

THE DEANERY CHURCH
OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
BOCKING

Parish Office:	St Mary's Church Office, Church Street, Bocking, Braintree CM7 5JY
Priest in Charge:	The Very Reverend Rod Reid, The Deanery, Bocking, Braintree, Essex CM7 5SR
Bank:	Barclays Bank PLC, Bank Street, Braintree, Essex.
Independent Examiner:	Jan Stobart

The Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Bocking is registered with the Charity Commission. Registered No. 1131205

ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
For the year ending 31st December 2022

THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BOCKING

THE ANNUAL VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

May 21st 2023

11:15am

AGENDA

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2022**
- 2. Election of Churchwardens (2) for one year**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022**
- 2. Matters arising**
- 3. Elections:**
 - a) Deanery Synod representatives (3)**
 - b) Parochial Church Council members (3)**
 - c) Sides people**
 - d) Appointment of Independent Examiner**
 - e) Appointment of Responsible Officer – Safeguarding**
- 4. Reports:**
 - a) Electoral Roll Officer's report**
 - b) Churchwardens' Fabric report**
 - c) Church organisations' reports**
 - d) The Dean's Parish Report**
 - e) Annual Accounts for year ending 31st December 2022**

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bocking
Minutes of the Annual Vestry meeting – May 22nd 2022

Item	Notes
Welcome	Fr. Rod opened the meeting at 11.30 am and welcomed everyone Present: 34 Apologies: 7
1.Minutes 23.05.2021	The proposal to accept the minutes was made by Alysson Nolan and seconded by Angela Comfort. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.
2.Appointment of Churchwardens	The appointment of Churchwardens for 2022-23 (until the next APCM): Gill Hunt, proposed by Graham Shaw and seconded by Mark Osmond; Graham Shaw, proposed by Joanna Mallows and seconded by Sheila Johnson. There were 0 abstentions, 0 votes against. All in favour. The Visitation Service for swearing in of wardens in the Deanery will be at All Saints, Rayne on in the evening of June 9th 2022. Fr. Rod thanked both wardens for their work this year as well as their friendship and support to himself. He was looking forward to continuing to work with them.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting – May 22nd 2022

Item	Notes									
Welcome	Fr. Rod (RR) opened the meeting at 11.35_am. Present: 34 Apologies: 7									
1.Minutes 23.05.2021	The proposal to accept the minutes was made by Julie Wilkinson and seconded by Isabel Adcock. There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.									
2.Matters arising	Eco Church – as this had been due to be led by Rev Catherine, it was asked what would now be happening with this project. RR advised that Jacqui Hogger and Steve Johnson will be involved with taking this forward. The electric heating has been completed and other areas have been identified to take forward and we will work towards the Bronze / Silver Award.									
3. Elections	<p>a) The election of 3 members to sit on the Deanery Synod for the term 2020-2023 stand until next year.</p> <p>b) The election of 2 members to sit on the PCC for the term 2022-2025</p> <table><tr><th>Nominee</th><th>Proposed by</th><th>Seconded by</th></tr><tr><td>Monica Cook</td><td>N. Watkinson</td><td>Chris Weston</td></tr><tr><td>Ann Shaw</td><td>Graham Shaw</td><td>Joanna Mallows</td></tr></table> <p>Chris Weston and Angela Adams are both reluctantly stepping down from their PCC roles. Fr. Rod thanked them for their commitment of work to the life of the church and the PCC. Fr. Rod explained that we had 2 vacancies on the PCC which could be filled throughout the year. Should anyone be interested in the role to speak to him.</p> <p>It was raised that by holding PCC meetings in the church office, it is not accessible for disabled people and were there any plans in place to overcome this. Fr. Rod advised there was nothing in place currently, but this does need to be kept in mind. It was noted that for the last 2 years due to Covid the PCC has met in the church, PCC to discuss if it would be of benefit to continue with this or possibly to look at using the church hall depending on lettings.</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>c) The election of Sidespersons: RR thanked all the volunteers for this vital role of welcoming and guiding worshippers. All who have agreed to remain on or volunteered to join the rota, were nominated by RR and seconded by Janice Warren.</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p> <p>d) The appointment of Independent Examiner: The appointment of Jan Stobart was nominated by Sheila Johnson and seconded by Paul Nolan.</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour.</p>	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by	Monica Cook	N. Watkinson	Chris Weston	Ann Shaw	Graham Shaw	Joanna Mallows
Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by								
Monica Cook	N. Watkinson	Chris Weston								
Ann Shaw	Graham Shaw	Joanna Mallows								

