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Activities

Objects: The promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish.

Activities: The Rectorial Benefice of North Cardiff (also known as the North Cardiff Ministry Area) is a group of four churches in the Church in Wales (Anglican): St Denys (Lisvane), Christ Church (Roath Park), St Isan (Llanishen), St Faith (Llanishen). Our aim is to promote the whole mission of the Church by sharing Jesus Christ with the communities we serve.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£558,188	£424,555	£1,737,818	2
2023-12-31	£496,278	£471,165	-	-
2022-12-31	£397,788	£352,063	-	-
2021-12-31	£180,866	£140,437	-	-
2020-12-31	£180,931	£201,631	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gerald William Bradnum		2024-06-11
ISABEL CLARE GEORGE		2025-06-17
MARTIN ANTHONY HOLDEN		2024-06-28
Marilyn Susan Hillard		2022-02-01
Nicholas Forrester Brown		2024-06-11
Rev Elaine Jenkyns		2022-07-04
Rev James Brian Griffiths		2019-07-16
Rev Orion Burns Edgar		2024-01-28
Susan Anne Darracott		2022-06-28
Valerie Janette Jones		2022-02-01

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1. Introduction

In January 2022 the parishes of Lisvane, Llanishen and Roath Park were merged to form the North Cardiff Ministry Area (NCMA), following a Decree by the Bishop of Llandaff. For the purposes of the Constitution of the Church in Wales, the Ministry Area (MA) is a Parish and the Ministry Area Council (MAC) is a PCC.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations.

2. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1131310

Principal Address

7 Church Road
Lisvane
Cardiff
CF14 0SJ

Trustees and Members of the Ministry Area Council

The Ministry Area Council (MAC) is a body containing the trustees of the Ministry Area..

The following were members of the MAC at the time of filing this report:

Lay Chair

Eleanor Williams

Secretary

Denise Searle

Treasurer

Susan Darracott

Clergy

Revd James Griffiths (Ministry Area Leader)
Revd Canon Elaine Jenkyns (Priest-in-Charge)
Revd Orion Edgar (Priest-in-Charge)
Revd Ross Pilliner (Curate)
Revd Ruth Greenaway-Robbins (Curate)

MA Leader's Warden

Duncan Shadwell

MA People's Warden

Vacant

Elected Church Representatives

Gerald Bradnum (Christ Church)
Isobel Parry (St Isan)
Marilyn Hillard (St Faith)
Val Jones (Christ Church)
Nick Brown (St Denys)
Duncan Shadwell (St Denys)

Safeguarding Officer

Martin Holden

Chair of the Governance and Risk Subcommittee

Martin Holden

Chair of the Finance and Buildings Subcommittee

Pete Allbrook

Independent Examiner

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East Tyndall Street
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18 Mountain Road
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3. STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

3.1 Governing Document

Constitution of the Church in Wales adopted 31st March 1920 as amended on 30th January 2022

3.2 Organisational Structure

The NCMA is part of the Diocese of Llandaff. It comprises four churches: St Denys, Christ Church, St Isan and St Faith. It is governed by the MAC which operates through a number of committees that are responsible to the MAC and assist it in fulfilling its functions and responsibilities. These include Church Committees, the Ministry Area Leadership Team (an executive committee), a Governance Audit and Risk Committee and a Finance and Buildings Committee.

3.3 Induction and Training of New Trustees

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction or training of Trustees. Trustees are almost invariably already members of the church and so are aware of the goals and aims of the church. Their roles and responsibilities are communicated verbally and through the guidance documents published by the Charity Commission.

4. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

4.1 Objectives and Aims

The Church in Wales is a province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. Its calling is to nurture men, women and children in the faith of Jesus Christ and to aid them to grow in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, so that the good news of God's grace may be clearly proclaimed in the world and that God's Kingdom may be honoured and advanced.

It is the responsibility of the MAC and the clergy to work together and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance to the MA for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the Parish.

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MAC has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MAC's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed below.

4.2 Charitable Activities

4.2.1 Ministry Area

This year has witnessed a number of changes in personnel in the NCMA. We were delighted to welcome Revd Orion Edgar who was licensed as a Priest in Charge to the Ministry Area on 14th January 2024 and Revd Ruth Greenaway-Robbins as curate to the Ministry Area in May 2024. However, we were sorry to have to say goodbye to Revd Siôn Brynach who was appointed as Priest in Charge in the West Cardiff Ministry Area, his final service in the NCMA being Easter Sunday.

We are delighted that Martin Holden has kindly offered to serve as the Chair of the GAR and MA Safeguarding Officer. His expertise and enthusiasm for efficient administration will be a great benefit to the MAC.

Finally, we said goodbye to a number of trustees, namely Michael Smith, Roger Martin, Branwen Abbott, Colin Francis and Ian Crighton. We are very grateful to them for all that they were able to give to the life of the MA during their time as trustees.

The main activities of the MA during the year have been to promote the mission of the Anglican Communion and spread the Gospel to the people of Lisvane, Llanishen and Roath Park. The MA does this through both proclamation and action. In addition to its regular services and evangelistic activity, the MA also provides pastoral care, including visiting the sick and local schools, and carries out baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Each of the four parishes in the Ministry Area continued with its established pattern of services. There is at least one act of worship in each church every Sunday and Christ Church and St Denys additionally hold midweek services. Various other meetings such as Home Groups, Prayer Meetings and Fellowship Groups are held regularly. The 8.00am Holy Communion service at St

Denys has been reintroduced on a weekly basis. St Faith's has started a new service at 4pm on a monthly basis.

We are once again very grateful to the retired clergy and lay volunteers whose input is invaluable in helping us maintain a full suite of services throughout the Ministry Area, as well as helping with the administrative and operational aspects of the MA.

In addition to the normal Sunday services, all the local churches host special services and events for schools and other organisations, including some services which serve the civic and wider community, including annual Remembrance and Armistice Day services.

4.2.2 St Denys

Services

The primary opportunity for people to grow in Christ is our Sunday and midweek services.

8.00am. This went from a monthly to a weekly meeting in September. Attendance has been reasonable with an average of 8 people attending.

9.30am. This service has continued unchanged. The average attendance was 34.

11.15am. In January 2024 we moved the 11.15am service to 4.00pm in the belief that it might provide a better time for those whom we are trying to reach but whose children are involved in sports. Initially numbers increased but over the course of the year they did not appear to give any significant improvement. Following a survey of those attending it was decided that a final decision on the future of this service time will be made by Easter 2025. The average attendance was 38 adults and 14 children under 16.

10.15am. Our midweek services continues to have a strong, committed core with 10 attending on a weekly basis, including a number who do not attend on Sundays.

6.30pm. Our monthly evensong continues to be well-attended with an average of 17 attending.

Even taking into account the fact that the above numbers are simply the raw data and have not been adjusted to take account of those who attend more than once in the week, our numbers appear to have improved with 90 attendances weekly compared to 73 in 2023 (although those figures had been adjusted).

The services at our principal festivals of Easter and Christmas remain well attended. This year we introduced six new services:

- *Tenebrae.* On Wednesday of Holy Week we introduced a reflective service of Tenebrae combining live music from a string duo with readings from Scripture.
- *Combined North Cardiff Churches Good Friday Service.* A combined service with Thornhill Church, Aion Baptist Church, Lisvane Baptist Church and Rhiwbina Baptist Church was held at Thornhill. It was a powerful, moving service and a great expression of church unity.
- *Combined North Cardiff Churches Summer Service & Picnic.* A similar combined service but this time held in the carpark outside Thornhill as a public witness.
- *Remembrance Day Service.* We opted to move the joint service with Lisvane Baptist Church and combine it with the 9.30am service which became a service of morning prayer with a

focus on remembrance. The change worked very well and we had a significant number from the community attending. The formal setting was more appropriate for this type of service.

- *Community Carols.* We held a joint Community Carol service at the Memorial Hall with Lisvane Baptist Church. We have a long-standing and well attended Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols but wanted to reach out to those to whom that service would not appeal. It was extremely well attended with every seat taken.
- *A combined Christmas Day service.* This service bridged the different traditions at St Denys. The rationale was that at Christmas and Easter we ought to be united together as one church. It was a joy to see the church so full and for the service to be so well received.

Prayer

We remain absolutely committed to prayer. I am not sure I could go as far as John Wesley who said that God does nothing other than in answer to prayer, prayer is unquestionably foundational to all that we do as a church. As we seek to grow God's kingdom, we recognise that this is a spiritual battle that is beyond our ability and so we depend wholly on God.

Boiler Room. This is our weekly prayer meeting.

Weeks of Prayer. Each term we set aside a week to pray.

Home Groups

Our home groups are foundational to our growth in Christ. It is in our home groups that we are able to share fellowship, study the Bible, pray and give and receive pastoral care. We currently have three home groups that meet through the year. A particular highlight this year was the Talking Jesus Course which encouraged us to be more courageous in sharing our faith with others. After Christmas we have planned to run the Wellbeing Journey which explores different aspects of our wellbeing from a Christian perspective over 8 weeks.

Children and Youth

2024 saw significant growth in our youth and children's work with a marked spiritual interest evident in our children and young people. Our four main children and young people groups continued to run through the year:

- Ablaze for school years 10 to 13
- Impact for school years 6 to year 9
- Almighty Boosh for school years 3-5
- Sunday Splash for up to age 14 on Sundays

In addition to the weekly we held various additional events for all ages including a sleepover, water slides and trips. In addition to our own weekly groups we also ran or were involved in:

- the Flourish programme in Llysfaen Primary and Llanishen High.
- the start of the Llanishen High Christian Union
- a one day Easter Extravaganza holiday club (38 attendees)
- a Football Camp with Ambassadors Football (32 attendees)
- a weekend away jointly with with Citizen Church in Llanelli Horizons
- termly Youth Nights at All Nations
- mentoring 10 young people one-to-one for faith and personal development

Outreach

The outreach of the church takes different forms. Some of our outreach is evangelistic, some is aimed at better connecting with the community, some is aimed at serving those less fortunate than ourselves. In all these things we are seeking to share the love that we have known in Christ.

This year particular highlights include the following:

- *Community Lunches.* We started a monthly community lunch on the first Wednesday of every month. The aim is to connect the church to the community as well as foster our own community. Each month we have a guest speaker, with the highlight so far being Rowan Williams speaking on Poetry.
- *Community Cafe.* The Cafe continues to run weekly attracting a faithful following.
- *Plant Sale, Seedling Swap and Book Sale.* Thanks to Branwen and Rowena for getting this idea off the ground. We raised several hundred pounds for Llsyfaen Primary.
- *Craft Club.* This was a pop-up craft club to make crafts to sell at the Lisvane Fete and Christmas Fayre.
- *Lisvane Fête.* This year we had a double stall at the Fete featuring the remains of the plant sale, a book sale, lots of kids games, a free Christian literature giveaway, drama and a talk.
- *Greg Downes.* In June we welcomed Revd Dr Greg Downes to provide training to encourage us in evangelism and our use of spiritual gifts. Greg helped us in our outreach at the Lisvane Fete and spoke at the Festival Service.
- *Door to door.* Over the summer we began door to door visiting, simply inviting people to our services and/or offering to pray for them. Although it seems a daunting thing to undertake people were actually very warm and positive.
- *Tŷ Price Tots.* After much careful planning Tŷ Price Tots - our new parent, carer and toddlers club - was launched and is doing brilliantly. Thanks so much to Julia Plaut, Jane Shadwell and the team for their professionalism and hard work. It has gone from strength to strength.
- *Wreath-making.* Thanks to Holly Searle for helping us with our wreath-making class.
- *Christmas Fayre.* For the first time St Denys had stalls at the Lisvane Christmas Fayre selling crafts and books.
- *Bags of Joy.* At all our Christmas services we gave away 'Bags of Joy' ie bags containing Christian Christmas books, sweets, decorations etc.
- *Exodus Church Mbale.* Thanks to Rowenna Shaw's book sale, the youth fundraising initiatives and the generosity of the congregation we were able to give £10,000 to Exodus Church to help contribute to the costs of putting a roof on their new building.

Buildings

This year saw the completion of the work at Tŷ Price. Despite some initial teething problems with the doors, the building on the whole has served us very well. We have installed a PA system which will enable the hall to be used in a variety of ways and are exploring the possibility of turning the area under the stairs and the alcove in the small room upstairs into storage cupboards.

The Church Committee has been exploring the possibility of renovating the cloakroom in the main church building. What we hoped would be a straightforward reordering has become much more involved with the Diocesan Advisory Committee requiring a report on the damp problem before we

take the proposal forward. The Committee has also discussed the need to repair and refurbish the church hall and main church doors.

Conclusion

I am very grateful to all those who contribute to the life of St Denys in so many different ways whether by playing or singing music, reading and leading prayer, leading our prayer meetings, welcoming, arranging the flowers, serving tea and coffee, looking after the tech, helping out at our youth and children's events, running Tÿ Price Tots, helping with church lunches, community lunches and the community cafe, organising other activities and events, and running groups. Thank you also to everyone who helps with the administrative side of our church life, especially those who serve on the Church Committee, on the MAC, the Gift Aid secretary, the wardens and the treasurer. Particular thanks go to Denise Searle, Ali Jensen and Martyn Ridge for all they do week in and week out.

Finally, 2024 was a year marked with real sadness as a number of long-standing members of our church community passed away. In particular we remember and give thanks for the lives of Anne Martin, Barry Davies and Mil Presdee.

Revd James Griffiths

4.2.3 St Faith & St Isan

4.2.3.1 St Faith's

2024 was another busy year in the life of St Faith's. Numbers at worship have remained more or less consistent, and Howard and Marilyn agreed to continue as sub wardens. Unfortunately, we have still not been able to find a book keeper, although, I have been indebted to Carole Standfast for all her help and support, alongside the help provided by Carole Muir.

In March we began our contemporary worship service at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month, which averages around 18 attendees. During Lent we ran a cooking course for men, teaching basic cooking skills, and our Lent soup lunches were well attended. In September we changed the time of our toddler group to an afternoon slot in the hope that it would attract a great number; sadly, this did not happen. However, the launch of our monthly youth group has been well received, and only a lack of helpers prevents us from meeting more often.

In May we said 'hello' to our curate Ruth, and in June we said a fond farewell to our student, Sue, who left us to begin ordained ministry in Ely.

We have had some minor building repairs with nothing significant to report, and are looking towards repairing the roof in 2025.

Hire of the building has gone well with income from this amounting to £4,910 and we ended the year with a surplus of £7,732.22. A gift day was held on Mothering Sunday which contributed £1,128. As always we are grateful to our faithful parishioners for their generous contribution to our maintenance and ministry.

St Faith's is a church that punches well ahead of its weight and that is thanks to so many people who work hard in a variety of ways.

Revd Canon Elaine Jenkyns

4.2.3.2 St Isan's

In May we said 'hello' to our curate Ruth, and in June we said a fond farewell to our student, Sue, who left us to begin ordained ministry in Ely. Their contributions to our worship and ministry have meant that the Vicar is now less exhausted!

Numbers at worship continue to rise slightly, with new attendees at both services. Our pet blessing service has been well received and will now become a permanent fixture. There was a significant increase in attendees on Remembrance Sunday, especially from those within the uniformed organisations. Instead of our usual service for the Commemoration of the Departed we held a 'Memories at Christmas' service early in December; this was very well attended and people have asked that we repeat it in 2025. My thanks, as ever, to Karl and the choir, and to Iain for his wonderfully creative services at special occasions.

In September we started a Christian Union in Llanishen High School which is a joint venture between our clergy and Ali the youth worker from St Denys. Also in the Autumn Term Flourish courses were held in Llanishen High and Ton yr Ywen Primary. Flourish is a course that helps young people with self-esteem and well-being, and Rev'd Elaine completed her training in October to be able to run these courses alongside Rev'd Ruth and Ali. In December we held our first Experience Christmas event with children from Coed Glas Primary attending, thanks to our team of volunteers we were able to plan for Experience Easter in 2025 and it is hoped that this important ministry can continue.

Our social events have been as popular as ever, and I want to thank all those who help to put on our lunches and Players events, which contribute well to our fundraising as well as being opportunities to have fellowship together. Our monthly Friendship group goes from strength to strength, and we have also begun a fortnightly service in Ty Coch nursing home. My thanks go to our pastoral assistants who help out with this, and especially to Hazel for her ministry in taking communion to the housebound.

In May the boiler stopped working which meant that as the weather turned colder from October, the majority of our services were held in the hall. The issue was not resolved until the New Year and resulted in the church becoming very damp. A number of repairs have been identified for the building and the organ needs some major repairs.

Thankfully our financial deficit was not as large as last year, being £8430.51. David White's estate has finally gone through probate and we took possession of the flat at the end of the year. The flat is in a very poor condition, but there are enough funds from the estate to bring it up to a habitable standard, and also to carry out the repairs to the church. As always I am grateful to Carole for her work concerning fabric and finance, and to Ann as book keeper.

My thanks go to all who make St Isan's a wonderful community, and to Marilyn and Iain for putting up with me.

Revd Canon Elaine Jenkyns

4.2.4 Christ Church

2024 was another year of transition for Christ Church, as Fr Orion Edgar was licensed as a Ministry Area Vicar with pastoral responsibility for Christ Church on the 14th January. The following Sunday it was announced that curate Siôn Brynach had been appointed as a Ministry Area Vicar in West Cardiff Ministry Area, ending his time at Christ Church on Easter Sunday.

I am grateful to Siôn for his significant contribution to ministry at Christ Church over the years of his curacy, and his hard work in sustaining worship and pastoral care during the period of vacancy.

In 2024 Christchurch members met in church for a Lent Course, 'Difference,' on the power of reconciliation in a fractured world, in which we heard stories of peace-building and reconciliation from the bible and the contemporary world, focusing on developing the habits of 'being curious,' 'being engaged,' and 're-imagining' in the midst of conflict.

On the 10th March we celebrated (one day early) Christ Church's 60th Birthday, having been consecrated on the 11th March 1964. We welcomed Bishop Rowan Williams to preside and preach at a service in which he remembered the area he knew as a boy before Christ Church was completed, and encouraged to take time to grow into the people God is calling us to be. We began celebrating Evening Prayer at 5pm each day in the newly-cleared Lady Chapel, and the fortnightly Thursday morning communion service became a weekly fixture.

Our monthly Christ Church Get-Together continued to offer friendship, fellowship, fun and refreshment to members of the congregation and the wider community beyond our walls. No significant progress was made with the refurbishment of the church hall in 2024.

We celebrated the full gamut of services in Holy Week: with a procession from the Church hall and a dramatised Passion Reading for Palm Sunday; Evening Prayer with a reflection in the first days of Holy Week; followed by a Maundy Thursday service with foot-washing and the watch; the Good Friday liturgy with a chanted rendition of St John's Passion; and an Easter Vigil with Psalmody, readings, and the blessing of a hand-painted Paschal candle decorated with motifs based on Christ Church's decorations, and we were delighted to baptise new members in April, during the season of Easter.

Our Congregational meeting in April saw the end of Colin Francis' tenure as a Churchwarden and then congregational warden; I am hugely grateful to Colin for his hard work to sustain the life of Christ Church over many years, work which continues in his role as sacristan and in continuing to work with Ann to lead post-service refreshments. I am grateful to Judith Hill for her willingness to take on the role of congregational warden and have been delighted to welcome her to that role alongside Val Jones, who as congregational warden and pastoral care co-ordinator has lead our work of visiting those who are sick and housebound throughout the year.

We were delighted to join West Cardiff Ministry Area for Siôn's licensing in April, and to share in the ordination of former Christ Church member Sue Hurell as a Deacon at Llandaff Cathedral in June, as she began ordained ministry as a curate in Ely. In June a number of Church members joined the Great Get-Together picnic organised by the Interfaith Council of Wales, and in July we met for a sponsored walk around Roath Park Lake, raising around £600 for church funds. July also saw the last session of Chatterbox, our long-established toddler group, without sufficient volunteers to continue running as Ann Francis stepped down from her role in organising and leading it. I am grateful to Ann for the huge contribution she has made to our mission to local area over the years of her service at Chatterbox.

In September I was delighted to welcome Richard Grabham on long-term placement with us as part of his training for ordained ministry in the Church in Wales, based at St Padarn's Institute in

Llandaff. Richard has left a successful career as a teacher to prepare for ministry, and has brought us gifts in leadership, pastoral care, preaching and leading worship, and I'm delighted for us to benefit from his contribution to the life of Christ Church during this period of his training.

September began with an all-age service in which children were invited to bring their school bags to be blessed for the new year. We also began a monthly communion service at Llys Isan retirement home in Llanishen, which has proven to be a highlight of the month for residents and for those of us who visit from Christ Church to support the service. In October we celebrated Harvest with gifts for Cardiff food bank, which we continued to support throughout the year. We were delighted to collect over £250 in support of Bishop Mary's sponsored run of the Cardiff Half Marathon, and to cheer her on at the end of Lake Road North after our morning service. The following week +Mary visited Christ Church to confirm three adults and young people.

In November we were delighted to host the Church Autumn Fayre and Family Fun Day, which is memorable to me for being the day that Christ Church sponsored me to shave off my beard — and to remain beardless until September 2025, at 1 day for each of the 300 pounds of sponsorship money received. We also met in two groups for 'Everybody Welcome,' a four-week series of discussion asking about the quality of our welcome to those who do not already belong to our church community.

In December we gathered on a Saturday to clean and decorate the church ready for Christmas, and offered a Christmas Window trail organised by Richard Grabham to kick off our Christmas celebrations, with the return of our annual Carol service supported by Jane Roberts and our Christmas Choir, and the much-loved Christingle service on Christmas eve, lead by members of Funky Church, followed by Midnight Mass and an All-Age service for Christmas Day.

Our Sunday morning children's provision, Funky Church, has continued to thrive, and I have been delighted to be able to share with them and lead sessions a couple of times each term. Our youth group, J-Walkers, continued to meet around every 6 weeks for fun and friendship, and two members were confirmed in October. Thank you to Emma Brereton, Sarah Bell, and all those who lead and support our work with children and young people.

My thanks go to the many who contribute to our worshipping life and community by playing and singing music, reading and leading prayer, preparing and running our video screens, organising events, providing refreshments and working to keep us safe and and our life in good order. Thanks especially go to Rev Jenny Wigley and our Reader Eleanor Williams in helping to sustain our weekly pattern of worship. We would be much the poorer without the musical leadership of Jane Roberts and Fiona Cule, both playing music and leading the choir, and shaping the choices which guide our musical direction.

Several beloved long-standing members of Christ Church died in 2024, a great sadness to many of us. We were privileged to be able to host and conduct the funerals of Kay Dugdale, Brian Dicker, John Walker, Molly Hughes, Veronica Moverley, John Weldon and Elizabeth Davies.

Fr Orion Edgar

4.3 Main Achievements

The primary focus of our work as a charity is through our four constituent churches which are the focal points of our mission in the communities we serve. The MAC provides an overarching governance and administrative framework to enable the churches to pursue our charitable aims and objectives as best they can. It follows that many of our main achievements have already been

set out above in the individual reports for each church. What follows is a summary of the main administrative and governance achievements of the MAC in supporting the churches in their endeavours.

4.3.1 Governance. The Ministry Area is governed by its Standing Orders which were updated during the course of the year and have once again proved to be a useful framework within which to operate the charity. The GAR and FAB Subcommittees have continued to function well and their expertise and advice has been a great benefit to the MAC.

The MA resolved to adopt the provincial Membership App as a means of monitoring attendance at services across the MA.

The trustees were encouraged to take the Charity Commission Trustee Quiz as a way of helping to educate them about their role and responsibilities.

The MAC has continued to work efficiently at approving faculty applications for works within the MA as well as monitoring ongoing building works.

4.3.2 Ministry Area Council. The MAC met six times through the course of the year and most members were also present at the AVM. We have continued to focus on ensuring that the world of the MAC is transparent to all and so have endeavoured to produce Potted Minutes summarising the key decisions taken at each meeting which are then circulated to the four churches.

4.3.3 Mission. We have continued to hone the MA's Strategic Plan. Work began on the Strategic Plan at the beginning of October 2022 and culminated in a presentation of the plan to the Archdeacon on 19th June 2023. The Strategic Plan is a live document and can be updated as the mission of the MA develops. The Strategic Plan covers five areas: Evangelism, Discipleship, Ministry, Community and Worship.

This year also saw the introduction of an Evangelism Plan. This plan focusses solely on Evangelism encouraging each church within the MA to identify how it is intending to share the gospel both in words and action. We are hoping to complete this plan in early 2025.

We were very grateful to the Diocesan Growth Enablers who brought their evangelism roadshow to the MA in April. It was an informative evening and good to work together as an MA.

The MA held its first joint Taize service at Christ Church on the 24th November which was very well received and we look forward to holding similar joint services in the future.

4.3.4 Finance. The financial structure of the Ministry Area remains unchanged with a joint MA bank account held with CAF Bank and each church retaining its own bank account(s) for day to day spending. The Ministry Area is registered for Gift Aid. We are very grateful to Mererid Stone for her work as MA Gift Aid Officer. We are also grateful to Pete Allbrook and the members of the FAB for their ongoing work in drawing up the MA Financial Policy. We are looking forward to this being presented to the MAC in 2025. We are also grateful to the Diocese for the various grants that they awarded the Ministry Area this year:

- A Diocesan Mission Fund Grant of £1800 to fund (a) the visit of Revd Dr Greg Downes to provide evangelism training and support in delivering a mission at St Denys as well as

training for the Deanery Chapter; and (b) the delivery of the Talking Jesus course at St Denys and the Everybody Welcome course at Christ Church.

- AV grant of £1,500
- Administration grant of £4,000

The MA completed a Generosity Plan which was required by the Diocese and intended to help us to think more strategically about our income and expenditure. We were also grateful for the Archdeacon's advice on the benefit of holding annual or biennial Gift Days as a way of increasing our income.

Perhaps the most significant change this year was the replaced of the Fairer Share scheme with the Common Fund scheme. Under the new scheme the MAs are invited to make a pledge towards central funds bearing in mind that each full time cleric costs the diocese £55,000. The MA pledged £189,000.

The Archbishop announced the launch of the Church Growth Fund of £100 million for evangelism across the province to be rolled out over 10 years. Each year every MA is be able to apply for grants every year up to the value of £10,000 to fund evangelism projects. We submitted 6 bids of which one successful. The successful bid will allow St Denys to run a Wellbeing Journey Course from January to March 2025.

4.3.4 Charitable Structure. Despite the North Cardiff Ministry Area CIO being registered with the Charity Commission in August 2023, it has still not been possible to transfer the assets from the unincorporated association (the PCC of the Rectorial Benefice of the North Cardiff Ministry Area) to the North Cardiff Ministry Area CIO. On advice from the Diocesan Registrar and Secretary the trustees applied for permission to transfer to the Charity Commission due to a potential conflict of interests as the trustees will be substantially the same. This application was made in January 2024. The Charity Commission asked for further information in June 2024. We have sought advice from the Diocese on the issues raised by the Charity Commission but as at 31st December 2024 no adequate response has been received.

Our principal reason for becoming a CIO is the protection that it affords to trustees by limiting their liability. Unfortunately, at present our only protection is our Ecclesiastical ParishGuard insurance policy which only provides cover for up to £250,000. Trustees are jointly and severally liable for the debts of the charity which cannot be met out of its assets. This has been a concern to the whole of the MAC from its inception and one which has been raised with the Diocese.

4.3.5 Ministry Area Meetings. The MAC met six times during the course of the year: 16th January, 19th March, 21st May, 28th May, 24th September and 10th December. In addition all MAC members were present at the Annual Vestry Meeting which was held on the 11th May. Minutes were kept for all meetings and we endeavoured to produce a potted version of the minutes of all MAC meetings for all churches.

The MAC discussed a wide variety of issues at its meetings, including the accounts for 2023 and the budget for 2024, safeguarding, staffing, the Strategic Development Plan, the Evangelism Plan, the Buildings Plan, the Generosity Plan, the Common Fund scheme, Financial Policy, CIO application.

4.4 Public Benefit

The benefit to the public is a feeling of spiritual stability and freedom within the Ministry Area for the benefit of all people. This is exercised through the provision of regular public worship and pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the teaching of the Christian message through sermons and small groups, and the taking of assemblies in local schools; the promotion of the Christian Faith through staging special services. Each church has a hall where activities take place for people of all ages.

5. Financial review

5.1 State of Affairs

The results for 2024 are set out in the statement of financial activities. Income received totalled £558,188 which is an increase on income received in the previous year (2023 - £496,488). However, it should be noted that £122,000 of the income came in the form of legacies.

The surplus for the year was £133,633 (2023 - £25,113).

The financial position at the end of the year is set out in the balance sheet. The net assets at the year end were £1,737,819 (2023 - £1,603,319), and it should be noted that the majority of the net assets are held in restricted funds. The balance in general unrestricted funds at the end of the year was £276,768 (2023 - £310,044).

5.2 Fixed Assets

The movement in fixed assets is shown in note 7 to the accounts. At the end of the year, the accounting net book value of fixed assets was £965,000 (2023 - £845,000) following the transfer of a legacy asset to St. Isan.

5.3 Investments

The movement in investments is shown in note 8 to the accounts. At the end of the year, the value of investments held was £11,783 (2023 - £10,308).

5.4 Reserves policy

5.4.1 Definition

The Charity Commission defines reserves as “that part of a charity’s unrestricted funds that is freely available to spend on any of the charity’s purposes.” The reserves policy should assist in the objective and aim of the Ministry Area.

The MAC reserve policy is to retain a balance of unrestricted “free” reserves as working capital and to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense equal to at least three months’ expenditure.

5.4.2 Purpose of reserves

The reserve fund serves several purposes:

- to facilitate short term smoothing when monthly income falls short of expenditure;
- to facilitate paying the Common Fund by making up the shortfall when one church has insufficient funds to contribute;
- to support emergency and urgent needs that arise from time to time.

Other potential benefits of a reserve fund include:

- funding routine maintenance;
- supporting church-led initiatives and projects.

5.4.3 Surplus of funds

If there is a surplus, the MAC will be asked to determine priorities.

5.4.4 Monitoring and Review

The Finance and Buildings Committee will review the reserve balances every quarter. On an annual basis, the Finance and Buildings Committee will review the amounts held in reserve and report to the MAC. The Finance and Buildings Committee will also review the reserves policy annually and make recommendations to the MAC.

6. Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Financial statements are required to be prepared for the MA for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the balance sheet date of the income and expenditure for the year then ended. These financial statements are required to be examined by independent examiners and copies made available to parishioners. In preparing these financial statements the trustees will have due regard to:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Observing applicable Accounting Standards
- Preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees (who are members of the MAC) are responsible also for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the MA and for safeguarding its assets.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved and signed on behalf of the the Board of Trustees.



