GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST MINISTRY AREA

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Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-09-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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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 mission of the Benefice is to advance the Christian religion through local and worldwide activities.

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Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Vale Of Glamorgan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£351,725	£362,247	-	-
2023-12-31	£298,707	£356,582	-	-
2022-12-31	£448,854	£384,511	-	-
2021-12-31	£288,884	£232,608	-	-
2020-12-31	£216,201	£202,014	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
EDWARD WILLIAMS	Chair	
ALAN GEOFFREY SEMMENS		2017-05-01
Canon Edwin Charles Robert Counsell		2016-12-15
JEFFREY LESLIE ROBINSON B.A., M.ED		
Joyce Newton		2021-04-26
LYNDA MARGARET MUMFORD		2017-05-01
Louise Ann Edwards		2024-06-05
MARIE JANE SHEPPARD		
Rev Craig Aaron Vaughan		2017-03-27
Rev Emma Elizabeth Street		2021-08-12
Richard Julian Simpson		2019-05-01
Robert Lewis Oldham		2024-06-05
Sharon Mary Evans		2017-05-01
Sian Tesni Copeland Roberts		2023-09-09

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Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1131490

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2024

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Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

INTRODUCTION FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

This annual report is a constant reminder that the work of God's Church asks much of its people, while standing in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ's name.

2024 has brought the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area to a point where concerns about funding and church buildings still cloud the view, but where encouraging signs of life and growth bring light and promise for the future. The Ministry Area boundaries have been set since 2018 and the area is working coherently, despite the challenge of maintaining 12 churches and multiple small communities across the rural Vale of Glamorgan.

The pandemic of early 2020 seems a long time ago, yet there has been more reflection and discussion in the last year than perhaps at any time since Coronavirus appeared on the world's stage. The subsequent years have allowed our churches to reflect on the significance and social change that has taken place rapidly in so many communities, not to mention the number of people who have been lost from our congregations, either through bereavement or those who have moved away from church or from the area. For some of our churches with small congregations and small local communities, this loss has been very significant, and numbers have really dwindled. For other churches serving larger communities, the last year has brought opportunity and growth, with new people appearing in our churches, bringing with them gifts and talents that point towards renewal and development in the future.

Local leadership in our churches is crucial, and thanks are extended across the whole Ministry Area to those who have taken on roles and responsibilities as Local Church Wardens and treasurers, while many others have given their time and energy on Local Church Committees and carried out the everyday tasks to maintain and sustain their local church.

Mention should also be made of the special contribution of our 2 Church in Wales primary schools in Wick and St Brides Major, whose work is a constant inspiration to the families and communities they serve, and a reminder of the vital role they play within the Ministry Area. It should be remembered that our Ministry Area logo comprises 14 fish, reaching out from a central Celtic cross, representing our 12 churches and 2 Church schools, and our shared task of service and mission in God's name.

The last year has seen some changes in our Ministry Team as we said our farewells to Alison Weston, who served the Ministry Area so faithfully as Administrator through 10 years of significant change. We were delighted to welcome Natasha Jones, who has been appointed to replace Alison in this role, and to develop the Ministry Area office through the next crucial phase of our work. It has also been a great joy to welcome Revd Lee Gonzalez, who has joined out team as a non-stipendiary curate, following his ordination as a Deacon. We must also acknowledge the contribution of our Lay Readers and retired clergy, upon whom we rely heavily to cover a complex rota of services. The year has also had its challenges with the stipendiary clergy all facing the aftermath of family bereavement.

This annual report sets out the work of our Ministry Area starkly in its reports and accounts. Behind those headlines and data, many people have contributed to our shared work in countless ways in 2024. The tireless work of David Walke, the MA Treasurer is deserving of special mention, along with the careful governance exercised by the members of the Ministry Area Council. That constant support is both practical and prayerful, and speaks of a Christian community with Christ at its centre and God's love at its heart. It is in that promise of faith that our work moves forward.

Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area	
Charity registration number	1131490	
Principal office	Ministry Area Office St Illtud's Church Church Street Llantwit Major	
The trustees	Mr JL Robinson Mr E Williams Mr AG Semmens Ms SM Evans Mrs LM Mumford Mrs MJ Sheppard Canon ECR Counsell Rev. CA Vaughan Mrs SE Evans Mr RJ Simpson Ms J Newton Rev EE Street Ms PA Lancaster Ms ST Copeland Roberts Ms LA Edwards Mr RL Oldham	 *(resigned 5 June 2024)* *(resigned 5 June 2024)* *(appointed 5 June 2024)* *(appointed 5 June 2024)*
Independent examiner	Farzana Ahmed ACCA 1st Floor, Tudor House 16 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9LJ	
Ministry Area Leader	Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell The Rectory High Street Llantwit Major CF61 1SS	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc	

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The mission of the Ministry Area is to advance the Christian religion through local and worldwide activities. The object of the Ministry Area Council (MAC) is to ensure that the life and work of the Church within the parish helps to fulfil this mission, both locally and more widely. It is regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The Ministry Area holds an Annual Vestry Meeting and ensures that every member of the Council signs a declaration that they will be bound by the Constitution.

The MAC is responsible, inter alia, for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of the Church fabric and of the churchyards and for action on any matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution. The MAC is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

The charitable objects per the governing documents are: "The promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish".

The members of the MAC as trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

General Pattern of Sunday Services in the Ministry Area

Time	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
St Illtud's, Llantwit Major					
8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	
9.30am	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	MA Service at any one of the 12 Churches
St James', Wick					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
Ewenny Priory, Ewenny					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Giles', Gileston					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist				MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Michaels, Llanmihangel					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Cattwg's, Llanmaes					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Bridget's, St Brides Major					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Tathan, St Athan					
11.00am		Holy Eucharist		Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Donats, St Donats					
11:15am	Prayer & Praise	Holy Eucharist	Meet, Greet & Eat	Prayer & Praise	MA Service at any one of the Churches
Holy Trinity, Marcross					
6.00pm		Holy Eucharist			MA Service at any one of the Churches

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Individual Church Reports

St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major

St Bridget's 'shines with a pure clear light' as the hymn says. It is open daily for private prayer & visitors. We have a weekly Sunday Eucharist at 11am and a Family Service on the first Sunday of the month. The Church is looked after by a committed Local Church Council and we endeavour to reach out to our Community at all times. Fundraising to keep our Church in good order and open is an important part of our role. Our churchyard is owned by the Community Council and is their responsibility, as is the floodlight that lights up the Church each evening.

Our Church Hall accommodates a twice monthly Art Group, Coffee & Chat Club, Keep Fit Group, Playgroup and Toddlers. The hall can be hired for parties and social events. Contact Margaret Lewis on 07929 277244.

Our Community Library also operates from the Church Hall.

Enquiries to Churchwardens Angela Edwards on 07794 386288 and Joy Newton on 07977 702713. The status quo has been maintained this year and let's hope we continue to shine brightly this next year!

Joy Newton

All Saints Church, Southerndown

The Wednesday service at All Saints continues at 3.00pm, but the church is open and used for other communal activities e.g. mothers' union meetings, knit and natter, the local council and on a Friday morning Tai Chi, to name but a few. The biodiversity group were very successful last summer with their wildflowers and produced a stunning display in front of the church.

The Lent Group sessions held in All Saints was based on modern ideas, about the passion in recent artwork. It was very thought provoking and very much appreciated.

Last June, realising the need in the future for Wi-Fi use, especially for example when we are open as a polling station: we started working towards getting Wi-Fi installed. After a lot of false starts and stops, we were able to find a company that would help us (as a charity) it is however only recently, six months later, that we are near to connectivity.