Item	Notes
	<p>e) The election of the Safeguarding – Responsible Officer: Nicola Jaynes nominated by Fr. Rod and seconded by Steve Johnson. The PCC is very grateful to her for ensuring we are up to date in fulfilling our legal responsibilities as legislations changes over time. Nicola also oversees all GDPR requirements.</p> <p>There were no abstentions or votes against. All in favour</p>
4.Reports	<p>a) Electoral Roll: As reported on p6 of the Annual Report by Monica Cook, Electoral Roll Officer. On the Electoral Roll there are currently 137, 47% of whom are resident in the Parish. Whilst some have come off the list this year we have several new people, including wedding couples, who have now become regular worshippers.</p> <p>b) Churchwardens' Fabric Report: this report can be found on p.5/6 of the Annual Report document. The wardens were thanked for the work they had done to maintain the fabric of the church. The matter of poor heating in the bell ringing chamber was raised and Graham Shaw explained that the heaters had been changed, to more adequate units to ensure adequate heating for the bell ringers. It was confirmed that the electricity supply to the church has been upgraded to 3 phase. As we have no gas in the church now, the boiler room is not used and will allow for potential other use in the future.</p> <p>c) Newala Link: Chris Weston's report can be found on p.6 of the Annual Report. We are grateful to Chris for his work. Chris feels that now is the time for him to step back from this role. At this moment we are having to look at our link with St Mary's in Newala, as the Dr. Lawi Issa who has been our main link has stepped aside from his role due to ill health and we no longer have a consistent, confident link with them. Whilst we would love to continue with our Newala links, the time may have come that we can no longer do this. It was suggested that we might speak with other parishes that have had links with Newala to see if they still have communication.</p> <p>Reports from Church organisations: as Covid restrictions have continued to impact on so much of 2021 it was decided not to include any reports as very little has been has actually happened.</p> <p>The Braintree Deanery: Fr. Rod's report on the Deanery Synod and its purpose in providing the communication link between congregations, the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Church of England nationally can be found on p6/7 of the Report.</p>
	<p>d) Dean's Report & Review of 2021 can be found on page 9 of the Annual Report. He expressed his sincere thanks to the PCC and everyone for their work this year. Whilst it had been another very difficult year but was thankful that at least the church had been able to be open. I recall how it used to feel strange, arriving on a Sunday morning to open the church and leave the newsletters on the table but then having to walk away. Despite the challenges there had been some very positive events and it had been wonderful to be able to have a Carol Service. I am hopeful looking forward we will have an even better year this year, already receiving great support with our Gift Day and The Flower Festival. It was with sadness that we had lost our curate during the last year.</p> <p>Average attendance by members at the five meetings of the PCC held in 2021 was 14.</p> <p>He drew attention to St. Mary's response to the Diocese of Chelmsford's strategic priorities outlined in the document 'Transforming Presence'. The section on 'Serving with Accountability' on p8 describes everything that has been accomplished within the priority area of 'Spirituality and Nurture' even in times of restrictions.</p> <p>The Dean concluded by thanking the congregation for all they had done and their support in the year. Julie Wilkinson thanked Fr. Rod on behalf to the congregation and Angela Comfort added that the success of the Gift Day was a tremendous personal tribute of respect and appreciation to Fr. Rod's leadership.</p>