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James Griffiths, Ministry Area Leader

30th June 2025

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Date



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Parochial Church Council for the Rectorial Benefice of North Cardiff		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1131310
	Set out on pages 18 to 27		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Robert Hugh Date: 29/06/2025

Name: Robert Hugh

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body FCA

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024				
1	The North Cardiff Ministry Area is comprised of four churches - St. Denys, St. Isan, St. Faith and Christchurch.			
	St. Denys was previously registered with the Charity Commission with charity number 1131310.			
	St. Isan and St. Faith were previously registered with the Charity Commission with charity number 1133881 (removed charity February 2023).			
2	Accounting policies			
	The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the "Statement of Recommended Practice: SORP (FRS102)" issued by the Charity Commissioners, and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations.			
	The historical cost convention is used except for the valuation of certain fixed assets, whose valuation basis is detailed in the note below. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.			
	Going Concern			
	The Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.			
	The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.			
	Fixed assets			
	Churches, churchyards and vicarages are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. Such property forms no part of the assets of the parish. Moveable church contents are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal. Many are historic for which no reliable cost or valuation bases exist. They are not recognised on the balance sheet nor listed, to prevent increased risk of theft and vandalism. Expenditure on churches (including contents), churchyards and vicarages is written off when incurred.			
	There are freehold buildings vested with the Ministry Area.			
	No provision for depreciation of land and buildings is made.			
	Routine additions and replacements to the hall contents are charged to current expenditure.			
	Equipment is charged to current expenditure.			
	Investments			
	Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their mid market value at the balance sheet date. All movements in value arising from investment changes or revaluation are recognised in the statement of financial activities.			
	Gains or losses on investments disposed of are calculated as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying value of the investment.			
	Gains or losses on investments revealed are calculated as the difference between the carrying value at the beginning of the year and the end of the year.			
	Funds			
	Endowment funds: The Ministry Area has no endowment funds.			
	Restricted funds: represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited for a specific object. The may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.			
	Unrestricted funds: are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.			
	Designated Funds: are sums set aside out of general funds for specific designated purposes. They can be formally undesignated and transferred back to unrestricted general funds at any time.			
	Debtors			
	Debtors are amounts due for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.			
	Debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.			
	Cash and cash equivalents			
	Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.			
	Creditors			
	Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.			
	Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, where applicable.			
	Taxation			

No taxation is payable by the charity for the year as it is able to make use of the tax exemptions on income and capital gains available to charities.			
Incoming resources are all accounted for gross.			
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.			
Tax refunds are recognised as soon as the amounts are claimable.			
Grants and legacies are accounted for when the Ministry Area is legally entitled to the amounts due.			
Investment income: Where the Ministry Area has not invested separately for each fund, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.			
All other income is generally recognised when it is receivable.			
Income received via the cashless giving machine is recorded as received, with transaction fees already deducted.			
Outgoing resources			
Parish share is paid regularly and is included in expenditure for the year to which it relates.			
Unrestricted fund grants (including donations to missions) are recognised when determined.			
Amounts received specifically for missions are dealt with as restricted funds and the liability for the payment is recognised when the amounts are received.			
All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred.			
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued									
5 Analysis of incoming resources continued									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Voluntary income									
e Tax refunds									
Gift Aid tax	30,654		3,805	34,459		35,765		2,764	38,529
Gift Aid tax on Small Donations	5,076			5,076		3,119			3,119
Gift Direct tax	8,029			8,029		9,582			9,582
	43,759	0	3,805	47,564		48,466	0	2,764	51,230
f Legacies	2,000		120,000	122,000		102,779	0	37,779	140,557
g Other trading activities									
Fund raising	4,410			4,410		3,236			3,236
Other funds generated	9,886			9,886		13,407			13,407
Sundry income	5,606			5,606		4,210	195		4,405
	19,902	0	0	19,902		20,852	195	0	21,047
h Grants									
Recurring grants				0		90			90
Non-recurring one-off grants	2,074		1,340	3,414		1,677		1,500	3,177
	2,074	0	1,340	3,414		1,767	0	1,500	3,267
Generated income									
Money raising									
i Hall/property									
Hall rental income	18,324			18,324		8,980			8,980
Church building rental	11,580			11,580		12,390			12,390
	29,904	0	0	29,904		21,370	0	0	21,370
j Fairer Share Rebate	23,862			23,862		27,398	0	0	27,398
k Fees	12,933			12,933		11,975	0	0	11,975
l Investments									
Bank Interest	23,880		208	24,088		4,465		160	4,625
Income from funds held by CiW				0				73	73
	23,880	0	208	24,088		4,465	0	233	4,698
m Other income									
Insurance claims	60			60					0
	60	0	0	60		0	0	0	0
	399,704	119	158,365	558,188		433,515	9,195	53,567	496,278

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued									
6 Analysis of resources expended									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities									
Support of ministry									
a	Fairer Share	211,629			211,629	210,852	0	0	210,852
b	Parochial expenses of clergy								
	Clergy travel expenses				0				0
	Clergy telephone, etc.	449			449	424			424
	Clergy other expenses	8,398			8,398	5,245			5,245
		8,846	0	0	8,846	5,668	0	0	5,668
c	Assistant Clergy expenses	1,856	0	0	1,856	894	0	0	894
d	Lay Ministers' Costs								
	Visiting Speakers				0				0
	Lay Ministers' Expenses				0				0
	Lay Ministers' Laptops				0				0
	Lay Ministers' Salaries				0				0
	Lay Minister's NI				0				0
	Lay Minister's Pension				0				0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Parish activities								
e	Maintenance of services								
	Worship requisites	2,069		78	2,147	1,723	104	1,331	3,158
	Music and performance expenses	2,133			2,133	95			95
	Organist and choir	8,205			8,205	7,732			7,732
	Musical instrument tuning	1,217			1,217	140			140
	Non-clergy fees				0				0
	Digital services	652			652	665			665
	Copyright licence	187			187	957			957
		14,463	0	78	14,541	11,312	104	1,331	12,747
f	General parish expenses								
	Administrators - salaries	31,729			31,729	20,786		11,131	31,917
	Administrators - NI	6,441			6,441	4,389		2,067	6,455
	Administrators - Pension	2,784			2,784	1,318		708	2,026
	Administrators - expenses	16			16	242			242
	Administrators - equipment				0				0
	Administrators - other costs	776			776	776			776
	Ministry support worker salary				0				0
	Church Road running costs				0				0
	Stat., copying & office materials	2,206			2,206	1,718			1,718
	Leasing and hire purchase costs	2,009			2,009	452			452
	Office and general expenditure	6,586			6,586	7,331			7,331
	Telephone	1,596			1,596	971			971
	Cost of meetings	606			606				0
	Fire equipment				0				0
	Maintenance of website / social media platforms		300		300		45		45
	Gifts	813			813	1,407			1,407
	Professional fees	1,080			1,080	500		1,298	1,798
	Cost of fund-raising	20			20				0
	Independent examination	1,850			1,850	3,850			3,850
	Bank Charges	264			264	907			907
		58,776	300	0	59,076	44,648	45	15,204	59,896
	Church property								
g	Maintenance of churches								
	Insurance	5,550			5,550	5,288			5,288
	Electricity	8,127			8,127	9,869			9,869
	Gas	6,394			6,394	5,209			5,209
	Water	1,675			1,675	956			956
	Church - building fabric				0				0
	Church - building services				0				0
	Church equip. - reps & renewals	18,847	210		19,057	13,206		3,006	16,212
	Cleaning	3,909			3,909	3,423			3,423
	Telephone	718			718	731			731
	WiFi				0				0
	Fire equipment	272			272	150			150
	Other costs	433	90		522	1,538			1,538
		45,924	300	0	46,224	40,371	0	3,006	43,377

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

6 Analysis of resources expended cont.									
Charitable activities									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
h	Maintenance of other property								
Parsonage - water				0					0
Parsonage - electricity				0					0
Parsonage - other expenses				0					0
Church Hall - operating costs	17,321		15,337	32,658		22,850		13,726	36,576
Other property - operating costs	229			229		250			250
Major building repairs				0					0
Grounds	4,880			4,880		3,635			3,635
Churchyard management				0					0
General maintenance of other property				0					0
	22,431	0	15,337	37,768		26,735	0	13,726	40,461
i	Exceptional expenditure								
Major building repairs and renovations			9,000	9,000			700	65,622	66,322
	0	0	9,000	9,000		0	700	65,622	66,322
	Grants & financial support								
j	Parish								
Regular children's & youth work	10,678	206		10,884		5,653	117		5,770
Outreach				0					0
Cost of mission and evangelism	289	762	2,446	3,496		65		1,653	1,718
Cost of parish mission work				0					0
	10,967	968	2,446	14,381		5,718	117	1,653	7,488
k	Church charities and projects								
City Hospice	353			353		499		173	672
Huggard Centre	566			566		495		45	540
St. Teilo's	546			546		499		46	545
Sunday Circle	546			546		499		46	545
Red Community	902			902		75		825	900
Concern Cymru	902			902		825		75	900
The Christmas Story	376			376		858		42	900
Imperial College Union				0				258	258
Gwynfa				0		25			25
Christian Aid				0					0
Llysfaen Primary School	300			300					0
Compassion UK				0		336			336
Outreach				0					0
Charity donations				0		282		1,971	2,253
	4,492	0	0	4,492		4,394	0	3,480	7,873
l	Diocesan								
Llandaff Mission				0				502	502
Lisvane Men's Shed				0				0	0
	0	0	0	0		0	0	502	502

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

6 Analysis of resources expended cont.									
Charitable activities									
Grants & financial support									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
m National									
Christian Aid				0	166				166
Turkey & Syria earthquake appeal				0	240				240
Women's Aid				0			342		342
Compassion UK				0			(127)		(127)
Dementia UK				0					0
Bird Boxes - Mens Shed				0	50				50
Red Community	902			902					0
Concern Cymru	902			902					0
Food Bank	150			150	100				100
Guide Dogs				0	5		106		111
Huggard	543		250	793					0
Hostels				0	180				180
Charity donations	288		300	588	30				30
City Hospice	546		126	672			133		133
	3,331	0	676	4,007	771	0	454		1,225
n World Mission									
Just Earth	1,001			1,001			1,342		1,342
500k churches	1,001			1,001	83		917		1,000
Wycliffe				0	756		69		825
Christian Aid - Middle East Appeal	644			644			207		207
Mbale Building Appeal			7,842	7,842			2,158		2,158
Mbale Famine Relief				0			5,980		5,980
PONT	1,311		437	1,748	866		1,482		2,348
Ukraine				0					0
Other	498			498					0
	4,455	0	8,279	12,734	1,705	0	12,154		13,860
o Fund Transfers									
From unrestricted to designated funds	(60,000)	60,000		0					0
From designated funds to unrestricted funds				0					0
From restricted funds to unrestricted funds	14,191		(14,191)	0					0
From restricted funds to designated funds				0		191,743	(191,743)		0
	(45,809)	60,000	(14,191)	0	0	191,743	(191,743)		0
	341,362	61,568	21,624	424,555	353,068	192,709	(74,612)		471,165
Fixed assets									
7 Church buildings									
Ty Price			600,000	600,000			600,000		600,000
Ty Price - building fund				0					0
Church School House			245,000	245,000			245,000		245,000
Mount View			120,000	120,000					0
	0	0	965,000	965,000	0	0	845,000		845,000
<i>This can be further analysed as:</i>									
Building value			600,000	600,000			600,000		600,000
Revaluation during 2022				0					0
	0	0	600,000	600,000	0	0	600,000		600,000
8 Investments									
Chancel Repair Fund - opening balance			10,916	10,916			9,845		9,845
Gain / (loss) on revaluation			866	866			1,071		1,071
	0	0	11,782	11,782	0	0	10,916		10,916
9 Debtors									
Opening balance				0					0
Fairer share rebate	1,867			1,867					0
Mbale Building Fund				0	2,158				2,158
Christian Aid - Middle East Appeal				0	207				207
CCLI (prepayment)				0					0
Gift Aid rebate	1,774			1,774					0
Gift Aid rebate - GASDS	268			268					0
Repairs and maintenance				0					0
Insurance (prepayment)				0					0
HMRC - PAYE				0	600				600
HMRC - Nest				0	243				243
Independent examiner	1,850			1,850	1,680				1,680
Prepayments	729			729					0
Other	12,380			12,380	20,812		278		21,090
	18,868	0	0	18,868	25,700	0	278		25,978
10 Cash and bank balances									
Cash at bank and in hand	263,093	307,339	176,930	747,362	284,638	248,788	247,365		780,791
	263,093	307,339	176,930	747,362	284,638	248,788	247,365		780,791
11 Creditors falling due within one year									
Car park drainage				0					0
Parish share rebate				0					0
Budd Electrical				0					0
Smith of Derby				0					0
Women's Aid				0					0
PONT				0					0

Lisvane Men's Shed				0				0
City Hospice				0				0
Dementia UK				0				0
Examination fee				0			1,680	1,680
Christchurch				0				0
HMRC - PAYE	571			571			600	600
NEST	245			245		243		243
Mbale Building Appeal				0			2,158	2,158
Installation of heating	3,600			3,600			45,816	45,816
Other	779			779		51	8,818	8,869
	5,195	0	0	5,195		294	0	59,072
								59,366
						25		

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued						
Funds and reserves						
12	Unrestricted funds	Balance 31.12.2023	Movement in year	Transfer 2024	Balance 31.12.2024	
		£	£	£	£	
	St. Denys	98,074	12,251	14,191	124,516	
	Christchurch	13,068	9,227		22,295	
	St. Faith	43,360	7,770		51,130	
	St. Isan	154,495	(21,897)	(60,000)	72,598	
	North Cardiff - central	1,046	5,182		6,228	
	Total Unrestricted Funds	310,043	12,533	(45,809)	276,767	
13	Designated funds	Balance 31.12.2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer 2024	Balance 31.12.2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	St. Denys					
	Youth Evangelism	6,883		(968)		5,915
	Website	3,955		(300)		3,655
	Christchurch					
	Designated buildings fund	237,796		(210)		237,586
	St. Faith					
	St. Faith - flower fund	154	119	(90)		183
	St. Isan					
	David White fund				60,000	60,000
	Total Designated Funds	248,788	119	(1,568)	60,000	307,339
	NB: Youth Evangelism was previously named "Welcome Packs"					
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

14	Restricted reserves	Balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/(losses)	Balance
		31.12.2023	Resources	Resources		2024	31.12.2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	St. Denys						
	Charity Giving	0	11,490	8,954	1,071		3,607
	Chancel Repair Fund	10,308				866	11,174
	Ministry Support Worker salary	5,439	19,026		(15,262)		9,204
	Fred Williams Evangelism Fund	36,126		1,606			34,520
	Church House - grants	2,933		2,430			503
	Church House - build and maintenance	600,000					600,000
	Church House (Ty Price) - ongoing maintenance	22,416		21,406			1,010
	Grants	0	1,340	1,340			0
	Christchurch						
	Buildings Renewal Fund	121,798	120				121,918
	Gwenda Palmer Fund	100					100
	Harry Brown Fund	248		78			170
	Heating Renewal Fund	0	6,050				6,050
	Home Charities Fund	0					0
	St. Faith						
	Money Manager account	204	208				412
	St. Isan						
	Church School House	244,914	130				245,044
	Mount View	0	120,000				120,000
	Total Restricted Funds	1,044,486	158,365	35,814	(14,191)	866	1,153,712

APPENDIX 1

NORTH CARDIFF MINISTRY AREA STANDING ORDERS

Updated May 2025

1. Terminology

- (a) **The Ministry Area Council (MAC)** shall be the term used to refer to the body referred to as **The Parochial Church Council (PCC)** in the Constitution of the Church in Wales.
- (b) **Church Committee (CC)** shall be the term used to refer to individual church committees constituted as sub-committees of the Ministry Area Council
- (c) **The Leadership Team (LT)** shall be the term used to refer to the executive committee of the Ministry Area Council.
- (d) **The Governance, Audit and Risk Sub-committee (GAR)** shall be the term used to refer to the sub-committee of the MAC which deals with all matters affecting governance, audit and risk.
- (e) **The Finance and Buildings Sub-Committee (FAB)** shall be the term used to refer to the sub-committee of the MAC which deals with all matters affecting finance and buildings.
- (f) **Church Annual Vestry Meeting (CAVM)**. A Church Annual Vestry Meeting is a meeting of those members on the electoral roll attached to one particular church; it is for the purpose of electing the Church Committee for that church and for electing representatives for nomination to the MAC.
- (g) **Ministry Area Annual Vestry Meeting (MAVM)**. An MAVM is a combined meeting of all those on the electoral roll in the Ministry Area. It is for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report, electing the People's MA Warden and electing the MAC representatives nominated by each church at its CAVM.
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2. Standing Orders

2.1. Composition

1. Membership of the MAC shall comprise:

- (a) Lay Chair¹
- (b) Ministry Area Leader (MAL)²
- (c) Ministry Area Clergy²
- (d) Associate Priests/NSMs^{2a}

- (e) Ministry Area People's Warden³
- (f) MAL's Warden⁴
- (g) Church Representatives comprising:
 - (i) 2 representatives from Christ Church⁵
 - (ii) 2 representatives from St Denys⁵
 - (iii) 2 representatives from St Isan⁵
 - (iv) 2 representatives from St Faith⁵
- (i) Ministry Area Treasurer⁶
- (j) Ministry Area Secretary⁶
- (k) Lay chair of Buildings and Finance sub-committee⁶
- (l) Lay chair of Governance, Audit and Risk Committee⁶
- (m) Licensed reader⁶

¹ Appointed by the bishop triennially

² Appointed *ex officio*

³ Elected annually at Ministry Area Vestry Meeting (AVM). No Ministry Area Warden shall ordinarily hold office for more than 6 years, whether as People's Warden or Leader's Warden. Dispensation can be given by the Archdeacon to enable a Ministry Area Warden to serve longer, which will be reviewed annually. In accordance with Chapter IV C, Regulations Relating to Parochial Administration V.14.5 of the Constitution of the Church in Wales the Ministry Area Wardens may hold office up to the age limit for those serving on Governing Body (currently 75 years of age).

⁴ Appointed annually by the MAL. No Ministry Area Warden shall ordinarily hold office continuously for more than 6 years, whether as People's Warden or Leader's Warden. Dispensation can be given by the Archdeacon to enable a Ministry Area Warden to serve longer, which will be reviewed annually. In accordance with Chapter IV C, Regulations Relating to Parochial Administration V.14.5 of the Constitution of the Church in Wales the Ministry

Area Wardens may hold office up to the age limit for those serving on Governing Body (currently 75 years of age). Wardens wishing to continue their service beyond this age should discuss their position with their vicar, the Ministry Area Leader and the Archdeacon.

⁵ Nominated annually by local churches and elected at the AVM. No Congregational Member shall ordinarily hold office for more than 3 years consecutively. Any previous term of office held at church level shall not count for the purposes of calculating this 3 year period. The MAC shall retain a discretion to extend this 3 year period as it sees fit. Persons who are receiving remuneration from the MAC, whether employed or self-employed, may act as Congregational Members but are not entitled to vote at MAC meetings.

⁶Co-opted unless elected or appointed *ex officio*.

2. The MAC shall be empowered to co-opt such number (not exceeding seven in total) of lay persons or clerics to the MAC with the consent of the meeting, always providing the total number of co-opted members doesn't exceed the number of Elected Representatives.
3. All members of the MAC with the exception of the Treasurer, the Secretary and anyone who receives remuneration from the MAC, whether employed or self-employed, shall be entitled to vote at MAC meetings and shall be trustees of the MAC. No other persons shall be entitled to vote at MAC meetings.

2.2.General Rules

Ministry Area Council

1. The MAC shall be sovereign in all matters, but will normally delegate to the Church Committees decisions concerning the day to day operations of the individual churches such as service patterns, finances, fabric and fundraising.
2. There shall be at least 4 meetings of the MAC per annum.
3. Quorum for the MAC shall be 50% + 1.
4. In matters relating to changes affecting the whole MA, only the Lay Chair, the Clergy, the MA Wardens, the FAB Lay Chair, the GAR Lay Chair, and Church Representatives shall vote.
5. In the event of any tied vote the Lay Chair shall have a second and casting vote.
6. In matters relating to individual churches the MAC shall give the views of the relevant Church Committee and Church Representatives primary consideration.
7. Where the MAC is asked to adopt a decision made by a Church Committee or MAC Sub-committee there must be either:

(i) A full minute of the relevant Church Committee meeting available to the MAC; or

(ii) At least one representative from the Church Committee or Subcommittee present and able to explain how the decision was reached.

8. No matter(s) relating to individual churches shall normally be decided upon, without having consulted the relevant Church Committee beforehand.
9. MAC meetings may be held in person or via any online platform it shall approve. Where a meeting is held online all participants must be visible.
11. Decisions may from time to time be made by the MAC outside ordinary meetings. This may be done via email or using any online platform that the MAC shall approve.
12. The MAC may elect a Deputy Lay-Chair to deputise in the absence of the Lay Chair, to be appointed annually by the MAC from among its members. No Deputy Chair shall ordinarily hold office for more than 3 years consecutively. Any previous term of office held at church level shall not count for the purposes of calculating this 3 year period. The MAC shall retain a discretion to extend this 3 year period as it sees fit.
13. The MAC shall appoint a MAC Secretary.
14. The MAC shall appoint an MA Treasurer.
15. The MAC shall appoint a MA Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
16. The MAC shall appoint a MA Electoral Roll Officer.
17. The MAC shall appoint a MA Gift Aid Secretary.
18. The MAC shall appoint a MA Faculties Officer.
19. The MAC shall appoint a MA Data Protection Officer.
20. The MAC shall appoint a MA Health and Safety Officer.
21. The MAC shall appoint a MA Insurance Officer.
22. The MAL shall appoint an MAL's MA Warden.
23. The AVM shall elect a People's MA Warden.
24. The roles in paras 9-19 should be filled ordinarily by persons on the electoral roll of the Ministry Area but the MAC reserves the discretion to appoint persons not on the electoral roll. Holding office as a member of the Church Committee or the MAC is not a prerequisite. However, it is preferable that they hold the equivalent office in their church.
25. Those who hold the offices set out in paras 8-17 shall do so at the discretion of the

MAC.

26. The MAC Secretary (para 9 above) and the MA Treasurer (para 10 above), are *ex officio* members of the MAC. Those taking up the roles set out in paras 11-17 are not *ex officio* members of the MAC.
27. The MA Wardens may represent the Congregational Members at the meetings of the Leadership Team and elsewhere as required.
28. Where a complaint of misconduct is made against any office holder in the MA who is not a member of the MA Leadership Team, the MA Leadership Team may remove them from office pending an investigation.
29. Where a complaint of misconduct is made against any member of the MA Leadership Team, the matter shall be referred to the Archdeacon.

MA Leadership Team (Executive Committee)

30. The MA Leadership Team shall be the Executive Committee of the MAC, the membership of which shall comprise:
 - MAC Lay Chair
 - Ministry Area Leader
 - MAVicars

And, when required by the clergy and lay chair:

- MA Wardens
 - The MAC Secretary (who shall be Secretary)
 - The MAC Treasurer
27. The MA Leadership Team (or Executive Committee) shall be empowered to co-opt such additional members as it requires.
 28. The MA Leadership Team (or Executive Committee) shall meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the MA when the MAC is not sitting and shall have responsibility for the day to day running of the MA.
 29. MA Leadership Team meetings may be held in person or via an online platform the MAC shall approve. Where a meeting is held on online all participants must be visible.
 30. Decisions may from time to time be made by the MA Leadership Team outside its ordinary meetings. This may be done via email or using any online platform that the MAC shall approve.
 31. The MA Leadership Team (or Executive Committee) shall make recommendations to the MAC. It shall also from time to time formulate policy for discussion and ratification by the MAC.
 32. The MAC shall delegate plenary powers to the MA Leadership Team (or

Executive Committee) when it is not sitting.

33. The MAC Secretary shall be the Secretary to the MA Leadership Team (or Executive Committee).

Governance, Audit and Risk Sub-committee

34. The Governance, Audit and Risk Sub-committee (GAR) shall be a sub-committee of MAC, the membership of which shall comprise:
- Lay Chair of the GAR
 - Secretary of the MAC
 - Lay Chair of the MAC
 - MA Data Protection Officer
 - MA Health and Safety Officer
 - MA Insurance Officer
 - MA Safeguarding Officer
 - MA Electoral Roll Officer
35. The role of the Lay Chair of the GAR shall be to liaise at church level with those persons responsible for matters within the remit of the GAR.
36. The Lay Chair has a discretion to excuse the attendance of any member of the GAR where there is nothing on the agenda to which their role is relevant and/or to invite any other persons who are not ex officio members of the GAR to attend any meeting where their presence is relevant due to their role within their church or the MA.
34. The GAR shall be empowered to co-opt up to 5 additional members.
35. The MA Vicars shall be entitled to attend and speak, but not vote at the GAR.
36. GAR meetings may be held in person or via an online platform the MAC shall approve. Where a meeting is held on online all participants must be visible.
37. Decisions may from time to time be made by the GAR outside its ordinary meetings. This may be done via email or using any online platform that the MAC shall approve.
38. The GAR shall meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to the day to day administrative operation of the MA including in particular, Data Protection, Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Insurance and the Electoral Roll.
39. The GAR shall make recommendations to the MAC. It shall also from time to time formulate policy for discussion and ratification by the MAC.

Finance and Buildings Sub-committee

40. The Finance and Buildings Sub-committee (FAB) shall be a sub-committee of MAC, the membership of which shall comprise of:
- Lay Chair of the FAB
 - MA Vicars
 - Secretary of the MAC
 - Lay Chair of the MAC
 - MA Treasurer
 - MA Gift Aid Officer
 - MA Buildings and Faculties Officer
41. The Lay Chair has a discretion to excuse the attendance of any member of the FAB where there is nothing on the agenda to which their role is relevant and/or to invite any other persons who are not *ex officio* members of the FAB to attend any meeting where their presence is relevant due to their role within their church or the MA.
42. The FAB shall be empowered to co-opt up to 5 additional members.
43. The FAB shall meet from time to time to discuss matters relating to MA finances, buildings, property and employment and report back to the MAC, making recommendations where appropriate.
44. FAB meetings may be held in person or via an online platform the MAC shall approve. Where a meeting is held on online all participants must be visible.
45. Decisions may from time to time be made by the FAB outside its ordinary meetings. This may be done via email or using any online platform that the MAC shall approve.
44. The FAB shall also from time to time formulate policy for discussion and ratification by the MAC. In accordance with the Constitution of the Church in Wales, the FAB shall produce a budget each year which it shall submit to the MAC for ratification.
45. The FAB shall advise the MAC on all matters relating to finance, including the financial policy of the MAC. The final decision on all financial matters shall be taken by the MAC.
46. The FAB shall meet at least twice a year, one of these meetings shall be for the purpose of setting the budget for the following year. This shall be done in liaison with the Treasurers of the individual churches.

Committees and Sub-committees: General

47. All Committees and Sub-Committees shall be subordinate to the MAC and shall report to that body.

48. All Committees and Sub-Committees shall meet as convened by their Lay Chair or the MAC Lay Chair from time to time, providing that they meet at least twice per annum.
49. From time to time the MAC or Leadership Team may appoint sub-committees to carry out work on its behalf.
50. With the exception of the Leadership Team, the FAB and the GAR, all sub-committees shall appoint a Secretary from within their number who shall send minutes of meetings to the MAC Secretary, MAC Lay Chair and MAL.
51. The Quorum for all Committees and Sub-Committees shall be 50% + 1.
52. All Committee and Sub-Committee meetings may be held in person or via an online platform the MAC shall approve. Where a meeting is held on online all participants must be visible.
53. Decisions may from time to time be made by the Committees and Sub-Committees outside its ordinary meetings. This may be done via email or using any online platform that the MAC shall approve.

Church Committees (CCs)

54. St Denys, Christ Church, St Isan's and St. Faith's shall each have its own Church Committee.
55. Membership of each Church Committee shall comprise:
 - The MAVicar with primary pastoral responsibility for the Church
 - Any Assistant Curates whose training vicar holds primary pastoral responsibility for that church.
 - Full-time stipendiary lay workers who normally attend that church.
 - Congregational Vicar's Warden
 - Congregational People's Warden
 - The Church MAC Representatives for that church
 - Church Treasurer
 - CC Secretary
 - Up to 4 elected Lay Members
 - Any other members of the MAC who normally attend that church
58. The CCs may co-opt additional members subject to the number of co-opted members not exceeding the number of elected members (Congregational People's Warden, Church MAC Representatives, 4 Lay Members).

59. The CC shall elect a Lay Chair from its members (who may be one of the Wardens). If no lay person is willing to act as chair, the MAVicar with primary pastoral responsibility for the Church may be appointed as Chair. This appointment must be reported to the Ministry Area Leadership Team.
60. The MAVicar with primary pastoral care shall appoint the Congregational Vicar's Warden. No Warden shall ordinarily hold office continuously for more than 6 years, including service as a Congregational People's warden, Congregational Vicar's warden, and Ministry Area Warden. The Congregational Vicar's Warden may hold office up to the age of those serving on Governing Body (currently 75 years of age). The Ministry Area Leadership Team shall retain discretion to allow service beyond the 6 year limit and beyond the age limit, which will be reviewed annually.
61. The Congregational People's Warden shall be elected by the church's Congregational Meeting (CM). No Warden shall ordinarily hold office continuously for more than 6 years, including service as a Congregational People's warden, Congregational Vicar's warden, and Ministry Area Warden. The Congregational Vicar's Warden may hold office up to the age of those serving on Governing Body (currently 75 years of age). The Ministry Area Leadership Team shall retain discretion to allow service beyond the 6 year limit and beyond the age limit, which will be reviewed annually.
62. The Church MAC Representatives elected annually by the CM shall be appointed to the CC *ex officio*.
63. The CC shall appoint a Treasurer.
64. The CC shall appoint a Secretary.
65. The Lay Members shall be elected annually by the CAVM.
66. No Lay Member shall ordinarily hold office for more than 3 years consecutively.
67. All CCs shall meet as convened by the CC Chair or Vicar with primary pastoral responsibility, from time to time, providing that they meet at least four times per annum.
68. Church Committee meetings may be held in person or via an online platform the MAC shall approve. Where a meeting is held on online all participants must be visible.
69. Decisions may from time to time be made by the Church Committee outside its ordinary meetings. This may be done via email or using any online platform that the MAC shall approve.
70. The CCs shall advise the MAC on matters relating to individual churches and shall normally be consulted on matters relating specifically to particular churches. (e.g. Building Work, Ministry Share default etc.).

71. The CCs shall be responsible for the day to day running of each particular church.
72. All Faculty applications must be approved by the MAC before being made and should be in the first instance be discussed by the FAB.

Electoral Roll

73. There shall be an electoral roll for the MA.
74. The MAC shall be responsible for the compiling of the Electoral Roll in accordance with the Constitution of the Church in Wales.
75. The MAC shall appoint an Electoral Roll Officer, who shall co-ordinate the compilation and revision of the Electoral Roll.
76. Each member of the Electoral Roll shall indicate which Church they wish to be associated with for the purpose of Church Committees and CAVMs.

AVM and CMs

77. There shall be an MAVM which shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Church in Wales.
78. Prior to the MAVM there shall be a CAVM for each church. These will be congregational meetings that shall nominate the Church MAC Representatives and elect the Lay Members of the CC and the Congregational Church Warden.
79. The MAL and/or MA Vicar(s) shall act as Returning Officers for elections.

Finance

80. The MAC shall operate a Central Fund for the payment of day to day running expenses of the MA as agreed by the MAC. The signatories for this account shall be the Lay Chair, the MAL and the MA Vicars.
81. Each Church shall pay a figure determined by the MAC, as advised by the FAB, towards the Central Fund.
82. The MAC, as advised by the FAB, shall produce a budget each year.
83. The MAC, as advised by the FAB, shall determine what contribution each Church shall make to the annual Fairer Share payment.
84. Each Church shall normally maintain its own General Purpose Account. The signatories for this account shall be the Church Treasurer, the vicar and such other persons as the Church Committee may decide.
85. Each CC shall be responsible for the payment of its contribution to Fairer Share and its own day to day expenses. The MAC shall normally delegate decisions concerning individual church finances, fabric, church halls, social and fundraising and mission and outreach to the Church Committees.

86. Church Committees are authorised to spend up to £3,000 in any single payment. The signatures of two members of the CC shall be required to authorise payment.
87. Where an item of expenditure exceeds £3,000 but is no more than £10,000, the Church Committee is only authorised to make the payment where it has first obtained the permission of the Leadership Team. The signatures of one member of the Leadership Team (who is not a member of the CC of the Church from which the request has originated) and one member of the CC shall be required to authorise payment.
88. Items of expenditure in excess of £10,000 must be authorised by the MAC.
89. Copies of all financial accounts held by CCs shall be submitted to the MA Treasurer at least four weeks before the MAVM for inclusion in the consolidated accounts for the MAVM in accordance with Charity law.
90. The MAC shall be sovereign in all matters relating to finance in accordance with the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

Interpretation

91. Interpretation of these Standing Orders shall rest with the MAC Lay Chair. In the event of a dispute the matter should be referred in the first instance to the Archdeacon.
92. These Standing Orders shall constitute a form of best practice and procedure but shall always be subordinate to the Constitution of the Church in Wales. In the event of conflict with the said Constitution of the Church in Wales, the latter shall always take precedence. These Standing Orders shall also be subject to any decision of the Diocesan Conference under its powers relating to Parochial Governance.
93. Revisions to these Standing Orders shall normally be the responsibility of the MA Leadership Team (Executive Committee), subject to ratification by the MAC. Any changes must be reported to the Annual Vestry Meeting.
94. The MAC shall retain a discretion to amend these Standing Orders as it sees fit. However, any amendment must be agreed upon by at least two-thirds of the MAC.

Date Adopted: 20th May 2025

Parochial Church Council for the Rectorial Benefice of North Cardiff

England & Wales - Charity number 1131310

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024
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RECTORIAL BENEFICE OF THE NORTH CARDIFF MINISTRY AREA**

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1. Introduction

In January 2022 the parishes of Lisvane, Llanishen and Roath Park were merged to form the North Cardiff Ministry Area (NCMA), following a Decree by the Bishop of Llandaff. For the purposes of the Constitution of the Church in Wales, the Ministry Area (MA) is a Parish and the Ministry Area Council (MAC) is a PCC.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations.

2. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1131310

Principal Address

7 Church Road
Lisvane
Cardiff
CF14 0SJ

Trustees and Members of the Ministry Area Council

The Ministry Area Council (MAC) is a body containing the trustees of the Ministry Area..

