting and to help with other maintenance of the garden and to have their own input into how it will develop.

Another highlight was the Afternoon Tea celebration for the Queens Jubilee in June which saw a huge number of people from the Community enjoying a wonderful afternoon of refreshments, music and fellowship organised and provided by members of the congregation.

It was also good to see a return to fellowship events among the congregation following the pandemic with a Fish and Chip Supper, Quiz with Cheese and Wine, Sunday lunches and the much-loved Christmas Winter Warmer meal.

In summary, we have seen a year of expansion of the clergy team, number and type of services, community involvement and events, community engagement and a much-enhanced energy level which has resulted in St David's Church having a higher profile in the Community and engaging with far more people in God's work in Penrhyn Bay.

As a congregation we are extremely grateful for the hard work, commitment and drive of the Clergy Team led by Rev Juliet who have been responsible for such a positive and joyous change in Church life in Penrhyn Bay.

The team hold a Monday morning meeting to plan and pray together and discussed ways in which we could re-energise the spiritual life of the church, and to this end we quickly established prayer groups, and bible study. In addition, during our sermons we regularly speak about discipleship and the gifts of the Spirit to encourage everyone to take ownership of our worship and praise and to come forward to take an active part. This has resulted in additional people reading the scripture for us and writing and leading intercessions occasionally. We also encourage people to use our WhatsApp prayer App to share prayers or prayer requests. All our meetings begin and end in prayer and we encourage everyone to engage in our prayer groups and if they cannot attend to send in their prayers or pray at the same time we meet in their own home.

We have made use of email groups and our WhatsApp group as well as our Facebook page to ensure that everyone knows what is going on and have encouraged our congregation to come forward to offer their time and gifts to the work of the church. Some have now responded to our request to write and lead our Intercessions, and some have helped with Hub Club (subject to the usual DBF and Safeguarding procedures) This is something that we have been working on this year to encourage others to help in whatever way they can, we also appreciate those who volunteer to make the refreshments after our services.

At our annual vestry meeting we were able to fill all the posts for 'officers' except Treasurer, as Gordon Kirkpatrick who has held this role for many years has now retired, we are grateful for all his hard work over the years and are now prying for a suitable replacement to be found.

We feel that we have laid a good foundation on which we can build on over the next year, thanks be to God.

All Saints Church

It has been a year of growth for us at All Saints. Our congregation numbers have grown, alongside a growth in the depth of our community and sense of shared discipleship. We now have a well-attended monthly walking group, a weekly home group and increasing numbers staying after a service to enjoy fellowship. We have also seen growth in our financial situation and have been able to increase the money we are giving away to local and international causes. Whilst all of that is exciting, the discernment of how to best use the resources we have been blessed with is at the forefront of our minds in this New Year.

We have had initial conversations with an architect as we explore the best use of our building and the resourcing of the increasing number of children, we have attending our Sunday services. We await their initial ideas as we discern the best way forward as a church community.

We are grateful to God for his provision, for all those that serve faithfully and pray that we would continue to be faithful to Jesus in all we say and do as we seek to fulfil the call to be 'a place of hope on the hill' (Matthew 4:14-16).

St Michael's and All Angels

Times are challenging for us at St Michaels Church. Our Sunday congregation remains small, but faithful, with the addition of 2 new people who have joined us over the East year. We are thankful for the provision of our church building and the thriving 'Adventurers' Toddler group we have on a Monday morning. We now have over 90 families on our database whom we have been privileged to have contact with, with an average weekly attendance of 16 families. The question of 'what next' reigns supreme in our thinking.

The issue we are facing in St Michaels Church is that of resource. We have dwindling financial resources, amid rising costs, and a limited number of people who are able and willing to be involved in the ministry of the church. There is huge gospel potential in St Michaels and Llandudno Junction is a large, growing community that lacks a thriving church of any denomination.

We look to God, as we discern the next steps forward for us as a church as we seek to become and sanctuary, a place of encounter with Jesus (Psalm 96:5-7).

St Cystennin's Church

Due to personal circumstances, Rev Sue Storey was absent from September to the end of 2022. The congregation at St Cystennin would like to express their thanks to the clergy in the Aberconwy MA who stepped in and enabled them to have their usual services while Sue was away. 2022 was the first year when life returned to fairly normal after the Covid pandemic. Having got used to the restrictions we now had to remember what life was like before. The chalice in communion was reinstated at the Easter Eucharist, at the request of the congregation after the Bishop gave us the go ahead. It remains optional however.