Item	Notes
6)	<p>e) Annual Accounts for the year ending Dec 31st 2021</p> <p>Fr. Rod expressed his thanks to Sheila Johnson for all her work in the role of treasurer. He went on to present the accounts put together by Sheila Johnson.</p> <p>There had been no surprises with the accounts. In line with the current financial climate our investments were down, and we had needed to draw down £10,000 to meet our financial commitments. The parish share was paid in full. This year has started more positively with our income up and a return to full lettings of the church hall as well as the Gift Day and May Day incomes.</p>
A.O.B.	<p>a) Agnes McCallin asked if we could have new hymn books as the current ones are looking in very poor condition and some are falling apart. Fr. Rod agreed the poor condition of the existing hymn books is not representative of our church and that we are looking to replace them as soon as possible. As this will be quite a costly project we need to get the choice of books right and Fr. Rod feel the new revised version of the English Hymnal would be best for St Mary's. There is currently a publishing delay with this due to Covid. Julie Wilkinson requested that we purchase some large print copies. Gareth Bennett advised that currently whilst the congregation books will be available shortly, there is still an issue over copyright with music books.</p> <p>b) Monica Cook asked when we can start taking collection during the service like we used to. Fr. Rod said this is something that will be discussed at PCC as we need to get the balance right.</p> <p>c) Julie Wilkinson asked if it was possible for a candle donation box at both candle stations.</p> <p>d) Tony Everard raised that there had been a safeguarding issue on a Friday evening with regards to the letting to the Scouts and the need for the choir to sometimes access the church hall. Fr. Rod expressed he could understand the difficulties for both sides and he was going to be having a conversation to find a way forward with the matter.</p>
Closure of the meeting	Fr. Rod thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12.24pm.

CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORT 2022

The main fabric of the Church continues to be in a satisfactory condition as remarked upon by the Architect during the quinquennial inspection under the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955. The report contains recommendations for works to be carried out in order of priority. The remaining repairs required under the quinquennial inspection were put on hold during 2019 as expenditure was directed to replacing stolen lead from the roof the Church Hall. Securing the availability of our appointed Stonemason has been frustrating, but we hope to complete these works in 2023, before the next QI. The most significant alteration to the church in the last year has been the addition of under pew heaters which have significantly improved heating and allowed us to come off gas entirely. Routine checks and maintenance have continued as usual. Annual services were carried out to check the boiler, lightning conductors, fire hydrants and blankets plus the alarm system.

The Churchwardens on behalf of St. Mary's PCC

ST MARY'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP 2022

The Fellowship group has had another wonderful year welcoming church members, friends and many from the village to our monthly meetings. We had 10 meetings with a wide range of talks. In September we had a wonderful coach trip to the Suffolk coast, everyone had a fantastic time. Our sessions are open to everyone and we would love to see you, every third Thursday in the month, meeting at the Church Hall and this year's outing taking place in September.

Ann Lanham

ST MARY'S BELL RINGERS 2022

St Mary's Guild is part of the Northern District, one of five districts of The Essex Association of Church Bell-ringers which in turn is part of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers.

We are fortunate enough to have a ring of 10 bells (the majority of village churches has 8, 6 or fewer), the heaviest of which is 18 cwt. or 914kg. They were augmented from 8 in 1973 after many years of fund-raising by the then band of ringers. Sadly, now we rarely ring the 10, usually managing 8 ringers for Sunday service and frequently insufficient attendees for our Thursday practice night. However, we gather bands for weddings and other special occasions but sometimes have to rely on help from other local towers.

While our Steeple-keeper and other ringers undertake ongoing maintenance of our bells regularly we have discovered that work by skilled bell hangers needs to be done to prevent damage, repair existing damage and to improve the "bell-handling" to help make them easier to ring. Some of the urgent work has already been done and some is planned but if we are to contract experts then the costs are prohibitive and we would need to do some serious fund-raising and may need your help.

If you would like further information or want to "have-a-go" please contact our Ringing Master, Alan May, on 01376 345290, or 07935344038, or just come up and see us in the ringing room when you next hear the bells ringing. We would love to see you soon.

This last year we rang at several weddings, had welcomed visiting bands and also rang following the death of HM The Queen. Ringing practise has now become once a month on a Thursday but this has helped increase numbers, and we plan to Ring for the King, later in the year.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S AND CHURCH HALL REPORT 2022

It's been another quieter year for the Friends of St Mary's, though we continue our efforts to develop the fellowship and friendship within our community and raise funds to support the fabric of St Mary's Church. Unfortunately we've not been as busy as we would like due to the continued influence of the Covid Pandemic through the early part of the year.