The following were members of the MAC at the time of filing this report:

Lay Chair

Eleanor Williams

Secretary

Denise Searle

Treasurer

Susan Darracott

Clergy

Revd James Griffiths (Ministry Area Leader)
Revd Canon Elaine Jenkyns (Priest-in-Charge)
Revd Orion Edgar (Priest-in-Charge)
Revd Ross Pilliner (Curate)
Revd Ruth Greenaway-Robbins (Curate)

MA Leader's Warden

Duncan Shadwell

MA People's Warden

Vacant

Elected Church Representatives

Gerald Bradnum (Christ Church)
Isobel Parry (St Isan)
Marilyn Hillard (St Faith)
Val Jones (Christ Church)
Nick Brown (St Denys)
Duncan Shadwell (St Denys)

Safeguarding Officer

Martin Holden

Chair of the Governance and Risk Subcommittee

Martin Holden

Chair of the Finance and Buildings Subcommittee

Pete Allbrook

Independent Examiner

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Llanishen
Cardiff CF14 5Q

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75 Llandennis Road
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50 Station Road
Llanishen
Cardiff
CF14 5QP

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East Tyndall Street
Cardiff CF24 5EA

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18 Mountain Road
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3. STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

3.1 Governing Document

Constitution of the Church in Wales adopted 31st March 1920 as amended on 30th January 2022

3.2 Organisational Structure

The NCMA is part of the Diocese of Llandaff. It comprises four churches: St Denys, Christ Church, St Isan and St Faith. It is governed by the MAC which operates through a number of committees that are responsible to the MAC and assist it in fulfilling its functions and responsibilities. These include Church Committees, the Ministry Area Leadership Team (an executive committee), a Governance Audit and Risk Committee and a Finance and Buildings Committee.

3.3 Induction and Training of New Trustees

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction or training of Trustees. Trustees are almost invariably already members of the church and so are aware of the goals and aims of the church. Their roles and responsibilities are communicated verbally and through the guidance documents published by the Charity Commission.

4. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

4.1 Objectives and Aims

The Church in Wales is a province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. Its calling is to nurture men, women and children in the faith of Jesus Christ and to aid them to grow in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, so that the good news of God's grace may be clearly proclaimed in the world and that God's Kingdom may be honoured and advanced.

It is the responsibility of the MAC and the clergy to work together and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance to the MA for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the Parish.

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MAC has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MAC's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed below.

4.2 Charitable Activities

4.2.1 Ministry Area

This year has witnessed a number of changes in personnel in the NCMA. We were delighted to welcome Revd Orion Edgar who was licensed as a Priest in Charge to the Ministry Area on 14th January 2024 and Revd Ruth Greenaway-Robbins as curate to the Ministry Area in May 2024. However, we were sorry to have to say goodbye to Revd Siôn Brynach who was appointed as Priest in Charge in the West Cardiff Ministry Area, his final service in the NCMA being Easter Sunday.

We are delighted that Martin Holden has kindly offered to serve as the Chair of the GAR and MA Safeguarding Officer. His expertise and enthusiasm for efficient administration will be a great benefit to the MAC.

Finally, we said goodbye to a number of trustees, namely Michael Smith, Roger Martin, Branwen Abbott, Colin Francis and Ian Crighton. We are very grateful to them for all that they were able to give to the life of the MA during their time as trustees.

The main activities of the MA during the year have been to promote the mission of the Anglican Communion and spread the Gospel to the people of Lisvane, Llanishen and Roath Park. The MA does this through both proclamation and action. In addition to its regular services and evangelistic activity, the MA also provides pastoral care, including visiting the sick and local schools, and carries out baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Each of the four parishes in the Ministry Area continued with its established pattern of services. There is at least one act of worship in each church every Sunday and Christ Church and St Denys additionally hold midweek services. Various other meetings such as Home Groups, Prayer Meetings and Fellowship Groups are held regularly. The 8.00am Holy Communion service at St

Denys has been reintroduced on a weekly basis. St Faith's has started a new service at 4pm on a monthly basis.

We are once again very grateful to the retired clergy and lay volunteers whose input is invaluable in helping us maintain a full suite of services throughout the Ministry Area, as well as helping with the administrative and operational aspects of the MA.

In addition to the normal Sunday services, all the local churches host special services and events for schools and other organisations, including some services which serve the civic and wider community, including annual Remembrance and Armistice Day services.

4.2.2 St Denys

Services

The primary opportunity for people to grow in Christ is our Sunday and midweek services.

8.00am. This went from a monthly to a weekly meeting in September. Attendance has been very good with an average of 8 people attending.

9.30am. This service has continued unchanged. The average attendance was 34.

11.15am. In January 2024 we moved the 11.15am service to 4.00pm in the belief that it might provide a better time for those whom we are trying to reach but whose children are involved in sports. Initially numbers increased but over the course of the year they did not appear to give any significant improvement. Following a survey of those attending it was decided that a final decision on the future of this service time will be made by Easter 2025. The average attendance was 38 adults and 14 children under 16.

10.15am. Our midweek services continues to have a strong, committed core with 10 attending on a weekly basis, including a number who do not attend on Sundays.

6.30pm. Our monthly evensong continues to be well-attended with an average of 17 attending.

Even taking into account the fact that the above numbers are simply the raw data and have not been adjusted to take account of those who attend more than once in the week, our numbers appear to have improved with 90 attendances weekly compared to 73 in 2023 (although those figures had been adjusted).

The services at our principal festivals of Easter and Christmas remain well attended. This year we introduced six new services:

- *Tenebrae.* On Wednesday of Holy Week we introduced a reflective service of Tenebrae combining live music from a string duo with readings from Scripture.
- *Combined North Cardiff Churches Good Friday Service.* A combined service with Thornhill Church, Aion Baptist Church, Lisvane Baptist Church and Rhiwbina Baptist Church was held at Thornhill. It was a powerful, moving service and a great expression of church unity.
- *Combined North Cardiff Churches Summer Service & Picnic.* A similar combined service but this time held in the carpark outside Thornhill as a public witness.
- *Remembrance Day Service.* We opted to move the joint service with Lisvane Baptist Church and combine it with the 9.30am service which became a service of morning prayer with a

focus on remembrance. The change worked very well and we had a significant number from the community attending. The formal setting was more appropriate for this type of service.

- *Community Carols.* We held a joint Community Carol service at the Memorial Hall with Llysfaen Baptist Church. We have a long-standing and well attended Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols but wanted to reach out to those to whom that service would not appeal. It was extremely well attended with every seat taken.
- *A combined Christmas Day service.* This service bridged the different traditions at St Denys. The rationale was that at Christmas and Easter we ought to be united together as one church. It was a joy to see the church so full and for the service to be so well received.

Prayer

We remain absolutely committed to prayer. I am not sure I could go as far as John Wesley who said that God does nothing other than in answer to prayer, prayer is unquestionably foundational to all that we do as a church. As we seek to grow God's kingdom, we recognise that this is a spiritual battle that is beyond our ability and so we depend wholly on God.

Boiler Room. This is our weekly prayer meeting.

Weeks of Prayer. Each term we set aside a week to pray.

Home Groups

Our home groups are foundational to our growth in Christ. It is in our home groups that we are able to share fellowship, study the Bible, pray and give and receive pastoral care. We currently have three home groups that meet through the year. A particular highlight this year was the Talking Jesus Course which encouraged us to be more courageous in sharing our faith with others. After Christmas we have planned to run the Wellbeing Journey which explores different aspects of our wellbeing from a Christian perspective over 8 weeks.

Children and Youth

2024 saw significant growth in our youth and children's work with a marked spiritual interest evident in our children and young people. Our four main children and young people groups continued to run through the year:

- Ablaze for school years 10 to 13
- Impact for school years 6 to year 9
- Almighty Boosh for school years 3-5
- Sunday Splash for up to age 14 on Sundays

In addition to the weekly we held various additional events for all ages including a sleepover, water slides and trips. In addition to our own weekly groups we also ran or were involved in:

- the Flourish programme in Llysfaen Primary and Llanishen High.
- the start of the Llanishen High Christian Union
- a one day Easter Extravaganza holiday club which was attended by 38 children.
- a Football Camp with Ambassadors Football which was attended by 32 children and young people
- a weekend away jointly with with Citizen Church in Llanelli Horizons

- termly Youth Nights at All Nations alongside 300 other young people with Ali Jensen now being part of the organising team.
- mentoring 10 young people one-to-one for faith and personal development

Outreach

The outreach of the church takes different forms. Some of our outreach is evangelistic, some is aimed at better connecting with the community, some is aimed at serving those less fortunate than ourselves. In all these things we are seeking to share the love that we have known in Christ.

This year particular highlights include the following:

- *Community Lunches.* We started a monthly community lunch on the first Wednesday of every month. The aim is to connect the church to the community as well as foster our own community. Each month we have a guest speaker, with the highlight so far being Rowan Williams speaking on Poetry.
- *Community Cafe.* The Cafe continues to run weekly attracting a faithful following.
- *Plant Sale, Seedling Swap and Book Sale.* Thanks to Branwen and Rowena for getting this idea off the ground. We raise several hundred pounds for Llsyfaen Primary.
- *Craft Club.* This was a pop-up craft club to make crafts to sell at the Lisvane Fete and Christmas Fayre.
- *Lisvane Fête.* This year we had a double stall at the Fete featuring the remains of the plant sale, a book sale, lots of kids games, a free Christian literature giveaway, drama and a talk.
- *Greg Downes.* In June we welcomed Revd Dr Greg Downes to provide training to encourage us in evangelism and our use of spiritual gifts. Greg helped us in our outreach at the Lisvane Fete and spoke at the Festival Service.
- *Door to door.* Over the summer we began door to door visiting, simply inviting people to our services and/or offering to pray for them. Although it seems a daunting thing to undertake people were actually very warm and positive.
- *Tŷ Price Tots.* After much careful planning Tŷ Price Tots - our new parent, carer and toddlers club - was launched and is doing brilliantly. Thanks so much to Julia Plaut, Jane Shadwell and the team for their professionalism and hard work. It has gone from strength to strength.
- *Wreath-making.* Thanks to Holly Searle for helping us with our wreath-making class.
- *Christmas Fayre.* For the first time St Denys had stalls at the Lisvane Christmas Fayre selling crafts and books.
- *Bags of Joy.* At all our Christmas services we gave away 'Bags of Joy' ie bags containing Christian Christmas books, sweets, decorations etc.
- *Exodus Church Mbale.* Thanks to Rowenna Shaw's book sale, the youth fundraising initiatives and the generosity of the congregation we were able to give £10,000 to Exodus church to help contribute to the costs of putting a roof on their new building.

Buildings

This year saw the completion of the work at Tŷ Price. Despite some initial teething problems with the doors, the building on the whole has served us very well. We have installed a PA system which will enable the hall to be used in a variety of ways and are exploring the possibility of turning the area under the stairs and the alcove in the small room upstairs into storage cupboards.

The Church Committee has been exploring the possibility of renovating the cloakroom in the main church building. What we hoped would be a straightforward reordering has become much more involved with the Diocesan Advisory Committee requiring a report on the damp problem before we take the proposal forward. The Committee has also discussed the need to repair and refurbish the church hall and main church doors.

Conclusion

I am very grateful to all those who contribute to the life of St Denys in so many different ways whether by playing or singing music, reading and leading prayer, leading our prayer meetings, welcoming, arranging the flowers, serving tea and coffee, looking after the tech, helping out at our youth and children's events, running Tŷ Price Tots, helping with church lunches, community lunches and the community cafe, organising other activities and events, and running groups. Thank you also to everyone who helps with the administrative side of our church life, especially those who serve on the Church Committee, on the MAC, the Gift Aid secretary, the wardens and the treasurer. Particular thanks go to Denise Searle, Ali Jensen and Martyn Ridge for all they do week in and week out.

Finally, 2024 was a year marked with real sadness as a number of long-standing members of our church community passed away. In particular we remember and give thanks for the lives of Anne Martin, Barry Davies and Mil Presdee.

Revd James Griffiths

4.2.3 St Faith & St Isan

4.2.3.1 St Faith's

2024 was another busy year in the life of St Faith's. Numbers at worship have remained more or less consistent, and Howard and Marilyn agreed to continue as sub wardens. Unfortunately, we have still not been able to find a book keeper, although, I have been indebted to Carole Standfast for all her help and support, alongside the help provided by Carole Muir.

In March we began our contemporary worship service at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month, which averages around 18 attendees. During Lent we ran a cooking course for men, teaching basic cooking skills, and our Lent soup lunches were well attended. In September we changed the time of our toddler group to an afternoon slot in the hope that it would attract a great number; sadly, this did not happen. However, the launch of our monthly youth group has been well received, and only a lack of helpers prevents us from meeting more often.

In May we said 'hello' to our curate Ruth, and in June we said a fond farewell to our student, Sue, who left us to begin ordained ministry in Ely.

We have had some minor building repairs with nothing significant to report, and are looking towards repairing the roof in 2025.

Hire of the building has gone well with income from this amounting to £4,910 and we ended the year with a surplus of £7,732.22. A gift day was held on Mothering Sunday which contributed £1,128. As always we are grateful to our faithful parishioners for their generous contribution to our maintenance and ministry.

St Faith's is a church that punches well ahead of its weight and that is thanks to so many people who work hard in a variety of ways.

Revd Canon Elaine Jenkyns

4.2.3.2 St Isan's

In May we said 'hello' to our curate Ruth, and in June we said a fond farewell to our student, Sue, who left us to begin ordained ministry in Ely. Their contributions to our worship and ministry have meant that the Vicar is now less exhausted!

Numbers at worship continue to rise slightly, with new attendees at both services. Our pet blessing service has been well received and will now become a permanent fixture. There was a significant increase in attendees on Remembrance Sunday, especially from those within the uniformed organisations. Instead of our usual service for the Commemoration of the Departed we held a 'Memories at Christmas' service early in December; this was very well attended and people have asked that we repeat it in 2025. My thanks, as ever, to Karl and the choir, and to Iain for his wonderfully creative services at special occasions.

In September we started a Christian Union in Llanishen High School which is a joint venture between our clergy and Ali the youth worker from St Denys. Also in the Autumn Term Flourish courses were held in Llanishen High and Ton yr Ywen Primary. Flourish is a course that helps young people with self-esteem and well-being, and Rev'd Elaine completed her training in October to be able to run these courses alongside Rev'd Ruth and Ali. In December we held our first Experience Christmas event with children from Coed Glas Primary attending, thanks to our team of volunteers we were able to plan for Experience Easter in 2025 and it is hoped that this important ministry can continue.

Our social events have been as popular as ever, and I want to thank all those who help to put on our lunches and Players events, which contribute well to our fundraising as well as being opportunities to have fellowship together. Our monthly Friendship group goes from strength to strength, and we have also begun a fortnightly service in Ty Coch nursing home. My thanks go to our pastoral assistants who help out with this, and especially to Hazel for her ministry in taking communion to the housebound.

In May the boiler stopped working which meant that as the weather turned colder from October, the majority of our services were held in the hall. The issue was not resolved until the New Year and resulted in the church becoming very damp. A number of repairs have been identified for the building and the organ needs some major repairs.

Thankfully our financial deficit was not as large as last year, being £8430.51. David White's estate has finally gone through probate and we took possession of the flat at the end of the year. The flat is in a very poor condition, but there are enough funds from the estate to bring it up to a habitable standard, and also to carry out the repairs to the church. As always I am grateful to Carole for her work concerning fabric and finance, and to Ann as book keeper.

My thanks go to all who make St Isan's a wonderful community, and to Marilyn and Iain for putting up with me.

4.2.4 Christ Church

2024 was another year of transition for Christ Church, as Fr Orion Edgar was licensed as a Ministry Area Vicar with pastoral responsibility for Christ Church on the 14th January. The following Sunday it was announced that curate Siôn Brynach had been appointed as a Ministry Area Vicar in West Cardiff Ministry Area, ending his time at Christ Church on Easter Sunday.

I am grateful to Siôn for his significant contribution to ministry at Christ Church over the years of his curacy, and his hard work in sustaining worship and pastoral care during the period of vacancy.

In 2024 Christchurch members met in church for a Lent Course, 'Difference,' on the power of reconciliation in a fractured world, in which we heard stories of peace-building and reconciliation from the bible and the contemporary world, focusing on developing the habits of 'being curious,' 'being engaged,' and 're-imagining' in the midst of conflict.

On the 10th March we celebrated (one day early) Christ Church's 60th Birthday, having been consecrated on the 11th March 1964. We welcomed Bishop Rowan Williams to preside and preach at a service in which he remembered the area he knew as a boy before Christ Church was completed, and encouraged to take time to grow into the people God is calling us to be. We began celebrating Evening Prayer at 5pm each day in the newly-cleared Lady Chapel, and the fortnightly Thursday morning communion service became a weekly fixture.

Our monthly Christ Church Get-Together continued to offer friendship, fellowship, fun and refreshment to members of the congregation and the wider community beyond our walls. No significant progress was made with the refurbishment of the church hall in 2024.

We celebrated the full gamut of services in Holy Week: with a procession from the Church hall and a dramatised Passion Reading for Palm Sunday; Evening Prayer with a reflection in the first days of Holy Week; followed by a Maundy Thursday service with foot-washing and the watch; the Good Friday liturgy with a chanted rendition of St John's Passion; and an Easter Vigil with Psalmody, readings, and the blessing of a hand-painted Paschal candle decorated with motifs based on Christ Church's decorations, and we were delighted to baptise new members in April, during the season of Easter.

Our Congregational meeting in April saw the end of Colin Francis' tenure as a Churchwarden and then congregational warden; I am hugely grateful to Colin for his hard work to sustain the life of Christ Church over many years, work which continues in his role as sacristan and in continuing to work with Ann to lead post-service refreshments. I am grateful to Judith Hill for her willingness to take on the role of congregational warden and have been delighted to welcome her to that role alongside Val Jones, who as congregational warden and pastoral care co-ordinator has lead our work of visiting those who are sick and housebound throughout the year.

We were delighted to join West Cardiff Ministry Area for Siôn's licensing in April, and to share in the ordination of former Christ Church member Sue Hurell as a Deacon at Llandaff Cathedral in June, as she began ordained ministry as a curate in Ely. In June a number of Church members joined the Great Get-Together picnic organised by the Interfaith Council of Wales, and in July we met for a sponsored walk around Roath Park Lake, raising around £600 for church funds. July also saw the last session of Chatterbox, our long-established toddler group, without sufficient volunteers to continue running as Ann Francis stepped down from her role in organising and leading it. I am

grateful to Ann for the huge contribution she has made to our mission to local area over the years of her service at Chatterbox.

In September I was delighted to welcome Richard Grabham on long-term placement with us as part of his training for ordained ministry in the Church in Wales, based at St Padarn's Institute in Llandaff. Richard has left a successful career as a teacher to prepare for ministry, and has brought us gifts in leadership, pastoral care, preaching and leading worship, and I'm delighted for us to benefit from his contribution to the life of Christ Church during this period of his training.

September began with an all-age service in which children were invited to bring their school bags to be blessed for the new year. We also began a monthly communion service at Llys Isan retirement home in Llanishen, which has proven to be a highlight of the month for residents and for those of us who visit from Christ Church to support the service. In October we celebrated Harvest with gifts for Cardiff food bank, which we continued to support throughout the year. We were delighted to collect over £250 in support of Bishop Mary's sponsored run of the Cardiff Half Marathon, and to cheer her on at the end of Lake Road North after our morning service. The following week +Mary visited Christ Church to confirm three adults and young people.

In November we were delighted to host the Church Autumn Fayre and Family Fun Day, which is memorable to me for being the day that Christ Church sponsored me to shave off my beard — and to remain beardless until September 2025, at 1 day for each of the 300 pounds of sponsorship money received. We also met in two groups for 'Everybody Welcome,' a four-week series of discussion asking about the quality of our welcome to those who do not already belong to our church community.

In December we gathered on a Saturday to clean and decorate the church ready for Christmas, and offered a Christmas Window trail organised by Richard Grabham to kick off our Christmas celebrations, with the return of our annual Carol service supported by Jane Roberts and our Christmas Choir, and the much-loved Christingle service on Christmas eve, lead by members of Funky Church, followed by Midnight Mass and an All-Age service for Christmas Day.

Our Sunday morning children's provision, Funky Church, has continued to thrive, and I have been delighted to be able to share with them and lead sessions a couple of times each term. Our youth group, J-Walkers, continued to meet around every 6 weeks for fun and friendship, and two members were confirmed in October. Thank you to Emma Brereton, Sarah Bell, and all those who lead and support our work with children and young people.

My thanks go to the many who contribute to our worshipping life and community by playing and singing music, reading and leading prayer, preparing and running our video screens, organising events, providing refreshments and working to keep us safe and and our life in good order. Thanks especially go to Rev Jenny Wigley and our Reader Eleanor Williams in helping to sustain our weekly pattern of worship. We would be much the poorer without the musical leadership of Jane Roberts and Fiona Cule, both playing music and leading the choir, and shaping the choices which guide our musical direction.

Several beloved long-standing members of Christ Church died in 2024, a great sadness to many of us. We were privileged to be able to host and conduct the funerals of Kay Dugdale, Brian Dicker, John Walker, Molly Hughes, Veronica Moverley, John Weldon and Elizabeth Davies.

Fr Orion Edgar

4.3 Main Achievements

The primary focus of our work as a charity is through our four constituent churches which are the focal points of our mission in the communities we serve. The MAC provides an overarching governance and administrative framework to enable the churches to pursue our charitable aims and objectives as best they can. It follows that many of our main achievements have already been set out above in the individual reports for each church. What follows is a summary of the main administrative and governance achievements of the MAC in supporting the churches in their endeavours.

4.3.1 Governance. The Ministry Area is governed by its Standing Orders which were updated during the course of the year and have once again proved to be a useful framework within which to operate the charity. The GAR and FAB Subcommittees have continued to function well and their expertise and advice has been a great benefit to the MAC.

The MA resolved to adopt the provincial Membership App as a means of monitoring attendance at services across the MA.

The trustees were encouraged to take the Charity Commission Trustee Quiz as a way of helping to educate them about their role and responsibilities.

The MAC has continued to work efficiently at approving faculty applications for works within the MA as well as monitoring ongoing building works.

4.3.2 Ministry Area Council. The MAC met six times through the course of the year and most members were also present at the AVM. We have continued to focus on ensuring that the world of the MAC is transparent to all and so have endeavoured to produce Potted Minutes summarising the key decisions taken at each meeting which are then circulated to the four churches.

4.3.3 Mission. We have continued to hone the MA's Strategic Plan. Work began on the Strategic Plan at the beginning of October 2022 and culminated in a presentation of the plan to the Archdeacon on 19th June 2023. The Strategic Plan is a live document and can be updated as the mission of the MA develops. The Strategic Plan covers five areas: Evangelism, Discipleship, Ministry, Community and Worship.

This year also saw the introduction of an Evangelism Plan. This plan focusses solely on Evangelism encouraging each church within the MA to identify how it is intending to share the gospel both in words and action. We are hoping to complete this plan in early 2025.

We were very grateful to the Diocesan Growth Enablers who brought their evangelism roadshow to the MA in April. It was an informative evening and good to work together as an MA.

The MA held its first joint Taize service at Christ Church on the 24th November which was very well received and we look forward to holding similar joint services in the future.

4.3.4 Finance. The financial structure of the Ministry Area remains unchanged with a joint MA bank account held with CAF Bank and each church retaining its own bank account(s) for day to day spending. The Ministry Area is registered for Gift Aid. We are very grateful to Mererid Stone for her work as MA Gift Aid Officer. We are also grateful to Pete Allbrook and the members of the FAB for their ongoing work in drawing up the MA Financial Policy. We are looking forward to this

being presented to the MAC in 2025. We are also grateful to the Diocese for the various grants that they awarded the Ministry Area this year:

- A Diocesan Mission Fund Grant of £1800 to fund (a) the visit of Revd Dr Greg Downes to provide evangelism training and support in delivering a mission at St Denys as well as training for the Deanery Chapter; and (b) the delivery of the Talking Jesus course at St Denys and the Everybody Welcome course at Christ Church.
- AV grant of £1,500
- Administration grant of £4,000

The MA completed a Generosity Plan which was required by the Diocese and intended to help us to think more strategically about our income and expenditure. We were also grateful for the Archdeacon's advice on the benefit of holding annual or biennial Gift Days as a way of increasing our income.

Perhaps the most significant change this year was the replaced of the Fairer Share scheme with the Common Fund scheme. Under the new scheme the MAs are invited to make a pledge towards central funds bearing in mind that each full time cleric costs the diocese £55,000. The MA pledged £189,000.

The Archbishop announced the launch of the Church Growth Fund of £100 million for evangelism across the province to be rolled out over 10 years. Each year every MA is be able to apply for grants every year up to the value of £10,000 to fund evangelism projects. We submitted 6 bids of which one successful. The successful bid will allow St Denys to run a Wellbeing Journey Course from January to March 2025.

4.3.4 Charitable Structure. Despite the North Cardiff Ministry Area CIO being registered with the Charity Commission in August 2023, it has still not been possible to transfer the assets from the unincorporated association (the PCC of the Rectorial Benefice of the North Cardiff Ministry Area) to the North Cardiff Ministry Area CIO. On advice from the Diocesan Registrar and Secretary the trustees applied for permission to transfer to the Charity Commission due to a potential conflict of interests as the trustees will be substantially the same. This application was made in January 2024. The Charity Commission asked for further information in June 2024. We have sought advice from the Diocese on the issues raised by the Charity Commission but as at 31st December 2024 no adequate response has been received.

Our principal reason for becoming a CIO is the protection that it affords to trustees by limiting their liability. Unfortunately, at present our only protection is our Ecclesiastical ParishGuard insurance policy which only provides cover for up to £250,000. Trustees are jointly and severally liable for the debts of the charity which cannot be met out of its assets. This has been a concern to the whole of the MAC from its inception and one which has been raised with the Diocese.

4.3.5 Ministry Area Meetings. The MAC met six times during the course of the year: 16th January, 19th March, 21st May, 28th May, 24th September and 10th December. In addition all MAC members were present at the Annual Vestry Meeting which was held on the 11th May. Minutes were kept for all meetings and we endeavoured to produce a potted version of the minutes of all MAC meetings for all churches.

The MAC discussed a wide variety of issues at its meetings, including the accounts for 2023 and the budget for 2024, safeguarding, staffing, the Strategic Development Plan, the Evangelism Plan, the Buildings Plan, the Generosity Plan, the Common Fund scheme, Financial Policy, CIO application.

4.4 Public Benefit

The benefit to the public is a feeling of spiritual stability and freedom within the Ministry Area for the benefit of all people. This is exercised through the provision of regular public worship and pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the teaching of the Christian message through sermons and small groups, and the taking of assemblies in local schools; the promotion of the Christian Faith through staging special services. Each church has a hall where activities take place for people of all ages.

5. Financial review

5.1 State of Affairs

The results for 2024 are set out in the statement of financial activities on page XX. Income received totalled £529,782, which is an increase on income received in the previous year (2023 - £496,488). However, it should be noted that £122,000 of the income came in the form of legacies.

The surplus for the year was £102,248 (2023 - £25,113).

The financial position at the end of the year is set out in the balance sheet on page XX. The net assets at the year end were £1,703,547 (2023 - £1,603,319), and it should be noted that the majority of the net assets are held in restricted funds. The balance in general unrestricted funds at the end of the year was £244,220 (2023 - £310,044).

5.2 Fixed Assets

The movement in fixed assets is shown in note 7 to the accounts on page XX. At the end of the year, the accounting net book value of fixed assets was £965,000 (2023 - £845,000) following the transfer of a legacy asset to St. Isan.

5.3 Investments

The movement in investments is shown in note 8 to the accounts. At the end of the year, the value of investments held was £11,042 (2023 - £10,308).

5.4 Reserves policy

5.4.1 Definition

The Charity Commission defines reserves as “that part of a charity’s unrestricted funds that is freely available to spend on any of the charity’s purposes.” The reserves policy should assist in the objective and aim of the Ministry Area.

The MAC reserve policy is to retain a balance of unrestricted “free” reserves as working capital and to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense equal to at least three months’ expenditure.

5.4.2 Purpose of reserves

The reserve fund serves several purposes:

- to facilitate short term smoothing when monthly income falls short of expenditure;
- to facilitate paying the Common Fund by making up the shortfall when one church has insufficient funds to contribute;
- to support emergency and urgent needs that arise from time to time.

Other potential benefits of a reserve fund include:

- funding routine maintenance;
- supporting church-led initiatives and projects.

5.4.3 Surplus of funds

If there is a surplus, the MAC will be asked to determine priorities.

5.4.4 Monitoring and Review

The Finance and Buildings Committee will review the reserve balances every quarter. On an annual basis, the Finance and Buildings Committee will review the amounts held in reserve and report to the MAC. The Finance and Buildings Committee will also review the reserves policy annually and make recommendations to the MAC.

6. Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Financial statements are required to be prepared for the MA for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the balance sheet date of the income and expenditure for the year then ended. These financial statements are required to be examined by independent examiners and copies made available to parishioners. In preparing these financial statements the trustees will have due regard to:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Observing applicable Accounting Standards
- Preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees (who are members of the MAC) are responsible also for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the MA and for safeguarding its assets.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved and signed on behalf of the the Board of Trustees.

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Eleanor Williams, Lay Chair

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Date



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Parochial Church Council of the Rectorial Benefice of the Nor
Cardiff Ministry Area

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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: The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]].