During the year our flat roof began to really show its age (50years); after yet another leak, we decided to try and fundraise for a new roof. At Xmas the village came together at a fundraising event - carol singing around the Xmas tree. Refreshments were served and the fundraising began. In the Autumn we applied for two grants, the first from the diocesan office and, after their meeting together with the visitation by the Archdeacon, we had good news and success. The second grant was from the W.D.A.F. (Vale of Glam) and this grant was also recently successful. The roofer now hopes to start work as soon as the weather improves. We are very grateful for all the support that has been given to us financially, the encouragement, and the admin etc. that has gone on behind the scenes - all is very much appreciated.

Hazel Norfolk

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes

St Cattwg's, like most of the churches in the Ministry Area, has been part of the local community for over a thousand years. The original wooden structure was replaced with the stone structure in 1234 (an easy date to remember!). The year 2024 saw the church in good heart and began with another excellent quiz organised by Eric and Anne Sparks. This event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our organist, Mrs Jan Jones, who has been playing the church organ for over seventy years has now taken a step back. Jan when a girl remembers her mother telling her to get on her bike and go to Llanmihangel church to play before dashing back to play in Llanmaes. * Providentially a young couple joined our services in the early summer and just happened to be recent graduates of the Welsh College of Music and Drama. Jan invited our visitor to try the organ which he did and has been playing for us ever since. In the autumn he was joined with some fellow college graduates to form a woodwind quintet and provided a memorable concert to a packed church. In addition, some essential repair work was carried out on the organ which is thought to be approaching two hundred years old.

Our recently restored church bells have been heard regularly throughout the year. They are rung before and after a service and sound the hour between 9am and 6pm. (We do not have a clock though!) We continue to have help maintaining the churchyard from some members of our congregation but also kindly from friends in the village.

The final episode of the comedy series Gavin and Stacey brought further visits from fans of the show. (The 'wedding' scene had been filmed in St Cattwg's about twenty years ago.) As the late Rev John Webber used to say that after a thousand plus years of history St Cattwg's is now most famous for a 'wedding' that didn't take place!

We ended the year with the best attended Carol Service we have had for many years. A number of children attended and we were supported by a ladies' choir from the village. The village Film Group supported us with another generous donation for our church restoration fund for which we are most grateful. Finally, we offer our thanks to the clergy team, retired clergy and support of the Parish Office throughout the year.

*Llanmaes and Llanmihangel had become one parish in the early 1920s

Jeff Robinson, Kerry Veale and Charles Anderson

St Donat's Church, St Donat's

St Donat's continued to hold 4 services most months. These consist of 3 led by clergy (1 Eucharist, 2 Prayer and Praise) and one Meet, Greet and Eat (MG&E). We have been particularly appreciative of Imogen Clout's commitment to St Donat's Church. She has adapted her services and leadership to take account of the needs of the wide range of ages and nationalities of the congregation members who enjoy services at St Donat's.

The MG&E are an informal get together for the students attending Atlantic College (AC) and church members, organised by Sheila Smith and Vicky Bailey (church member and Atlantic College House Parent) In addition, Sheila opens her home to students in an informal way. Vicky's support is an invaluable link with the college, both in encouraging and supporting students and in assisting with the MG&E. At the end of the gathering, everyone present enjoys fellowship and refreshments. All students are welcome, with many varied topics and themes discussed e.g. aspects of faith, culture, life experiences and much more. Our student leaders liaise with church members, and we deeply value their contributions to other Services. e.g. readings, songs from different cultures and the sharing of their life experiences. The input and involvement with students from AC is unique within the Parish. We see it as a joy and a mission to support and encourage students to join in our worship. We are privileged to have between 8-12 students attend and take part. Sometimes fewer and sometimes more.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The link with the college also includes liaising with Sam Mazzarella, Head of Music at the college in organising musical events at the church. In addition, church members, clergy and the AC Welcome team representatives meet regularly to discuss important issues related to church and college.

Key events in 2024:

Funeral: Monday 29th April, the funeral of John Aubrey Morgan formerly of Parc Farm, St Donat's, was held at the church. John had been a faithful, dear member of St Donat's church. He had been a Church Warden for over 20 years.

Student Leavers Service 12th May 2024: Fr Edwin Counsell led the 2nd year students' Leaving Service. Students leaving the college received a blessing from Fr Edwin and were presented with Welsh Love Spoons as mementos of their stay at the college, and as members of the church community. This was followed by a picnic at Vicky's house.

Student Welcome Service 6th October 2024: Fr Edwin Counsell led the Welcome Service to students joining AC. The Service was well attended by first and second year students, and was followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service 20th October 2024: Led by Imogen Clout in collaboration with Stanley Gilbert. The Harvest service included contributions from students. There was a generous response to the Vale Foodbank Appeal. The church looked a picture, and the Harvest loaf was ably prepared by Jayne Thomas. Refreshments were enjoyed after the service.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2024: Imogen Clout led the remembrance service, attended by students of many nationalities. In line with our usual practice the emphasis was on sacrifice and a call for nations to live together in peace.

Heather March MBE DL: (nee Morgan) passed away peacefully on 10th December 2024, aged 89. She had been a faithful presence in services until her hospitalization. Heather had been a church warden for over 20 years. She was always a font of institutional and historical knowledge about the church and community life, which she willingly shared.

AC Carol Service 1st December 2024: Organised by Sam Mazzarella (and his team) and Stan Gilbert. The Service was led by Imogen Clout with students and staff participating and leading the lessons and carols. It was very well attended, with people travelling from far and near. Sam was presented with a small token of appreciation as this sadly was his last year at AC. We wished him well in his future endeavors. It was followed with refreshments as people took the opportunity to socialise. Donations of £223.00 collected at the carol service were in aid of Ty Hafan Children's Hospice. The success of these services is due to the hard work and dedication of our organist, Stanley Gilbert in collaboration with the clergy, Vicky Bailey and college music staff.

Siân Tesni Roberts

The Priory Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Ewenny

We continue to be steady in numbers in the congregation, and our members are continuing to support all we ask of them , a steady rotation of readers and floral arrangers . All of whom are very generous with their time and expertise. I advertise the services regularly on the village hub. And any special events.

January was tricky with the weather, but we managed to have services, led by Emma, Edwin Lee and Geoff in May we welcomed back Craig.

During the year we had a couple of medical incidents, one of our congregation had a wheelchair on hand and as a result very kindly donated a brand new wheelchair in case of future medical issues, we thanked them sincerely for the kind gesture.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

We have had issues with electric in church, the organ as a result has to be plugged in to a different socket , to mitigate health and safety we cover the lead with a couple of mats. It would be too problematic at the moment to fix the problem as it involves taking up the parquet floor.

The organ needed repair which was carried out by Nick Adam's at quite a cost! But it's an essential part of worship. Margaret is now sharing the organ playing with Dr. Logan and it's working well!

We still desperately need a church warden as I am only sub warden and struggle with the meetings and admin along with my family and business commitments. Alun and Jayne continue to be a fantastic part of the church without whom we certainly wouldn't cope. Helen and Peter Morgan also go over and above with all things financial, so thank you to them.

Sadly we have lost a couple of our congregation and our prayers are with their families.

Ewenny Arts Festival

23 March was the 1st event music for lent and Passiontide performed by caritas consort the NSPCC received £1200 from the event.

May we held picnic at the priory where Dr. Logan performed on his accordion, very generously donating his time. Tea and cakes were served and people brought their own picnic.