This return to normality allowed some outside events to restart. A plant sale in May proved very successful and attracted quite a crowd. There was also an open day in the summer when the church registers and records were on display. In September the church took part in the Open Doors scheme, ably facilitated by Roy Mills.

In late Autumn St Cystennin hosted a civic service which was well attended and enjoyed by those taking part, raising the church profile in the community.

The Carol service, which has always been a firm fixture in Mochdre, took place on 15th December with the now well-known mega raffle.

Rev Juliet Fraser managed to make contact with the local school while Sue was away, and Rev Sam Erlandson showed a group of children around the church. It is hoped to build on this and maintain and improve this link in the future.

As part of the outreach of the church into the surrounding community two new benches were purchased for the graveyard and one more has since been donated.

Many people, both locals and holidaymakers spend time sitting in the peaceful surroundings of the churchyard. The old benches were getting unsafe to use. The benches were commissioned from a local craftsman and used sustainable timber. A plaque has been added to one by the church congregation. This is in memory of a faithful member of the church, known to all as Betty Jam. She died in 2020 during lockdown. It seemed appropriate that she have a proper memorial in the place she loved.

St Cystennin is working towards a bronze eco award, and this is being led by Andrew Williams.

2022 was a difficult year in many ways but the congregation, small in number but loyal and proactive, have kept things going and proved resilient.

St Ffraid's Church

At St Ffraid's we have continued with our weekly pattern of worship, we have seen a couple of new people come along and join us. We have seen a significant reduction in numbers since just before Covid and sadly this has not picked up. We have continued to hold Funerals, although we've had no Weddings or Baptisms this past year. Church House continues to host a weekly Morning, open to all in the Community. Church House also hosts regular Bingo sessions which prove very popular and various other events take place there, many of which are fund raising opportunities for the Church. For the first time since Covid there was the Village Pantomime a great fund raising opportunity but also great to get the community together, Mothers Union continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month, Speakers are invited and in September, Advent and Lent I go and share something seasonal with the group. Although St Ffraid's congregation faces huge challenges, they are not unaware of the difficulties before them. Hopefully a way can be found to look to the future with hope, discovering new and different ways to be the church in the village.

St Martin's Church

It has been a year of consolidation for us at St Martin's Church. Our Sunday attendance is steady, and we continue to serve our village community faithfully. It has been a privilege to see the growth of the Monday Craft Club and see them be generous in serving causes outside of the village. Thursday coffee stop continues to serve the community and the recent Friday lunch club, which is connected to the church, is proving to be invaluable to those who would otherwise be isolated. We are proud to say, that if the church was to close, the village would most certainly notice. We continue to develop our relationship with our church school and are proud of their recent, wonderful Estyn report. Rev'd Ben continues to serve on the Governing Body alongside one other church representative, takes a weekly service in school and the school attend church once a month for a service. We are indebted to so many who give so much to serve the church and we look forward to continuing in our faithful pilgrimage (Psalm 84:4-5) as God's people gathered in Eglwysbach.

St Grwst's Church

At St Grwst's we have continued with our regular pattern of worship focused on the Eucharist. We have seen new people take up the rolls of reading and leading the prayers and since Christmas we now have a new server. With flexible seating has come the opposite to explore worship in new ways. Although some people have questioned the changes, over time they have valued viewing worship in a different way. Funerals have continued to take place at St Grwst's with only one wedding this year and 2 Baptisms. We have begun Bible studies which will follow the academic year. People have gathered from both churches and the opportunity to learn from each other has been very enjoyable and at times challenging and it's been wonderful to hear that people want more! Happy Saturdays continues with great joy and enthusiasm. Storytelling and craft form the focus for our monthly sessions, enjoyed by all who attend. Regular weekly input continues in Ysgol Llanddoged. School have been on visits to St Grwst's which will continue to be a part of school life. The contribution of the children in 'Gwasanaeth' is always a revelation and opens up many interesting conversations. It is a joy to be a support to the staff at school as they continue to explore federalisation is the Church School in Ysbyty Ifan. Continued contact with Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy is growing I have been involved in setting up a support group for those students who attend school who identify as LGBT+. Moving forward this may well lead to further input in the school. Although there is still much to do the inroads that have been made in the community give us a good foundation on which to continue building in the year to come.

Activities at St Grwst's

The last year has seen a range of events taking place in St Grwst's Church.