As I said we've not been able to be as active as we would have wished but did manage to run our quiz night which, with the help of Andy and Adam Galley, as usual proved very popular. We also organised our Harvest Supper, attended by many - most of whom told us how much they had enjoyed the evening either despite of or because of the Bingo. The evening was catered by our committee well led by Gill with contributions from a number of committee and Congregation members. We've just about managed to spend some money this past year. You'll have noticed the nicely cleaned and re-finished floor paid for by the Friends. As usual we have another great year of entertainment planned with a quiz, the harvest supper and other fantastic social events for your entertainment.

I'm not sure how many people are aware that the management of the Church Hall fabric now sits with Friends committee as the Church Hall committee disbanded. You will no doubt be aware of the refurbishments that have taken place over the last few years, funded largely by donations from benefactors but project managed by the Friends, including the most recent improvements to the Disabled WC.

Moving forward, as most of you will be aware I've been Chair of the Friends for ten years and am starting to think it may be time for me to step down and allow somebody else the privilege of leading what is a great team of volunteers. Whilst I am happy to continue in the interim I think we need to look to the future. My vision would be for more outreach into our local community for support and involvement in our planning and activities and I believe we need to clarify the position of the Friends. That is to say we are tasked with raising funds to support the fabric of St Mary's Church and Hall buildings; it is not our function to support the cost of Ministry or pay the Parish Share. It's about maintaining the magnificent buildings that sit at the centre of our community alongside developing community friendship and fellowship. I thank you for your continued support, without which all our efforts would be wasted.

Graham Shaw
for the Executive Committee Friends of St Mary's

WARM SPACE – FRIENDLY FRIDAY CAFE

In November 2022 Fr Rod wanted to start a Warm Space for the Community due to the impact of the rising costs in fuel and food that was affecting day to day living. It was decided to run from December until the end of March 2023 as this was a Government and local Council incentive, this was later extended till 7th April which was Good Friday. On Friday 2nd December the first Warm Space ran from 11:30 am until 14:00. Endless tea, coffee and biscuits were available and from 12:30 hot soup and fresh baked rolls were offered. In the following weeks, a selection of cakes were added, and proved very popular. Fr Rod applied for a grant from Essex County Council to support these sessions and was successful in being awarded the grant.

After a slow start, attendance soon increased ending with a core attendance of 20 plus people. After a short break and a change of name to The Friendly Friday Cafe the regular Fridays started once more on Friday 12th May with the timings changed to 12noon until 3pm. These sessions continue to be free of charge but due to the generosity of those attending the Warm Space/Friendly Friday Cafe with donations it has been possible for these sessions to continue, we are now offering a change of menu, starting off with beans /spaghetti on toast, sausage in a roll, toasted sandwiches as well as fresh fruit in addition to cakes. Tea and coffee will continue to be available throughout the session.

These sessions will run every Friday until July 21st when again there will be a break for the summertime starting again at the beginning of October. Through word of mouth, it has been made known that these Fridays have been invaluable to those attending, not only providing a 'warm space' but friendship and companionship. A 'safe place' to share thoughts and worries. We thank everyone for their continued support.

ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER REPORT 2022/23

The Electoral Roll has been renewed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The Roll at April 2023 consists of a total of 130 persons.

48% (63) of these are resident in the Parish
52% (67) are non-resident

Monica Cook on behalf of St Mary's P.C.C.

BRAINTREE DEANERY

Braintree Deanery Synod is a council of church members drawn mainly from the clergy and congregations in each of the Deanery's parishes. It provides the communication link between congregations, the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Church of England nationally. During 2022, St Mary's was represented in the House of Clergy by The Dean and in the House of Laity by Dr Celia Coulson, Isabel Adcock and until Summer 2022, Mrs Angela Comfort. The Synod met three times, chaired jointly by the Area Dean, Rev'd Rod Reid, and the Joint Lay Chair, Canon John Turton. Regarding membership, proposals for a pastoral reorganisation between Deaneries lead the Synod to welcome new lay members from the parishes of Great and Little Bardfield. On a sad note, the Synod was very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs Angela Comfort, a loyal and committed member for many years.

Issues considered in 2022:

In October, the Synod was delighted to welcome Bishop Guli, who gave an inspirational talk on her background in Iran, her positive outlook for the future of the Church of England and her thoughts on being prepared for and willing to accept change. She then responded to questions. The Synod greatly appreciated Bishop Guli taking the time to attend and meet members in person.