Tonau ensemble performed, sadly not well attended, but they were super.

We feel that now more than ever there is a lot of competition in the local area.

We had a photographic exhibition in July.

Bridgend Tabernacle Choir performed to a full church in October, raising £1100 for Velindre.

And we finished the year with the Vale Ensemble which is always well received and attended.

Thanks to all involved.

Samantha Budd (Warden)

St Giles Church, Gileston

The service of Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of every month has been quite well attended during 2024 and as always, the festive services attract a good crowd especially when we are invited into Gileston Manor afterwards for refreshments thanks to Josh and Lorraine.

The fabric of the building is sound, especially the new roof and guttering, however the ingress of water by the tower is ongoing and remains a mystery to all! Over the years, many architects, builders, roofers etc have attempted to solve the problem but to no avail. Nevertheless, some plastic containers stop the rainwater from damaging the floorboards so we may have to accept defeat. Thankfully the new LED lighting inside the church provides much better visibility and the two new exterior lights at the entrance gate are a bonus for evening services such as harvest and Christmas. Many thanks to Damien and Bronwen Walford Davies for donating the cost of the replacement porch light.

There were two burials in the cemetery in 2024 Alan Cain who helped to maintain the cemetery grounds, and Peggy Bassett, a well-known resident of Gileston. Four weddings having taken place in the church this year, but no fundraising event was organised.

Lynda Mumford

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Holy Trinity Church, Marcross

Holy Trinity is left unlocked and accessible to the general public at all times, but due to the lack of substantial heating and poor outdoor lighting, only holds one Christmas celebration service between harvest and spring. From March a monthly Sunday evening eucharist at 6.30 pm is held. The services are attended by a small group of regular loyal attendees mostly from the village of Marcross. Jaqi Harries now shares the responsibility of music provision with Fr Craig which makes for a very enjoyable service, We are indebted to her for the contribution that she makes on a Sunday evening.

In true Marcross style the Christmas candlelit service of nine lessons and carols was followed by drinks and nibbles. The church was full and was made memorable by the attendance of some of the younger children of Marcross along with their parents and grandparents. An enjoyable social evening was had by all.

A meeting to discuss the Quinquennial report was held in September which left everyone feeling slightly overwhelmed, especially with the news that the wooden ceiling from the tower had fallen to the floor. Fr. Craig advised that we should only take on small tasks and complete them one by one and to try to not be overawed by the situation

Subsequent investigation of the tower revealed an extreme amount of detritus deposited from the crows accessing the tower through the unguarded vents. Due to the toxic nature of the waste a team of specialists was employed to remove it all safely and legally. A working party have cleared everything from room below the tower and even removed the curtain which has opened this space and allowed light to flood in towards the font. This has proved most rewarding. Now that the tower has been cleared work is soon to begin to repair and restore the ceiling.

The storm Darragh removed some more slates from the church roof, so all roof repairs deemed high priority in the quinquennial review were urgently actioned. The slates lost in the storm were also replaced and the roof is now in good repair. Work to replace the guards on the tower vents will commence once the warmer weather returns.

The church grounds are mowed regularly through the summer months and are generally kept in good order; however it has to be noted that the regular work carried out by Liz Llewellyn does not go unnoticed and her ongoing battle against the weeds on the pathways and Ivy on the walls is truly appreciated!

Costs are slowly reducing Holy Trinity's savings and a fund-raising harvest service was abandoned due to the works on the tower. However, a kind donation of £125.00 from the Marcross Ladies Christmas lunch was gratefully received. Anonymous donations have also been received to pay for the works to the roof and tower...

There is still much work to do to the basic fabric of the church, but the small group of volunteers, Hilary, Chris, Lesley and the two Liz's along with Tony, Gareth, Gethin, Steve & Dave, who contribute to the upkeep of the church and turn up on request with mops & polish, cake & wine, or even nails and ladders will ensure that although the fabric is shabby, old and often cold, the heart of Holy Trinity stays strong and full of life, laughter and faith.

Sharon Evans (Joint Church warden with Jaci Harris)

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major

In 2024 we have seen that the numbers of people visiting and attending the church are continuing to increase and we have also been delighted to welcome a number of new members to our congregation over the last year.

Our continuing challenge is to continue to develop the welcome to all, whether it would be members of our parish community or those who visit the area from elsewhere.

It has continued to be busy in St Illtud's Church and a number of new groups and events have started and been held in the church.

Our Children's clubs have continued to go from strength to strength, Tiny Treasure Seekers on Thursday Mornings, Treasure seekers on the first Sunday of each month and Club Illtud on Friday evenings, We must thank again Louise and Nick Lang and their team for all of the hard work in running the clubs and continuing to make them a great asset to the Church, They are very well attended and continue to develop.

There are other events that have been held in the Church, and we have had book launches, concerts, Charity Events which have all been successful.

The attendance at all the services has continued to increase and we regularly have over 60 people who attend the 9.30am service on a Sunday morning and have good numbers at the services on Wednesdays and Fridays too.

We are pleased that the number of servers has remained steady and hopefully we can continue to have full rotas for the services on Sundays, we are looking to increase the number of servers so would encourage anyone who is interested to speak to one the wardens.

The worship on Friday has been followed by a soup lunch which has continued to be successful, and the seasons café has continued.

We have had some very successful events in the Church over the last year including exhibitions and talks, the Easter trail, The Santa event at Christmas time and also the regular open mic evening has continued to flourish and there have been other concerts and events including the Chamber Music Festival, The Three Streams Festival and choral concerts.

We continue to be indebted to Lynn Brown our director of music for her ongoing commitment to develop music for our worship and she also has all of her best wishes, we also thank Gillian and Jean for assisting Lynn on Sundays. We should also thank Moria Robinson for assisting Lynn with the ecumenical choir rehearsals and at the Carol service on Christmas Eve.

We are grateful to all of those who have contributed to the work of St Illtud's throughout the year including the fund-raising group who run the Church's 100 club and the photographic competition for the Calendar, the bellringers, flower arrangers, the team that ran the shop and all of those who help with stewarding, serving, the intercessions, reading, and providing refreshments after the services. We also should extend our thanks to Sarah, Elsie and Rory for all the help they provide at the Sunday service!

We continue to be grateful to our keyholder Colin for unlocking and locking the church each day.

We have continued our partnership with "The Samaritans" to highlight and assist those with mental health issues and a charity concert was held in the church to raise funds to support the Samaritans.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

We are immensely thankful for the dedication of all the ministry team, not just in St Illtud's but throughout our parish for their unwavering support and care that they give to our parishioners.

The LCC has continued throughout the year and is working hard to continue the programme of work to repair and improve our church and church yard, there are several large projects planned which we are looking forward to.

We also said goodbye to Alison who was the Parish Administrator who retired last year after many years' service, however, we have welcomed Natasha to the role who has already shown that she will be a great asset to the Church and Parish.

We have achieved many things during this year and have much to be thankful for as we seek to continue to grow and develop. We are also always looking to encourage anyone who feels they can assist in any way.

Rob Oldham, Tricia Lancaster & Louise Lang (Church Wardens)

St James' Church, Wick

Services
Due to Father Craig's absence, services in early 2024 were mostly covered by other members of the clergy for which we were very grateful. We were delighted to welcome Father Craig back in early March and we continue to hold his wellbeing in our prayers.