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 40 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		Date:	
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
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Section B	Disclosure
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North Cardiff Ministry Area Charity No

Statement of Financial Activities - North Cardiff Ministry Area (1131310)

for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	
	Pages	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Incoming resources										
Donations										
Planned giving	A	162,610		15,221	177,831	152,974		5,466	158,440	
Church collections	B	20,280			20,280	21,669			21,669	
Donations	C	56,621	119	6,640	63,380	19,305	9,000	(2,315)	25,990	
For mission	D	0		10,981	10,981	496		8,141	8,637	
Tax refunds	E	37,871		2,886	40,757	48,466		2,764	51,230	
Grants	H	12,003		1,340	13,343	1,767		1,500	3,267	
Legacies	F	2,000		120,000	122,000	102,779		37,779	140,557	
Other Trading Activities										
Hall/property	I	26,244			26,244	21,370			21,370	
Other trading activities	G	17,931	0		17,931	20,852	195		21,047	
Income from Charitable Activities										
Parish Share Rebate	J	10,581			10,581	27,398			27,398	
Fees	K	12,933			12,933	11,975			11,975	
Investment income										
Bank Interest & Property Letting	L	11,710		208	11,918	4,465		234	4,698	
Other incoming resources										
Other Income	M	1,604	0	0	1,604				0	
Total incoming resources		372,389	119	157,275	529,782	433,515	9,195	53,568	496,278	
Resources expended										
Charitable activities										
Parish share	A	210,905			210,905	210,852			210,852	
Parochial expenses of clerics	B	8,846			8,846	5,668			5,668	
Support of ministry										
Assistant Clergy Expenses	C	1,856			1,856	894			894	
Lay Ministers' Costs	D									
Parish activities										
Maintenance of services	E	14,463	0	78	14,541	11,312	104	1,331	12,747	
General parish expenses	F	64,948	300	0	65,248	44,648	45	15,204	59,896	
Maintenance of churches	G	45,924	300	0	46,224	40,371		3,006	43,377	
Maintenance of other property	H	22,215		13,581	35,796	26,735		13,726	40,461	
Exceptional expenditure	I		0	9,000	9,000		700	65,622	66,322	
Grants & financial support										
Parish	J	10,967	968	2,446	14,381	5,718	117	1,653	7,488	
Church charities	K	4,492		0	4,492	4,394		3,480	7,873	
Diocesan	L	0	0	0	0	0		502	502	
National	M	3,331		0	3,331	771		454	1,225	
World	N	4,455		8,279	12,734	1,705		12,154	13,860	
Costs of generating funds										
Cost of money raising					0				0	
Total resources expended		392,403	1,568	33,384	427,354	353,068	966	117,131	471,165	
Net incoming resources before transfers and other recognised gains and losses		(20,015)	(1,449)	123,891	102,428	80,447	8,229	(63,564)	25,113	
Gain / (loss) on revaluation of investments				800	800			463	463	
Gain on revaluation of fixed asset					0				0	
Net movement in funds		(20,015)	(1,449)	124,691	103,228	80,447	8,229	(63,101)	25,576	
Balances brought forward @ 1 Jan 2024		310,044	248,788	1,044,487	1,603,320	229,597	48,816	1,299,331	1,577,744	
Transfers between funds	O	(45,809)	60,000	(14,191)	0		191,743	(191,743)	0	
Total funds c/f @ 31 Dec 2024		244,220	307,339	1,154,988	1,706,547	310,044	248,788	1,044,487	1,603,320	
						18			37471	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024 - North Cardiff Ministry Area (1131310)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Designated Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024		Unrestricted Funds 2023	Designated Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023
	Pages 25 - 27	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets										
Church House - Ty Price	7			600,000	600,000				600,000	600,000
Church School House				245,000	245,000				245,000	245,000
Mount View				120,000	120,000					0
		0	0	965,000	965,000		0	0	845,000	845,000
Investments										
Chancel Repair Fund	8			10,308	10,308				9,845	9,845
Investment held by CIW				734	734				463	463
		0	0	11,042	11,042		0	0	10,308	10,308
Current assets										
Debtors	9	6,432		0	6,432		25,700		278	25,978
Cash and bank balances	10	245,174	307,339	175,946	728,459		284,638	248,788	247,973	781,399
		251,606	307,339	175,946	734,891		310,338	248,788	248,251	807,377
Creditors falling due within one year										
	11	(7,387)			(7,387)		(294)		(59,072)	(59,366)
		(7,387)	0	0	(7,387)		(294)	0	(59,072)	(59,366)
Net current assets		244,220	307,339	175,946	727,505		310,044	248,788	189,179	748,011
TOTAL NET ASSETS		244,220	307,339	1,151,988	1,703,547		310,044	248,788	1,044,487	1,603,319
FUNDS										
Unrestricted	12 to 14	244,220			244,220		310,044			310,044
Designated			307,339		307,339			248,788		248,788
Restricted				1,151,988	1,151,988			1,044,487		1,044,487
TOTAL FUNDS		244,220	307,339	1,151,988	1,703,547		310,044	248,788	1,044,487	1,603,319
APPROVED by the Ministry Area Council on										
and signed on its behalf by										
						(Name)				
						(Signature)				
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024			
1	The North Cardiff Ministry Area is comprised of four churches - St. Denys, St. Isan, St. Faith and Christchurch.		
	St. Denys was previously registered with the Charity Commission with charity number 1131310.		
	St. Isan and St. Faith were previously registered with the Charity Commission with charity number 1133881 (removed charity February 2023).		
2	Accounting policies		
	The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the "Statement of Recommended Practice: SORP (FRS102)" issued by the Charity Commissioners, and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations.		
	The historical cost convention is used except for the valuation of certain fixed assets, whose valuation basis is detailed in the note below. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.		
	Going Concern		
	The Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.		
	The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.		
	Fixed assets		
	Churches, churchyards and vicarages are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. Such property forms no part of the assets of the parish. Moveable church contents are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal. Many are historic for which no reliable cost or valuation bases exist. They are not recognised on the balance sheet nor listed, to prevent increased risk of theft and vandalism. Expenditure on churches (including contents), churchyards and vicarages is written off when incurred.		
	There are freehold buildings vested with the Ministry Area.		
	No provision for depreciation of land and buildings is made.		
	Routine additions and replacements to the hall contents are charged to current expenditure.		
	Equipment is charged to current expenditure.		
	Investments		
	Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their mid market value at the balance sheet date. All movements in value arising from investment changes or revaluation are recognised in the statement of financial activities.		
	Gains or losses on investments disposed of are calculated as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying value of the investment.		
	Gains or losses on investments revealed are calculated as the difference between the carrying value at the beginning of the year and the end of the year.		
	Funds		
	Endowment funds: The Ministry Area has no endowment funds.		
	Restricted funds: represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited for a specific object. They may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.		
	Unrestricted funds: are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.		
	Designated Funds: are sums set aside out of general funds for specific designated purposes. They can be formally undesignated and transferred back to unrestricted general funds at any time.		
	Debtors		
	Debtors are amounts due for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.		
	Debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.		
	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.		
	Creditors		
	Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.		
	Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, where applicable.		
	Taxation		

No taxation is payable by the charity for the year as it is able to make use of the tax exemptions on income and capital gains available to charities.			
Incoming resources are all accounted for gross.			
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.			
Tax refunds are recognised as soon as the amounts are claimable.			
Grants and legacies are accounted for when the Ministry Area is legally entitled to the amounts due.			
Investment income: Where the Ministry Area has not invested separately for each fund, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.			
All other income is generally recognised when it is receivable.			
Income received via the cashless giving machine is recorded as received, with transaction fees already deducted.			
Outgoing resources			
Parish share is paid regularly and is included in expenditure for the year to which it relates.			
Unrestricted fund grants (including donations to missions) are recognised when determined.			
Amounts received specifically for missions are dealt with as restricted funds and the liability for the payment is recognised when the amounts are received.			
All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred.			
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

5 Analysis of incoming resources continued									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income									
e Tax refunds									
Gift Aid tax	25,461		2,886	28,347	35,765		2,764	38,529	
Gift Aid tax on Small Donations	5,076			5,076	3,119			3,119	
Gift Direct tax	7,334			7,334	9,582			9,582	
	37,871	0	2,886	40,757	48,466	0	2,764	51,230	
f Legacies	2,000		120,000	122,000	102,779	0	37,779	140,557	
g Other trading activities									
Fund raising	2,940			2,940	3,236			3,236	
Other funds generated	9,886			9,886	13,407			13,407	
Sundry income	5,104			5,104	4,210	195		4,405	
	17,931	0	0	17,931	20,852	195	0	21,047	
h Grants									
Recurring grants				0	90			90	
Non-recurring one-off grants	12,003		1,340	13,343	1,677		1,500	3,177	
	12,003	0	1,340	13,343	1,767	0	1,500	3,267	
Generated income									
Money raising									
i Hall/property									
Hall rental income	14,664			14,664	8,980			8,980	
Church building rental	11,580			11,580	12,390			12,390	
	26,244	0	0	26,244	21,370	0	0	21,370	
j Parish Share Rebate	10,581			10,581	27,398	0	0	27,398	
k Fees	12,933			12,933	11,975	0	0	11,975	
l Investments									
Bank Interest	11,710		208	11,918	4,465		160	4,625	
Income from funds held by CiW				0			73	73	
	11,710	0	208	11,918	4,465	0	233	4,698	
m Other income									
Insurance claims	1,604			1,604				0	
	1,604	0	0	1,604	0	0	0	0	
	372,389	119	157,275	529,782	433,515	9,195	53,567	496,278	

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued									
6 Analysis of resources expended									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities									
Support of ministry									
a	Parish Share	210,905		210,905	210,852	0	0	210,852	
b	Parochial expenses of clergy								
	Clergy travel expenses			0				0	
	Clergy telephone, etc.	449		449	424			424	
	Clergy other expenses	8,398		8,398	5,245			5,245	
		8,846	0	0	8,846	5,668	0	0	5,668
c	Assistant Clergy expenses	1,856	0	0	1,856	894	0	0	894
d	Lay Ministers' Costs								
	Visiting Speakers			0				0	
	Lay Ministers' Expenses			0				0	
	Lay Ministers' Laptops			0				0	
	Lay Ministers' Salaries			0				0	
	Lay Minister's NI			0				0	
	Lay Minister's Pension			0				0	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Parish activities								
e	Maintenance of services								
	Worship requisites	2,069		78	2,147	1,723	104	1,331	3,158
	Music and performance expenses	2,133			2,133	95			95
	Organist and choir	8,205			8,205	7,732			7,732
	Musical instrument tuning	1,217			1,217	140			140
	Non-clergy fees				0				0
	Digital services	652			652	665			665
	Copyright licence	187			187	957			957
		14,463	0	78	14,541	11,312	104	1,331	12,747
f	General parish expenses								
	Administrators - salaries	31,729			31,729	20,786		11,131	31,917
	Administrators - NI	6,441			6,441	4,389		2,067	6,455
	Administrators - Pension	2,784			2,784	1,318		708	2,026
	Administrators - expenses	16			16	242			242
	Administrators - equipment				0				0
	Administrators - other costs	776			776	776			776
	Ministry support worker salary				0				0
	Church Road running costs				0				0
	Stat., copying & office materials	8,475			8,475	1,718			1,718
	Leasing and hire purchase costs	2,009			2,009	452			452
	Office and general expenditure	6,586			6,586	7,331			7,331
	Telephone	1,596			1,596	971			971
	Cost of meetings	606			606				0
	Fire equipment				0				0
	Maintenance of website / social media platforms		300		300		45		45
	Gifts	788			788	1,407			1,407
	Professional fees	1,080			1,080	500		1,298	1,798
	Cost of fund-raising	20			20				0
	Independent examination	1,850			1,850	3,850			3,850
	Bank Charges	192			192	907			907
		64,948	300	0	65,248	44,648	45	15,204	59,896
	Church property								
g	Maintenance of churches								
	Insurance	5,550			5,550	5,288			5,288
	Electricity	8,127			8,127	9,869			9,869
	Gas	6,394			6,394	5,209			5,209
	Water	1,675			1,675	956			956
	Church - building fabric				0				0
	Church - building services				0				0
	Church equip. - reps & renewals	18,847	210		19,057	13,206		3,006	16,212
	Cleaning	3,909			3,909	3,423			3,423
	Telephone	718			718	731			731
	WiFi				0				0
	Fire equipment	272			272	150			150
	Other costs	433	90		522	1,538			1,538
		45,924	300	0	46,224	40,371	0	3,006	43,377

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

6 Analysis of resources expended cont.									
Charitable activities									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
h	Maintenance of other property								
				0					0
				0					0
				0					0
	17,105		13,581	30,686		22,850		13,726	36,576
	229			229		250			250
				0					0
	4,880			4,880		3,635			3,635
				0					0
				0					0
	22,215	0	13,581	35,796		26,735	0	13,726	40,461
i	Exceptional expenditure								
			9,000	9,000			700	65,622	66,322
	0	0	9,000	9,000		0	700	65,622	66,322
	Grants & financial support								
j	Parish								
	10,678	206		10,884		5,653	117		5,770
				0					0
	289	762	2,446	3,496		65		1,653	1,718
				0					0
	10,967	968	2,446	14,381		5,718	117	1,653	7,488
k	Church charities and projects								
	353			353		499		173	672
	566			566		495		45	540
	546			546		499		46	545
	546			546		499		46	545
	902			902		75		825	900
	902			902		825		75	900
	376			376		858		42	900
				0				258	258
				0		25			25
				0					0
	300			300					0
				0		336			336
				0					0
				0		282		1,971	2,253
	4,492	0	0	4,492		4,394	0	3,480	7,873
l	Diocesan								
				0				502	502
				0				0	0
	0	0	0	0		0	0	502	502

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

6 Analysis of resources expended cont.									
Charitable activities									
Grants & financial support									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2024	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
m National									
Christian Aid				0	166			166	
Turkey & Syria earthquake appeal				0	240			240	
Women's Aid				0			342	342	
Compassion UK	336			336			(127)	(127)	
Dementia UK				0				0	
Bird Boxes - Mens Shed				0	50			50	
Food Bank				0	100			100	
Guide Dogs				0	5		106	111	
Hostels				0	180			180	
Charity donations				0	30			30	
City Hospice				0			133	133	
	3,331	0	675	4,007	771	0	454	1,225	
n World Mission									
Just Earth	1,001			1,001			1,342	1,342	
500k churches	1,001			1,001	83		917	1,000	
Wycliffe				0	756		69	825	
Christian Aid - Middle East Appeal	644			644			207	207	
Mbale Building Appeal			7,842	7,842			2,158	2,158	
Mbale Famine Relief				0			5,980	5,980	
PONT	1,311		437	1,748	866		1,482	2,348	
Ukraine				0				0	
Other	498			498				0	
	4,455	0	8,279	12,734	1,705	0	12,154	13,860	
o Fund Transfers									
From unrestricted to designated funds	60,000			60,000				0	
From designated funds to unrestricted funds				0				0	
From restricted funds to designated funds				0		191,743	(191,743)	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	191,743	(191,743)	0	
	392,403	1,568	34,059	428,030	353,068	192,709	(74,612)	471,165	
Fixed assets									
7 Church buildings									
Ty Price			600,000	600,000			600,000	600,000	
Ty Price - building fund				0				0	
Church School House			245,000	245,000			245,000	245,000	
Mount View			120,000	120,000				0	
	0	0	965,000	965,000	0	0	845,000	845,000	
<i>This can be further analysed as:</i>									
Building value				0			600,000	600,000	
Revaluation during 2022				0				0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	600,000	600,000	
8 Investments									
Chancel Repair Fund - opening balance			10,308	10,308			9,845	9,845	
Gain / (loss) on revaluation			734	734			463	463	
	0	0	11,042	11,042	0	0	10,308	10,308	
9 Debtors									
Opening balance				0				0	
Parish share rebate	1,867			1,867				0	
Mbale Building Fund				0	2,158			2,158	
Christian Aid - Middle East Appeal				0	207			207	
CCLI (prepayment)				0				0	
Gift Aid rebate	1,774			1,774				0	
Gift Aid rebate - GASDS	268			268				0	
Repairs and maintenance				0				0	
Insurance (prepayment)				0				0	
HMRC - PAYE				0	600			600	
HMRC - Nest				0	243			243	
Independent examiner				0	1,680			1,680	
Prepayments	729			729				0	
Other	1,794			1,794	20,812		278	21,090	
	6,432	0	0	6,432	25,700	0	278	25,978	
10 Cash and bank balances									
Cash at bank and in hand	245,174	307,339	175,946	728,459	284,640	248,786	247,973	781,399	
	245,174	307,339	175,946	728,459	284,640	248,786	247,973	781,399	
11 Creditors falling due within one year									
Car park drainage				0				0	
Parish share rebate				0				0	
Budd Electrical				0				0	
Smith of Derby				0				0	
Women's Aid				0				0	
PONT				0				0	
Lisvane Men's Shed				0				0	
City Hospice				0				0	
Dementia UK				0				0	
Examination fee	1,850			1,850			1,680	1,680	

Christchurch				0				0
HMRC - PAYE	571			571			600	600
NEST	245			245		243		243
Mbale Building Appeal				0			2,158	2,158
Installation of heating	3,600			3,600			45,816	45,816
Other	1,120			1,120		51	8,818	8,869
	7,387	0	0	7,387		294	0	59,072
								59,366
					25			

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued						
Funds and reserves						
12	Unrestricted funds	Balance 31.12.2023	Movement in year	Transfer 2024	Balance 31.12.2024	
		£	£	£	£	
	St. Denys	98,074	5,797	14,191	118,062	
	Christchurch	13,068	(13,957)		(889)	
	St. Faith	43,360	7,211		50,571	
	St. Isan	154,495	(22,397)	(60,000)	72,098	
	North Cardiff - central	1,049	3,329		4,378	
	Total Unrestricted Funds	310,046	(20,017)	(45,809)	244,220	
13	Designated funds	Balance 31.12.2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer 2024	Balance 31.12.2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	<u>St. Denys</u>					
	Youth Evangelism	6,883		(968)		5,915
	Website	3,955		(300)		3,655
	<u>Christchurch</u>					
	Designated buildings fund	237,796		(210)		237,586
	<u>St. Faith</u>					
	St. Faith - flower fund	154	119	(90)		183
	<u>St. Isan</u>					
	Philip White fund				60,000	60,000
	Total Designated Funds	248,788	119	(1,568)	60,000	307,339
	<i>NB: Youth Evangelism was previously named "Welcome Packs"</i>					

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 continued							
14	Restricted reserves	Balance 31.12.2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains/(losses) 2024	Balance 31.12.2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	St. Denys						
	Charity Giving	0	11,490	8,954	1,071		3,607
	Chancel Repair Fund	10,308				734	11,042
	Ministry Support Worker salary	5,439	18,107		(15,262)		8,284
	Fred Williams Evangelism Fund	36,126		1,606			34,520
	Church House - grants	2,933		2,933			0
	Church House - build and maintenance	600,000					600,000
	Church House - ongoing maintenance	22,416		21,406			1,010
	Grants	0	1,340	1,340			0
	Christchurch						
	Buildings Renewal Fund	121,798					121,798
	Gwenda Palmer Fund	100					100
	Harry Brown Fund	248		78			170
	Heating Renewal Fund	0	6,000				6,000
	Home Charities Fund	0					0
	St. Faith						
	Money Manager account	204	208				412
	St. Isan						
	Church School House	244,914	130				245,044
	Mount View	0	120,000				120,000
	Total Restricted Funds	1,044,486	157,275	36,317	(14,191)	734	1,151,988

Parochial Church Council for the Rectorial Benefice of North Cardiff

England & Wales - Charity number 1131310

Accounts

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1. Introduction

In January 2022 the parishes of Lisvane, Llanishen and Roath Park were merged to form the North Cardiff Ministry Area (NCMA), following a Decree by the Bishop of Llandaff. For the purposes of the Constitution of the Church in Wales, the Ministry Area (MA) is a Parish and the Ministry Area Council (MAC) is a PCC.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations.

2. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number

1131310.

Principal Address

7 Church Road
Lisvane
Cardiff
CF14 0SJ

Trustees and Members of the Ministry Area Council

The Ministry Area Council (MAC) is a body containing the trustees of the Ministry Area..

The following were members of the MAC in 2022:

Lay Chair

Eleanor Williams

Secretary

Denise Searle

Treasurer

Susan Darracott

Clergy

Revd James Griffiths (Ministry Area Leader)
Revd Canon Elaine Jenkyns (Priest-in-Charge)
Revd Siôn Brynach (Curate)

MA Leader's Warden

Duncan Shadwell

MA People's Warden

Ian Crighton

Elected Church Representatives

Branwen Abbott (St Denys)
Roger Martin (St Denys)
Michael Smith (St Isan)
Iain Crighton (St Isan)
Marilyn Hillard (St Faith)
Colin Francis (Christ Church)
Val Jones (Christ Church)

Safeguarding Officer

Vacant

Chair of the Governance and Risk Subcommittee

Michael Smith

Chair of the Finance and Buildings Subcommittee

Pete Allbrook

Independent Examiner

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West Malling,
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Co-operative Bank
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Caerphilly
CF83 1JN

Nat West
50 Station Road
Llanishen
Cardiff CF14 5Q

HSBC
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Cardiff CF23 6EE

Natwest Bank
50 Station Road
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Cardiff
CF14 5QP

Church Architects

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The Maltings
East Tyndall Street
Cardiff CF24 5EA

Michael Davies
18 Mountain Road
Caerphilly CF83 1HJ

3. STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

3.1 Governing Document

Constitution of the Church in Wales adopted 31st March 1920 as amended on 30th January 2022

3.2 Organisational Structure

The NCMA is part of the Diocese of Llandaff. It comprises four churches: St Denys, Christ Church, St Isan and St Faith. It is governed by the MAC which operates through a number of committees that are responsible to the MAC and assist it in fulfilling its functions and responsibilities. These include Church Committees, the Ministry Area Leadership Team (an executive committee), a Governance Audit and Risk Committee and a Finance and Buildings Committee.

3.3 Induction and Training of New Trustees

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction or training of Trustees. Trustees are almost invariably already members of the church and so are aware of the goals and aims of the church. Their roles and responsibilities are communicated verbally and through the guidance documents published by the Charity Commission.

4. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

4.1 Objectives and Aims

The Church in Wales is a province within the Anglican Communion and seeks to advance the Christian religion through world-wide mission. Its calling is to nurture men and women in the faith of Jesus Christ and to aid them to grow in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, so that the good news of God's grace may be clearly proclaimed in the world and that God's Kingdom may be honoured and advanced.

It is the responsibility of the MAC and the clergy to work together and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance to the MA for the promotion of the the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the Parish.

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the MAC has given due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of the operation of the public benefit requirement. The activities undertaken to fulfil the MAC's purposes for the public benefit are described and detailed below.

4.2 Charitable Activities

4.2.1 Ministry Area

It was a great pleasure to welcome Elaine Jenkyns who was licensed as a Priest in Charge to the Ministry Area on 4th July 2022. She will have particular responsibility for St Isan and St Faith. It was an equal pleasure to welcome Sue Hurrell as an ordinand to St Isan's where she will be placed until her ordination in 2024. However, it was also a great sadness to have to say goodbye to Rev Canon Dr Trystan Owain Hughes from the role of Vicar of Christ Church after close to 10 years in post. We wish him well as he takes up his new national role with the Church in Wales. The main activities of the MA during the year have been to promote the mission of the Anglican Communion and spread the Gospel to the people of Lisvane, Llanishen and Roath Park. The MA does this through both proclamation and action. Thus, in addition to its regular services and evangelistic activity, the MA also provides pastoral care, including visiting the sick and local schools, and carries out baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Each of the four parishes in the Ministry Area continued with the established pattern of services. There is an act of worship in each church every Sunday and Christ Church and St Denys additionally hold midweek services. In addition, it has been possible to introduce some additional services at St Isan and there are plans for reintroducing the 8.00am Holy Communion service at St Denys. We remain very grateful to the retired clergy and laity whose input is invaluable in helping us maintain a full suite of services throughout the Ministry Area.

In addition to the normal Sunday services, all the local churches host special services and events for schools and other organisations, including some services which serve the civic and wider community, including annual Remembrance and Armistice Day services. Of particular note this year was the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Across the Ministry Area churches were opened for the period of national mourning for visitors to pray and write in the books of condolence.

4.2.2 St Denys

Church services. 2022 saw the church emerge from the restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid pandemic. Apart from the suspension of some in-person services at the beginning of the year and the discontinuation of the 8.00am service we have been able to return to a full complement of services. We are continuing to hold our ONE all age service on the first Sunday of every month. It was good to see our special services attracting so many members of the community who do not otherwise attend church.

Thanks to Andrew Keogh's meticulous work on the attendance figures and Ann Gregory's work as treasurer, we are now able to take stock of where we are and the impact that the pandemic has had.

- Attendance. The average adult weekly attendance in 2022 was 65. This is down by 36% compared to 2019. A snapshot of attendance at our May services shows that the average attendance for both the 9.15am and 11.00am service is down by 24% compared to 2019.
- Income. Despite the drop in numbers, our direct giving (before Gift Aid), has decreased by less only 9% compared in the same period.

Central to our purposes as a church is the call to make disciples of Christ. There were various initiatives throughout the year to advance this aim such as the distribution of Welcome Bags to all the newly built houses in the area, running an Alpha Course and planning a Hope Explored Course which will be held at the beginning of 2023.

The Church Committee continued to raise funds for various charitable causes such as our Ukraine fundraising tea and silent auction to raise money for the Barnabas Fund. We have continued to provide support, both financially and in prayer, for the charities that we have committed to support in the medium to long term. It was good to work with the Lisvane Men's Shed over Christmas as we made them our Christmas charity.

The Ty Price building development is continuing. Although it is taking slightly longer than we might have originally hoped for various reasons, it remains on budget and we are grateful to all those who have been able to contribute to the cost of the fit out.

Without a Church Hall, social activities have been difficult but we have introduced an annual church walk in November in order to bring the congregation together.

With regard to children and youth provisions there is a Sunday School, Sunday Splash, which has also continued. Our midweek groups (Ablaze, (AI)mighty Boosh and Impact) were able to meet once more in person on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Now 15 young people attend Ablaze, our older youth group, 27 attend Impact, our younger youth group and 26 attend (AI)mighty Boosh, our weekly children's group. It has been encouraging to see all the groups growing. We are also able to host a number of one-off events such as the annual Light Party, a special one day Easter Holiday Club, a Youth weekend away. The church continues to lead assemblies in the local school and has recently become involved in drama workshops with the local library.

4.2.3 St Faith & St Isan

First, I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome when I joined the MA in July 22. In St Faith's and St Isan's I soon discovered that there are many people who are keen to increase our mission and outreach and are open to new possibilities. With the easing of Covid restrictions, services which had not taken place for three years were now able to be reintroduced and numbers at the 10.30am service have been rising. This was particularly evident over the Christmas period where the St Isan's Christingle service attracted around 250 attendees – 70 of them children.

I was particularly impressed by the swift response to the death of Queen Elizabeth by parishioners; the day after she died both churches were opened for the period of national mourning for visitors to pray, light a candle and write in the books of condolence. There is a willingness from people to act as welcomers to open our churches to the wider community for specific occasions.

In September we welcomed the arrival of our ordinand, Sue Hurrell, who will be with us until she is ordained in 2024. Sue has already been a huge blessing to us and I think we have gained more from her than she has from us.

We have increased our presence on social media and have gained new followers on our Facebook page. Some events, such as the outdoor Remembrance Day service have been shared on community pages which has led to an increase in attendees.

I have found our congregations to be incredibly generous when we have had appeals to support local charities; in St Faith's there are weekly collections for items for Ty Bronna, and for the Cardiff Foodbank at St Isan's.

The community coffee morning in St Faith's is very well supported, and has attracted some new attendees. The money raised at the coffee morning is used to buy household items for young people from Ty Bronna who are moving on to their own accommodation. A number of St Faith's members received training on being a Dementia Friendly Church.

St Isan's continues to have many baptisms and funerals, although the number of weddings was beginning to decrease before the pandemic. How we make the most of these evangelistic and pastoral is something that we need to consider in the near future.

Any church is only as good as the people who form it, and there are too many people to name individually who contribute their time, talents and finances to enable the life of our buildings. However, I must pay tribute to a few people, without whom the churches could easily have gone into a decline. My thanks go to our sub-wardens Anita Gibbins for all her hard work for St Faith's, Marilyn Rooks and Iain Crighton for their hard work in St Isan's. Also to Carole Muir, our organists and choir, and those who care for our grounds and buildings.

4.2.4 Christ Church

Christ Church has continued to be a support, comfort, and inspiration to so many during 2022 – a period of slowly emerging from the pandemic. However, the greatest change was the departure of

the Vicar, Rev Canon Dr Trystan Owain Hughes from the role of Vicar of Christ Church after close to 10 years in post. We wish Trystan well as he takes up a national role with the Church in Wales. He, and the whole Vicarage family will be sorely missed since they all contributed so much to our life together as a church.

- (1) Podchurch: This continued during 2022, but reduced in frequency following the resumption of in-person church services, and came to an end in December 2022. These were wonderfully encouraging when restrictions were most stringent, and at one point attracted 400 listeners.
- (2) Funky church and J-Walkers: We continued a successful children and youth ministry, resuming Sunday sessions, and a hugely popular Christingle service on Christmas eve. J- Walkers for those of secondary school age, have resumed in-person sessions during 2023, which will, we hope, see it returning to its former glory after the impact of the pandemic.
- (3) Indoor services: 2022 saw the lifting of limitations on the number of people able to attend the 10am service and numbers have continued to increase – though still not yet at pre-pandemic levels. Thanks to all those who take part in our weekly services.
- (4) Pastoral care: Our pastoral care team have made sure older, isolated or vulnerable members of our parish have been supported, coordinated by Val. We are here for you.
- (5) Church Hall: Our church hall committee has continued to work hard in trying to make our dream a reality and this work continues. However, the news that the church building's heating system has – after close to 60 years – reached the end of its life made the CCC reassess its priorities in relation to buildings.
- (6) Heating of the Church Building: The use of temporary heaters during the past few months has emphasised how important heating is for the church building. All share the frustration of the CCC's buildings sub-committee at the length of time it has taken to secure quotes for replacing the heaters. Resolving this is a priority.

As we enter 2023 and look back at 2022, a key development has been becoming part of the new Ministry Area of North Cardiff giving us an opportunity to contribute more actively to the ministry of the Church in Wales across North Cardiff

4.3 Main Achievements

Many of our main achievements have been set out above under Charitable Activities. In addition to the aforesaid it should be noted that much of our time in 2022 was taken up in establishing and refining the administrative framework of the MA that it might better serve its charitable aims and objectives in the long term.

4.3.1 Governance. The Ministry Area came into being on the 1st January 2022. The framework within which we operate is contained in our Standing Orders which we drafted as a Ministry Area Transition Team. These Standing Orders are available on request and can be viewed on the Ministry Area Resources tab on the Christ Church website. These Standing Orders were untested

but held up well through the year. The Ministry Area continued to develop and improve its infrastructure throughout the course of the year. In particular, protocols were adopted in relation to Building Projects and Faculty Applications. It has also introduced a Code of Conduct for the Ministry Area and a Financial Policy is currently being drafted.

Ministry Areas take different forms. Some are more integrated than others. At the outset we took the view that as the church is the identifiable presence of the Ministry Area in any given community, it must remain the focus of our mission. We believe the MA structures are subsidiary to the local church and the MA exists to facilitate the mission of the local church. The MA subscribes to the principle of subsidiarity as guiding all that we do. We trust that our commitment to this principle throughout the year has reassured those who were concerned that their church might lose its unique character and missional focus.

4.3.2 Ministry Area Council. The MAC meets approximately 4-5 times per year. It is very important that its work is transparent to the rest of the Ministry Area and so Potted Minutes, summarising the key decisions taken at each meeting, are now made available after each MAC meeting. The full minutes are always available upon request and anyone is welcome to attend a MAC meeting as an observer.

4.3.3 Financial Structure. With regard to the financial structure of the Ministry Area, a joint MA bank account with CAF Bank, but each church retains its own bank account(s) for day to day spending. The Ministry Area is currently in the process of reregistering for Gift Aid.

4.3.4 Charitable Structure. The North Cardiff Ministry Area is a registered charity. However, when meeting as a Ministry Area Transition Team we took the view that it would be advantageous to transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, not least because this would limit the liability of trustees. At the time it was not possible for us to make this transition but the diocese have now chosen us for the pilot project to become one of the first MA CIOs in the Church in Wales. We are hoping this will take place in July 2023.

4.3.5 Ministry Area Meetings. A word of explanation as to the work that goes on behind the scenes to facilitate the smooth running of the Ministry Area may be helpful as people may be unaware of what takes place. There are Diocesan 'Colleges' for Ministry Area Leaders, Lay Chairs and Treasurers that meet regularly throughout the year. The Ministry Area Leader and Lay Chair meet very regularly together, and with the Archdeacon when the need arises. Across the Ministry Area, in addition to MAC meetings, there are meetings for Ministry Area Leadership Team (Clergy and Lay Chair), Treasurers, the Governance, Audit and Risk Subcommittee, and the Finance and Buildings Subcommittee and Church Committee. We are enormously grateful to all those who give up their time to serve the church in this way. We are especially thankful to Sue Darracott who, although not a member of one of our churches, has kindly offered to act as our Treasurer. This is a significant undertaking and we are indebted to her.

4.3.6 Ministry Area Strengths. As we have worked together through the course of this year we have identified some key ways in which the Ministry Area adds value to our ministry as individual churches. First, it has enabled churches to receive support that would not otherwise have been available to them. A recent example is where Christ Church was able to call upon the expertise of the Chair of the Finance and Buildings Subcommittee who attended a meeting for the proposed

community hall. The Chair's professional experience in construction projects was invaluable and he has asked to become a regular member of the community hall group. Second, it has enabled churches to pool resources and share ideas. A recent example is when we heard the news of the late Queen's death in the middle of our Ministry Area Leadership Team meeting. The churches were able to work together, discuss ideas and develop a response that was tailored to the local context of each church. Third, the Ministry Area has allowed us to see the wider context of a particular issue that we are encountering at a church level. A recent example is when it became apparent that each church was facing a challenging financial outlook. It was reassuring to realise that we were not the odd one out but that what we were experiencing was the widespread result of all that we have been through over the past three years with Covid.

4.3.7 Room for Improvement. Despite having had a good first year as an MA, there are still weaknesses and teething problems with the MA. First, there is the risk of the MA creating a new layer of bureaucracy. Second, because the MA is somewhat removed from the life of the local church, there hasn't been the buy in that we might have hoped for. This is especially evident in our inability to recruit for a number of MA Roles. We have sought to mitigate this by encouraging Church Officers to meet in place of having an MA lead. We believe that this has been a step in the right direction as it has also ensured that we don't become too bureaucratically cumbersome. Third, the speed with which Ministry Areas have been introduced across the province has meant the Constitution of the Church in Wales has lagged behind in that it does not make any reference to Ministry Areas. We trust that this will be corrected in due course by the Governing Body.

4.3.8 Vision. All of the above concerns the administrative side of our life as a Ministry Area. We are keen to animate what we have built. The Ministry Area structures may be viewed as a trellis on which the vine of the spiritual life of the churches must grow. A significant focus in the coming months will be the Archdeacon's Visitation. This year the visitation takes a very different form. The diocese wants to work closely with each Ministry Area developing pathways by which it can reach out to and connect with the wider communities we serve. Our focus this year will principally be on Mission, and Children and Youth. These form the main elements of our vision for the year ahead. The place of the church in Welsh society has changed dramatically in the past 50 years. In our lifetimes it has gone from being at the very centre of public life to the periphery. For many years the church had a model of outreach that was centripetal i.e. the community was expected to come to church. However, with nearly 50% of the population now identifying as having no religious commitment, the model must become centrifugal - the church must go out to the community. The culture in which we live and the challenges we face are probably closer to those faced by the early church that at any point in the last 1,000 years. Their commitment to mission took them from the church to the marketplace. We must be ready to do the same.