We hosted some grant funded yoga and tai chi sessions organised by Golygfa Gwydir, out of which regular Tuesday and Thursday yoga classes have developed from OM Yoga North Wales. Llanrwst Historical Society have continued to hold their monthly meetings here. Cartrefi Conwy organised a number of Singing for Health sessions during the year, but these have now returned to their previous venue of Hafan Gwydir. The Dyffryn Conwy U3A Recorder Group meet twice a month for recorder practice. We have continued to offer guided tours to groups, primarily these are Merched y Wawr and Women's Institute groups, but we have also welcomed church and chapel groups, as well as members of the Furniture History Society and the Welsh Historic Houses group. We have welcomed visits from all the Year 7 learners at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy and worked with a Year 8 Drama class and the Head of Drama to produce a video on Peopling the Past. In early April we held a Breakfast Event in aid of Ukraine, then recently invaded by Russia. We have hosted a constituency surgery for the local MS Janet Finch-Saunders. We held a Fish & Chip Supper with a quiz and have continued to hold the weekly Panad a Sgwrs coffee mornings every Thursday, which now have a regular clientele, and which have brought annual income in of around £3,000. We have also hosted one of the Frugal Lunches, organised by Llanrwst Churches Together. We have held a number of concerts - Stainer's Crucifixion with Côr Cymysg Dyffryn Conwy, a male voice choir concert with Côr Meibion Bro Aled, a concert with mixed choir The Harmony Singers, and, working with Conwy County Borough Council, were the venue for one of a series of Winter Sounds concerts, with The Trials of Cato and Gwilym Bowen-Rees, which involved specialist lighting and sound. Finally, just before Christmas, we hosted a sell-out performance from Côr Rwt — a local choir which last performed at the Eisteddfod in 2019. We also hosted an overnight camp for members of the 1st Gwydyr Cub Scouts from Betws-y-Coed who bedded down on the floor in their sleeping bags! We have also held our annual Flower Festival, and Christmas Tree Festival, both events enjoying great local support, more recently, we have been holding Warm Hubs on Tuesdays for which we have received funding. We also hosted a flag-making workshop (featuring Debra Drake, a finalist in the Great British Sewing Bee 2022) organised by Ffiwsar.

In May 2022 we started opening the building without having stewards on duty all the time, from 10am to 4pm daily, subject to other events taking place. This has led to an increase in the number of people coming into the building, from 7,378 in 2021 to 21,162 in 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The receipts and payments for the year, and the assets and liabilities at the year-end are shown in the statements of account which accompany this report.

RESERVES POLICY

The MAC will consider the level of reserves that it is prudent for Aberconwy Mission Area to have. Consideration will be given to redundancy liabilities, lease agreements and any other significant factors that should be taken into account were any part of the Aberconwy Mission Area to close. This will be reviewed every three years

APPROVED by the Mission Area Conference on:

and signed on its behalf by:

(Date)

18th OCTOBER 2023

(Signature)

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MISSION AREA WARDEN

Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	235,430	31,839	25,281	292,550	273,045
Income from charitable activities	4	19,252	-	-	19,252	15,583
Other trading activities	5	80,249	6,531	12,701	99,480	49,435
Investments	6	3,116	116	4,227	7,459	7,455
Other income	7	1,255	-	-	1,255	7,618
Total income		339,302	38,485	42,208	419,996	353,135
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8	5,247	-	150	5,397	1,351
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	343,037	34,858	67,061	444,955	306,452
Other expenditure	10	1,571	-	-	1,571	4,200
Total expenditure		349,855	34,858	67,211	451,924	312,004
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer		(10,553)	3,627	(25,002)	(31,928)	41,131
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in		3,756	-	2,488	6,244	1,142
Gross transfers between funds - out		(280)	(921)	(5,043)	(6,244)	(1,142)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains / losses on investment assets		(5,351)	(1,720)	(3,193)	(10,263)	8,813
Net movement in funds		(12,427)	987	(30,751)	(42,191)	49,945
Total funds brought forward		376,209	62,564	179,993	618,766	568,821
Total funds carried forward		363,782	63,551	149,242	576,575	618,766
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General fund		363,782			363,782	376,209
Designated						
High Interest Account			43,720		43,720	37,643
Llanrwst Church House Account			2,163		2,163	5,534
Archdeacon Hugh Jones Vault			6,465		6,465	7,223
Chancel Repair Fund			8,202		8,202	9,164
Asbestos removal			3,000		3,000	3,000
Restricted						
Capel Garmon Restricted Account				14,577	14,577	14,196
Churchyard Fund				623	623	5,943
SADBF Grants for Children's services				1,751	1,751	2,588
Bursary Conducting Student				1,080	1,080	1,080
Memorial Account				50	50	50
Money Manager				6,046	6,046	6,046
Music Fund				2,843	2,843	5,203
Organ Fund				7,517	7,517	16,152
Parish Share				47,900	47,900	47,900
Roof Fund				14,743	14,743	14,722
St Mary's Churchyard Account				983	983	1,094
RBCIW - Capel Garmon Parish Church				19,120	19,120	21,362
Church House				5,262	5,262	12,856
RBCIW - Chancel Repair Fund				4,137	4,137	4,622
Chancel Repair Fund				3,973	3,973	4,439
Church Building Repairs				(4,651)	(4,651)	2,375
Hassocks				695	695	695
Restricted Donation				354	354	335
ACS				11,931	11,931	8,864
CGProj				1,433	1,433	1,950
Diggle				1,285	1,285	1,722
Garden				-	-	-
InsRet				1,830	1,830	1,830
JFDons				(0)	(0)	10
LFFund				1,239	1,239	643
MemRep				43	43	43
RainGard				187	187	291
Wall				-	-	2,984
Boiler				-	-	-
CL14				3,519	3,519	-