We continue to have a weekly Sunday Eucharist and are very pleased to be joined by the Treasure Seekers twice monthly during term time. They provide a lively addition to our congregation and we are very grateful to their leaders for their continued participation. We continue to have a weekly service of Morning Prayer on Zoom at 8.30 on Thursdays. In August, we continued the tradition of holding joint services with some of our sister churches in the Western Vale again a wonderful opportunity to socialize and support each other.

Congregation numbers have remained fairly steady throughout 2024 ranging anywhere from 13-20 normally but up to 40+ for special occasions such as Harvest. Our Harvest donations (given by many of the villagers as well as our own congregation) were taken to the Vale Foodbank and were very gratefully received.

Once again our Remembrance Day service was held by the Village War Memorial with St James' being open for all who wished to spend some time in private reflection. There was a display of information detailing the lives of many of those names appear on our Village Memorial and memorial candles were lit in their honour.

December was a busy month as in addition to our normal services we held a well-attended Village Carol service, a "Come to the Crib" service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Midnight Mass. A big" Thank you" to all the clergy for their invaluable support!

Fabric
Having obtained the necessary faculties, we were able to replace the overhead chancel lights with more energy efficient bulbs so now the cobwebs and damp patches on the walls are much better illuminated! At the same time the inner and outer porch lights were replaced with motion sensor equivalents which has made evening access much safer. The new outer porch door was installed in October and looks wonderful and is so much more user friendly! We need to replace the plaster on a section of the inner south wall which is falling off and showing an impressive array of green mould. We need a faculty for this but as yet we have not had a quote for the work and we do not currently have the funds to go ahead.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Churchyard
There have been a number of problems with tombstones including 2 which were damaged by strong winds. They are not currently dangerous but will be repaired when possible. One stone which was leaning over the path to the front door has been reinstalled in a vertical position. A tree on the East boundary is causing some damage to a neighbour's garden wall and needs to be removed. We have received approval from the Archdeacon for the work to go ahead and have chosen an approved contractor from the 3 estimates we sought. We are currently awaiting planning approval from the Vale Council for the work to proceed as unfortunately the tree concerned has a TPO in place.

Fundraising
We held only 3 fundraising events this year- all involving cakes! Cake stalls at the annual Wick village fete and the village Christmas Market and our popular Tea Party held in the village hall where we were beautifully entertained by children from Wick and Marcross C in W school. We hope to try and introduce some other fundraising events in 2025.

We are very grateful to all the help and support from members of the congregation both in helping with the day-to-day maintenance and help with the Sunday services- You are all wonderful!

Louise Edwards (Warden)

St Mary Magdalene, Monknash

During 2024 the roof project and other works were completed. The work included the renewal of the chancel roof, the large crack above the pulpit, caused by movement within the building, being addressed by having stainless steel tie bars installed within the thickness of the wall, followed by re-plastering and finally a system to direct the overflow of rainwater away from the church wall involved work being done in the churchyard. Also, areas of the perimeter wall of the church yard had to be repaired. The church was closed between early May and the beginning of October when, following a "clean up" by our team of three, the church reopened with the Harvest Thanksgiving and Dedication service. Our grateful thanks must be given to David Walke for the invaluable help he has given us in managing the Roof Project. During recent years David has guided us through the process of fund-raising and has obtained grants and liaised with the architect, builder and other official bodies on our behalf.

Obviously, during 2024 our number of services were restricted. Seven services of Friday Fellowship were held plus additional services on Easter Day, a Sunday Eucharist, Rogation Sunday, Harvest Festival, including the Dedication for works completed on the Roof Project and a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Both the Harvest Festival and Nine Lessons and Carols had large numbers in the congregations. As usual we had support from the local farming community and other churches within the Parish plus people from the local communities of Broughton and Monknash. Our regular, dedicated congregation remains small in number.

The children's Treasure Seekers group continues to meet in the church on the fourth Sunday of each month.

On the 1st of February our former Rector, Rev'd John Webber, was laid to rest in the churchyard following a service in St Illtud's Church.

The church continues to attract a steady stream of visitors as indicated by the entries in the Visitors' Book. Walkers in the area are frequent visitors along with those who are engaged in researching their family history or who are visiting the graves of loved ones. Many visitors enjoy chatting with the Wardens, who aim to answer their questions and queries. We have also learned a lot during these conversations about families who have lived in the locality in the past.

A legacy bequeathed to St Mary Magdalene church will be used to replace the outer porch door in 2025.

Marie Sheppard

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Michael's and All Angels Church, Llanmihangel

We continue to have regular services at Llanmihangel on the first and third Sundays of the month with the first usually being Eucharist and Morning Prayer on the third. Congregation numbers fluctuate between single and double figures but there is a wonderful hardcore who we see every service despite the very cold conditions in the church.

After every service we have coffee and cakes (supplied, like the flowers, on a rota basis). People always enjoy lingering and it is wonderful to see community bonds being built and developed.

Occasionally we get a spike in numbers, usually when we hold significant services such as Christmas Carols. The most recent Carol Service involved 65 attending. Again, in 2024 we were invited back to Plas Llanmihangel for mulled wine and mince pies.

We have continued to build stronger bonds with Plas Llanmihangel and joint events are being planned for 2025.

We have really benefitted from the appointment of Lucie Foster as another warden and sharing the warden tasks, particularly where IT skills have been needed. This really is a great example of succession planning. Recently she helped organize a clearance of the churchyard. We invited villagers from Sigingstone, and 15 turned up which was a great response. We are looking to repeat this event in March 2025.

Over the past year the pond adjacent to the church has been cleared out and new plantings of shrubs and trees have really transformed the site. The pond, churchyard and grassland really has enhanced the Llanmihangel environment.

Graham Bray, Lucie Foster (Church Wardens)

Wick and Marcross CW Primary School and St Brides Major CW Primary School

Being a part of the mission and ministry of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast is the golden thread that runs through the life and work of our church school here at Wick. Over the last year a key part of our outreach has been helping families as part of the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Programme. We've been privileged to support children here in school who have been temporarily placed at St Athan before finding their longer-term homes across the United Kingdom. It has taught us so much about our role in providing a welcome not only to the most vulnerable in our society but to all.

Children across the school have taken lead roles in ensuring we really do 'Walk in Jesus' Footsteps'. Our Global Group, Young Interpreters and Playground Pals have guided us in building our inclusive community. Further highlights of the year include being invited by Christian Aid to share our work on climate justice at the Senedd, leading the worship for over 100 school leaders at the Church Schools' Leadership Programme and presenting at the CEIC Conference in the Principality Stadium. We shared our message about sustainability with change makers, leaders and over 150 businesses from around Wales.

All three of these events showcased the children's actions as ethical, informed citizens who are making a difference as stewards of God's creation. We are grateful for the work of our Foundation governors who continue to challenge and inspire us to uphold our Christian roots and to the clergy who guide our spiritual development. With their support, it is a joy to lead and share a range of worship experiences with the community as we proclaim the gospel message in our village and beyond.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Tathan Church, St Athan

2024 witnessed quite a lot of experimentation, based on improving service delivery. Attendance at weekly Sunday Eucharists at 9:00 had been consistently poor.

Wednesday Eucharist attendance remained steady, with no decline and strong fellowship.

There was no evidence of children or their parents in any church activity, apart from regular visits from the nearby (non-Church in Wales primary). In 2023, an attempt to increase Sunday worship attendance was made. Resultant of discussions with the congregation, the timings of the service were altered. Clergy obviously have service commitments on Sunday morning, and it was agreed that 11am services would begin, but on two Sundays a month only. On the remaining Sundays, less formal "café" afternoon services were started - one of these focussed on child attendance.