4.3.9 Notable achievements. 2022 was a year of of stabilisation for the churches of the Ministry Area. We have returned to offering the full range of services to our communities and have continued to provide pastoral care and support to those communities, as well as meeting other pastoral needs through baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Each church has sought to connect with its community in different ways, tailored to the needs of the area. From Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee picnic at St Faiths to the Advent Windows

Trail around Lisvane, each church has sought to serve and proclaim the gospel in its unique setting. We have taken advantage of local opportunities to witness to the community about the love of Christ, for example, through a stall at the Lisvane Festival and a monthly column in the Lisvane Link.

Meeting the practical needs in our wider community of Cardiff through collections for the Food Bank, the Huggard Centre and supporting the work of other organisations such as the Rainbow of Hope, The Red Community and Christmas The Story has continued to be central to our life as a Ministry Area. Overseas we have continued to support the work of Just Earth, 500k Churches in India and Exodus Church in Mbale, Uganda.

4.4 Public Benefit

The benefit to the public is a feeling of spiritual stability and freedom within the Ministry Area for the benefit of all people. This is exercised through the provision of regular public worship and pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved; the teaching of the Christian message through sermons and small groups, and the taking of assemblies in local schools; the promotion of the Christian Faith through staging special services. Each church has a hall where activities take place for people of all ages.

5. Financial review

5.1 State of affairs

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 18. The surplus for the year was £62,400.

The financial position at the end of the year is set out in the balance sheet on page 19. The net assets at the year end were £1,577,744.

5.2 Fixed assets

The movement in fixed assets is shown in note 7 to the accounts on page 25. At the end of the year, the accounting net book value of fixed assets was £845,000.

5.3 Investments

The movement in investments is shown in note 8 to the accounts on page 25. At the end of the year the value of investments held was £9,845.

5.4 Reserves policy

5.4.1 Definition

The Charity Commission defines reserves as “that part of a charity's unrestricted funds that is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.” The reserves policy should assist in the objective and aim of the Ministry Area.

The MAC reserve policy is to retain a balance of unrestricted "free" reserves, as working capital and to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense, equal to at least three months expenditure.

5.4.2 Purpose of reserves

The reserve fund serves several purposes:

- To facilitate short term smoothing when monthly income falls short of expenditure;
- To facilitate paying the Fairer Share by making up the shortfall when one church has insufficient funds to contribute.
- To support emergency and urgent needs that arise from time to time.

Other potential benefits of a reserve fund include:

- Funding routine maintenance;
- Supporting church led initiatives and projects.

5.4.3 Surplus of funds

If there is a surplus the MAC will be asked to determine priorities.

5.4.4 Monitoring and review

The Finance and Buildings Committee will review the reserve balances every quarter. Annually the Finance and Buildings Committee will review the amounts held in reserve and report to the MAC. Annually the finance committee will review the reserves policy and make recommendations to the MAC.

6. Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Financial statements are required to be prepared for the MA for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its state of affairs at the balance sheet date of the income and expenditure for the year then ended. These financial statements are required to be examined by independent examiners and copies made available to parishioners. In preparing these financial statements the trustees will have due regard to:

- Selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Observing applicable Accounting Standards
- Preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees (who are members of the MAC) are responsible also for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the MA and for safeguarding its assets.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Approved and signed on behalf of the the Board of Trustees.



.....
Eleanor Williams, Lay Chair

1st March 2024

.....
Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Parochial Church Council of the Rectorial Benefice of the North Cardiff Ministry Area

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022

Charity no (if any)

1131310

Set out on pages

18 to 27

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the 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: The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ~~insert name of applicable listed body~~ *the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: *Robert Hugh* Date: *1 March 2024*

Name: *ROBERT HUGH*

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): *BSc., FCA*

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CARDIFF CF15 8DD*

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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North Cardiff Ministry Area Charity No

Statement of Financial Activities - North Cardiff Ministry Area (1131310)

for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Designated Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources									
Donations and legacies									
Planned giving	A	159,474			159,474	95,258			95,258
Church collections	B	16,988	239		17,227	2,004			2,004
Donations	C	9,379		5,896	15,275	4,000			4,000
For mission	D	3,681		500	4,181	3,201			3,201
Tax refunds	E	47,724			47,724	16,922			16,922
Legacies					0				0
Grants	G			33,750	33,750				0
Other Trading Activities					19,893				0
Hall/property	H	19,893			19,893				0
Other trading activities	F	15,330	2,000	31,388	48,719	9,945		44,891	54,836
Grants					0				0
Income from Charitable Activities					39,451				0
Parish Share Rebate	I	39,451			39,451				0
Fees	J	9,656			9,656	4,645			4,645
Investment income					2,439				0
Bank Interest & Property Letting	K	2,144		295	2,439				0
Other incoming resources					0				0
Other Income					0				0
Total incoming resources		323,719	2,239	71,829	397,788	135,975	0	44,891	180,866
Resources expended									
Charitable activities									
Parish share	A	199,463			199,463	57,281			57,281
Parochial expenses of clerics	B	8,262			8,262	4,071			4,071
Support of ministry					0				0
Assistant Clergy Expenses	C				0				0
Lay Ministers' Costs	D				0	190			190
Parish activities									
Maintenance of services	E	12,392	252	242	12,886	1,831			1,831
General parish expenses	F	40,024		12,813	52,837	29,863			29,863
Maintenance of churches	G	32,867			32,867	11,431			11,431
Maintenance of other property	H	13,643		6,336	19,979	3,720			3,720
Exceptional expenditure	I			3,934	3,934			10,749	10,749
Grants & financial support									
Parish	J	6,427			6,427	8,474			8,474
Church charities	K	6,042			6,042	6,791			6,791
Diocesan	L	227		600	827				0
National	M	449		602	1,051	1,829			1,829
World	N	6,055		1,287	7,342	4,207			4,207
Costs of generating funds									
Cost of money raising		145			145				0
Total resources expended		325,996	252	25,815	352,063	129,688	0	10,749	140,437
Net incoming resources before transfers and other recognised gains and losses		(2,277)	1,987	46,015	45,724	6,287	0	34,142	40,429
Loss on revaluation of investments				(1,143)	(1,143)				
Gain on revaluation of fixed asset				17,819	17,819				
Net movement in funds		(2,277)	1,987	62,691	62,400	6,287	0	34,142	40,429
Balances brought forward @ 1 Jan 2022		256,275	4,000	425,080	685,355	197,420	0	447,506	644,926
Transfers between funds	O	(200,138)	(4,000)	204,138	0	52,568	4,000	(56,568)	0
Fund balances introduced on creation of MA at 01.01.2022		175,737	46,829	607,422	829,988				0
Total funds c/f @ 31 Dec 2022		229,597	48,816	1,299,331	1,577,744	256,275	4,000	425,080	685,355

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022 - North Cardiff Ministry Area (1131310)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Designated Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Designated Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
	Pages 25-27	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets									
Church House - Ty Price	7			600,000	600,000			341,581	341,581
Church School House				245,000	245,000				0
		0	0	845,000	845,000	0	0	341,581	341,581
Investments									
Chance! Repair Fund	8			10,096	10,096			10,988	10,988
Investment held by CrW					0			123,635	123,635
		0	0	10,096	10,096	0	0	134,623	134,623
Current assets									
Debtors	9	46,700			46,700	65,125			65,125
Cash and bank balances	10	192,361	48,816	449,205	690,382	191,150	4,000	(47,864)	147,286
		239,061	48,816	449,205	737,082	256,275	4,000	(47,864)	212,411
Creditors falling due within one year									
	11	9,464		4,970	14,434			3,260	3,260
		9,464	0	4,970	14,434	0	0	3,260	3,260
Net current assets		229,597	48,816	444,235	722,649	256,275	4,000	83,499	343,774
TOTAL NET ASSETS		229,597	48,816	1,299,331	1,577,744	256,275	4,000	425,080	685,355
FUNDS									
Unrestricted	12 to 14	229,597			229,597	256,275			256,275
Designated			48,816		48,816		4,000		4,000
Restricted				1,299,331	1,299,331			425,080	425,080
TOTAL FUNDS		229,597	48,816	1,299,331	1,577,744	256,275	4,000	425,080	685,355
APPROVED by the Ministry Area Council on 29th February 2024									
and signed on its behalf by Eleanor Williams (Name)									
<i>E Williams</i> (Signature)									
Lay Chair 19									

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

1 This is the first year for combined accounts for the churches that comprise the North Cardiff Ministry Area. These churches are St. Denys, St. Isan, St. Faith and Christchurch.

St. Denys was previously registered with the Charity Commission with charity number 1131310.
St. Isan and St. Faith were previously registered with the Charity Commission with charity number 1133881 (removed charity February 2023).

2 Accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the "Statement of Recommended Practice: SORP (FRS102)" issued by the Charity Commissioners, and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations.
The historical cost convention is used except for the valuation of certain fixed assets, whose valuation basis is detailed in the note below. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted. The principal accounting policies are applied consistently.

Going Concern

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fixed assets

Churches, churchyards and vicarages are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. Such property forms no part of the assets of the parish. Moveable church contents are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal. Many are historic for which no reliable cost or valuation bases exist. They are not recognised on the balance sheet nor listed, to prevent increased risk of theft and vandalism. Expenditure on churches (including contents), churchyards and vicarages is written off when incurred.

There are freehold buildings vested with the Ministry Area.

No provision for depreciation of land and buildings is made.

Routine additions and replacements to the hall contents are charged to current expenditure.

Equipment is charged to current expenditure.

Investments

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at their mid market value at the balance sheet date. All movements in value arising from investment changes or revaluation are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Gains or losses on investments disposed of are calculated as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying value of the investment.

Gains or losses on investments revealed are calculated as the difference between the carrying value at the beginning of the year and the end of the year.

Funds

Endowment funds: The Ministry Area has no endowment funds.

Restricted funds: represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds: are general funds which can be used for ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds: are sums set aside out of general funds for specific designated purposes. They can be transferred back to unrestricted funds at any time.

Debtors

Debtors are amounts due for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, where applicable.			
Taxation			
No taxation is payable by the charity for the year as it is able to make use of the tax exemptions on income and capital gains available to charities.			
Incoming resources are all accounted for gross.			
Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.			
Tax refunds are recognised as soon as the amounts are claimable.			
Grants and legacies are accounted for when the Ministry Area is legally entitled to the amounts due.			
Investment income: Where the Ministry Area has not invested separately for each fund, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.			
All other income is generally recognised when it is receivable.			
Income received via the cashless giving machine is recorded as received, with transaction fees already deducted.			
Outgoing resources			
Parish share is paid regularly and is included in expenditure for the year to which it relates.			
Unrestricted fund grants (including donations to missions) are recognised when determined.			
Amounts received specifically for missions are dealt with as restricted funds and the liability for the payment is recognised when the amounts are received.			
All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred.			
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 continued

										2022
3	Paid employees									£
	Gross wages and salaries									37,754
	Employer's national insurance costs									0
	Pension contribution costs									758
	Total staff costs									38,512
	Average number of employees in the year (FTE)									1.5
4	Payments to Ministry Area members									0
	Refund of expenditure paid to trustees and close relatives, other than clergy									0
	Number of members and close relatives paid expenses									0
	No Ministry Area members were employed									
5	Analysis of incoming resources									
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2021	
	Voluntary income	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
a	Planned giving									
	Standing orders & bank income	92,807			92,807	87,442			87,442	
	Gift direct	13,407			13,407				0	
	Envelopes	27,230			27,230	7,817			7,817	
	Occasional giving via bank	2,300			2,300				0	
	Other planned giving	23,730			23,730				0	
		159,473	0	0	159,473	95,259	0	0	95,259	
b	Church collections									
	Cash Collections & Vouchers	16,988	239		17,227	2,004			2,004	
c	Donations									
	Donations gift aided	2,300		20	2,320	4,000			4,000	
	Donations non-gift aided	5,217		5,876	11,093				0	
	Contactless Donations	1,862			1,862				0	
	Other collections				0				0	
		9,379	0	5,896	15,275	4,000	0	0	4,000	
d	For mission									
	Mission Boxes and appeals	3,681		500	4,181	3,201			3,201	
		3,681	0	500	4,181	3,201	0	0	3,201	
	Total for the worldwide church	3,681	0	500	4,181	3,201	0	0	3,201	
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 continued

5 Analysis of incoming resources continued									
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income									
e Tax refunds									
Gift Aid tax	38,993			38,993	16,922			16,922	
Gift Aid tax on Small Donations	136			136				0	
Gift Direct tax	8,594			8,594				0	
	47,724	0	0	47,724	16,922	0	0	16,922	
f Other trading activities									
Fund raising	738		19,018	19,756				0	
Other funds generated	10,296			10,296				0	
Sundry income	4,296	2,000	12,370	18,666	9,945		44,891	54,836	
	15,330	2,000	31,388	48,719	9,945	0	44,891	54,836	
g Grants									
Recurring grants			23,750	23,750				0	
Non-recurring one-off grants			10,000	10,000				0	
	0	0	33,750	33,750	0	0	0	0	
Generated income									
Money raising									
h Hall/property									
Hall rental income	5,088			5,088				0	
Church building rental	14,804			14,804				0	
	19,893	0	0	19,893	0	0	0	0	
i Parish Share Rebate	39,451	0	0	39,451	0	0	0	0	
j Fees	9,656	0	0	9,656	4,645	0	0	4,645	
k Investments									
Bank Interest	2,144		44	2,188				0	
Income from funds held by CIW			251	251				0	
	2,144	0	295	2,439	0	0	0	0	
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 continued

6 Analysis of resources expended									
Charitable activities		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2021
Support of ministry		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
a	Parish Share	199,463	0	0	199,463	57,281	0	0	57,281
b	Parochial expenses of clergy								
	Clergy travel expenses	83			83	22			22
	Clergy telephone, etc.	484			484	3,806			3,806
	Clergy other expenses	7,695			7,695	243			243
		8,262	0	0	8,262	4,071	0	0	4,071
c	Assistant Clergy expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d	Lay Ministers' Costs								
	Visiting Speakers				0	190			190
	Lay Ministers' Expenses				0				0
	Lay Ministers' Laptops				0				0
	Lay Ministers' Salaries				0				0
	Lay Minister's NI				0				0
	Lay Minister's Pension				0				0
		0	0	0	0	190	0	0	190
	Parish activities								
e	Maintenance of services								
	Worship requisites	3,097	252	242	3,591	1,481			1,481
	Music and performance expenses				0				0
	Organist and choir	4,667			4,667	230			230
	Musical instrument tuning	3,509			3,509				0
	Non-clergy fees				0	120			120
	Digital services	556			556				0
	Copyright licence	563			563				0
		12,392	252	242	12,886	1,831	0	0	1,831
f	General parish expenses								
	Administrators - salaries	19,821		12,813	32,634	8,641			8,641
	Administrators - NI	584			584				0
	Administrators - Pension	178			178				0
	Administrators - equipment	600			600				0
	Ministry support worker salary				0	10,749			10,749
	Church Road running costs				0	2,557			2,557
	Stat., copying & office materials	2,786			2,786	1,623			1,623
	Leasing and hire purchase costs	405			405				0
	Office and general expenditure	10,103			10,103	6,292			6,292
	Telephone				0				0
	Fire equipment				0				0
	Maintenance of website / social media platforms	960			960				0
	Gifts	250			250				0
	Professional fees	880			880				0
	Independent examination	3,215			3,215				0
	Bank Charges	242			242				0
		40,024	0	12,813	52,837	29,862	0	0	29,862
	Church property								
g	Maintenance of churches								
	Insurance	3,535			3,535				0
	Electricity	9,246			9,246	5,887			5,887
	Gas	2,688			2,688				0
	Water	1,280			1,280	217			217
	Church - building fabric				0	4,678			4,678
	Church - building services				0				0
	Church equip. - reps & renewals	10,270			10,270				0
	Cleaning	3,242			3,242				0
	Telephone	1,841			1,841				0
	WiFi				0	649			649
	Fire equipment	332			332				0
	Other costs	433			433				0
		32,867	0	0	32,867	11,431	0	0	11,431

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 continued

6 Analysis of resources expended cont.									
Charitable activities		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
h	Maintenance of other property				0				0
	Parsonage - water				0				0
	Parsonage - electricity				0				0
	Parsonage - other expenses				0				0
	Church Hall - operating costs	7,710			7,710				0
	Other property - operating costs	1,405		6,336	7,741				0
	Major building repairs				0				0
	Grounds	4,115			4,115				0
	Churchyard management	413			413				0
	General maintenance of other property				0	3,720			3,720
		13,643	0	6,336	19,979	3,720	0	0	3,720
i	Exceptional expenditure								
	Major building repairs and renovations			3,934	3,934			10,749	10,749
		0	0	3,934	3,934	0	0	10,749	10,749
	Grants & financial support								
j	Parish								
	Regular children's & youth work	6,411			6,411	3,099			3,099
	Outreach				0				0
	Other				0	5,376			5,376
	Cost of parish mission work	16			16				0
		6,427	0	0	6,427	8,475	0	0	8,475
k	Church charities and projects								
	City Hospice	782			782	1,245			1,245
	Huggard Centre	540			540	1,240			1,240
	Puffins - St. Teilo's	545			545	1,116			1,116
	Sunday Circle	545			545	545			545
	Red Community - Embrace	900			900	844			844
	Concern Cymru	900			900	844			844
	The Christmas Story	900			900	844			844
	Outreach	705			705				0
	LATCH				0	113			113
	Charity donations	225			225				0
		6,042	0	0	6,042	6,791	0	0	6,791
l	Diocesan								
	Llandaff Mission	227			227				0
	Lisvane Men's Shed			600	600				0
		227	0	600	827	0	0	0	0

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 continued

6 Analysis of resources expended cont.									
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2021
Charitable activities		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants & financial support									
m	National								
	Christian Aid			20	20				0
	Women's Aid			342	342				0
	Compassion UK	336			336	618			618
	Dementia UK	113		113	226				0
	Aching Arms				0	229			229
	Parkinsons UK				0	700			700
	Open Doors				0	282			282
	City Hospice			127	127				0
		449	0	602	1,051	1,829	0	0	1,829
n	World Mission								
	Just Earth	1,000			1,000	844			844
	500k churches	1,000			1,000	844			844
	Wycliffe	825			825	769			769
	PONT	1,587		787	2,374	1,750			1,750
	Ukraine	1,643		500	2,143				0
		6,055	0	1,287	7,342	4,207	0	0	4,207
o	Fund Transfers								
	Reallocation between funds	(200,138)	(4,000)	204,138	0	52,568	4,000	(56,568)	0
		(200,138)	(4,000)	204,138	0	52,568	4,000	(56,568)	0
Fixed assets									
7	Church buildings								
	Ty Price			600,000	600,000			341,581	341,581
	Church Hall			245,000	245,000				0
		0	0	845,000	845,000	0	0	341,581	341,581
	<i>This can be further analysed as:</i>								
	<i>Building value</i>			582,181	582,181			341,581	341,581
	<i>Revaluation during 2022</i>			17,819	17,819				0
		0	0	600,000	600,000	0	0	341,581	341,581
8	Investments								
	Chancel Repair Fund - opening balance			10,988	10,988			10,988	10,988
	Loss on revaluation			(1,143)	(1,143)				0
		0	0	9,845	9,845	0	0	10,988	10,988
	Investment held by CIW				0			123,635	123,635
		0	0	9,845	9,845	0	0	134,623	134,623
9	Debtors								
	Opening balance	6,450			6,450				0
	Parish share rebate	15,299			15,299				0
	CCLI	360			360				0
	Gift Aid rebate	18,373			18,373				0
	SSE (credit on account)	1,500			1,500				0
	Insurance (prepayment)	90			90				0
	C Francis	320			320				0
	Funds due from CIW	0			0	64,475			64,475
	Other	4,308			4,308	650			650
		46,700	0	0	46,700	65,125	0	0	65,125
10	Cash and bank balances								
	Cash at bank and in hand	228,603	48,816	449,205	726,624	0	0	0	147,287
		228,603	48,816	449,205	726,624	0	0	0	147,287
11	Creditors falling due within one year								
	Car park drainage			3,000	3,000			3,260	3,260
	Parish share rebate - St. Faith	2,030			2,030				0
	Budd Electrical	223			223				0
	Smith of Derby	474			474				0
	Women's Aid			342	342				0
	PONT			787	787				0
	Lisvane Men's Shed			600	600				0
	City Hospice			127	127				0
	Dementia UK			113	113				0
	Examination fee	1,765			1,765				0
	Christchurch	4,210			4,210				0
	HMRC	584			584				0
	Other	178			178				0
		9,464	0	4,970	14,434	0	0	3,260	3,260

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 continued

Funds and reserves							
12	Unrestricted funds	Balance from charity 31.12.2021	Funds introduced 01.01.2022	Movement in year	Transfer 2022	Balance 31.12.2022	
		£	£	£	£	£	
	St. Denys	256,275		19,568	(200,138)	75,705	
	Christchurch		22,122	(12,926)		9,196	
	St. Faith		33,922	4,643		38,565	
	St. Isan		118,694	(13,557)		105,137	
	North Cardiff - central		1,000	(5)		995	
	Total Unrestricted Funds	256,275	175,738	(2,277)	(200,138)	229,598	
13	Designated funds	Balance from charity 31.12.2021	Funds introduced 01.01.2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer 2022	Balance 31.12.2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	St. Denys	4,000				(4,000)	0
	Designated buildings fund		46,753				46,753
	St. Faith - flower fund		76	239	252		63
	Welcome packs			2,000			2,000
	Total Designated Funds	4,000	46,829	2,239	252	(4,000)	48,816
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 continued								
14	Restricted reserves	Balance from charity 31.12.2021	Funds introduced 01.01.2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Gains/(losses) 2022	Transfers between funds	Balance 31.12.2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Pont Charity	2,269			(787)			1,482
	Chancel Repair Fund	10,988				(1,143)		9,845
	Bibles Fund	1,250						1,250
	Church House - build and maintenance	269,448		18,735	(6,337)	17,820	300,334	600,000
	Church House - cash in hand at CIW	123,635		24,001			(129,971)	17,665
	Church House - ongoing maintenance						33,775	33,775
	Ministry Support Worker salary	11,562		12,370	(12,813)			11,119
	Heating Renewal Fund			1,850				1,850
	Harry Brown Fund		572		(242)			330
	Gwenda Palmer Fund		100					100
	Hardship Fund	1,313						1,313
	Money Manager account			44				44
	Charity Giving	4,615			(640)			3,775
	Home Counties Fund			20	(20)			0
	Restricted Fund			842	(842)			0
	Buildings Renewal Fund		361,750	13,957	(3,934)			371,783
	Church School House		245,000					245,000
	Total Restricted Funds	425,080	607,422	71,829	(25,815)	16,677	204,138	1,299,331

Parochial Church Council for the Rectorial Benefice of North Cardiff

England & Wales - Charity number 1131310

Accounts



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**The Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Council of the
Parish of St Denys, Lisvane**

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**Ministry Area Vestry Meeting
Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 7.30pm
At Christ Church, Roath Park**

Agenda

- 1. Prayers**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Chairman's welcome**
- 4. Election of Representatives to the**
 - i Deanery Conference**
 - ii Diocesan Conference**
- 5. For the appointment of an Independent Examiner**
- 6. For the consideration of:**
 - **A report on the new Electoral Roll •**
 - **An Annual Report on the proceedings of the MAC and the Ministry Area generally •**
 - **The financial statements of the former parishes of the MA for the year ending 31st December preceding the meeting**
- 7. Other matters of parochial or general Church interest (for which 5 days prior notice must be given).**
- 8. Closing Prayer & Blessing**

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OBJECTS AND CONSTITUTION

The Parish of St Denys, Lisvane, in the Cardiff Deanery, is part of the Diocese of Llandaff within the Church in Wales. The parish is situated to the north of Cardiff, east of Llanishen and adjoining the Diocese of Monmouth.

The church address is:-

The Church in Wales
St Denys Church
Church Road
Lisvane
CARDIFF CF14 0SJ

The Church in Wales is a province within the Anglican Communion and, as such, exists to advance the Christian Religion through worldwide mission. The object of the Parochial Church Council is to ensure that the Life and work of the Church within the Parish helps to fulfil that mission, both locally and more widely.

The P.C.C. is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedure, and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body, set up under Section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. Elections are held at an Annual Vestry Meeting which must take place on or before 30th April. All persons whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. Before assuming office, every member of the Council must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the land and property of the Church in Wales, including St. Denys' Church building, its contents and the churchyard. The Representative Body is an Exempt Charity and was set up under Section 13(2) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. It acts on behalf of the Province in paying the stipends of full time clergy, and administers the Church in Wales scheme of Gift Aid giving and recovers tax on behalf of parishes. The P.C.C. is responsible inter alia for promoting the mission of the church, the parochial budget and all expenditure there under, the care and maintenance of the church fabric and of the churchyard, and for action on any other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution.

The Council is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

It is the responsibility of both the P.C.C. and the Incumbent to work together and co-operate in all matters of concern and importance in the parish for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and ecumenical in the parish.

The parish policies and aims are encapsulated in our Church Mission Statement:

BELONGING / SERVING / BLESSING

Belonging

At St Denys we want to create an atmosphere of belonging where all are welcomed, accepted, valued and feel at home.

We want to encourage everyone to encounter God and experience what it means to belong to Him by following Jesus in the power of The Holy Spirit.

Serving

At St Denys we want to encourage people to serve God wholeheartedly.

We want to encourage everyone to follow Jesus' example by sacrificially serving people with humility, love and compassion.

Blessing

At St Denys we want to create a culture of blessing.

We want to encourage people to reflect God's generosity by sharing His blessings with us both individually and as a church.

VICAR'S REPORT

A Review of the Year

2021 proved to be another challenging year. The resurgence of the virus at the beginning of the year meant that we closed the doors of our building in January and February. Services continued on Zoom and it was a joy to be able to worship together even if we couldn't gather physically.

The 9.30am service began to meet again in the church building in March but the 11.00am service had to be more cautious because of the larger numbers. However, over the summer we were able to hold our 11.00am service in the churchyard. Being outside gave the services something of a festival atmosphere but above all it meant that we were able to gather in larger numbers than we had done since the start of the pandemic, and were also able to witness to the wider community. Sadly, for various reasons, including failing health and the loss of some members through the pandemic, it has not been feasible to start the 8.00am service again and so we continue with just two main services on a Sunday, the times of which were changed to 9.15am and 10.45am part way through the year.

The prayer meeting and the home groups continued to be a source of great spiritual encouragement through tough times. In our Boiler Room prayer meetings we prayed through Open Doors' World Watch List (a list of the 50 countries where the church is most persecuted) and in our home groups the highlight has to have been reading through Dane Ortlund's *Gentle and Lowly* which provides perceptive and powerful insights into the heart of Jesus towards sinners and sufferers.

We continued to work with the community in Lisvane where possible. It was great to welcome TreeTops back for their annual nativity service and to raise nearly £8,000 for LATCH through our Advent Trail in partnership with the community. The Trail ran throughout December and was due to culminate in the Crib Services on Christmas Eve when the 24th window would have been unveiled but, frustratingly, the emergence of the Omicron variant meant that we had to cancel most of our Christmas services at very short notice. However, we were still able to do some carol singing around Lisvane instead.

We have always been committed to supporting Christian mission and other charities at St Denys. This year we took a step to developing our support by forming a Missions and Giving Committee who are tasked with selecting which charities and mission agencies we should support through the year. The aim is to strengthen our links with those whom we support and help them by ensuring they have a regular income stream from us rather than ad hoc annual payments.

Throughout the year it has been wonderful to see how Ali Jensen and her team have managed to keep the youth and children's work not just going but growing! Their creativity in putting on an exciting range of events that have complied with the ever-changing restrictions and the consistent hard work behind it all has been

tremendous. Ali has also been working hard providing recorded assemblies for Llysfaen Primary School even when physical access was not permitted.

We are hugely indebted to Martyn and the choir who have had to cope with even more stringent conditions because of the risk of transmission via aerosol. It was wonderful to be able to have the choir for our Easter celebrations, even if they were somewhat muted because of Covid and it was a great shame to have to cancel some of our key Christmas services. I am very grateful to them for their flexibility and understanding.

The Pastoral Care Team has continued to do sterling work. Jan Marsden has suffered from a very painful back problem and I'm so grateful to Helen Warner for helping to lead it when Jan was incapacitated.

Linda Ashmore stepped down as treasurer in June and Anne Gregory kindly offered to take her place, although this is only an interim appointment as Anne will not be able to serve as treasurer for more than 2 years. I am very grateful to Linda for all that she did to maintain good accounts throughout her time in office and to Anne who has worked enormously hard getting up to speed with the accounts. The introduction of the MA means that we will now be using My Fund Accounting software and I am grateful to Anne and Denise for their flexibility and willingness to try out this new software package.

In September we saw the installation of the Ven Rod Green as Archdeacon of Llandaff. This appointment was one we prayed about a great deal as a church and it has been a joy to get to know Rod and to see the impact he is already having in the diocese.

This year has seen the passing of two pillars of the church, George and Joyce Davies. Although they were already in Sunrise when I was appointed to St Denys, and George's dementia was fairly advanced, it was a joy to get to know them and very sad that their final two years should have been in a nursing home in lockdown but we take great comfort that they are now with their Lord and Saviour. This year also saw the untimely death of Rhodri de Lloyd (David de Lloyd's nephew), a father of two in his 40s. Our thoughts and prayers were with the de Lloyd family as they came to terms with this tragic event.

Looking Ahead

The formation of the North Cardiff Ministry Area on 1st January 2022 (from the former parishes of Lisvane, Llanishen and Roath Park) necessitated a very significant amount of preparatory work throughout 2021 as the legal, governance and financial structure of the new North Cardiff Ministry Area was laid down. I am enormously grateful to the Ministry Area Transition Team who met regularly through the year and to everyone from St Denys who served on that committee. It was really positive to see the four churches work so well together and a sign of great things to come.

The restructuring of the church into the MA has also meant that the PCC was dissolved on the 31st December. Thank you to all those who gave their time so generously, some over many years, to serve the church in this way. The PCC will now be replaced

by a smaller Church Committee. Steve Bruncker was also due to step down at the end of the year after a long stint of 6 years as churchwarden. He kindly agreed to stay on until his replacement was appointed at the beginning of 2022. As a church we are hugely indebted to Steve for all that he has done to serve the church so assiduously over such a long period. He will be missed.

Above all, the restructuring of our church life will provide an opportunity to refocus our energies on our mission, and especially our primary call to share the good news of Jesus with our friends, neighbours and colleagues. Under the new structures our aim is to establish a series of action groups which focus on different aspects of our ministry and mission. These groups will report to the Church Committee but anyone within the church will be eligible to serve on them. In particular, we will have action groups focussing on: Evangelism and Outreach, Discipleship and Prayer, Liturgy and Worship, Children and Youth, Pastoral Care, Social Events. Our focus initially will be twofold: to encourage people back to church and strengthen our sense of being a church family and to reach out to the community with the love of Christ. As a springboard to developing ideas for mission we will participate in the CPAS Leading Evangelism Online Learning Hub as an MA with each church represented. Let's take up William Carey's motto: "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

A key aspect of our mission going forward will be the new Church House Development, the demolition having been completed earlier in the year. It has been a great encouragement to see it gradually going up, although Covid has brought inevitable delays as materials have been difficult to source at times. We look forward to completion in summer 2022, ready to open in time for the beginning of the new academic year. I am indebted to the Steering Group for all that they have done to see the project through to this point, and especially Martin Plow whose work behind the scenes has been tireless.

Once again, it has in many ways been a difficult year but as Jeremiah reminds us, the ground of our hope is not our circumstances but God's never-failing compassion. And so, we press on trusting Him, seeking His will and His plans and purposes for us and for our Ministry Area. If the Lord builds the house, the labourers will not have laboured in vain.

ELECTORAL ROLL AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Since January 2020, the electoral roll has had to be renewed twice.

At EVM 2019 the roll had 186 members. After a couple of campaigns for renewal, the roll at Easter 2021 had reduced slightly to 169 members.

However, following the setting up of the new Ministry Area for North Cardiff in January, Church in Wales asked that we create an electoral roll for North Cardiff Ministry Area and this meant asking everyone in St Denys, St Isan's, St Faiths and Christchurch to fill in new electoral roll forms. This was completed by the beginning of May when the numbers on the roll for St Denys had reduced further to 123.

The attendance figures from the service registers have now been harvested for the years 2020 and 2021. It is not easy to draw any firm conclusions from these statistics.