Candles
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Cleaning
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Mfloor
Ukraine

-	-	-	-	-
10	10	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
295	295	-	-	-
200	200	-	-	-
269	269	-	-	-
363,782	63,551	149,243	576,575	618,766

Balance sheet			Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Prior year total funds
	Notes						
Fixed assets							
Investments	14		54,509	14,667	27,230	96,407	105,958
			54,509	14,667	27,230	96,407	105,958
Current assets							
Debtors	15		6,470	1,190	4,890	12,550	13,320
Cash at bank and in hand			326,225	50,682	118,185	495,092	518,812
			332,695	51,872	123,075	507,642	532,132
Liabilities							
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	16		23,422	2,989	1,063	27,474	19,324
			23,422	2,989	1,063	27,474	19,324
Net current assets less current liabilities			309,273	48,883	122,013	480,169	512,808
Total assets less current liabilities			363,782	63,550	149,243	576,575	618,766
Total net assets less liabilities			363,782	63,550	149,243	576,575	618,766
Represented by							
Unrestricted							
General fund			363,782	-	-	363,782	376,209
Designated							
High Interest Account			-	43,720	-	43,720	37,643
Llanrwst Church House Account			-	2,163	-	2,163	5,534
Archdeacon Hugh Jones Vault			-	6,465	-	6,465	7,223
Chancel Repair Fund			-	8,202	-	8,202	9,164
Asbestos removal			-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Restricted							
Capel Garmon Restricted Account			-	-	14,577	14,577	14,196
Churchyard Fund			-	-	623	623	5,943
SADBF Grants for Children's services			-	-	1,751	1,751	2,588
Bursary Conducting Student			-	-	1,080	1,080	1,080
Memorial Account			-	-	50	50	50
Money Manager			-	-	6,046	6,046	6,046
Music Fund			-	-	2,843	2,843	5,203
Organ Fund			-	-	7,517	7,517	16,152
Parish Share			-	-	47,900	47,900	47,900
Roof Fund			-	-	14,743	14,743	14,722
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Church Building Repairs			-	-	(4,651)	(4,651)	2,375
Hassocks			-	-	695	695	695
Restricted Donation			-	-	354	354	335
ACS			-	-	11,931	11,931	8,864
CGProj			-	-	1,433	1,433	1,950
Diggle			-	-	1,285	1,285	1,722
Garden			-	-	-	-	-
InsRet			-	-	1,830	1,830	1,830
JFDons			-	-	(0)	(0)	10
LFFund			-	-	1,239	1,239	643
MemRep			-	-	43	43	43
RainGard			-	-	187	187	291
Wall			-	-	-	-	2,984
Boiler			-	-	-	-	-
CL14			-	-	3,519	3,519	-
Candles			-	-	-	-	-

ChLig	-	-	10	10	-
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-
Flowers	-	-	295	295	-
Mfloor	-	-	200	200	-
Ukraine	-	-	269	269	-
Funds of the church	<u>363,782</u>	<u>63,551</u>	<u>149,243</u>	<u>576,575</u>	<u>618,766</u>

Cash Flow Statement

	Note	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities	18		
Cash generated from operations			(21,375)
Investing activities			
Rental income, dividends and interest received		(2,345)	(2,345)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			(23,720)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			518,812
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>495,092</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity's presentational currency is pounds sterling and all amounts stated within the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the members for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grant income is recognised on receipt unless income is received in advance at the year-end and the performance criteria relate to a future accounting period.