Development of the Mission and Ministry Partnership (MMP) has continued and efforts are ongoing to recruit a Strategic Coordinator to oversee and encourage further progress. Advantage has been taken of opportunities for joint working, including joint treasurers' meetings and an online Living in Love and Faith course for all MMP churches who wished to participate. The Motion adopted by the Synod in 2020, calling for a review of arrangements for managing issues around the conduct of lay officers, was considered by the Diocesan Synod in June and carried by a large majority. It now stands referred to the General Synod, with discussions taking place to determine future progress.

Other issues considered by the Synod included:

A presentation on Ministerial wellbeing.

Updates to each meeting on environmental matters, with many Deanery Churches either working towards an Eco Church award or having already obtained one.

Regular reports of proceedings at Diocesan Synod and General Synod, and updates on news and events from parishes across the Deanery.

As we approach the triennial election of lay representatives in 2023, the Synod expresses thanks to all who have served as members during the past three years.

The Very Revd Rod Reid, May 2023

Membership of the Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are either *ex officio*, are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ACPM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or co-opted for a set term.

Ex Officio Members

Rev. Roderick Reid	Dean of Bocking
Rev. Dr. Ian Mitchell	Associate Priest
Mr. Graham Shaw	Churchwarden from May 2022
Mrs. Gillian Hunt	Churchwarden from May 2022
Mrs. Joanna Mallows	PCC Secretary
Mrs. Isabel Adcock	General Synod & Deanery Synod Rep
Mrs. Angela Comfort [RIP]	Deanery Synod Reps
Dr. Celia Coulson	2020-2023
Mrs. Sheila Johnson	Treasurer
Mrs. Nicola Jaynes	Safeguarding Officer

Elected Members

Mrs. Monica Cook	}	until May 2025
Mrs. Ann Shaw		
Mrs. Irene Brewer	}	until May 2024
Mrs. Joanna Mallows		
Mr. Stephen Johnson		
Mrs. Alysson Nolan	}	Oct 2020 until 2023
Mr. Paul Nolan		

The PCC operates through full meetings of all its members and through Standing Committee meeting occasionally between PCC meetings. This committee consists of The Dean, the Wardens, the Treasurer and PCC Secretary. It has power to transact business of the Council between meetings. The Church Council met 7 times, including one extra meeting in May, for business meetings during 2022, with an average of 10 of its membership in attendance. Diocesan pro forma were completed and recommendations carried out.

The Church

We continue to be dedicated to using St Mary's Church in the most creative ways we can to worship God and draw others to him through the ministries of stewardship, prayer, teaching and welcome, whilst continuing to develop our overseas link with the Parish of St Mary's Newala and other aspects of the wider Church.

General Finance

In the year 2022, we again met our obligations to the Diocese and parish in full and as usual, the Gift Aid Scheme has continued to benefit our work considerably. We are grateful to those who have completed a Gift Aid Declaration for their giving and to all who contribute regularly and generously through Standing Orders and Weekly Envelopes. If you are a Tax Payer we cannot afford for you not to be in the Gift Aid Scheme!

Dean Rogers Million Penny Fund

St Mary's Church continues to be grateful to the Dean Rogers Million Penny Fund for the payment of the Insurance Premium, details of which are included in the accounts. In what has been a very difficult year, not least financially, these funds were even more important.

Grateful Thanks

The P.C.C. wishes to thank the many, too numerous to mention by name, whose hard work and dedication has meant another successful year for St Mary's Church. We continue to thrive and flourish only because so much is done by so many people in a huge variety of ways and we truly value the contributions made by each and every one. Without so much being done to clean and decorate the Church, provide flowers, music, singing, bells, pastoral care, ministry to the sick and bereaved, take minutes, make coffee, soup and many other meals our parish and its fellowship would be the poorer.

The Dean's Reflections

Actions speak louder than words. Not a bad motto to live your life by, I'm sure you would agree.

It is also a great way to live out what it means to be a Christian, and to be part of a church community. For me, it is these same words that sum up so much of the last year here at St Mary's. I couldn't be prouder to be part of a church that builds up and supports one another, but also looks where necessary to take action, and offer that support in practical ways that go beyond and reach out to the wider community.