In 2019 average weekly attendances were 101. This rate of attendance seems to have continued during the first weeks of 2020 until the church closed after 15th March. After the church re-opened in September, a total of 257 attendances are recorded in the thirteen weeks that the church was open, averaging just under twenty per week. This was owing to a significant reduction in the numbers of services and the restricted numbers permitted to attend.

At the start of the following year 2021, the church was closed for a further eight weeks, but reopened on 7th March and remained open for the rest of the year. The total attendances for the year were around 1900, significantly below the total numbers attending in 2019 at over 5000, so there is still a hill to climb in re-establishing our historic levels. Of course during lockdown many acts of worship took place on Zoom, but there are no records of the numbers involved.

I hope that, as we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, the attendance will continue to improve and return to the encouraging levels of yesteryear.

Andrew Keogh
Electoral Roll Officer

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

This is the last St Denys Parish Church Warden Report that covers the period to January 1st 2022 and the first by the St Denys Committee Wardens covering 1st January 2022 to the first 2022 North Cardiff Ministry area Annual Vestry Meeting.

We have had another logistically difficult year with restrictions due to the Covid pandemic coming and going throughout. We are extremely indebted to the Reverend Jim Griffiths for working so hard to keep our services on track both in person and online. We are now mightily relieved and thank God that the majority of Sunday services and other meetings are now possible in person, hopefully relieving some of the organisational burden of the last year.

Jim has been an inspirational leader during this difficult time despite much of his effort being taken up with the formation and leadership of the North Cardiff Ministry Area which comprises of the four churches St Denys, St Faith, St Isan and Christchurch. He has been responsible for the interregnum administration at St Isan since 1st January and with the Ministry Area Lay Chair been responsible for drawing up the constitution of the new entity. With the appointment of a new incumbent starting in July some of these additional demands on his time should ease.

Our St Denys church prayer meeting, "The Boiler Room", has continued online at 7.30 on Mondays, we, the wardens and Jim consider this to be the engine room for our church, seeking to bring God into every aspect of our lives, concerns for the world, our church and the people of both. If you would like to encourage Jim and us then regular attendance at this most important of all weekday church meetings is the way to do it. Details on the news sheet.

The wardens would like to note that during the pandemic youth and children's work has continued and is showing real signs of growth numerically and spiritually under the enthusiastic loving care and guidance of our youth and children's worker Ali Jensen with the invaluable help of her dedicated team which includes her husband Jan. It has been a real encouragement and joy to hear of young people turning to Jesus as their friend and guide in their lives. Ali is also leading important work in reaching out to the young in the Lisvane area through community activities and school work that points to the love that Jesus has for our community.

The war in Ukraine, and its tragic consequences, took many of us by surprise this year. Our hearts go out to the resulting bereaved, wounded and displaced people of the country. We as a church will look for ways to help them financially and practically in the coming months, praying continually for peace and a long term cessation of hostilities as with other places in our world facing war, famine and natural disasters.

Looking forward to 2022 we are looking to completion of the building project and putting this facility to good use to benefit the furtherance of the Gospel in Lisvane. We look forward to welcoming many new people in the new homes being built around us and inviting them to meet Jesus, if they don't know him already.

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the life of St Denys in the last year.

We always hesitate to name names but we would like to especially thank the sterling work done by our treasurer Anne Gregory, the building committee, especially Martin Plow and Denise Searle our tireless and tolerant secretary who is also now secretary to the Ministry Area.

Finally, we would like to thank Steve Brunner who stepped down from the post of vicar's warden after many years of highly valued service to St Denys in this role, he continues to serve us on the building committee. We would like also to thank Ros, Steve's wife, for lending him to us for such a long time. He has been a source of wise council and leadership for many of us. Camilla Owens has picked up the baton from Steve as vicar's warden and is looking forward to supporting Jim and the church family as we seek to love Jesus and make him known together.

Duncan Shadwell & Camilla Owens

TREASURER'S REPORT

2021 was another year of Covid, with restricted services and Zoom.

Total income for the Parish for 2021 was £180,866; (2020 £180,931).

Voluntary collections and donations was £97,262; (2020 £100,195).

Gift Aid receipts were £16,922; (2020 £15,925).

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme claim brought a refund of £3,489 on the VAT paid for the tower repairs in 2020.

During the year the Parish Share Rebate of £22,320 made a large difference to the income received. The largest reduction in receipts was from the weekly envelopes and collections because of the Covid restriction to services throughout the year. St Denys Church continued to support the Ministry Support Worker throughout the year with donations received from the congregation.

A balancing figure was used last year in the accounts, this year it has been corrected.

The re-building of Church House commenced in the second half of the year, using the restricted funds held for that purpose by the CIW. The end of year balance held by the CIW was £123,635; (2020 was £327,023).

All pledges for the Church House fund held by St Denys have now been received.

Overall in 2021 there was Parish surplus of income over expenditure of £40,429, largely as a result of further restricted donations to the Church House Fund of £30,880 in the year. (2020 was a loss of £22,829).

As from 1st January 2022 St Denys Church became part of the North Cardiff Ministry Area.

Anne Gregory
Treasurer

GIFT AID SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gift Aid is the way that the Church can augment its income by 25% in respect of donations from any person that pays personal tax to H.M. Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

The Parish received £24,186 in 2021 from Gift Aid claims so this is a very important source of income. This is detailed further below:

	2021	2020
Total Gift Aid reclaimed	<u>£24,186</u> (*)	<u>£19,724</u> (*)
Made up of :		
Reclaims on Envelopes & standing orders to St. Denys account	£ <u>10,066</u> (*)	£11,361 (*)
Reclaims from Church in Wales Give Direct scheme	£5,370	£5,273
Reclaimed on Church House fund	£6,050	£125
Reclaimed on Ministry Worker salary pledges	£2,450	£2,425
Reclaimed on Hardship Fund	-	£288
Reclaimed on other donations	£250	£250
Interest	-	£2
Total 2020 Gift Aid Reclaimed	<u>£24,186</u>	<u>£19,724</u>

(*) these amounts include the up to £2,000 Gift Aid that the Church is permitted to claim annually on unidentified collections. However, in 2021, as in the previous year, this was severely reduced because the reduction in the number of services and smaller

congregations meant there were fewer unidentified collections. As a result, we were only able to claim £394.

If anyone would like to check that they have a St Denys Gift Aid form filed, or have a query on any aspect of Gift Aid, then please contact me. Also, to ensure that HMRC rules are complied with, please contact me if you change address or if personal circumstances change resulting in a gift aid donor no longer paying tax.

Confidentiality is assured.

Information sheets about Gift Aid and a supply of Gift Aid forms and one-off Gift Aid envelopes can be found at the entrance to church.

OTHER REPORTS

Please note that although the Vestry Report is dated 31st December 2021 to coincide with the financial requirements, some of the group reports refer to activities up to March 2022

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Perhaps the best word to describe what has happened in the children's and youth work in the past year is to say, it has EXPLODED!

God's goodness to us in starting and even growing amidst 2 years of lockdown restrictions, has meant that the return of face to face saw instant and exciting growth, community, team and fun.

We had sent assemblies to Llysfaen Primary school on You Tube during lockdown and recently in returning to aide the school weekly, with year 4, several teachers specifically thanked us for those assemblies – this is so of God, because when we then ran an Easter Holiday Club for over 40 children, many community children attended who already knew who we were and many are aiming to join us in weekly clubs *MnMs* & *(Al)mighty Boosh*. Everything just points to God's hand.

Further, the pebbles painted by the children's and youth group and hidden around the village, translated into several visitors to our Easter Sunday service, swapping pebbles for chocolate eggs. All were welcomed and heard the gospel.

The youth work continues to grow with new enquiries from community families and a fabulous sense of community and Jesus being at the centre. We now have a full children's and youth remit in place. Inclusive of *MnMs* for infants, *(Al)mighty Boosh* for juniors, *Sunday Splash* for children, *Impact* for younger youth, *Ablaze* for older youth and *JarZ* for youth on Sundays. All have teams that serve with commitment and incredible skill.

This year has seen much happen both internal to groups, through our mentoring programmes and in additional, monthly discipleship outlets. We are so encouraged to see the children and young people at the heart of church life and making spiritual steps closer to Jesus.

We have seen a host of Christmas events (Christingle service, Treetops Nativity), and inclusion of music especially with Glocks, drawing children and young people and their families into the heart of the church.

Ali Jensen Ministry Support Worker

ONE – All-Age Service

The All Age services have been run so excellently for so many years. The hiatus due to covid, and then the reconfiguring of them after covid has been aided hugely by the help and guidance of skilled and experienced people like Julia Plaut.

ONE endeavours to not divert too much from our usual services, but aims to include all ages, utilising a range of learning styles and offering as many opportunities to as many ages as possible to encounter God. We have experimented with a range of models.

The lovely thing to see at All-Age services is the inclusion of a wide range of people who make the service happen, inclusive of children and youth leading the congregation in both confession and affirmation of faith, alongside, teaching that is split into 2-3 sections with object lesson, story, drama, and concise teaching. We see more families attend on Sundays when Sunday Splash and all- age provision is included.

CHURCH HOUSE

So much has happened in the last year, after so many years of planning, discussion, debate and decision making. Covid had a major impact not only on the physical building

but also on the continuing planning, with Steering Group meetings taking place via Zoom.

A year ago, we had finalised the old Church House demolition and the builders had set a start date. However, certain issues were highlighted at this point including extra work for underpinning and drainage/soakaway complications. In addition, the original contractors, Messrs Merryless, ceased trading and we had to arrange new contractors, Trafalgar Services Ltd, in a very short timeframe. Trafalgar SL were able to offer the same terms as the original contractors and after due diligence were appointed. Consequently, the building works did not commence until August 2021, some five months later than anticipated.

Whilst all this was going on the Steering Group arranged the VAT issue so that no VAT was paid on the build, as we are a charity.

Since August, all groundworks have been completed, and Church House has been built up to roof level, with the final roof tiles ready to be applied imminently.

Since the start of 2022, poor weather conditions, coupled with shortages of materials and transport issues have led to additional delays. However, project completion is still August/September 2022.

The Steering Group meet every 4-6 weeks to appraise progress and ensure budgeting remains focused. Currently, we are anticipating a shortfall of funds to complete the building project of about £25k. We are currently reviewing possible grant support for fitting out various parts of the building once complete.

We cannot wait until the building is complete, fitted out and available to all the User groups that have already shown strong interest.

Michael Inkpen

WEDNESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST

Our Wednesday Morning Eucharist resumed on 16 June 2021 until 16 July. After a summer break, it was wonderful to be back on 15 September. We are enjoying our Service and then meeting friends old and new for coffee and a chat. Our thanks to Jim.

Angela Goddard

CHOIR

The difficulties we experienced in 2020 have continued into 2021, with no singing apart from some services at Easter. There was then a further period of lock down and services continued on zoom with no choir, no singing. We saw an improvement towards September where we returned to having some limited choir practices, and were able to prepare for the annual Carol Service in December. Sadly, this had to be cancelled at the last minute due again to covid-19.

Throughout the year we have again been regularly in touch on a weekly basis meeting socially as and when allowable.. Fortunately since January we are now back rehearsing weekly and singing services as near to normal as possible. Our commitment has not wavered and members are as loyal as ever in maintaining our usual standards.

Martyn Ridge, Choir master

THE PARADISE RUN

Elizabeth Perret-Atkins came to speak to both services in February to update us on the work of Rainbow of Hope. During the pandemic, Cardiff City Council stopped groups going on the Paradise Run to distribute sandwich packs and serve hot food to the homeless and vulnerable of Cardiff. St Denys had been part of this outreach for many years with our monthly Sunday evening slot.

All activities are now based at the Rainbow of Hope premises in Broadway, Roath. . All food served has to be freshly prepared in the kitchens of Rainbow of Hope - we are no longer able to make dishes at home and serve up at the premises.

We still maintain links with Rainbow of Hope by attending meetings and circulating updates about specific requests from Liz. If anyone feels they can spare a few hours a week to volunteer, they would be very welcome.

If you would like to find out more information please get in touch with Liz. The easiest way to get in touch is via text – 07584 044364.r email info@rainbowofhope.co.uk

Melanie Falley

THE HUGGARD COMMITTEE

The aim of our committee is to raise funds for and to support the Huggard Centre. The Centre is open 24/7 and for over 30 years has been providing support, help and accommodation for the homeless in Cardiff. Unfortunately we have been unable to yet again hold our bi- annual tea party because of Covid. This has always been our main fundraising activity in previous years. However we were able to donate £100 and chocolate gifts at Christmas. A cheque for £424 plus Easter gifts was taken to the Centre last week . The money was raised by holding a raffle and through the generosity of the organisers of a Coffee morning at the Old School. The giving of Easter and Christmas and gifts has always generously been supported by the members of St Denys Church

Jen Green on behalf of the Huggard Committee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LISVANE

I report on the Financial Statements of the Parish for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and Examiner

As the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements: you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeking explanations from you as the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the Financial Statements present a "true and fair view" and my report is limited to those matters set out in the following statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and to prepare Financial Statements which accord with those accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met; or

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

Signature:



Name: Huw Davies

Address: 78 Clos Llysfaen, Lisvane, Cardiff. CF14 0UP

Dated: 18.05.2022

Parish of St Denys Church					
Balance Sheet					
For The Year Ending 31 December 2021					
	2021		2020		
	£	£	£	£	
FIXED ASSETS					
Church House, 7, Church Road, Lisvane	137,443		137,443		
Building Work on Church House	204,138				
Diocesan Investment Funds	123,635		<u>327,023</u>		
Chancel Repair Fund Investment	10,988				
		476,204		464,466	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	0		500		
Bank Balance	147,287		170,177		
Debtors	65,125		10,963		
	<u>212,412</u>		<u>181,640</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	3,260		<u>1,180</u>		
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>209,151</u>		<u>180,460</u>	
NET ASSETS					
		<u>685,355</u>		<u>644,926</u>	
REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted	256,275		197,420		
Designated	4,000		0		
Restricted	425,080		447,506		
		<u>685,355</u>		<u>644,926</u>	
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its					
behalf by (Chairman).					

Parish of St Denys Church							
Resources Expended							
For The Year Ending 31 December 2021							
DRAFT							
2021							
2020							
PAYMENTS	£		£		£		£
A: Mission and Charities							
Parish:-							
Children and Youth Work		3,099			2,919		
Other		5,376			1,000		
Outreach Work					-		
				8,474			3,919
Local:							
Vicar's Discretionary					-		
Welsh Woman Cardiff (Toy appeal)					235		
City Hospice		1,245			101		
Huggard Centre		1,240			-		
Puffins - St Teilos		1,116			-		
Sunday Circle		545			-		
Red Community - Embrace		844			-		
Concern Cymru		844			-		
The Christmas Story		844			-		
LATCH Welsh Childrens' Charity		113					
				6,791			336
National:							
Aching Arms		229			-		
Parkinsons UK		700			-		
Open Doors		282			-		
Compassion UK		618			327		
Urban Saints					249		
				1,829			576
World							
PONT		1,750			1,200		
Just Earth		844			-		
500K Churches		844					
Wycliffe		769					
				4,207			1,200
Carried Forward				21,301			6,031
							3
Parish Of St Denys Church							
Resources Expended							
For The Year Ending 31 December 2021							
DRAFT							
2021							
2020							
PAYMENTS							
Payments brought forward				21,301			6,031
B: Maintenance of Ministry							
Parish Share		57,281			57,501		
Visiting Clergy and Preachers		190			60		
				57,471			57,561

C: Maintenance of Buildings					
Light and Heat	5,887			4,510	
Insurance				570	
General repairs	4,678			32,152	
Water rates	217			235	
Church WIFI	649			724	
			11,431		38,191
D: Maintenance of Services					
Consumables	1,481			1,659	
Organ and choir	230			131	
Wedding & Funeral Fees (non Clergy)	120			120	
			1,831		1,910
E:Parochial Expenses of Vicar					
Light and Heat	1,303			1,781	
Car Mileage and Travel	22			46	
Telephone	608			759	
Water rates	964			946	
Fees	785			309	
Training and Hospitality	145			20	
Vicar's Sundies	243			46	
			4,071		3,907
F:General Parish Expenses					
Ministry support worker salary	10,749			11,102	
Stationery and Postage	1,623			1,692	
7 Church Road Running Costs	2,557			4,736	
Secretarial salary	8,641			8,520	
Sundry expenses	819			921	
Church Cleaning	564			516	
Depreciation of fixtures	-			-	
Christchurch Recharge	4,909			2,186	
Old School Sunday usage	-			297	
			29,863		29,970
G:Cost of raising Money					
Envelopes	0		-	129	129
H:Gardening					
	3,720		3,720	3,385	3,385
				47,350	
Bad debt Write off					
Ministry Support Worker (Restricted)	10,749			2,120	
Other Restricted				13,197	
			10,749		62,667
Total Resources Expended			140,437		203,751
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources			40,429		- 22,819
					4

Notes to Financial Statements					
For The Year Ending 31 December 2021					
		2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
4	RESTRICTED RESERVES				
a)	PONT CHARITY				
	Opening Balance	2,269		2,269	
	Received in the Year			0	
	Paid out in the Year			0	
	Closing Balance		<u>2,269</u>		<u>2,269</u>
b)	CHANCEL REPAIR FUND				
	Opening Balance	0		7,944	
	Paid out in the Year			7,944	
	CIW Closing Balance		<u>10,988</u>		<u>-</u>
c)	CHURCH HOUSE DEVELOPMENT				
	Opening Balance	327,834		371,883	
	Transfer in of Vicarage at Current Value			0	
	Adjustment payments from previous year	811		21,129	
	Paid out in the Year	203,388		23,366	
	Interest Credited			446	
	Closing Balance		<u>123,635</u>		<u>327,834</u>
	<i>(Closing Balance confirmed by CIW)</i>				
	Church House Valuation		<u>137,443</u>		
e)	Outreach				
	Opening Balance	0		534	
	Received in the Year			0	
	Paid out in the Year			534	
	Closing Balance				<u>-</u>
g)	Church House Fund				
	Opening Balance	101,126		100,528	
	Received in the Year	30,879		2,188	
	Paid out in the Year			1,590	
	Closing Balance		<u>132,005</u>		<u>101,126</u>
h)	Bibles Fund				
	Opening Balance	1,250		0	
	Received in the Year			1,250	
	Paid out in the Year			0	
	Closing Balance		<u>1,250</u>		<u>1,250</u>
i)	Hardship Fund				
	Opening Balance	1,313		0	
	Received in the Year			1,413	

	Paid out in the Year			100
	Closing Balance		<u>1,313</u>	<u>1,313</u>
j)	Ministry Support Worker Salary			
	Opening Balance	9,099		0
	Received in the Year	13,551		12,679
	Paid out in the Year (actual 2021)	11,088		3,580
	Closing Balance		<u>11,562</u>	<u>9,099</u>
K)	2019 10% Charity Giving			
	Opening Balance	4,616		4,735
	Received in the Year			0
	Paid out in the Year			120
	Closing Balance		<u>4,616</u>	<u>4,615</u>
	TOTAL		<u>425,080</u>	<u>447,506</u>
5	UNRESTRICTED RESERVES			
	Opening Balance	197,420		194,746
		58,855		
	Adjustment from 2019 figures			8,389
	(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year			-5,715
	Closing Balance		<u>256,275</u>	<u>197,420</u>
				7

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LISVANE

I report on the Financial Statements of the Parish for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and Examiner

As the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements: you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeking explanations from you as the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the Financial Statements present a "true and fair view" and my report is limited to those matters set out in the following statement.

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

Signature:



Name: Huw Davies

Address: 78 Clos Llysfaen, Lisvane, Cardiff. CF14 0UP

Dated: 18.05.2022

Parish Of St Denys Church							
Income received							
For The Year Ending 31 December 2021							
		2021			2020		
INCOME	£	£		£		£	
A:Direct Giving							
Planned							
Regular Contributions		87,442		78,692			
Weekly Envelopes		7,817		19,947			
			95,259			98,639	
Collections		2,004		1,556			
			97,262			100,195	
B:Tax Refunds							
		16,922		15,925			
			114,185			116,120	
F:Other Income							
Fees		4,645		4,259			
Donations		4,000		6,500			
For Outreach		3,201					
Recharge From Christchurch		4,236		2,186			
Vicarage Fuel Repayments		652		1,532			
Misc Income		5,057		6,903			
Restricted Accounts:							
Ministry Support Worker (Restricted)	<i>see Notes</i>	14,011				17,141	
Church House Rebuild (Restricted)		30,880		26,291			
			66,682			64,811	
				180,866			180,931
							2

Parish of St Denys Church

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending 31 December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Church House, 7, Church Road, Lisvane	137,443		137,443	
Building Work on Church House	204,138			
Diocesan Investment Funds	123,635		<u>327,023</u>	
Chancel Repair Fund Investment	10,988			
		476,204		464,466
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	0		500	
Bank Balance	147,287	✓ HD	170,177	
Debtors	65,125	✓ HD	10,963	
	<u>212,412</u>		<u>181,640</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors	3,260		<u>1,180</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
		<u>209,151</u>		<u>180,460</u>
NET ASSETS				
		<u>685,355</u>		<u>644,926</u>
REPRESENTED BY PARISH FUNDS				
Unrestricted	256,275		197,420	
Designated	4,000		0	
Restricted	425,080		447,506	
		<u>685,355</u>		<u>644,926</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24.5.22 and signed on itsbehalf by E Williams (Chairman).

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Parochial Church Council for the Rectorial Benefice of North Cardiff

England & Wales - Charity number 1131310

Accounts



Annual Report 2019 & 2020

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Parish Church of St. Denys, Lisvane
Annual Vestry 2020 & 2021
Monday 19th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Agenda

1. Prayers.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Chairman's welcome.
4. To receive and confirm the Minutes of 2018 Annual Vestry held on 7th April 2019
5. To receive and discuss the Parish Report including the Audited Accounts for 2019 & 2020 and the Budget for 2021
6. To receive *en bloc* Reports which are included in the Parish Report.
7. To make the following elections
 - Churchwarden-the People's warden.
 - Parochial Church Councillors not exceeding 12 in number.
 - Sides Persons/Welcomers
8. To appoint an Auditor.
9. To consider any other business of which notice has been given and to which the Meeting consents.
10. Closing Prayer and Blessing

A qualified Elector is a Communicant member over the age of sixteen whose name is entered on the Electoral Roll of the Parish.

All nominated for any office must be communicant members, eighteen years old or over and a qualified elector.

No person should be nominated unless he/she has signed the consent column of the Nomination Form.

Notice of other business under Item 9 should be given in writing to the Chairman (Vicar) or Secretary of the P.C.C. not less than 24 hours before the Annual Vestry Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2019 AT 7.30pm
ST. DENYS CHURCH**

Present: Rev Canon Stewart Lisk (Area Dean and Chairman)
Mr Stephen Bruncker (Churchwarden)
Dr Duncan Shadwell (Churchwarden)
34 Parishioners attended the meeting.

1. PRAYERS.

Rev Canon Lisk opened the meeting with prayers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from Anita Griffiths, Dr Michael Watson, Derrick Evans, Ian & Catherine Kerby, David de Lloyd, Martyn & Andrea Ridge, Tony & Jean Edwards, Christine Steward.

3. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Rev Lisk welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending and mentioned he had written to the congregation in his letter in the annual report and that the Wardens, secretary and PCC members had been very busy over the last year. He also said St Denys was a lively and successful parish eagerly awaiting the appointment of it's new Vicar.

Rev Lisk thanked the outgoing Vicar Rev Chris for his 9 years of service and wished him every blessing. The wardens and senior clergy with representatives of the Diocesan board hoped to complete the appointment process of the new Vicar last week but had one more appointment tomorrow, and was very hopeful that this would be made in the next few days. Rev Lisk also mentioned that the advert for a new vicar also mentioned changes in the Diocese with the New Diocesan Vision including new ministry areas. This time last year more close links with Christ Church were discussed and now the neighbouring parish of Llanishen's Vicar is retiring shortly.

Working together is unique to each mission area and this will happen once new clergy are appointed.

4. TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING HELD ON 22nd April 2018

The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed by Rev Lisk. Proposed and seconded.

5. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE PARISH REPORT INCLUDING THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2018 AND THE BUDGET FOR 2019

The accounts and budget were accepted as detailed in the Annual Parish Report.

Rev Lisk took great pleasure in reading the report which represents a huge amount of work which has been going on over the past year. Rev Lisk commended the report to the meeting and added his congratulations to all. The floor was then thrown open if anyone wished to comment. The silence indicated approval and appreciation.

Rev Lisk thanked Linda Ashmore, Treasurer and all those who had assisted during the transition period. Rev Lisk also thanked the generous and sacrificial givers to St Denys and encouraged everyone to think and pray a little more to see if we are able to increase our giving.

Rev Lisk then invited Linda Ashmore to take the floor.

Linda advised that the red cash book had been retired and the cheque book semi retired. The accounts are now computer based and 99.9% of people are now paid by faster payments. The summer/autumn saw the beginning of the collection of the Church House funds. In October she attended a training course for Treasurers which has resulted in the tweaking of some of our procedures for handling money. In November/December arrangements were made to move our bank accounts to the Co-Op due to the charging policy which Barclays would have imposed on us. Linda thanked Huw Davies for his expertise to help her complete the accounts. In brief our income has increased by £1,869 in the reporting period despite a fall in adult congregation in 2018. For expenditure – we have shown a decrease in spending by £6,584. However, the 2017 figure included £20,909. for the Youth worker position. On a like for like basis, our expenditure increased by £14,335. The Church House Fund – The Diocese Account holds £360,103.80. The St Deny's Church House Account has £99,365.10 which totals £459,468.90

2019 year to date

Income – Since the departure of Rev Chris, we have seen a fall in our income of £1,359 to the end of March 2019. This reduction has mainly occurred in cash collected at the services, but we have also seen reductions in direct debits and standing order amounts. We all hope this trend will reverse.

Expenditure – We have said in the accounts we will have a deficit of £13,984. This is due to the work needed to be done to the fabric of the church.

St Denys Bank Account – Currently holds £57,788.40. The PCC will be kept fully informed throughout the year

Church House Fund – The Diocese Account holds £348,477.90. The St Deny's Church House Account has £110,694.78 which is ring fenced in Barclays Bank earning us 0.30% in interest. Total £459,172.68

Areas of Change – Two main changes are:

Weekly Envelopes – these will be opened by two independent people from myself, this process will still remain anonymous as the only people who knows what number belongs to whom is Diana (the gift aid secretary) and myself., This year I will leave the boxes in the porch without your name on them for you to pick up your number unless you prefer me to hand deliver them to you?

End of Year Accounts – To bring us in line with good practice we are going try to have me as a treasurer (book keeper) and an accountant look over and prepare the accounts and then an accountant to verify the accounts. This is because the verifier only takes a snap shot of what is going through the accounts, so again this will help protect everyone.

Savings - By not having a vicar in position we are currently saving money on the vicarage and associated expenses. Once the church house is demolished further savings will be made. In addition, we have identified a further £4,050 of savings pa going forward by using the current clergy expenses policy.

Linda officially thanked Huw Davies for his accrual accountancy expertise and Roy Goddard for having the patience of a saint in verifying the accounts to accountancy standard. Linda also thanked everyone for their continued financial support and also the personal support she has received whilst settling in as the new treasurer.

Rev Lisk thanked Linda, Huw and Roy for all their hard work.

John Lister, parishioner, asked if we were happy that we have enough money for the Church House project. Steve Bruncker replied that we need to see the tenders to know the exact amount we need to spend and we still have some pledges outstanding. When the tenders are in the PCC will need to discuss further but we will not be signing any contracts unless we can fund the project to its completion. There is scope to reduce the cost of the build. John Lister said there was a need for a robust business plan to be in place to fund the ongoing costs and before any final decisions are made by PCC he requested that the congregation to be kept fully informed of PCC decisions of how we spend the money. Rev Lisk said that with regards to ongoing costs, lots of groups are looking to use church halls, secular groups can bring funds in, if we could consider this plus rental income from the two flats. Rev Lisk feels the PCC have gone slowly and methodically through this process. Jonathan Bould, parishioner said on income versus running costs, this was quite clearly talked about at last year's AVm. PCC have given considerable thought to the costs and the current Church House is not without it's own running costs. Rev Lisk said whoever is elected to the PCC will ensure that funds are carefully considered. In law PCC members are liable so will not be rushing into decisions without due consideration. The new vicar candidates are also aware of all that is going on and they will be fully involved in everything.

Rev Lisk thanked John Lister and Jonathan Bould for their observations.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed and seconded, all in favour with no abstentions.

6 TO RECEIVE *EN BLOC* REPORTS WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE PARISH REPORT

The reports were accepted en bloc unanimously. Proposed and seconded.

7. TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS

7.1 Churchwardens

Stephen Brunker will continue in his role as Vicar's Warden

There was one nomination for People's Warden, Duncan Shadwell. Proposed and seconded.

Rev Lisk thanked Duncan.

Rev Lisk appointed Steve Brunker in the absence of a Vicar as Area Dean.

7.2 PCC

11 people put their names forward. No vote therefore required. No objections, proposed and seconded.

The following are elected as the PCC for 2019/20

Ros Brunker	Melanie Falley	Mike Inkpen	Justine Jones
Andrew Keogh	Karen Neill	Martyn Ridge	Jane Shadwell
John Steward	Mererid Stone	John Willis	

7.3 Sidespersons/welcomers

As a rota is in place for these duties no vote had to take place.

7.4 Triennial Elections

Diocesan Conference Rep: Chris Belcher

Area Deanery conference reps:

Roy Thomas
Linda Ashmore
Caroline Willis
Mererid Stone
Chris Belcher

Rev Lisk thanked all these volunteers.

8. TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR

The meeting was asked if it was happy for PCC to appoint an auditor in due course which it was agreed.

9. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND TO WHICH THE MEETING CONSENTS

None given.

Rev Lisk threw the floor open.

The question of funds available from church funds to assist when Church House was up running was raised. Rev Lisk said funds were available from various bodies i.e. the Gibson Trust All Churches Fund, the Atlantic Trust, Cardiff City Council etc were worth considering and applying for. The Church in Wales has £10M available for mission and evangelical work and there may be funds available from this. Rev Lisk will make this information available to the wardens for further investigation.

10 CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

The meeting stood for a minute’s silence in memory of Monica Stokes, Gwyn Husband, Michael Durrant and Averil Evans who had passed away in the previous year.

The meeting closed with all saying The Grace.

Accepted as a true and accurate record

..... 2021

Amendments to the minutes

OBJECTS AND CONSTITUTION

The Parish of St Denys, Lisvane, in the Cardiff Deanery, is part of the Diocese of Llandaff within the Church in Wales. The parish is situated to the north of Cardiff, east of Llanishen and adjoining the Diocese of Monmouth.

The church address is:-

The Church in Wales
St Denys Church
Church Road
Lisvane
CARDIFF CF14 0SJ

The Church in Wales is a province within the Anglican Communion and, as such, exists to advance the Christian Religion through worldwide mission. The object of the Parochial Church Council is to ensure that the Life and work of the Church within the Parish helps to fulfil that mission, both locally and more widely.

The P.C.C. is not a body corporate. Its composition, procedure, and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales, as amended from time to time by its Governing Body, set up under Section 13(1) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. Elections are held at an Annual Vestry Meeting which must take place on or before 30th April. All persons whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. Before assuming office, every member of the Council must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the land and property of the Church in Wales, including St. Denys' Church building, its contents and the churchyard. The Representative Body is an Exempt Charity and was set up under Section 13(2) of the Welsh Church Acts 1914. It acts on behalf of the Province in paying the stipends of full time clergy, and administers the Church in Wales scheme of Gift Aid giving and recovers tax on behalf of parishes. The P.C.C. is responsible inter alia for promoting the mission of the church, the parochial budget and all expenditure there under, the care and maintenance of the church fabric and of the churchyard, and for action on any other matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution.

The Council is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

It is the responsibility of both the P.C.C. and the Incumbent to work together and cooperate in all matters of concern and importance in the parish for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic and ecumenical in the parish.

The parish policies and aims are encapsulated in our Church Mission Statement:

BELONGING / SERVING / BLESSING

Belonging

At St Denys we want to create an atmosphere of belonging where all are welcomed, accepted, valued and feel at home.

We want to encourage everyone to encounter God and experience what it means to belong to Him by following Jesus in the power of The Holy Spirit.

Serving

At St Denys we want to encourage people to serve God wholeheartedly.

We want to encourage everyone to follow Jesus' example by sacrificially serving people with humility, love and compassion.

Blessing

At St Denys we want to create a culture of blessing

We want to encourage people to reflect God's generosity by sharing His blessings with us both individually and as a church.