Throughout 2024, Sunday church attendance has remained at the same level, despite the different time. Wednesday services have continued to thrive throughout 2024, with a slight increase in attendance, and continued fellowship. Sunday afternoon services have not been successful. They evolved into various different options. The child focussed services began in the form of pizza cafés, popcorn cafés etc, all trying to appeal to a child audience and advertised at the primary school. The other afternoon "cafe" became a Bible Study group, but despite advertising and verbal enthusiasm from a variety of people, it has ended due to lack of attendance. The growth enabler team was consulted. They initiated Experience Easter and Experience Christmas events at St Tathan, and Debbie Orris was allocated to explore options for child focussed provision. The Experience options have proved to be amazingly successful. The local school sends a number of groups and they thoroughly enjoy their attendance. There is no longer a need for the growth enablers, with a few church members leading the stations. Debbie identified an alternative day and time for a child focussed activity, and Short Cut Café was born. Throughout 2024, it has grown into a fabulous activity, where parents and children enjoy craft, snacks, fun, based on the Sunday liturgy.

The community council approached the church in 2022 to begin holding annual Church services to mark the inauguration of the new chair person. This has turned into a very successful annual event. Since 2021, the community council and the church have come together to observe Remembrance Sunday. This has involved the entire village, beginning in the church, followed by a traffic controlled march to the cenotaph. The Church has been the venue for brass band concerts for many years. The RAF Brass Band was sadly disbanded, but Alan Bourne still leads very enjoyable brass band evenings at St Tathan.

Let's hope 2025 sees a Short Cut continuation, a look at options for Sunday services, and more community/church focussed provision.

Rev'd Emma Street

Mothers' Union Report

St Illtud's Mothers Union

There were many highlights in our year. Our Wave of Prayer took place on January 31st as we met to join in the wonderful continuous round of prayers with which MU members praise God and support each other all around the world.

In July we hosted the "Behind Closed Doors" Exhibition, focusing on the problems of domestic abuse of various kinds. We also welcomed Sue Rivers our Diocesan President to speak to us about the exhibition. We joined in three Deanery events. In January the MU Deanery Eucharist took place in Llysworney where we joined members from the other branches. The Deanery Festival was held in St Brides in May. To celebrate Mary Sumner Day in August we remembered the work of our founder, it was a lovely to welcome the other Deanery Branches who joined in the Wednesday morning Eucharist. This was followed by a delicious Fish and chip lunch.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Our fundraising activities have continued to support the AFIA caravan at Porthcawl by means of the "Smarties Challenge" and we were able to send £700.00 to support this crucial work. Our craft/ gift stall on Holy Saturday raised money for MU projects both overseas and closer to home, £500 was sent to Marry Sumner House to support these projects which range through Literacy and Numeracy training and Parenting education and help enable women to support and educate their families. Donations at the Mary Sumner Day Lunch aid of the MU Summer of Hope Appeal raised £216 which was sent straight off to Mary Sumner House for that appeal.

We have continued our contribution to the work of St Illtud's with young people, specifically we are supporting the Tiny Treasure Seekers, a group for parents and carers of very young children and babies. This group meets weekly in the West Church on Thursday mornings during term time. MU members are involved in all aspects of this group. Our Branch has specifically undertaken to support this work with the provision of refreshments and providing Mums and carers with a listening ear when needed.

On a sad note we remember Maureen Brunning and give thanks for her life and long service to the Mother's Union in the various Parishes in which she and David served. Many of us have adopted one of "Maureen's Penguins".

As we look forward, we remember all members of our Branch and others who have nurtured us in our faith and in MU and we pray that we may carry on the work which God sets before us. We pray that we will be given the gifts which will enable our branch and our work to flourish. We ask for inspiration in our prayer, our practical work and our fund-raising which enables that work here and around the world to continue.

Sue Beetlestone - Branch Leader

St. Brides Major Mothers Union

We have had another busy year with a variety of speakers and trips out. Our monthly coffee mornings are very popular on the first Tuesday of the month, with our monthly talks on the second Tuesday of the month varied and enjoyable. On the last Friday of every month, we have a Mothers Union Corporate Communion Service in All Saints, Southerndown at 10.30am. These services are also well attended.

Last year the Branch gained the Bronze Award of the Behind Closed Doors initiative that raises awareness of the rise in domestic abuse. We also continue to support the Women's Refuge in Bridgend. As well as supporting the MU Charities, we also do collections for the Food Bank on a regular basis.

Joan McDowall–Thomas - Branch Leader

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Management structure and accounting

The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area is a registered charity managed by a Ministry Area Council as trustees.

Organisational structure, funding and activities

The Ministry Area includes 12 church buildings. Title to the buildings is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Ministry Area also has a beneficial interest in the church hall in St Brides Major. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the title to the premises on trust for the parish.

The continuing operations of the Ministry Area are funded principally from regular giving by those who attend services, and there is also some income from fees for weddings, funerals and interments, for which there is a standard scale of fees throughout the Church in Wales. There is also some income from rental of St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown. Various community activities take place in the 'West Church', a distinct area of St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, for which, when appropriate, a rental is charged, and Ewenny Priory Church hosts the Ewenny Arts Festival. There is some limited income from investments, discussed below.

Income and expenditure

In recent years, income and routine expenditure has been broadly in balance, though with some variation from year to year. There was, however, a significant increase in expenditure in 2023, when routine (unrestricted) expenditure exceeded income by nearly 10 per cent. While the situation improved in 2024, churches have struggled to maintain income at a level to meet outgoings, in particular energy costs.

It has, however, been encouraging to have regular giving, with many church members opting to make donations via direct debit or standing order, providing some certainty about anticipated income. We continue to claim Gift Aid wherever appropriate, which increases the value of donations.

Each of the churches would normally be involved in fundraising to support major projects and external charitable activities. While fundraising has gradually resumed since the pandemic, much of this has been devoted to covering running costs.

Two churches, St Tathan's and St Mary Magdalene's, benefitted from legacies in 2024. We greatly appreciate those who choose to remember the church when making their wills.

The main item of day-to-day expenditure has been the Diocesan Share, which spreads the cost of ministry across all Ministry Areas in the Diocese. This included training and paying clergy, parish support in key areas such as youth and children's work, church housing repairs and maintenance, and grants to support specific mission and ministry projects. It also covered the necessary governance. The Ministry Area's share for 2024 was £145,933, which was paid in monthly instalments throughout the year.

The Ministry Area also has its own running costs. Apart from staff costs, central funds cover clergy expenses, printing of booklets and newssheets, and provision of altar supplies to all the churches. These costs are funded by contributions from the churches, supplemented by income from property rental, magazine income and occasional fees for administrative services, including arrangements for weddings.

In addition to funds available for day-to-day expenditure, each of the churches has one or more restricted funds which may only be accessed for specific purposes. Regulations require that fees for burials and interment of ashes are allocated to a fund for the maintenance of the churchyard.

Financial review *(continued)*

Total income for the year was £351,725 (2023 £298,707), of which £293,857 (2023 £275,422) was unrestricted. Total expenditure was £362,247 (2023 £356,582), of which £291,752 (2023 £302,549) was unrestricted.

Project activity often spans more than one year with a consequent disparity in annual income and expenditure. Restricted income in 2024 was £54,929 (2023 £20,499) and expenditure £70,495 (2023 £54,033).

During the year there has been major work to repair the chancel roof and walls at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Monknash, together with work to improve rainwater drainage.

There was a break-in at St Illtud's church in Llantwit Major, leading to an insurance claim in respect of damage to a leaded glass window and the surrounding stonework as well as to donation boxes.