We saw that most clearly at the beginning of 2022, when we all wondered how we could respond to the developing crisis in Ukraine. Millions of people fleeing to neighbouring countries as war claimed lives and led so many to leave everything behind. From here in Bocking, we felt helpless, but then when the opportunity arose to support UK-AID and their lorries of items going out to Moldova, so many people stepped up. From our small village, 8 car loads full of the aid items requested went off, it was an incredible response. Then later in the year, we launched our Warm Space that would run every week throughout the winter. We were awarded some grant funding to get us going, but again it was the kindness of individuals who made it a success, along with the ever-growing numbers in attendance. The space was absolutely about somewhere to be warm and to have some food, but above all that, it was somewhere to make friends, to be with others, stranger or not. I am excited that this initiative will continue through 2023 and beyond.

In these challenging times, fundraising has been even more vital than ever, especially in 2022. Our own church finances have become tighter than we would like, and it was this that led me to suggest a parish wide 'Gift Day'. Rather nervously, 1500 letters went out across Bocking, and we waited to see the response. We were collectively overwhelmed at the generosity of both congregation and non-congregation members as we raised over £7000 with Gift Aid to be claimed in addition. Alongside the gifts, we had messages from people saying they were so pleased to be asked to contribute, and all those who came along on the actual Gift Day enjoyed a warm welcome. We were able to build on this later in the year too, when we took part in the Heritage Open Weekend with a special day of events including history talks, all of which were wonderfully received and something we will look to build on in the year to come.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the Flower Festival and May Day which after a hiatus for Covid returned fully in 2022. It was a bumper year for attendance and in monies raised. A huge success all round, this alongside the Friends events meant we raised more money in 2022 than we have for a long time which will stabilise our finances going forward.

There is so much more to highlight, and I can't cover it all here, but I am thrilled at the growing achievements of Eco Church giving us all plenty of food for thought. Whether it is in small ways like bug boxes, seed bombs and the like, or in larger ways like replacing our gas boiler with electric under-pew heaters, we continue to make great strides. It was also wonderful to see those leading Eco-Church link in with our growing Junior Church too, a really positive partnership and one that is inspiring young minds.

We have continued to utilise social media and our website but a new initiative last year also saw the introduction of a Quarterly Newsletter that goes out across the village and is another really good way for us to let people know all of the things we are up to, and I am really pleased with the response to it.

Alongside all of this we have had regular worship which has seen new people and families join us, bumper attendance at Christmas and Easter, as well as weddings, baptisms and funerals too. Of course, we have also had to adapt with some people moving away and more profoundly loved members of the congregation passing away. Their contribution to the life of this church over many years cannot be under-estimated and so we will long continue to give thanks for Jane Griffiths, Angela Comfort and Grace Cotton.

As we look back, I do so with thanks and gratitude for each and every person who is part of the life of this church. The challenges will continue, but so will the opportunities to serve God, by serving and loving one another. I look forward to sharing in that with you and trust that our hopes and desires will continue to be lived out through our words, and especially our actions.

The Very Revd Rod Reid, Dean of Bocking, May 2023

NOTES ON THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE ACCOUNTS WHICH FOLLOW

We are grateful to Jan Stobart who is our Independent Examiner.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Deanery Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bocking (Excepted Charity)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Deanery Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bocking for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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.



J Stobart FCCA
19 Westfield Drive, Coggeshall, Essex CO6 1PU
11th April 2023

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking
Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Fund	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Buildings - Buildings Capital	1,600.24	—	—	—	—	—	1,600.24
Choir - Choir Fund	240.00	—	—	—	—	—	240.00
Hall - Church hall	(12,304.55)	21,613.25	19,842.00	275.00	—	—	(10,258.30)
Dean Roger - Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	121,454.05	105.67	12.85	—	(9,278.32)	—	112,268.55
Fabric - Fabric Fund	276,078.33	—	—	—	(31,321.85)	—	244,756.48
Fellowship - Fellowship Fund	—	1,540.00	1,110.00	(275.00)	—	—	155.00
Flowers - Flower Fund	707.65	1,341.74	1,270.48	40.80	—	—	819.71
Mission - Funds collected on behalf of other charities	253.53	—	—	—	—	—	253.53
Grants - Grants and Donations	—	25,000.00	2,007.31	(5,000.00)	—	—	17,992.69
Retreats - Parish Retreats * Outings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
General - General fund	20,312.10	103,551.93	94,702.82	4,959.20	—	—	34,120.41
Totals	408,341.35	153,152.59	118,945.46	—	(40,600.17)	—	401,948.31