Current Members of the PCC

Ex-officio and co-opted members

Incumbent (in office from July 2019)	Rev'd James Griffiths
Lay Reader	Dr Duncan Shadwell
Ministry Support Worker	Ali Jensen
Churchwardens	Duncan Shadwell (Peoples - Elected) Stephen Brunner (Vicars)
Secretary	Mrs Denise Searle
Treasurer	Mrs Linda Ashmore

Elected Members (11)

Ros Brunner	Melanie Falley	Mike Inkpen
Andrew Keogh	John Lancaster	Karen Neill
Martyn Ridge	Jane Shadwell	John Steward
Mererid Stone	John Willis	

Gift Aid Secretary: Mererid Stone

The position of Secretary is held by a salaried member of staff and therefore is on the PCC as a permanent observer.

Justine Jones stood down from PCC in September 2020

Liane Toye, a co-opted member of the PCC stood down in September 2020

VICAR'S REPORT 2019/20

When I was appointed to Lisvane I could never have imagined that I would be writing my first report for the AVM in the middle of global pandemic. The last 18 months have been something of a rollercoaster, but it feels as if we have turned the corner, although there is doubtless a long way yet to go.

Let me first express my huge thanks to you all for the wonderful welcome you gave us when we arrived in July 2019 and for the warm friendship and support that you have shown ever since. I cannot tell you how much we have enjoyed being here, especially the wonderful sense of being part of a church family together.

I am very conscious that as I begin my ministry here I am building on the foundations laid by others. I have enjoyed reading through previous AVM reports to get a better understanding of the history of St Denys. I was very struck by the first AVM report under Revd Gwilym Williams and his reference to the then church mission statement: 'Bring people to Jesus and Jesus to People.' I love that simple summary of the purpose of the church. I'm sure that's what we all want the heartbeat of St Denys to be, and I am delighted to be able to partner with you in that mission.

How do we take this mission forward? In the New Testament, the ministry of the local church has two foundational elements: prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6.4). They must also be the foundation of our ministry together. There is always the temptation to think that what we need is the latest outreach programme or church growth initiative.

One of our primary concerns at the outset of the pandemic was the well-being of parishioners, especially those who are unable to leave their homes. I am hugely grateful to all that Jan Marsden and Ali Jensen did to coordinate our response, and to all those who helped us to put leaflets through every door in the parish offering help.

The pandemic has been enormously frustrating in all sorts of ways. However, some good has come out of it too. First, I sense it has strengthened our sense of community. Second, it has deepened our prayer life. Throughout the pandemic we have had at least two prayer meetings on Zoom during the week and have also started a weekly church prayer meeting on Monday nights. Thank you to all those who have kept this vital ministry going. Third, the closure of the building reminded us that the church is not the building, but the people. Fourth, it has turned our focus outwards. By being forced to close our doors and move online we have realised that there is a digital mission field that we have not reached out to as well as we might have. We need to be bold and creative going forward and make the most of this opportunity that God has given us. Fifth, being able to run services both in-person and online has made us realise that we can serve the members of the church who do not find it easy to leave their homes by enabling them to join in with our worship either online or by dialling in.

The news at present looks very positive. It is anticipated that most restrictions will be lifted by the summer, although both the English and Welsh governments are being guarded about when social distancing restrictions might be lifted.

Given the size of St Denys this is of particular importance to us as we cannot effectively use the building as long as these restrictions remain in place. We will continue to assess where we are as we begin to emerge from the pandemic.

Progress has continued on the new Church House development throughout the last year. It is hoped that we will soon be able to benefit from new premises. One of the original impetuses behind this project was to enable us to reach out to our growing community. It is hoped that before long that project will be underway, and we must seek to do all we can to reach out to our new neighbours.

In September it was announced that we would be forming a Ministry Area with the parishes of Christ Church, Roath Park and Llanishen. The Ministry Area must be formed by the end of 2021. Although we were aware that a Ministry Area would be formed in North Cardiff, the proposed governance and financial structure of the Ministry Area involved a closer union with other churches than many had anticipated.

Many members of the congregation expressed their concerns, hoping that an alternative arrangement might be found. However, it became evident that the Ministry Area plan is the future, although, as we learned at the Roadshow in December, there is significant flexibility within the parameters set by the bishop and our aim is to reach a settlement that will allow the ministry of St Denys to continue in much the same way as before, but with the added benefit of being able to complement our ministry here by drawing on the resources from other churches as well as serving them as best we can.

We have now had our first Ministry Area Transition Team meeting and I am pleased to say that this was the view expressed by others too.

This year has been a sad one in many ways. In particular we have lost some much loved and key members of the church. Bert Clarke, Alan Prosper and Joyce Davies all passed away during the lockdown and since our last AVM in 2019 we said goodbye to Fred Williams, Ellie Williams and Joan Flook. Grieving their deaths has been especially hard because of the ongoing restrictions. Di Williams moved away to be with family after the death of her husband David and Thelma Andrews also moved away to live with family.

As we look to the year ahead there are three priorities for us a church:

Rebuild. The pandemic has had a huge impact on our church and on our community. It has affected us in many different ways and much of the economic impact is yet to come. It is hard to know exactly what church will look like when in person worship begins again, not least because the experts are predicting that attendance will decline by up to as much as 20%. This year is going to be one of rebuilding and regathering as church, supporting one another and healing after all that we have been through.

Reach out. The pandemic made us all aware of just how fragile and precarious life is. People have been asking serious questions about what really matters in life. Jesus alone can meet the deep needs of the human heart and so the next couple of years will be crucial times for the church to be looking outwards and holding out the hope of the gospel.

Restructure. The Ministry Area implementation timetable means that much of this year will be given over to the restructuring process. This is going to be a very significant undertaking and i am very grateful to Mike Plaut and Duncan Shadwell for being willing to represent the church with me in this process.

Finally, I wanted to say a few words of thanks. There are too many people to thank by name. I really am so grateful to everyone for all the help and support that you have given to the church. However, I would like to single out a few people in particular. First, I am especially grateful to Steve Brunker and Duncan Shadwell for all of their support in their role as wardens. Second, I am hugely indebted to Ali Jensen, who was already working 2 days a week as our Ministry Support Worker when I began my ministry here but whose hours were extended to 4 days per week in September 2020 thanks to the very generous pledges of many in the congregation. Ali's industry and creativity in leading our children, young person's work and community engagement is evident from her report. Third, Denise. Denise has been a wonderful parish administrator - always positive, flexible and willing to go the extra mile. It's been a joy to work alongside her. Fourth, I am very grateful to Martyn for all that he has done leading the choir. Finally, Linda has been a great help as our treasurer in managing the financial side of church life. Finally, thanks so much to Jan Marsden and her team who have been outstanding in their care and support for members of the church throughout this very difficult year.

Let us go forward together in the faith of Christ.

Rev'd James Griffiths

Vicar of Lisvane

ELECTORAL ROLL & CHURCH ATTENDANCE 2019/2020

This has been a challenging time for us all, and the electoral roll, like everything else has suffered interruption during the course of a complete renewal. Every five years the roll has to be renewed and, this year, the task commenced at the beginning of March, but had to pause once the "lockdown" started.

The last occasion that the roll was renewed was 2015 when the total numbers were **188**. Small variations occurred in subsequent years and the number at 2019 AVM was **191**. At present, with the task part completed we have around 120 forms submitted, and I hope that by the time of the Easter Vestry meeting we will improve on this total.

Under the new General Data Protection Regulations, the Church in Wales has decreed that the electoral roll can no longer be publicly displayed as in previous years. You will, however be able to ask to see the list of names on the electoral roll, and arrangements will be put in place for this in April.

The Sunday average attendances in May 2019 (including children) were **108**. This is below previous years (2015 : **139**, 2016 : **112**, 2017 ; **138** and 2018 : **124**) , but May 2019 was the time of the interregnum.

Average 2019 attendances for persons over 18 years, as required in the archdeacon's report was **101**. This is significantly below previous years (2015 : **118**, 2016 : **121**, 2017 : **124**, 2018 : **118**), but of course the change of incumbents may well explain this decline. The diocese uses this average to calculate the parish share which accounts for a substantial proportion of our parish expenditure.

The total attendances for persons under 18 has stabilised after a worrying decline in previous years (2015 : **1678**, 2016 : **1643**, 2017 : **1359**, 2018 : **1161**, 2019 : **1161**).

Unfortunately, owing to lockdown last March, it has not been possible to generate comparative figures for 2020, although, of course, services have continued on-line and from time to time in church.

During the last few months, with the kind assistance of Peter Allbrook, we have been gradually setting up a General Data Protection policy for St Denys in line with the new GDPR legislation enacted in May 2018. We aim to publish this policy in time for the AVM on April 21st.

I do hope that our church will gradually return to normal over the next few months and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Andrew J Keogh
Electoral Roll Officer

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Our last AVM was held on 7th April 2019 during an interregnum. We had just interviewed our new vicar, and the appointment would be formally announced later that month. So much has changed since then, but it is not too late to formally extend our heartfelt thanks to the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk for his kind and gracious oversight of the parish during the interregnum. We wish him well as he prepares to lead the Rectorial Benefice of Roath as a new Ministry Area.

Nor is it too late to thank God once again for bringing the Revd Jim Griffiths and his family to Lisvane to serve amongst us. Jim's induction service in July 2019 was a truly joyful occasion ... little did we know then that in March 2020, Revd Jim would be forced to close the church building and suspend all 'in person' meetings as the nation was 'locked down' to combat a new and alarming coronavirus known as COVID-19.

In May 2020, PCC were delighted to be able to offer Ali Jensen a full-time contract, backed by financial pledges from the congregation, to support our ministry in the community and amongst our young people. Her creativity, enthusiasm and passion for the Gospel are wonderful gifts that benefit us all.

Whilst we would not have chosen the challenges that COVID-19 has brought we can certainly affirm God's continued grace towards us as a church family. We have been greatly blessed by Revd Jim's and Ali Jensen's leadership, flexibility and resilience over the last 12 months. It is remarkable how quickly most of us have adapted to completely different ways of connecting as a church community. Technology has enabled almost all of us to continue to 'meet' on-line for services, prayer meetings, youth and children's groups, house groups and virtual coffee mornings. Phone apps have enabled a series of new contact groups (St Denys prayer, community and bible study) to thrive. Profound thanks are due to all those who have initiated and sustained these and to all who continue to embrace them as participants.

It does not diminish what has been achieved to assert (with the apostle Paul) that, nevertheless, we long to be with each other in person again soon ...

Technology has also enabled us to maintain links with our sister church in Mbale, Uganda. We are very mindful of the hardships and persecution being faced by our brothers and sisters across the globe. The pandemic tempts us to look inward and to focus on our own needs but now, perhaps more than ever, we should expand our horizons and seek to support suffering Christians beyond our immediate bubble.

As a local expression of The Church, we have been able to adapt and continue our Christian lives together during the pandemic. We have also been able to carry out certain important repairs to the church building in our care: new roofs to the tower and the lych gate. These were significant items of expenditure, but funds were available through careful stewarding in previous years and the PCC decided that further postponement of the works was not desirable. We hope not to have to worry about bats in the belfry for the foreseeable future.

Progress on the redevelopment plans for Church House was slowed first by the interregnum and then by the pandemic, but this is now 'properly' underway! PCC approved plans for a smaller, more affordable scheme in November 2019, planning consent was obtained in June 2020 and the old house has now been demolished. Building work is due to commence in mid-March. We would value your continued practical and prayerful support for this exciting venture; may it be a means for extending God's kingdom in our community.

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Also looking ahead, we were informed in October 2020 that the Diocese had decided to implement the long-mooted plan to group all parishes into Ministry Areas which will come into being in January 2022. We have expressed some reservations to you all about the timing of the implementation and possible outcomes of this strategy, but the process has now begun with the establishment of a Ministry Area Transition Team (MATT). The function of the MATT is to shape the practical details of the Ministry Area within the bounds set by the Bishop. Our MATT representatives will take direction from, and report back to, the PCC as they engage in negotiations on behalf of St Denys.

Just as the spring bulbs planted in October 2020 are bringing new life and beauty to the churchyard, we pray that the God will breathe new life into north Cardiff through the new Ministry Area structure and we will be able to look back on 2021 in delight at what he has done in building his Church.

This report would not be complete without thanking all those who have contributed to the life of our church in the last two years. We hesitate to name individuals, but it would be wrong not to publicly acknowledge the outstanding dedication and hard work of Denise Searle, Martin Plow and Linda Ashmore during this period.

All glory to God, who is able to keep us from falling away and will bring us with great joy into his presence!

Duncan & Steve (Wardens)

TREASURER'S REPORT 2019

Another exciting year as St Denys's Treasurer and with COVID19 it looks like 2020 will be the same. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kind, generous giving to ensure that St Denys Church continues to serve the community.

In early 2019 Rev Chris Burr left for a new challenge and this left St Denys Church without a vicar for some seven months. I was advised that this would have a direct impact on our income for the year but I am pleased to say that, thanks to your continued financial support, whilst affected, was only down by £7,564.

The breakdown was:

	2018	2019	Difference
Loose Collection	£11,228	£6,761	-£4,467
Weekly Envelopes	£22,788	£25,001	£2,213
Standing Orders	£48,436	£39,247	-£9,189
Direct Giving	£15,748	£19,627	£3,879
Total	£98,200	£90,636	-£7,564

The final 2019 accounts has shown a deficit of £3,670

That said, in addition, St Denys Church is also due an income of approx £6,000 for Q3 & Q4 2019 Gift Aid from HMRC. These are monies which we will be claiming once a new Gift Aid Secretary is in post.

In 2019 we also held back a sum of £4,855 from the standard 10% giving. This was due to lack of charity nominations from the congregation. The PCC have agreed to revisit this in 2020.

Our Bank balance at 31 December 2019 was £57,094.

The switch from Barclays to Co-op Bank went smoothly. We continue to enjoy free banking.

Church House Funds

The generous donations for the Church House build are ring fenced in a separate bank account. The total currently stands at £100,111. To date, £95 from this restricted account has been released for Church House expenditure.

2020

As I sit and write this report, I can only give you facts that were made before the COVID19 outbreak, these may need to be looked at if our income continues to fall.

The 2020 budget forecasts an excess of expenditure over income of £29,817.

This deficit is due to delayed remedial work. In 2019 we had planned extensive work items, including the church tower roof and a wall, but this has now been deferred to 2020.

Once Church House is demolished further savings are expected to be achieved.

This I believe will be a very challenging year for our finances, to maintain the running of St Denys Church still costs considerable expense so we still need to focus on maximising our sources of income.

Please, can I encourage you to continue with your very generous regular payments and if anyone would like to start giving on regular basis via standing order, direct giving or weekly envelopes and if eligible, using gift aid, please speak to me.

As always, the PCC will be kept fully informed regarding progress of actual vs budget as well as bank balances at each PCC meeting.

Once again thank you for your generous giving and your continued support.

Linda Ashmore

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

What a year 2020 has been for this little old (ish) church treasurer..

Thank you for your continued kind, generous giving especially during these hard times. This has meant St Denys Church has been able to continue serving the community and to reach out to those in need, whether spiritually or physically.

Income

With our church being closed for most of the year, our income has been impacted as the table below shows.

The breakdown was:

	2019	2020	Difference
Loose Collection	£6,761	£1,556	-£5,205
Weekly Envelopes	£25,001	£19,947	-£5,054
Standing Orders	£39,247	£35,362	-£3,885
Direct Giving	£19,627	£26,923	£7,296
Total	£90,636	£83,788	-£6,848

Whilst some people have changed how they give, we are still down for the second year running on 'loose collections'

Throughout 2020 various causes have come to light and you have all responded so positively to the appeals. Thank you again.

Other Area's of Income

We received a refund of £16,406 from Diocesan. This refund is from the Parish Share that we paid in 2020.

We also took advantage of the governments furlough scheme for 80% of Denise's salary and the PCC agreed we should pay Denise the other 20%

The PCC voted to use the £7,994 that was in the Chancel repair fund for the church tower.

All of the above have significantly helped our income.

Expenditure

Despite the church and church house being closed the running costs still remained the same.

We still need to maintain 15 degrees in the church to ensure our insurance policy is valid and also that we are not creating any problems for the structure of our church.

Insurance, water rates, Wi-Fi and church yard up keep have also still needed to be paid.

On top of the above costs Jim has embraced the technology through the power of Zoom. This in itself meant a monthly subscription fee to Zoom, the church service phone line and various licences that are required, but all absolutely worth it.

Parish Share:

Each year St Denys Church are required to pay a Parish Share of £57,501, this is a large portion of our income. As the same formula is used by the Diocese for all churches there are no appeals.

We have had significant repairs done to the Lych gate (£10,152) and the Church Tower (£20 681) Due to very careful diligence on spending we have managed to pay for the repairs and still have monies left in our account.

Our total bank balance at the end of 2020 was £170,175, this is made up as follows:

Every Day Spends	£49,695
New Bible Fund*	£1,250
Hardship Fund*	£1,325
PONT*	£2,269
2019 10% Direct Giving*	£4,615
Ministry Support Fund*	£9,099
Church House Pledges*	£101,922

2021

What an exciting year are going to have, we are finally going to start to see the new church house take shape and to see your kind pledges/donations being used.

If anyone would like to add a donation to the Church House project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

One area that does concern the PCC is since 2018 our 'giving' income has fallen by £14,412. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of ways that you can continue giving: Standing Order, Direct Giving and **Weekly envelopes** – These are still available for normal times. If anyone who uses weekly envelopes and wish to give whilst the church is closed, please contact me for the best way to do this.

2021 will continue to be a very challenging year for our finances, juggling to ensure that we continue maintaining our beautiful church, as well as reaching our to our community with the various zoom services etc.

Thank you again for your generous giving and your continued support and if you would like to discuss any of my report or the accounts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

One final note, as St Denys Church moves into a new Ministry Area, I feel the end of 2021 is a good time for me to retire from this role.

Linda Ashmore
Treasurer

GIFT AID SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019

Gift Aid is the way that the Church can augment its income by 25% in respect of donations from any person that pays personal tax to H.M. Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

The Parish received £22 240 in 2019 from Gift Aid claims so this is a very important source of income. This is detailed further below:

	2019	2018
Total Gift Aid reclaimed	<u>£22,240</u> (*)	£40,274 (*)
Made up of :		
Reclaims on Envelopes & standing orders to St. Denys account	£16,772 (*)	£19,097 (*)
Reclaims from Church in Wales Give Direct Scheme	£3,923	£3,150
Reclaimed on Church House fund	£1,525	£18,027
Interest	£20	
Total 2019 Gift Aid Reclaimed	<u>£22,240</u>	<u>£40,274</u>

(*) these amounts include the £2,000 Gift Aid that the Church is permitted to claim annually on unidentified collections.

If anyone would like to check that they have a St Denys Gift Aid form filed, or a query on an aspect of Gift Aid then please contact me. Also, to ensure that HMRC rules are complied with, please contact me if you change address or if personal circumstances change resulting in a gift aid donor no longer paying tax.

Confidentiality is assured.

Information sheets about Gift Aid and a supply of Gift Aid forms and one-off Gift Aid envelopes can be found at the entrance to church.

Mererid Stone, Gift Aid Secretary

GIFT AID SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020

The Parish received £19,724 in 2020 from Gift Aid claims so this is a very important source of income. This is detailed further below:

	2020	2019
Total Gift Aid reclaimed	<u>£19,724</u> (*)	<u>£22,240</u> (*)
Made up of :		
Reclaims on Envelopes & standing orders to St. Denys account	<u>£11,361</u> (*)	£16,772 (*)
Reclaims from Church in Wales Give Direct scheme	£5273	£3,923
Reclaimed on Church House fund	£125	£1,525
Reclaimed on Ministry Worker salary pledges	£2425	
Reclaimed on Hardship Fund	£288	
Reclaimed on other donations	£250	
Interest	£2	£20
Total 2020 Gift Aid Reclaimed	<u>£19.724</u>	<u>£22.240</u>

(*) these amounts include the up to £2,000 Gift Aid that the Church is permitted to claim annually on unidentified collections. However, in 2020, this was only £313 because the reduction in the number of services and smaller congregations meant there were fewer unidentified collections.

If anyone would like to check that they have a St Denys Gift Aid form filed, or a query on an aspect of Gift Aid then please contact me. Also, to ensure that HMRC rules are complied with, please contact me if you change address or if personal circumstances change resulting in a gift aid donor no longer paying tax.

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Other Reports

(Please note that although the Vestry Report is dated 31st December 2019/2020 to coincide with the financial requirements, some of the group reports refer to activities up to March 2021)



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK 2019

Wednesday Night Youth Cell in the last year had a little rebrand and became the all new McJ (chosen by the young people themselves).

We meet every week and this group is led by Lianne Gatheridge, Kim Greig and Ali Jensen.

Our year has seen us looking deeper into the Bible around things that influence us and what Jesus has to say about them, along with more recently Christian foundations and the basics of who God is, what Jesus came to do and much more.

Wednesday nights have a consistent group of 9-10 young people, all of whom devour any snacks we bring and play games that leave us in stitches.

As a group we joined Christ Church, St Marks and LBC at a weekend away in Rock UK last February, much fun was had by all and it was a significant building block in us coming closer together as a group. Indeed, our group had so much fun, the other churches kept wanting to join us. I think we are very good at being silly !

We also put together a small programme of songs, readings and drama and visited Ty Coch Nursing Home as part of our service to community this year. That was a lovely occasion and the elderly people valued it greatly.

This year we also saw the young people take a lead role in delivering the All Age service. They were formative in bringing drama, creative ways of teaching, reading and much more besides, not least many of them playing musical instruments in the worship team as they always do.

We are going to go away again at the end of February but this time as just St Denys young people, so that we can deepen friendships and relationships with one another. We believe we need to gel the young people together relationally, so that they have each other as they journey through challenging teen years, if they have friends at church they will come to church, this offers us greater chance to invest in their lives for longer and teach Jesus to them for longer.

TGI 2019

TGI is our Sunday youth provision that occurs twice a month, most recently every second and fourth week of the month. This group is run by Kim Greig and Ali Jensen. We have recently gained two new leaders, who will aide us once a month – we are very thankful to Mark Aherne and Paul Owens for their willingness to help and serve and very excited to see what they bring. They start in March 2020.

We have seen a drop, in attendance in this and have seen young people not engage as thoroughly as they do on Wednesdays. As such we have a whole new remit set for this coming term.

One of our first endeavours is for the young people to put together and deliver a whole morning of activity for Little Angels and Disciples. The young people were amazing in their planning, offering ideas and, not only that, but keen to also prepare needed materials in their personal time. They approached the planning with vigour, fun and great considera-

The actual Little Angels/Disciples session was brilliant – the young people were formative in sitting with the children, helping them in their age specific activities and were very disappointed that the children and not they themselves had a chance to custard pie me in the face when I failed the 60 second story challenge. The young people prepared the crafts and code breakers, aided in setting up and down and coming alongside the children. It was a full, fun and Jesus centred morning, fuelled by the servant hearts of our youth.

We have an array of different things planned, including a prayer walk around Cefn Onn Park, debate Sundays where we debate topical issues and leaders bring the Bible's truth on these issues. Fundraising ideas such as a bake sale and much more besides.

We hope and pray that this new approach to Sundays will encourage the young people to come regularly and consistently.



FINYC is our joint Friday night youth work with LBC in the Old School. It's led by Ali Jensen and Kim Greig from St Denys and Harri Phillips, Dai James and Jo Wells from LBC. This group, in my 3 years running it, has seen phenomenal growth, the turning point coming when we actively sought to deliver this youth group as churches together.

This group has moved from a group of 3-4 young people on a weekly basis to a group of 24-27 young people. This is made up of a mix of St Denys young people, LBC young people and community young people. I get more and more phone calls from community families asking about the group and their young people joining. Plus, many of our church young people invite their school friends.

Biblically we have looked at 'Faces of God', 'Encounters with Jesus', and in the past two terms making the Rick Warren Book 'Purpose Driven Life' youth friendly.

This group is full of energy and fun and we have enjoyed two weekends away together in the past year. The first in Rock UK and the second in World Horizons in Llanelli. The connection between the youth in St Denys and LBC has grown and grown, many friendships being formed and an enjoyment of being together.

As a group the young people have engaged in many community events together this past year:

Together they joined to deliver the community Easter Café Church – a popular and growing annual event that sees many community families attend

Easter Mission – the youth played a large part in serving our community this Easter, they helped flower Lisvane for Easter Sunday, they helped deliver some of the reflection spaces, they performed drama in the joint Easter Sunday service, they painted and helped hide the pebbles for the pebbles initiative in the community

Light Party – St Denys, LBC and Thornhill Church combined to deliver a light party as an alternative to Halloween. We saw over 100 people parade from the Memorial Hall to Thornhill Church, all lit with glow sticks, glow in the dark face paints, lanterns and much more besides. The youth engaged in handing out sweets to passers-by and aiding the activities for the younger children. Once we reached Thornhill the youth had their own space with their own goodies, where we explored how Jesus is light of the world. This was a lovely event where the youth served, had fun and learnt something of Jesus' light – it was a huge display of Jesus' love to our community.

We have a mentoring scheme in place for this youth group - Kim mentors 2 young people (1 St Denys), I mentor 6 young people (3 of which are St Denys) and meet 3 young people not part of any specific youth group in school holidays (all St Denys). Jo Wells mentors 1 young person (St Denys) and Harri Phillips mentors 2 young people (1 of which is St Denys). Mentoring is one-to-one time with young people. We seek to be trusted adults in the lives of these young people, who can bring added wisdom and Kingdom values into their lives. We meet them at least once a month, more frequently if possible. The young people who have opted in love mentoring and regularly ask us when we are meeting next.

Prayer Cards

As St Denys youth workers, we are aiming to engage the young people more significantly into the life of the church. We decided a great way of doing this was to have all our young people represented in a prayer card, offering basic information such as name, birthday and interests and then adults from all 3 congregations being encouraged to take one young person and commit to praying for them for a year. We now have 21 young people being prayed for by adults in St Denys. 18 prayed for by members in the 11am service, 2 prayed for by members in the 9:30 and 1 from the 8am.

Kim Greig also actively seeks to engage our young people in service, especially helping her each time she is on welcoming duty.

Weekend Away

In February we decided to break from tradition and take just the St Denys young people away for a weekend. Our main objective was to build relationships with our young people and encourage the development of relationship with each other. We have a strong held, tried and tested belief that if young people have friends in church they choose to come and stay for longer, allowing for greater spiritual investment over a longer period, during some challenging years for them.

Kim Greig, Beth Collins and Ali Jensen took 14 young people away to Rock UK Summit Centre, just outside Merthyr Tydfil and we had a fantastic time.

The young people engaged in a late night, very wet and rainy walk, where we discovered many frogs, climbing, caving, archery and photo orienteering. Many young people pushed themselves beyond their fears. Many of them have fears of heights and small spaces and yet all pushed through and climbed the wall and burrowed into the cave. Much challenge, sense of achievement and fun was had by all.

Perhaps significantly, we saw an incredible move of God. Some of our young people have faith but most grapple with it and struggle to understand the relevance of Jesus to their lives. We decided to use the Noah story as the basis for our teaching. We looked at how and why sin matters, how God always has a plan to save us, it's just for us now, to choose whether we trust and obey.

During the last meeting on the Sunday morning, we had placed some Bible verses in an envelope. We had prayed that each young person might choose the one that God meant to speak specifically into their lives. One young person who has been battling trusting God had **Proverbs 3:5-6** *"Trust in God with all your heart....He will makes your paths straight."* Another has been having a difficult time in their home situation and received a verse about God overcoming the troubles in this world and still another received **John 3:16**, when they have been considering baptism but uncertain if and what they believe.

Even after the actual meeting, many families have fed back that the young people had shared with them their verses and many were exactly what was needed. Jesus really spoke to our young people and really challenged them.

This was a Spirit filled, fun fuelled, adventure-based weekend where many friendships were born, and journeys of faith went deeper.

Easter Week

As mentioned in the FNYC report Easter Week 2019 was a most wonderful display of God’s love for our community and was achieved as churches serving together. The youth were a driving force in making it all happen.

Annual Report 2020/21 Children’s, Youth & Community

This past year the children’s and youth work has been focused on building a solid foundation for the work, on which we can then grow and add. This has involved establishing strong teams for children’s and youth work, working together to decide vision and ways forward for the work. All teams are working well together and being strengthened through team discussion and ownership - all teams meet together to pray and plan at the start of each team and as necessary gather to discuss issues as they arise. The teams are emerging as strong and committed groups. We have also worked on filling in gaps in provision and adapting provision to accommodate lockdown. We haven’t stopped meeting since lockdown began. We moved everything to Zoom. We have also started the process of looking at and tidying up our child protection remit, ensuring all that is needed is in place. It has been an exciting, foundation-building year, where provision for children and youth has not stopped despite covid19 restrictions, and in God’s goodness it has indeed flourished.

Children’s Work Development

This year has seen us put together a core children’s team including Linda Thomas, Charlotte Ollerton, Camilla Owen, Louise Nessbert and at the start, in more of an aiding-us capacity, based on where St Denys children’s work has been, Jane Shadwell and Ros Bruncker. Our aim was to develop a vision for the work together and establish some core principles for the work.

Although still evolving and not finalised, we have a basis in place for both a vision and a mission that we hope to communicate to all families involved with our children’s provision. The following diagrams show where we are up to so far in our conversations and thinking.

Vision

What we will do...



We hope that our vision will guide us in what we should do and what we shouldn't and provide a basis from which all groups as they happen, can spring from and work with.

Mission

How we will do it...



Weekly Children's Provision in Lockdown



Club: (A)mighty Boosh **Ages:** School Years 3-5 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen & Charlotte Ollerton

(A)mighty Boosh began in the first national lockdown as a key provision for Key stage 2 children. We meet weekly on Zoom and provide an hour of fun and Bible centred activity. This includes games with Jumping Joel (*a young leader from the youth*), fun Biblically based object lessons, Carlos the camel puppet who visited children's homes for a term and they had to spot whose home he had visited each week (see pics below), recall games such as Twirl of Love (*a clear spin off from the old tv show 'Blind Date'*), this is a means of recalling what was learnt the previous week in a fun way and much more besides. Each week there are competitions and the winner's names are kept and those who have the most points at the end of term get a doorstep prize.

At Christmas time we had fun at our end of term Zoom Christmas party and every child received a doorstep goody bag with some Christmas treats from the church.

At the start of the Spring term, we put together Boosh Bags that included all the items they would need for the term, items that would help them have interactive fun despite Zoom, as they dip into what it means to seek God with all our hearts and find Him (Jeremiah 29:13). We have also completed the Bible Course together as a group and looked at how marvellous we are in God's sight. This group has a strong sense of identity and 10 children regularly join each week, children also have a chance to participate with slots such as 'Ollertons Interesting Facts' and 'Jensen Jokes' and 'Fred's Animal Kingdom'. Drawing on our missional values (above), Boosh has succeeded in creating a sense of community that points to Jesus at all points, each child is included and there is a huge dollop of fun in everything we do. This group will easily translate to a face-to-face group once restrictions ease and become our main weekday children's provision, where, once school begins again, we are able to invite children from Llysfaen Primary and grow the group outside our own church context.



Club: MnMs

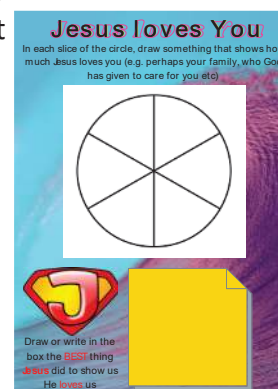


Ages: School Years 1-2 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen & Linda Thomas

This group is to be launched in the Spring term, after the half term break. This is to further add to the foundations needed in the children’s provision, to accommodate the Year 1&2 age group. This group will be a shorter time and be fast paced, including puppets (Wonky Donkey) and games with Silly Sausage, we have our own club song made by Linda Thomas and a host of fun and engaging ways of learning about Jesus. The basis for our group is Psalm 139 and being Marvellously Made by God, which is what inspired our group name and logo. Similar to Boosh, boxes that include all children will need for the term will be delivered. The boxes can convert into TVs so that children can share their news in ‘MnMs News’ each week. We hope that this group will also translate into a face-to-face group easily when the time comes.

Sunday Mornings

When the 10:30 am service moved to Zoom we decided that we would introduce a weekly children’s slot as part of the 10:30am Sunday Zoom, this has served as an important means of ensuring the children feel a part of the church family. Many children engage and gather around their devices when the 5 second count down begins. We have also included a child reading the key Bible verse for the week ahead of the slot as an additional means of including the children but also grounding the children’s’ slot in the Bible. We also send out worksheets for both Foundation Phase and KS2 each week, in line with the sermon theme to all the families in St Denys, that they can print off and use at their discretion, but we hope are completed as part of the Sunday service whilst parents listen to the service. The children have been engaged in many ways in Sunday morning zooms, from devising Easter Art, to putting together a covid safe nativity. We also devised a video mapping St Denys in lockdown that included as many families and St Denys church people as possible.