Investment policy

All current investments have arisen from sale of property, specific donations or bequests rather than being generated from surpluses. In such circumstances, the Council respects any specific or implied conditions relating to use of the funds.

The Ministry Area receives rental income from a residential property in Llantwit Major. This is seen as a long-term source of income. There is some expenditure on maintenance, which will vary from year to year, in order to keep the property in good order.

Two of the churches benefit from permanent endowments, drawing income while maintaining the capital. The investments take the form of shares in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund. This fund aims to achieve a balance between sustainable levels of income and capital growth; to optimise total returns without undue risk; and to operate within the constraints of the Church in Wales' Ethical Investment Policy.

- Under the R H Thomas Trust, the proceeds of the sale of Flush House, Llantwit Major are held in trust for the benefit of St Donat's Church.
- Proceeds of the sale in 1945 of a house and land in Llanmaes left to the church by Miss Catherine Richards have been invested to provide income for St Cattwg's Church. While use of the income from the bequest is discretionary, Miss Richards' will requests that family graves are maintained.

There are Chancel Repair Funds for St Bridget's, St Illtud's and St Mary Magdalene's churches which are also invested in the Common Investment Fund, in these cases with the income being routinely reinvested to provide for growth of the Fund. Until recently, the use of these funds has been strictly limited by regulations under the Tithe Act 1936, which restricted their use to maintenance and insurance against fire of the walls, roof and floor of the chancel, but not of other parts of the church or of monuments, stained glass or decorations. Under new regulations made in October 2024 the funds (both capital and income) may be used for the repair, maintenance, improvement and insurance of the whole of the church, rather than just the chancel.

St Tathan's Church has investment funds arising from the sale of a church hall and land. This has been used to support ongoing activities and maintenance at St Tathan's Church. Both dividend income and capital have been used for these purposes. At the year-end the holding had a value of £228,555.

The total value of Ministry Area investments in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund at the year-end was £375,112. In addition, £55,972 was held in short-term cash deposits.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales also holds some funds which may be made available in appropriate circumstances. These include the proceeds of the sale of a house in Llantwit Major, held for the benefit of the church there, and of a Deed of Gift benefitting St Giles' Church.

Financial review *(continued)*

Reserves policy

Apart from the investments described above, the Ministry Area and the individual churches hold funds to meet current and anticipated expenditure.

At the end of 2024, funds held in current or deposit accounts amounted to £345,543 with an additional £55,972 held in short term cash deposits. Of this, £139,351 was in restricted funds for particular purposes, while £206,192 would be available for such purposes as may be approved by the Council consistent with the constitution. While in total this is more than adequate to cover the routine expenditure of the Ministry Area, the funds are held in 28 different bank accounts, in most cases operated by local treasurers, who will need to address the particular needs of their churches and the community.

Overall reserves at the year-end are £782,773 (2023 £773,845), of which £497,104 (2023 £480,190) is unrestricted, while £161,542 (2023 £175,974) is restricted and £124,127 (2023 £117,681) is in the form of endowment funds.

The reserves should provide the Ministry Area with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

The Council intends to maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational expenditure, having regard to anticipated income and outgoings and limitations on the uses for particular funds.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

There is optimism that more activities will be possible during 2025 and future years. The income stream will remain heavily dependent on commitments to regular giving, with active encouragement for the use of the Church in Wales Gift Direct facility, providing for regular donations by direct debit, and other forms of direct payment. We also intend to make greater use of contactless giving in our churches.

The Diocese of Llandaff is changing the way that funds are gathered from the 29 Ministry Areas by replacing the existing Fairer Share system with a Common Fund which would cover the cost of clergy in the Ministry Areas. Under this new system, Ministry Areas are being asked to pledge what they can afford to fund this. Our pledge for 2025 amounts to an 8 per cent increase over our 2024 Fairer Share contribution and we will aim to increase this in subsequent years so that by 2027 it equates to the cost of 3 stipendiary clergy.

The pledge is primarily funded by the individual churches, which rely on regular giving from their congregations in order to maintain these payments. In view of the extent of the overall increase we have budgeted for individual churches to increase their commitment by 5 per cent over 2024 levels, with the balance coming from reserves.

Maintaining church buildings will remain a major concern. The Ministry Area includes eleven listed buildings, regarded as being of particular historical and architectural significance. While some grant funding may be available for major works, in each case there will be a need for initial funding and fundraising by local people.

Further work is planned at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Monknash. The Chancel Repair Fund will be used towards this.

There has been storm damage at St Illtud's Church which is likely to give rise to a further insurance claim. There are also plans for repairs to the tower and refurbishment of the porch. All the churches require some work and decisions have to be taken on urgency and funding.

The evaluation of any proposal will involve an assessment of the benefit to be provided by the proposed work and the extent to which this will contribute to the mission of the church, the needs of the wider community and the preservation of heritage. In each case, formal permission will be required before undertaking major works on a listed building.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the Ministry Area

The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area is situated in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales. It is in the Vale of Glamorgan Deanery Diocese of Llandaff.

Dedications of the churches within the Ministry Area and their locations

All Saints	Southerndown
Ewenny Priory (St Michael and All Angels)	Ewenny
St Bridget's	St Brides Major
St Cattwg	Llanmaes
St Donat	St Donat's
St Giles	Gileston
St Illtud	Llantwit Major
St James	Wick
St Mary Magdalene	Monknash
Holy Trinity	Marcross
St Michael and All Angels	Llanmihangel
St Tathan	St Athan

Names of all persons who were MAC members during the financial year and any Parochial Office held.

Mr Eddie Williams	Chair
Canon Edwin Counsell	Ministry Area Leader
Fr Craig Vaughan	Vicar
Rev'd Emma Street	Vicar
Mrs Patricia Lancaster	Representative: St Illtud's, Llantwit Major
Mrs Louise Edwards	Representative: St James', Wick
Mr Jeffrey Robinson	Representative: St Cattwg's, Llanmaes
Mrs Sharon Evans	Representative: Holy Trinity Marcross
Mrs Marie Sheppard	Representative: St Mary's, Monknash
Mr Richard Simpson	Representative: St Tathan, St Athan
Mrs Lynda Mumford	Representative: St Giles, Gileston
Mr Graham Bray	Representative: St Michael's, Llanmihangel
Mrs Joy Newton	Representative: St Bridget's, St Brides Major
Mrs Sam Budd	Representative: St Michael's, Ewenny Priory
Ms Sian Tesni Roberts	Representative: St Donat's, St Donats

Ministry Area Administrator and Secretary to the Council:

Mrs Alison Weston	Retired July 2024
Mrs Natasha Jones	Appointed September 2024

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Details of Governance

The MAC is an unincorporated charity, governed by its constitution adopted 1 February 2004, as amended on 24 July 2018.

The Constitution of the Church in Wales defines the functions and powers of a Ministry Area Council.

These include:

1. the promotion of the mission of the Church in the Ministry Area;
2. consideration of matters concerning the Church in Wales (but not declarations of doctrine);
3. propagation and implementation of any provision made by the Governing Body, the Representative Body or the Diocesan or Deanery Conference;
4. the discharge of the duties placed upon it by any Regulations made under the provisions of the Constitution;
5. all Ministry Area finances, the preparation of the Ministry Area budget and production of a report and accounts in accordance with the Charities Act and Church in Wales Accounting Regulations;
6. advising on matters properly referred to it and taking into consideration any expression of opinion by any properly constituted church meeting; and
7. communication with the Diocesan and Deanery Conferences on such matters as the Council deems appropriate.