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking
Statement of Financial Activities - summary
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	103,551.93	21,613.25	27,987.41	—	153,152.59	115,021.65
Total expenditure	94,702.82	19,842.00	4,400.64	—	118,945.46	118,472.56
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	(31,321.85)	(9,278.32)	—	(40,600.17)	41,747.35
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	8,849.11	(29,550.60)	14,308.45	—	(6,393.04)	38,296.44
Gross transfers between funds - in	5,000.00	275.00	40.80	—	5,315.80	1,279.76
Gross transfers between funds - out	(40.80)	—	(5,275.00)	—	(5,315.80)	(1,279.76)
Net movement in funds	13,808.31	(29,275.60)	9,074.25	—	(6,393.04)	38,296.44
Total funds brought forward	20,312.10	265,374.02	122,655.23	—	408,341.35	370,044.91
Total funds carried forward	34,120.41	236,098.42	131,729.48	—	401,948.31	408,341.35
Unrestricted						
General fund	34,120.41	—	—	—	34,120.41	20,312.10
Designated						
Buildings Capital	—	1,600.24	—	—	1,600.24	1,600.24
Church hall	—	(10,258.30)	—	—	(10,258.30)	(12,304.55)
Fabric Fund	—	244,756.48	—	—	244,756.48	276,078.33
Restricted						
Choir Fund	—	—	240.00	—	240.00	240.00
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	—	—	112,268.55	—	112,268.55	121,454.05
Fellowship Fund	—	—	155.00	—	155.00	—
Flower Fund	—	—	819.71	—	819.71	707.65
Funds collected on behalf of other charities	—	—	253.53	—	253.53	253.53
Grants and Donations	—	—	17,992.69	—	17,992.69	—

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)

As at: 31 December 2022

		Balance	Previous balance
Investments			
6420: Dean Rogers Million Penny - Asset			
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	Restricted	112,172.88	121,451.20
		112,172.88	121,451.20
6450: CBIFS 11362.08 Units 608264001S - Asset			
Fabric Fund	Designated	234,756.48	266,078.33
		234,756.48	266,078.33
	Investments	346,929.36	387,529.53
Cash at bank and in hand			
6501: Bank current account - Asset			
Buildings Capital	Designated	1,600.24	1,600.24
Choir Fund	Restricted	240.00	240.00
Church hall	Designated	(10,258.30)	(12,304.55)
Dean Rogers Million Pennies Fund	Restricted	95.67	2.85
Fabric Fund	Designated	10,000.00	10,000.00
Fellowship Fund	Restricted	155.00	—
Flower Fund	Restricted	819.71	707.65
Funds collected on behalf of other charities	Restricted	253.53	253.53
Grants and Donations	Restricted	17,992.69	—
General fund	Unrestricted	34,120.41	20,312.10
		55,018.95	20,811.82
	Cash at bank and in hand	55,018.95	20,811.82
	Grand Total	401,948.31	408,341.35