Family Bible Time

During the first lockdown we sent out 3 times a week some 'family time' devotions – short and interactive spiritual reflections that can engage the whole family, perhaps during an evening meal. When Andy and Charlotte Ollerton devised the amazing Bible resource 'The Greatest Story Ever told' for children, we directed our families towards this as a resource to use as a family for spiritual reflection. We later decided to replace these family reflections with the weekly worksheets (*see above*).

Additional Children's Happenings

Wet & Muddy Scavenger Hunt

When the first National lockdown restrictions eased, this group, along with others, met in Coed Y Felin Woods for a Wet & Muddy hunt that involved finding QR codes that unpacked the Biblical meaning of HOPE and allowed the children to build 'tabernacles' from sticks in the woods and find gems in the stream to decorate them with. The children were given sweets and a little Christian book on the hope Jesus brings. This was a lot of fun, a key event for building community in the children's work and provided some much needed outside, face to face time for all.



Light Party

At Halloween we combined forces with Thornhill Church and devised a Halloween alternative – a Facebook Light Party.

This comprised of 'light' crafts, 'light' songs with actions, 'light' jokes, 'Jesus is the light' object lessons, Morse code, code breakers and a goodie bag dropped to every child ahead of the party to provide all that they needed to engage in the fun.

This was a very popular event with much hilarity had by children and adults alike. Jesus being the light of the world was the truth that underpinned all that we did. This was a very successful event.

Child Protection

As lockdown unfolded, we found ourselves needing to add more and more options to the general consent form. This was due to the complexity of utilising forums such as WhatsApp and meeting platforms such as Zoom on a regular basis, especially with the youth. As such we recognised the need for 3 things:

A policy outlining our safe practice for online children's and youth work

A specific consent form to cover all necessary requirements for children and youth to meet safely on Zoom.

An updated general consent form

All 3 have now been devised and signed off by the PCC and diocese and forms sent to families and data being collated accordingly. In parallel Helen Warner and Ali Jensen have been liaising about the need for Child Protection training for volunteers alongside the need for some DBS checks to be done for the first time or renewed. All of which are now also in process. As we wait for the official Child Protection training from the diocese, we are staging an unofficial refresher course for basic processes of dealing with suspicion or allegations of abuse in coming weeks.

Llysfaen Primary School

In the autumn term we approached the school to see how we might help, and the school readily accepted the offer of recorded assemblies that they could play in classrooms on the white boards. We provided recorded assemblies every 2 weeks and encouragingly, they were used, as many Boosh children would say that Ali had been on their school screens that day. At the end of term, we dropped off a gift for the staff with a card on behalf of the church. Once schools return, we will offer the same recorded assembly provision with view to returning in person once the restrictions lift. The school was also pivotal in us advertising the Christmas family events such as 'The Christingle Hunt' and the 'Nativity Window Trail'.

**Youth Work
Development**

The youth team has already been working together for a number of years and already has firm relationship inherent to it and also a unified understanding of the core principles for the work. However, we have started the same process as the children's team, to devise a vision and mission statement for the youthwork.



Club: McJ & FNYC **Ages:** School Years 6-9 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen, Kim Greig & Lianne Gatheridge (*when not on Zoom include LBC youth workers*) Harri Phillips & Jo Wells

Historically we ran two youth groups a week, the first was McJ on a Wednesday evening in St Denys for St Denys young people and also FNYC which was every Friday evening in the Old School and was a community youth group for anyone in the village and from any church.

During lockdown we have seen both groups combine, and we run a weekly group on Zoom every Wednesday for both groups together. This group averages at 17 young people a week but can have 24 young people when all are present.

This group has a wonderful sense of community and atmosphere despite being on Zoom. We set fun challenges each week that the young people must complete and show proof of (*e.g. how many times can you run up and down your stairs in 60 seconds, draw your best and worst teacher etc*), have games and creative prayer and together have delved deeper into the Bible Course, how to seek God and find Him, seeking inspiration from people who have sought God in the past and found him in incredible ways – people such as George Muller and Eric Liddell.

This group is actively engaged in a youth chat on WhatsApp that many utilise throughout the week and not only is a great way of communicating things needed for sessions but a place of community and fun.

We have seen some of the young people offer their own ideas by leading us in creative prayers and games. The young people are also encouraged to engage in spiritual challenges each week, which they feed back to us on the following week, one of the most significant was the week we encouraged them to think about what it means to truly love 'ALL people' as Jesus teaches in the second greatest commandment. They were encouraged to do something for someone outside of their household, preferably for someone they don't know well. Many made cakes and delivered to neighbours or people they knew were poorly, others wrote a letter to neighbours they find difficult. This was a beautiful moment of practically loving others and them finding Jesus in that action.

All youth engaged in a Nativity Escape Room as their Christmas special, seeing each younger youth receive a goody bag of treats from the church.

YouTube Alpha

In the first lockdown we produced a series of short videos that progressively took the young people through Youth Alpha each week. We sent them the videos via their WhatsApp chat so they could watch at their leisure. This lasted 10 weeks.

Discipleship Course

During the Bible Course, an opportunity for some of our young people to become a Christian or indeed recommit was offered. 4 young people did this, we then followed up with a 4-week discipleship course on Zoom. We covered 'Gospel Revisited', Parable of 4 Soils', 'Pick up your Cross' and 'Share Jesus'. Each child was provided with a Bible and daily reading notes.

Mentoring

We continue to provide a mentoring provision for some of our young people. We mentor 7 young people in all. This is a really effective way of going deeper with our young people and being an additional trusted adult that offers wisdom and guidance in their lives.

Lockdown has seen us utilise WhatsApp chats that include the mentee, mentor and either a parent/guardian or a DBS checked youth worker or both. These haven't been as successful as they offer no privacy for the mentee but have been useful to check in on the young people when covid restrictions have been in level 4.

When lockdown has eased and walks with one other are permitted these have been invaluable in touching base with mentored young people. They have also proven invaluable for young people who have opted out of weekly zooms and are not receiving any spiritual input from the youth work, or alternately those seeking additional discipleship.

Mentoring has been difficult for the team during lockdown, and many have asked for some training in this area. We will be providing training for the interested and already-mentoring youth workers at the end of February.

Virtual Sleepover

We staged a virtual sleepover for our younger youth, where we engaged in craziness and fun for 3 hours straight on Zoom. This involved challenges such as singing a nursery rhyme at the top of their voices outside their door, quizzes, games and even sculpting Jim's face in potatoes, that Kim and I then collected at the end of the night and left at Jim's door for the following morning (he didn't know)! We also dropped off doorstep prizes at the same time! This event was a huge success and a lot of fun, further adding to our sense of community and belonging especially in a time where connection was needed.



Ablaze

Club: Ablaze **Ages:** School Years 10-13 **Leaders:** Ali Jensen, Kim Greig & Beth Collins

Our older youth provision moved from being a monthly provision to a weekly one during lockdown. We see 6 young people join us most weeks. We started with taking the older young people through 'Purpose Driven Life', and then took a break from that to complete 'The Bible Course' together. The group are quiet and also with increasing demands on their schoolwork as older young people, we decided to reconfigure our provision. We chatted with the older young people and also asked them to complete a questionnaire to identify what they liked and didn't like about Ablaze and what we might do to engage them. As a result, we now have a 3-weekly cycle.

Week 1 in the cycle is always the week that we do *Youth Christianity Explored* together, all are encouraged to engage in week 1. All the older youth were encouraged to purchase their own copy of the CY handbook.

Weeks 2&3 in the cycle are stand-alone sessions. The young people can opt in as they feel necessary. These weeks go deeper into the Bible and focus on issues that are directly relevant to them (*e.g. Self-value, managing stress and worry, where we get our moral code etc*). The young people know that in weeks 2&3 that there will be greater interaction and an expectation to discuss.

We also include in this group a game and creative prayer and are hoping to inspire the older young people to choose a charity to support and raise money for it. We also aim to engage the older youth in helping us facilitate the ideas we have for community Easter Events.

Community Events

Lockdown Help

As soon as the first lockdown was announced Jim produced the cards to deliver to homes in the village offering practical support. My job was to man the email account for this and take calls from community people and then link them to people who signed up to help with things such as collecting prescriptions etc. In this time the community council in Lisvane were doing a similar thing and we liaised with them to dovetail our efforts with theirs. This was such a Christ like way to serve Lisvane and so quickly. I received many emails of thanks for our support in that time.

The Christingle Hunt

This event was a fun and covid safe way for families to get out and have some fun whilst learning about the symbolism of the Christingle. We collaborated with LBC for this event. We put together a clue sheet that led to 4 boxes hidden around Lisvane – in each box was a different element needed to build a Christingle. In the final box was a QR code that opened a video that showed you how to build your Christingle and what it all symbolised. We had 100 of everything in the boxes and 76 sets went – this was a huge success, and many did send pictures as requested for us to post on our St Denys Facebook page, I also received many emails from community families who enjoyed the event and the making. It was again a needed event in a difficult time. Families needed something new to do together and this also expressly shared with them the love of Jesus.



Nativity Window Trail

Kate Griffiths, Charlotte Ollerton, Camilla Owen and I helped to facilitate the Nativity Window Trail for the week before Christmas. 10 windows around Lisvane were decorated to show an element of the Christmas Story, clue sheets were given to find the right houses, leading back to St Denys and a QR code that unpacked how ‘Emmanuel God With Us’ is the best gift the world has been given.

Each house that participated did an amazing job, even seeing one family who doesn’t attend church, but whose daughter attends the youth work helping us with a window.

The weather in Christmas week was very wet and so take up for this trail was slow to begin, but on Christmas Eve many families were out seeking out the windows and once again many emails were sent to thank us for this lovely event.

Those who engaged the trail encountered the true story and meaning of Christmas and in a wonderful, creative way. Express thanks must go to Kate who devised the best ways to do the windows, ensured guidance and resources were provided for those doing their own, and herself sorting 4 windows.



Christmas Boxes

Jan Marsden, Susie Marsden, Kim Greig, Ann Martin and I together worked together to wrap shoe boxes and fill them with some Christmas treats for some of the more elderly and vulnerable people in our church family – 24 in total. We delivered these boxes during Christmas week.

We asked all the children and youth to engage in an act of kindness and draw a picture if a child or write a personal letter if a youth for each of these 24 individuals. The youth were also encouraged to pray for the people they wrote too for a week.

The pictures and cards were some of the most popular elements of the box, seeing many of the more elderly and vulnerable expressly thanking and sending cards back to the relevant children.

As a children's and youth work, we intend to continue this connection as we will send some cards and pictures again at Easter and further have Jan Marsden come to (A)lmighty Boosh and talk to the children about her pastoral role.

Harvest All Age Service

We staged a Harvest All Age service in zoom that sought to truly embrace all ages, we had reflections on the significance of Harvest from Ruth Toye and Anita Griffiths, images of the St Denys Harvest Cake from past years, a prayer reflection from the youth and much more.

This was a well-attended service where all ages participated in the programme but also zoomed in to watch. The (A)lmighty Boosh children engaged in a harvest hunt and had to create a picture from their found items, these were compiled into a short video where the children led us in prayer – thanking God for all we have. The youth led us in a Harvest Reflection, where they reminded us of all that God has given us, most significantly in His Son Jesus.

Conclusion

This has been a busy, challenging and different year and yet we have seen such growth and consistent investment in children, young people and community without ceasing. Jesus has been made known and we have started to build the firm foundations needed for a robust, Christ centred work that we pray continues to grow and can be built upon and in His goodness and mercy sees many people choose Jesus.

Ali Jensen

Ministry Support Worker

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST 2019

In January we said farewell to Chris Burr and so began the Interregnum. The Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk (Area Dean) organised several 'retired' clergy to take our Service and often conducted it himself. We were very well served by the clergy of St Marks Gabalfa, especially Rosemary. We also welcomed Father Roy Doxey, complete with his little dogs, on several occasions.

Our regular and committed congregation is usually 16-20 but often swells to about 28-29.

In July we received the welcome news that the Reverend Jim Griffiths had been appointed as our new Vicar. We were delighted to welcome him, with Kate and Eve, into our church family. We continue to enjoy a service that is reflective and often challenging and thought provoking, in the middle of a busy week.

I would like to thank especially Sheila and Brendan, all our readers and the ladies who regularly wash up.

Do come and join us one Wednesday morning at 10.15 am. You can be sure of a warm welcome, a chocolate biscuit and often cake! There is usually a birthday to celebrate!

Angela Goddard

CHOIR 2019

Another year having continued to maintain our singing at the 9.30am Eucharist each week, and Evensong services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, the latter being Choral Evensong as sung in cathedrals throughout the country with special settings of the Responses and Canticles. We also sing during Holy Week at Easter, the occasional mid-week services, and of course, at Weddings.

In May we had our annual "Choirmen's Walk" which was organised by John Richards. This year we travelled to Chester for two nights, walking around the Racecourse, and around the rivers and the City, and attending the Cathedral for Evensong on the Tuesday..

We are looking forward to our next walk in May 2020 to Winchester. Our local walk was in Swansea from the bus station to Mumbles for lunch and return. The Ladies were able to join us for this, which was very enjoyable, as the weather was kind to us.

For the Choir Outing, we travelled to Cheltenham to catch the steam train at the racecourse, and then to Broadway to visit Snowhill Manor and Gardens. We then finished the day back at Cheltenham for a Fish & Chip meal. Another very enjoyable day with good sunshine throughout.

On Advent Sunday the Advent Carol Service was again well attended, as was the Annual Nine Lessons & Carols at Christmas. This included well known favourites and some new carols..

Thanks again to Branwen for her care in looking after the choir robes; to Tony Edwards, for his assistance in playing, and to Roy for his continued invaluable help, particularly when we sing away.

We have been very pleased to welcome two new sopranos. Anna Daniel and Caroline Willis have added to the top line, and if we could now attract another one or two altos that would be good to assist and support our very faithful Jacki, and to balance our strong male sections. My sincere thanks again to all those in, or associated with the Choir for their continued hard work, loyal support, fun and fellowship together in all that we strive to achieve in our worship together.

CHOIR 2020

What a different year we've had in 2020. There has been no singing since the middle of March,, and no Choir Practices for the rest of the year.

With regrettably no church services allowed and singing banned - we have had a year never before experienced in our lifetime. Nevertheless, the Choir has kept together by Zoom meetings each Thursday lunchtime throughout, and, together with the Sunday zoom services has been in touch with each other on a regular basis.

We all hope and pray for an improvement in the coming months so that services can recommence and we can once again return to some normality. Meanwhile we remain strong and know that we will hopefully get there soon.

Martyn Ridge

ALL-AGE WORSHIP 2019

All-Age Worship takes place on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00. A team comprising Ros Bruncker, Julia Plaut and Camilla Owens plan and deliver this service. The aim is to create a multi-sensory interactive act of worship which suits all learning styles. A clear theme and learning objective are explored which can be understood on a simple level by the youngest but developed to challenge the adults.

As well as celebrating Harvest, Christmas and Easter, we looked at lessons from the lives of bible characters. Memorably, the stoning of Stephen turned out to be a surprisingly good choice. Not only did we have an actual Stephen (Steve Bruncker) who was game on for a dramatic reading of Acts Chapter 7, but also many children willing to participate by throwing balls of newspaper at him with great gusto. The message of forgiveness was tested when a cake with the memory verse iced on it was stolen. Were the congregation willing to forgive the thief in the same way Stephen had forgiven? Opinion was divided.

One encouraging area of growth has been in our intercessions. We have been focusing on praying in pairs and small groups by having a couple of questions to ask one another and then a simple form of prayer to pray for each other.

Of the many joys of the All-Age Service, the increasingly capable All-Age Band is perhaps the highlight. This ensemble is formed of young musicians including 2 flutes, clarinet, 2 violins, cello, percussionist and 2 singers. Their faithful commitment and skilful offering of their gifts never fails to encourage the congregation to join in heartily with the sung worship. A new development this year has been launch of a self-led Teenage Band. These musicians have gained skills and confidence in the All-Age Band and are now stepping out to lead by themselves.

Julia Plaut

ALL-AGE WORSHIP 2020

All-Age worship has not been able to take place in its usual guise since February 2020. Some of the children were able to make a musical contribution to the Christmas Service that went out on the Lisvane Community Facebook page. This project pooled resources with the Lisvane Baptist worship team. Parents filmed their children singing lines from *Away in a Manger* to a backing track created by Jon Davies (LBC). The films were combined to create a very touching collage of St Denys children.

The 10.30 Zoom services have included an All-Age moment each week which have continued to allow the children to encourage the whole church family with their bright faces, observations and sense of fun.

Julia Plaut

THE PARADISE RUN 2019

The plight of the homeless and rough sleepers is still a very real concern. Individuals continue to live in tents in the centre of Cardiff and the City Council is liaising with Homeless charities and partners to discuss the situation and seek to provide safe accommodation for this vulnerable group.

The Paradise Run is part of the Rainbow of Hope charity established by Elizabeth Perret Atkins in 1995 and each night of the week a church-based group serves food and takes supplies to the homeless, vulnerable and those in need. The registered office is in Broadway, Roath, but food is served in the open air in Charles Street.

St Denys has been involved for more than 10 years. Our slot is a Sunday evening which works well. People from all three services prepare sandwiches, crisps, chocolate and fruit and these are collected after the 11 am service. Others prepare and cook a hot meal and make up urns of hot drinks. We also take donations of toiletries, clothes and shoes as well as duvets, sleeping bags and blankets. Hot food and drinks are served first and then we distribute the sandwiches, clothes and toiletries.

This year we experienced a dramatic reduction of numbers for a few months. It was explained that another group had started to serve hot food at the same time in another location in Cardiff. We brought this to Liz's attention and she was going to try and liaise with this other group. However in the last few months we are back to regular numbers. We generally offer people a choice of 10 different hot meals so there is plenty to suit all tastes and religious dietary requirements. People have stressed how much they appreciate the sandwich packs that people make for us to give out. They explained that it means they take it away with them and know they have food for the following day and this gives peace of mind.

We see regular faces each time we do the Run and over the years, firm friendships have been made. People are open and keen to chat and share information about themselves: how they came to be in Cardiff, their family situation and housing needs. Some sleep rough. Some are housed in hostels. Others are in basic accommodation with minimal cooking facilities or money to buy food. Many are lonely and we may be the only people they speak to that day. Many have mental health issues and physical disabilities. They know we are a Christian group and sometimes people ask us to pray with them.

Several people have joined the Team from St Denys this year which has been a real encouragement and we are grateful for their support.

It is a real privilege to serve God in this way and as a group we would like to thank everyone at St Denys who faithfully make sandwiches and answer requests for specific items.

We have a Facebook group so that we can 'check in' each month and establish who is going to be around and if someone is unable to go along we can cover the role they undertake. If you would like to find out more about The Paradise Run please contact Chris Mawer or Melanie Falley.

Melanie Falley

THE PARADISE RUN 2020

The Paradise Run is organised via the Rainbow of Hope charity. www.rainbowofhope.co.uk. It is a Cardiff based charity reaching out to the homeless and disadvantaged people including asylum seekers and refugees.

Members of St Denys have faithfully supported this organisation for over 10 years by providing hot food, hot drinks and sandwich packs for our monthly Sunday evening slot. During Covid the Paradise Run has not been allowed to take place on the streets of Cardiff, because of group numbers and the safety of volunteers. Activities are now based around the premises in Roath at 23-25 Broadway, CF24 1QE.

Elizabeth and her small team of volunteers are organising food parcels to those who are struggling at the moment from their base in Broadway. Food donations can be dropped off on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays from 10.30am to 1pm. Telephone 02920 494317.

They update their specific requirements on their Facebook page '**Rainbow of Hope**' but they generally need cereal, sugar, long life milk, tea bags, cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans, tinned tuna and other fish, tinned meat, rice, pasta sauce and baked beans.

Non-food items include deodorant, shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste but NO clothes or blankets please at the moment.

They always require carrier bags to pack up the food parcels.

Melanie Falley

THE HUGGARD COMMITTEE 2019 & 2020

The aim of our committee is to raise funds for, and to support the Huggard Centre. The Centre is open 24/7, and for the past 30 years has been providing support, help and accommodation for the homeless. Several of our members attended an event at the Centre to mark this achievement.

During 2019 we raised over £3000, some of which went towards the refurbishment of the kitchens and at the afternoon Tea Party that we held in March, the sum of £1771 was raised.

Thanks to the support of Church members we have been able to take supplies of bedding, clothes, towels and toiletries to the Centre. We usually collect Easter eggs for the Centre but because of the current situation, this won't be happening this year.

During 2020 we were not able to hold any fundraising activities from March onwards but in November we donated the sum of £620 which was raised by members. Hopefully as things return to normal in 2021 we will be able to hold a fundraising event in October.

Jen Green

**PARISH OF ST. DENYS CHURCH, LISVANE
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF LISVANE

I report on the Financial Statements of the Parish for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of Parochial Church Council and Examiner

As the Parochial Church Council, you are responsible for preparing the Financial Statements: you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeking explanations from you as the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the Financial Statements present a "true and fair view" and my report is limited to those matters set out in the following statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and to prepare Financial Statements which accord with those accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, to enable a proper understanding of the Financial Statements to be reached.

Signature:



Name:

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Dated: 27.01.2021

Parish Of St Denys Church

Income received
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019	
INCOME	£	£	£	£
A:Direct Giving				
Planned				
Regular Contributions	78,692		60,179	
Weekly Envelopes	19,947		25,001	
		98,639		85,180
Collections	1,556		6,761	
		100,195		91,941
B:Tax Refunds				
	15,925		13,572	
		116,120		105,513
F:Other Income				
Fees	4,259		5,981	
Donations	6,500		7,155	
For Outreach			1,250	
Recharge From Christchurch	2,186		3,995	
Vicarage Fuel Repayments	1,532		709	
Misc Income	6,903		1,334	
Restricted Accounts	17,141		26,806	
Church House Rebuild (Restricted)	26,291			152,742
		64,811		
		<u>180,931</u>		<u>152,742</u>

Parish Of St Denys Church

Resources Expended
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

		2020		2019
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
A: Mission and Charities				
Parish:-				
Children and Youth Work		2,919		560
Other		1,000		2,300
Outreach Work		-		618
			3,919	3,478
Local:				
Vicar's Discretionary		-		130
Welsh Woman Cardiff (Toy appeal)		235		
City Hospice		101		580
Huggard Centre		-		500
Paradise Run		-		115
St Denys Choir & Organ Fund		-		100
The Diocesan's Ordinand Fund		-		500
Llandaff DBF		-		500
			336	2,424
National:				
Street Child		-		500
Changing Lives for Good		-		373
The Christian Institute		-		500
Compassion UK		327		640
Urban Saints		249		240
			576	2,253
World				
PONT		1,200		1,200
Just Earth		-		117
Leprosy Mission		-		500
			1,200	1,817
Carried Forward			6,031	9,972

Parish Of St Denys Church
Resources Expended
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019
PAYMENTS			
Payments brought forward		6,031	9,972
B: Maintenance of Ministry			
Parish Share	57,501		55,000
Visiting Clergy and Preachers	60		633
		57,561	55,633
C: Maintenance of Buildings			
Light and Heat	4,510		4,390
Insurance	570		568
General repairs	32,152		1,830
Water rates	235		226
Church WIFI	724		900
		38,191	7,914
D: Maintenance of Services			
Consumables	1,659		1,908
Organ and choir	131		778
Wedding & Funeral Fees (non Clergy)	120		520
		1,910	3,206
E: Parochial Expenses of Vicar			
Light and Heat	1,781		2,135
Car Mileage and Travel	46		45
Telephone	759		1,147
Water rates	946		928
Fees	309		463
Training and Hospitality	20		524
Vicar's Sundries	46		
		3,907	5,242
F: General Parish Expenses			
Ministry support worker salary	11,102		9,964
Stationery and Postage	1,692		4,171
7 Church Road Running Costs	4,736		5,616
Secretarial salary	8,520		8,845
Sundry expenses	921		522
Church Cleaning	516		756
Depreciation of fixtures	-		-
Christchurch Recharge	2,186		4,073
Old School Sunday usage	297		1,170
G: Cost of raising Money			
Envelopes	129	129	171
			171
H: Gardening			
	3,385	3,385	3,365
			3,365
Church House Rebuild (Restricted)			
	47,350		35,792
Other Restricted	13,197		35,792
		60,547	
		<u>201,631</u>	<u>156,412</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
		<u>180,931</u>	<u>152,742</u>
(DEFICIT)/Surplus for Year			
Unrestricted	- 3,584		5,316
Restricted	- 17,115		- 8,986
		- 20,699	- 3,670

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Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019		
	£	£	£	£	
FIXED ASSETS					
7, Church Road, Lisvane	137,443		137,443		
Office and Other Equipment	0		0		
Diocesan Investment Funds	<u>327,023</u>		349,944		
		464,466		<u>487,387</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	500		500		
Bank Balances	170,177		162,478		
Debtors	13,094		<u>18,051</u>		
	<u>183,771</u>		<u>181,029</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	<u>1,180</u>		<u>660</u>		
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>182,591</u>		<u>180,369</u>	
NET ASSETS		<u>647,057</u>		<u>667,756</u>	
REPRESENTED BY					
Unrestricted Reserves	199,551		205,312		
Restricted Reserves	<u>447,506</u>		<u>462,444</u>		
		<u>647,057</u>		<u>667,756</u>	-20,699

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on and signed on its

behalf by (Chairman).

PARISH OF ST. DENYS CHURCH, LISVANE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards, the "Statement of Recommended Practice" (SORP (FRS 102)) issued by the Charity Commissioners and the Church in Wales Accounting Regulations. The historical cost convention is used, except for the valuation of freehold property and contents used for Church purposes. No transitional adjustments are necessary as a result of the new SORP, and advantage has been taken of the exemption not to prepare a cash flow forecast.

A - Freehold Property

The Church and Churchyard are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales and form no part of the assets of the Parish, any expenditure incurred by the Parish being written off in the year. The property at 7, Church Road, Lisvane was bequeathed to the Parish in December 1999 and is stated at probate valuation plus subsequent improvement costs. No provision is made for depreciation of freehold property since the value is considered to be not less than the accounts value.

B - Contents used for Church purposes

Church contents require a faculty for disposal and hence are considered to be inalienable property. They are represented by a large number of fittings, utensils and ornaments, many being historic in nature. Costs are not available for many of the items, and it does not appear practical or economic to obtain valuations, also to list or describe individual items might increase the risk of theft or vandalism. Therefore, expenditure on such items is written off in the year it is incurred.

C - Office and other equipment

These items are stated at cost less depreciation, which is calculated at 25% per annum on cost.

D - Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received, tax refunds being recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

2. PCC REMUNERATION

No member of the Parochial Church Council received any remuneration or expenses in the year or previous year.

3. EMPLOYEES

The Parochial Church Council employed 3 people in the year (2020) at a total cost of £20,138

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Notes to Financial Statements
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
4 RESTRICTED RESERVES				
a) PONT CHARITY				
Opening Balance	2,269		2,269	
Received in the Year	-		-	
Paid out in the Year	-		-	
Closing Balance	<u>2,269</u>		<u>2,269</u>	
b) CHANCEL REPAIR FUND				
Opening Balance	7,944		7,944	
Paid out in the Year	7,944		-	
Closing Balance	<u>-</u>		<u>7,944</u>	
c) CHURCH HOUSE DEVELOPMENT				
Opening Balance	371,883		371,883	
Transfer in of Vicarage at Current Value	-		-	
Adjustment payments from previous year	21,129		-	
Paid out in the Year	23,366		-	
Interest Credit	446		-	
Closing Balance	<u>370,082</u>		<u>371,883</u>	
e) Outreach				
Opening Balance	534		409	
Received in the Year	-		1,250	
Paid out in the Year	534		1,125	
Closing Balance	<u>-</u>		<u>534</u>	
f) Church and Organ Fund				
Opening Balance	-		125	
Received in the Year	-		100	
Paid out in the Year	-		125	
Closing Balance	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
g) Church House Fund				
Opening Balance	100,528		99,305	
Received in the Year	2,389		16,806	
Paid out in the Year	1,590		15,645	
Closing Balance	<u>101,327</u>		<u>100,526</u>	
h) Bibles Fund				
Opening Balance	-		-	
Received in the Year	1,250		-	
Paid out in the Year	-		-	
Closing Balance	<u>1,250</u>		<u>-</u>	
i) Handicap Fund				
Opening Balance	-		-	
Received in the Year	1,413		-	
Paid out in the Year	100		-	
Closing Balance	<u>1,313</u>		<u>-</u>	
j) Ministry Support Worker Salary				
Opening Balance	-		-	
Received in the Year	12,479		-	
Paid out in the Year	1,580		-	
Closing Balance	<u>10,899</u>		<u>-</u>	
k) 2019 30% Charity Giving				
Opening Balance	4,735		-	
Received in the Year	-		-	
Paid out in the Year	130		-	
Closing Balance	<u>4,605</u>		<u>-</u>	
TOTAL		<u>467,006</u>		<u>483,456</u>
5 UNRESTRICTED RESERVES				
Opening Balance	194,746		189,430	
Adjustment from 2019 figures	8,389		-	
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	- 3,584		5,316	
Closing Balance	<u>189,551</u>		<u>194,746</u>	

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Resources Expended
For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020 (Budget)		2020 (Actual)		2021 (Budget)	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
PART 1: PAYMENTS						
A. Mission and Charities						
10% Charity Giving					12315	
National	3,822		576		0	
Youth & Ministry Projects	1,000		2,919		3,000	
Local	7,000		1,336		0	
World	3,000		1,200		0	
		14,822		6,031		15,315
B. Maintenance of Ministry						
Parish Share	57,501		57,501		57,501	
Visiting Clergy and Preachers	400		60		200	
		57,901		57,561		57,701
C. Maintenance of Buildings						
Light, Heat	4,500		4,510		4,000	
Insurance	590		570		650	
General Repairs and Maintenance	19,500		32,152		10,000	
Water Rates	270		235		280	
WIFI	900		724		612	
		25,760		38,191		15,542
D. Maintenance of Services						
Consumables	2,200		1,659		1,900	
Organ and Choir	800		131		800	
Choir & Organist Fees	520		120		520	
		3,520		1,910		3,220
E. Parochial Expenses of Vicar						
Car Mileage and Travel	1,500		46		200	
Telephone	1,180		759		538	
Light and Heat	750		1,781		1,656	
Training and Hospitality	300		20		300	
Fees	400		309		400	
Vicars Sundries	400		46		100	
Water Rates	1,000		946		990	
		5,530		3,907		4,184
F. General Parish Expenses						
Stationery and Postage	4,500		1,692		3,000	
7 Church Road Running Costs	4,800		4,736		2,000	
Ministry Support Worker	11,024		11,102		12,062	
Secretarial Salary	9,250		8,520		10,000	
Secretarial Salary (Christ Church)	4,200		2,186		5,000	
Church Cleaning	800		516		720	
Sundry Expenses	1,000		921		1,000	
Old school Sunday usage	1,500		297		1,000	
Depreciation of Fixtures	0					
		37,074		29,970		34,782
G. Cost of Raising Money						
Envelopes		130		129		120
H. Gardening		4000		3,385		3,700
				3,514		3,700
Church House rebuild		0		47,350		0
Other Restricted				13197		0
TOTAL PAYMENTS		148,737		201,631		134,564

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Income received

For The Year Ending 31 December 2020

	2020 (Budget)		2020 (Actual)		2021 (Budget)	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
PART 2: RECEIPTS						
A. Direct Giving						
Regular Contributions	57,624		62,285		62,500	
Gift Aid (Weekly) Envelopes	25,001		19,947		19,000	
		<u>82,625</u>		<u>82,232</u>		81,500
Loose Collections	6,761		1,556		1,700	
		<u>89,386</u>		<u>83,788</u>		<u>83,200</u>
B. Tax Refunds	18,274		15,925		10,502	
		18,274		15,925		10,502
		<u>107,660</u>		<u>99,713</u>		<u>93,702</u>
F. Other Income						
Fees	1,200		4,259		3,000	
Parish Share	2,750		16,407		2,750	
Book Sales	160		0		0	
Vicarage Fuel Recharge	700		1,532		1,242	
Bank Compensation	0		0		0	
Secretarial Salary (Christ Church).	4,250		2,186		5,000	
Sundries	1,300		6,903		100	
Restricted	0		43,431		0	
Donations	0		6,500		0	
		<u>10,360</u>		<u>81,218</u>		<u>12,092</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>118,020</u>		<u>180,931</u>		<u>105,794</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>148,737</u>		<u>201,631</u>		<u>134,564</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>-30,717</u>		<u>-20,700</u>		<u>-28,770</u>