1.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Basic financial assets

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	217,740	-	11,386	229,126	186,943
Legacies receivable	5,000	-	-	5,000	12,500
Grants receivable	12,690	31,839	13,895	58,424	73,602
	235,430	31,839	25,281	292,550	273,045

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fees for occasional offices	19,252	-	-	19,252	15,583
	19,252	-	-	19,252	15,583

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund raising	29,391	-	4,175	33,566	12,863
Other funds generated	1,478	-	3,090	4,568	6,006
Rental income	46,175	120	4,607	50,902	19,591
Publication sales	251	-	-	251	105
Sundry income	1,810	6,411	830	9,050	10,869
Printing income	1,144	-	-	1,144	-
	80,249	6,531	12,701	99,480	49,435

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment income	1,844	-	381	2,025	2,335
Bank interest	197	116	21	334	20
Rental income	1,275	-	3,825	5,100	5,100
	3,116	116	4,227	7,459	7,455

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	1,255	-	-	1,255	7,618
	1,255	-	-	1,255	7,618

8 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating resources	145	-	-	145	-
Costs of fund raising	5,102	-	150	5,252	1,351
	5,247	-	150	5,397	1,351

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
2001 - Diocesan share	192,043	-	-	192,043	126,675
2101 - Clergy expenses	8,921	-	-	8,921	8,820
2145 - Parsonage - water	2,070	-	-	2,070	3,955
2201 - Assistant clergy fees/ expenses	219	-	-	219	-
2340 - Maintenance of services	4,592	-	20	4,612	2,594
2341 - Costs of vergers, organists and choir	3,350	-	-	3,350	3,660
2342 - Music & performance expenses	631	-	784	1,415	2,710
2345 - Costs of Copyright License	1,590	-	-	1,590	-
2401 - Costs of meetings	-	-	-	-	50
2402 - Bank and Credit Card Charges	630	-	55	684	131
2403 - Cost of printing, post and stationery	3,146	-	-	3,146	3,296
2404 - MA - telephone/mobile/internet	4,617	-	-	4,617	4,010
2405 - Office and general expenditure	1,906	-	-	1,906	2,484
2406 - Admin/Staff Salary	14,269	-	-	14,269	10,122
2407 - Depreciation	153	-	-	153	140
2408 - Leasing and Hire purchase charges	1,085	-	-	1,085	912
2409 - Professional Fees	4,960	-	-	4,960	5,295
2410 - IE/Audit and accountancy fees	1,950	-	-	1,950	1,860
2415 - Gifts to individuals	-	-	10	10	-
2425 - Admin/ Staff Other Costs	120	-	-	120	-
2450 - MA/LMA Central costs	730	-	-	730	-
2501 - Church operating costs - insurance	8,383	-	-	8,383	8,015
2502 - Church operating costs - electricity	11,861	-	-	11,861	6,021
2503 - Church operating costs - gas	19,914	-	-	19,914	18,251
2504 - Church operating costs - water	567	-	-	567	576
2505 - Church operating costs - other	1,156	-	52	1,208	1,181
2506 - Church operating costs - oil/LPG	1,049	-	-	1,049	-
2508 - Church repairs and maintenance	7,830	-	3,020	10,650	5,788
2509 - Church Cleaning	3,035	-	780	3,815	1,800
2511 - Church operating costs - fire equipment	99	-	-	99	-
2601 - Churchyard management costs	7,890	-	3,425	11,314	9,942
2602 - Church hall operating costs - other	6,868	-	1,512	8,380	1,847
2603 - Church hall operating costs - electric	932	2,875	1,488	5,294	3,884
2604 - Church hall operating costs - gas	1,210	4,357	1,623	7,190	3,054
2605 - Church hall operating costs - insurance	3,367	500	1,148	5,015	2,010
2606 - Church hall costs - repairs/maintenance	2,829	1,274	2,834	6,937	3,570
2607 - Church hall costs - tel./mob./internet	446	-	-	446	409
2608 - Church hall operating costs - water	474	267	792	1,532	878
2609 - Church hall - equipment repair & renewal	1,229	(291)	4,027	4,965	1,788
2611 - Church hall operating costs - cleaning	2,509	-	725	3,234	5,421
2612 - Other property repairs/maintenance	-	-	306	306	1,265
2641 - Churchyard grass cutting	1,025	-	750	1,775	-
2642 - Churchyard structural repairs	45	-	-	45	-
2701 - Major building repairs and renovations	7,740	25,878	31,270	64,887	44,198
2801 - Children & young people activity costs	412	-	3,362	3,774	1,303
2804 - Cost of church publications	1,212	-	-	1,212	546
2805 - Cost of mission & evangelism	60	-	-	60	186
2806 - Other costs of parish mission work	-	-	-	-	1,765
2901 - Support of diocesan projects	250	-	-	250	418
2902 - Support of church charities & projects	992	-	8,614	9,607	4,478
2903 - Support of UK charities	1,520	-	18	1,538	1,145
2904 - Support of international mission & projects	1,350	-	447	1,797	-
	343,037	34,858	67,061	444,955	306,452