The Deanery Church of St Mary the Virgin Bocking

Analysis of income and expenditure

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>						
0101 - Gift Aid - Bank	13,855.90	654.00	—	—	14,509.90	36,126.41
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	8,743.35	—	860.00	—	9,603.35	11,239.83
0301 - Loose plate collections	4,070.38	—	—	—	4,070.38	4,040.92
0410 - Giving through church boxes	845.44	—	—	—	845.44	723.47
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	—	—	—	—	—	10,013.00
0550 - Donations appeals etc	9,318.74	4,000.00	46.99	—	13,365.73	4,142.85
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	22,883.52	—	—	—	22,883.52	—
0701 - Legacies	—	—	25,000.00	—	25,000.00	—
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	675.00	2,000.00	—	—	2,675.00	—
0901 - Other funds generated	585.00	—	1,540.00	—	2,125.00	418.16
<i>Donations and legacies Totals</i>	60,977.33	6,654.00	27,446.99	—	95,078.32	66,704.64
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	18,111.00	—	—	—	18,111.00	24,531.00
1110 - Activities to generate funds	8,552.30	—	540.42	—	9,092.72	1,093.50
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	6.50	—	—	—	6.50	11.30
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	—	14,959.25	—	—	14,959.25	7,055.38
<i>Income from charitable activities Totals</i>	26,669.80	14,959.25	540.42	—	42,169.47	32,691.18
<i>Other trading activities</i>						
0910 - General Fundraising	1,736.22	—	—	—	1,736.22	2,162.32
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	7.10	—	—	—	7.10	21.90
<i>Other trading activities Totals</i>	1,743.32	—	—	—	1,743.32	2,184.22
<i>Investments</i>						
1001 - Dividends	6,982.01	—	—	—	6,982.01	7,005.11
1002 - DRMPF Contribution to Insurance Costs	7,133.00	—	—	—	7,133.00	6,436.50
<i>Investments Totals</i>	14,115.01	—	—	—	14,115.01	13,441.61
<i>Other income</i>						
1201 - Church shop	46.47	—	—	—	46.47	—
<i>Other income Totals</i>	46.47	—	—	—	46.47	—
Income and endowments Grand totals	103,551.93	21,613.25	27,987.41	—	153,152.59	115,021.65

Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	745.75	—	—	—	745.75	—
Raising funds Totals	745.75	—	—	—	745.75	—
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	—	—	—	—	—	100.00
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	25.00	—	—	—	25.00	25.00
1850 - Home mission	500.00	—	3,130.16	—	3,630.16	—
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	47,959.56	—	—	—	47,959.56	52,145.76
2001 - Assistant staff costs	40.00	—	—	—	40.00	160.00
2002 - Playgroup leader costs	900.00	—	—	—	900.00	640.00
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	288.00	—	—	—	288.00	—
2301 - Church running - insurance	6,726.86	—	—	—	6,726.86	6,394.43
2310 - Church office - Phone & internet	1,142.01	—	—	—	1,142.01	1,015.89
2311 - Church office Photocopier	4,467.86	—	—	—	4,467.86	3,145.83
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	408.00	—	—	—	408.00	269.00
2330 - Church maintenance	618.40	—	—	—	618.40	7,281.77
2331 - Cleaning	682.20	—	—	—	682.20	795.60
2340 - Upkeep of services	2,890.63	—	1,270.48	—	4,161.11	2,071.68
2341 - Director of Music & organists	7,700.00	—	—	—	7,700.00	5,210.00
2345 - Bellringers	100.00	—	—	—	100.00	—
2360 - Administration	1,121.17	—	—	—	1,121.17	1,051.46
2362 - Fees paid to Diocese	13,465.00	—	—	—	13,465.00	8,511.00
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	212.80	—	—	—	212.80	35.00
2401 - Church running - electric	2,802.32	—	—	—	2,802.32	1,651.48
2410 - Church running - gas	—	—	—	—	—	42.83
2440 - Church running - heating and lighting	—	—	—	—	—	19,420.24
2501 - Magazine expenses	385.00	—	—	—	385.00	—
2521 - Hall Running - Cleaning	—	1,918.68	—	—	1,918.68	1,438.38
2530 - Hall running - electricity	—	1,723.00	—	—	1,723.00	1,112.00
2540 - Hall running - gas	—	5,875.71	—	—	5,875.71	2,027.04
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	—	2,138.75	—	—	2,138.75	748.92
2580 - Hall running - water	—	(2,527.45)	—	—	(2,527.45)	3,179.25
2590 - Hall running - heating and lighting	—	1,351.54	—	—	1,351.54	—
2830 - Hall + interior and exterior decorating	1,156.99	9,361.77	—	—	10,518.76	—
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	365.27	—	—	—	365.27	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	93,957.07	19,842.00	4,400.64	—	118,199.71	118,472.56
Expenditure Grand totals	94,702.82	19,842.00	4,400.64	—	118,945.46	118,472.56