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10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
3003 - Loans made	-	-	-	-	4,200
3004 - Loans received repayments	1,224	-	-	1,224	-
3005 - Loss on sale of fixed asset	347	-	-	347	-
	1,571	-	-	1,571	4,200

11 Members

None of the members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2021 - none).

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

14 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments
Cost or valuation	£
At 1 January 2022	105,958
Additions / reallocations	
Valuation changes	(9,551)
At 31 December 2022	96,407
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	96,407

15 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Gift Aid	12,550	13,320
	12,550	13,320

16 Creditors

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Accruals	27,474	19,324
	27,474	19,324

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17 Fund movement by type

	Balance brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains/losses	Balance carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted						
General fund	375,209	339,302	(349,855)	3,476	(5,351)	363,782
Designated						
High Interest Account	37,843	31,955	(25,878)			43,720
Llanrwst Church House Account	5,534	6,531	(8,980)	(921)		2,163
Archdeacon Hugh Jones Vault	7,223				(758)	6,465
Chancel Repair Fund	9,164				(962)	8,202
Asbestos removal	3,000					3,000
Restricted						
Capel Garmon Restricted Account	14,196	381	(460)	460		14,577
Churchyard Fund	5,943		(320)	(5,000)		623
SADBF Grants for Children's services	2,588	316	(1,152)			1,751
Bursary Conducting Student	1,080					1,080
Memorial Account	50					50
Money Manager	6,046					6,046
Music Fund	5,203		(2,360)			2,843
Organ Fund	16,152	74	(8,709)			7,517
Parish Share	47,900					47,900
Roof Fund	14,722	21				14,743
St Mary's Churchyard Account	1,094		(571)	460		983
RBCIW - Capel Garmon Parish Church	21,362				(2,242)	19,120
Church House	12,856	6,597	(14,148)	(43)		5,262
RBCIW - Chancel Repair Fund	4,622				(485)	4,137
Chancel Repair Fund	4,439				(466)	3,973
Church Building Repairs	2,375	7,141	(14,167)			(4,651)
Hassocks	695					695
Restricted Donation	335	19				354
ACS	8,864	11,290	(8,224)			11,931
CGProj	1,950	1,478	(1,995)			1,433
Diggle	1,722		(438)			1,285
Garden	-	750	(750)			-
InsRet	1,830					1,830
JFDons	10		(10)	(0)		(0)
LFFund	643	596				1,239
MemRep	43					43
RainGard	291		(104)			187
Wall	2,984		(4,268)	1,285		-
Boiler	-	4,910	(4,910)			-
CL14	-	3,825	(306)			3,519
Candles	-	10	(10)			-
ChLig	-	3,030	(3,020)			10
Cleaning	-	500	(780)	280		-
Flowers	-	355	(63)	3		295
Mfloor	-	200				200
Ukraine	-	716	(447)			269
	618,766	419,996	(451,924)	0	(10,263)	576,575

18 Cash generated from operations

	2022
	£
Surplus for the year	(32,177)
Adjustments for:	
Net investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	2,345
Movement in working capital:	
Increase in trade and other receivables	770
Decrease in trade and other payables	8,150
	-463
Cash generated from operations	(21,375)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

ABERCONWY MISSION AREA CONFERENCE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Mission Area Conference (MAC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The MAC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (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 Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met.

The following matters should be drawn to your attention in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached:

We raised our concern in relation to record keeping last year and expected to see improvement this year. However, we have been unable to vouch all of our sample to the source documentation. Whilst we have received reasonable explanations from the Treasurer to satisfy testing requirements, we would hope to see a greater retention of source documentation moving forward.

(Signature)

K Morgan
19-10-23

(Date)

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