The Council shall be the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop.

The Ministry Area holds an Annual Vestry Meeting and ensures that every member of the Council signs a declaration that they will be bound by the Constitution.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 20.5.25 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Signed ..... Signed .....

Print name EDWINA COUNSELL Print Name E. WILLIAMS

Trustee Trustee

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Farzana Ahmed FCCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 02/06/2025

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Endowment funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	4	197,048	39,246	–	**236,294**	190,908
Charitable activities	5	15,650	10,671	–	**26,321**	22,681
Other trading activities	6	23,211	2,503	–	**25,714**	28,272
Investment income	7	28,385	886	2,939	**32,210**	21,013
Other income	8	29,563	1,623	–	**31,186**	35,833
Total income		293,857	54,929	2,939	**351,725**	298,707
Expenditure						
Expenditure on raising funds:						
Costs of other trading activities	9	9,553	112	–	**9,665**	6,596
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	280,977	70,328	–	**351,305**	346,471
Other expenditure	13	1,222	55	–	**1,277**	3,515
Total expenditure		291,752	70,495	–	**362,247**	356,582
Net gains on investments	14	11,870	1,134	6,446	**19,450**	3,660
Net income/(expenditure)		13,975	(14,432)	9,385	**8,928**	(54,215)
Transfers between funds		2,939	–	(2,939)	–	–
Net movement in funds		16,914	(14,432)	6,446	**8,928**	(54,215)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		480,190	175,974	117,681	**773,845**	828,060
Total funds carried forward		497,104	161,542	124,127	**782,773**	773,845

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	19	375,112	349,435
Current assets			
Stocks	20	848	1,773
Debtors	21	14,808	5,726
Cash at bank and in hand		401,515	438,049
		417,171	445,548
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	(9,510)	(21,138)
Net current assets		407,661	424,410
Total assets less current liabilities		782,773	773,845
Net assets		782,773	773,845
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		124,127	117,681
Restricted funds		161,542	175,974
Unrestricted funds		497,104	480,190
Total charity funds	23	782,773	773,845

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20 May 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed ..... Signed .....

Print name EDWIN CRANSELL
Trustee

Print Name E. WILLIAMS
Trustee

The notes on pages 24 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Rectory, High Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

After making reasonable enquiries and having considered the impact of various other factors on the financial performance of the charity and its current position, the trustees believe the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable purpose, will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no material judgements or estimation uncertainties to note, other than those already covered by the accounting policies.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Planned Giving	81,536	2,033	**83,569**
Loose Collections	31,434	–	**31,434**
Donations	36,185	4,585	**40,770**
For Mission	406	–	**406**
Tax Refunds	30,866	–	**30,866**
Legacies			
Legacies	11,921	–	**11,921**
Grants			
St Illtud's:			
Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance	4,000	–	**4,000**
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	350	–	**350**
St Cattwg's:			
Listed Place of Worship Grant Scheme	–	3,065	**3,065**
St Mary's, Monknash:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	5,000	**5,000**
Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance	–	3,000	**3,000**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	7,313	**7,313**
National Churches Trust	–	3,000	**3,000**
Wolfson Foundation	–	9,000	**9,000**
St James', Wick:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	750	**750**
Parish Office:			
Ty Cerdd	–	1,500	**1,500**
St Bridget's:			
SB Community Council	200	–	**200**
Miscellaneous other small grants	150	–	**150**
	197,048	39,246	**236,294**

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Planned Giving	83,251	2,371	85,622
Loose Collections	29,383	330	29,713
Donations	27,945	3,123	31,068
For Mission	349	–	349
Tax Refunds	32,405	415	32,819
Legacies			
Legacies	1,000	1,000	2,000
Grants			
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	30	10	40
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	300
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	643	–	643
Holy Trinity:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
Parish Office:			
Llandaff Diocese Independent Exam Grant	1,000	–	1,000
Administration Grant	4,000	–	4,000
St Bridget's:			
SB Community Council	200	–	200
Vale of Glamorgan Council	4,154	–	4,154
	183,359	7,549	190,908

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	15,650	10,671	**26,321**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	13,329	9,352	22,681

This relates to church fees for weddings, funerals and interments. Fees are set by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Fundraising events	18,807	2,503	**21,310**
Shop income	4,404	–	**4,404**
	23,211	2,503	**25,714**

6. Other trading activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	21,522	2,472	23,994
Shop income	4,278	–	4,278
	25,800	2,472	28,272

7. Investment income

Title to a residential property in Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Ministry Area receives rental income and has responsibility for maintenance.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Income from investment properties	9,500	–	–	**9,500**
Income from listed investments	11,093	516	2,939	**14,548**
Bank interest receivable	7,792	370	–	**8,162**
	28,385	886	2,939	**32,210**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from investment properties	8,500	–	–	8,500
Income from listed investments	5,824	477	2,786	9,088
Bank interest receivable	3,282	143	–	3,425
	17,606	620	2,786	21,013

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Other income	29,563	1,623	**31,186**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income	35,327	506	35,833

9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	3,116	–	**3,116**
Costs of money raising - Staging events	6,437	112	**6,549**
	9,553	112	**9,665**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	1,509	–	1,509
Costs of money raising - Staging events	5,087	–	5,087
	6,596	–	6,596

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Support for Ministry	154,079	–	**154,079**
Parish Running Costs	31,063	5,563	**36,626**
Church Property	63,495	64,765	**128,260**
Missions	28,500	–	**28,500**
Support costs	3,840	–	**3,840**
	280,977	70,328	**351,305**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Support for Ministry	147,600	–	147,600
Parish Running Costs	32,647	431	33,078
Church Property	90,202	53,506	143,708
Missions	18,605	–	18,605
Support costs	3,480	–	3,480
	292,534	53,937	346,471

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2024 £**	Total fund 2023 £
Support for Ministry	154,079	–	**154,079**	147,600
Parish Running Costs	36,626	–	**36,626**	33,078
Church Property	128,260	–	**128,260**	143,708
Missions	28,500	–	**28,500**	18,605
Governance costs	–	3,840	**3,840**	3,480
	347,465	3,840	**351,305**	346,471

12. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs	**Total 2024**	Total 2023
	£	**£**	£
Governance costs	3,840	**3,840**	3,480

13. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2024**
	£	£	**£**
Other expenditure	1,222	55	**1,277**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Other expenditure	3,419	96	3,515

14. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	**Total Funds 2024**
	£	£	£	**£**
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	11,870	1,134	6,446	**19,450**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	(3,642)	1,084	6,218	3,660

15. Independent examination fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	**3,840**	3,480

16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**15,732**	15,849
Social security costs	**843**	932
	16,575	16,781

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2023: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Number of staff - admin	**1**	1

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year, 3 trustees received a total of £10,067 for expenses reasonably incurred in the course of their duties as clergy (2023: 3, £10,281).

18. Transfers between funds

A variety of transfers between funds took place within the year, as detailed in note 23, and mostly relate to the income from investments being transferred to general funds.

19. Investments

	Cash or cash equivalents £	Listed investments £	**Total £**
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2024	139	349,296	**349,435**
Additions	517	6,214	**6,731**
Disposals	(504)	–	**(504)**
Fair value movements	–	19,450	**19,450**
At 31 December 2024	152	374,960	**375,112**
Impairment			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024			**–**
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	**152**	**374,960**	**375,112**
At 31 December 2023	139	349,296	349,435

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are held in either The Church In Wales Common Investment Fund. Statements are received stating the middle market valuation of a share at the year-end. This is considered to be fair value and the value of each investment is calculated accordingly.

20. Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Raw materials and consumables	**848**	1,773

21. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	–	452
Other debtors	14,808	5,274
	14,808	5,726

22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	9,510	21,138

23. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	480,190	293,857	(291,752)	2,939	11,870	497,104

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	480,768	275,422	(302,549)	30,191	(3,642)	480,190

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	**729**
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	**246**
Friends of St Illtud's	15,682	709	–	–	–	**16,391**
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	**159**
Galilee Account	18,983	–	–	–	–	**18,983**
Churchyard	17,700	4,705	(2,275)	–	–	**20,130**
Chancel Repair	3,389	84	–	–	185	**3,658**
Youth Project	2,369	648	(1,881)	–	–	**1,136**
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	2,284	540	(634)	–	–	**2,190**
Restoration / Maintenance	5,454	6,159	(112)	–	–	**11,501**
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	3,802	2,275	(7,461)	2,240	–	**856**
Churchyard	2,605	1,521	(1,284)	–	–	**2,842**
Youth Work	1,869	–	(314)	–	–	**1,555**
Friends of St James'	1,820	1,095	–	(2,240)	–	**675**
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Churchyard	804	5,558	(5,594)	–	–	**768**
Bells & Tower	20,590	493	–	–	–	**21,083**
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	1,805	–	–	–	–	**1,805**
Alexander Fund	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	6,442	–	–	–	–	**6,442**
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	505	(480)	–	–	**25**
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	21,671	28,528	(48,960)	–	–	**1,239**
Chancel Repair	5,250	6	–	–	14	**5,270**
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,220	–	–	–	–	**6,220**
Legacy Fund	12,611	–	–	–	–	**12,611**
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	17,141	426	–	–	935	**18,502**
Parish Office:						
Early Voices	–	1,500	(1,500)	–	–	**–**
Canolfan Illtud	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
St Michael's Churchyard	319	52	–	–	–	**371**
St Michael's Restoration	6,030	125	–	–	–	**6,155**
	175,974	54,929	(70,495)	–	1,134	**161,542**

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	729
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	246
Friends of St Illtud's	14,705	977	–	–	–	15,682
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	159
Galilee Account	18,883	100	–	–	–	18,983
Churchyard	16,953	6,279	(5,534)	2	–	17,700
Chancel Repair	3,135	78	–	–	176	3,389
Youth Project	2,603	–	(234)	–	–	2,369
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	2,137	160	(13)	–	–	2,284
Restoration / Maintenance	23,303	1,606	(19,455)	–	–	5,454
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	250	3,552	–	–	–	3,802
Churchyard	5,947	2,057	(5,399)	–	–	2,605
Youth Work	2,143	–	(274)	–	–	1,869
Friends of St James'	725	1,095	–	–	–	1,820
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Churchyard	2,318	2,602	(4,116)	–	–	804
Bells & Tower	20,202	388	–	–	–	20,590
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	1,505	300	–	–	–	1,805
Alexander Fund	20,082	–	–	(20,082)	–	–
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	5,504	–	–	938	–	6,442
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	–	(440)	440	–	–
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	21,671	–	–	–	–	21,671
Chancel Repair	5,232	5	–	–	13	5,250
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	(272)	–	–
Restoration	10,780	609	(2)	(11,387)	–	–
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,340	–	(120)	–	–	6,220
Legacy Fund	12,611	–	–	–	–	12,611
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	15,852	394	–	–	895	17,141
Parish Office:						
Alexander Fund	21,542	–	(18,495)	(3,047)	–	–
Canolfan Illtud	–	–	49	(49)	–	–
St Michael's Churchyard	–	47	–	272	–	319
St Michael's Restoration	–	250	–	5,780	–	6,030
	235,829	20,499	(54,033)	(27,405)	1,084	175,974

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2024 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	108,981	2,722	–	(2,722)	5,970	**114,951**
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	8,700	217	–	(217)	476	**9,176**
	117,681	2,939	–	(2,939)	6,446	**124,127**

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	103,223	2,580	–	(2,580)	5,758	108,981
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	8,240	206	–	(206)	460	8,700
	111,463	2,786	–	(2,786)	(6,218)	117,681

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Investments	228,555	22,430	124,127	**375,112**
Current assets	277,819	139,352	–	**417,171**
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,270)	(240)	–	**(9,510)**
Net assets	497,104	161,542	124,127	**782,773**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investments	210,973	20,781	117,681	349,435
Current assets	278,095	167,453	–	445,548
Creditors less than 1 year	(8,878)	(12,260)	–	(21,138)
Net assets	480,190	175,974	117,681	773,845

25. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	1,896	1,896
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	474	2,370
	2,370	4,266

At the end of 2022 the Ministry Area entered into a 3-year lease for a photocopier. The full commitment has been included here.

GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST MINISTRY AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1131490

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1131490

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2023

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Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

INTRODUCTION FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

This Annual Report is an important document, because it is shared with parishioners and the wider church community of the Church in Wales, as well as the Charity Commission, to whom we are accountable for the good stewardship of our funds and the discharge of our trustee responsibilities. Yet the beating heart of this report and of our Ministry Area is our proclamation of God's love, and the worship, prayer and care that shapes our work each day. So, if the content of this report appears practical and dry in parts, please remember that these practical structures and responsibilities enable us to serve the lives of local people day by day, and to do so in faith and to the glory of God.

It is now 2 full years since the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area was inaugurated, as part of a wide-ranging restructuring of parishes and churches across Llandaff Diocese. The Heritage Coast churches have been working in collaboration for more than two decades, so this most recent rebranding did not bring the significant changes that many other church and parish communities have experienced. That said, 2023 has been an important time of change and development for our church communities.

By the later part of 2023 many people were starting to realise the extent of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In very practical terms, we all started to realise that our churches could once again; accommodate large congregations safely, meaning that the large gatherings we had taken for granted for decades were once again possible. Perhaps more significant, however, has been the growing awareness of just how much people have changed since the Spring of 2020. We have lost a lot of long serving and faithful parishioners, a significant number of whom have died, while many others have moved away, often relocating nearer to family. There has also been a change of attitude that has affected many voluntary organisations, including churches, as many people are choosing to step back from voluntary roles they have held for many years.

The impact of all this on our churches has left some churches worried for the future, while others have seen growth as new people have stepped in and stepped up to fill these roles. The growth in some of our churches has been a great encouragement, while the decline in others is a matter of real concern.

Our Local Church Wardens perform a key role of leadership across our 12 churches and they carry a weight of significant responsibility. Perhaps most importantly are the links and opportunities for sharing skills and experiences across our Ministry Area. The Local Church Committees have excelled in managing local issues in each church, with clear accountability the Ministry Area Council (MAC), which discharges the necessary trustee responsibilities. These systems are effective and now well embedded, helping each church to deal with day-to-day matters. There is much to celebrate in our family of churches.

2023 has seen Alun Jenkins step back from his role as Chair of the MAC, having overseen the establishment of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area, and the coming together of the final group of churches in 2018. Alun 's successor as Chair of the MAC is Eddie Williams, and we wish him well in this vital role in the years ahead.

The Ministry Team has consolidated with staffing of 3 full-time priests, although we were delighted to hear at the end of the year that Lee Gonzalez, who has been on a student placement in our Ministry Area for the last year, will be joining our team as a non-stipendiary (i.e. self-supporting) Deacon, following his ordination in 2024.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who have supported the life, work and witness of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area during 2023. Our work would have been impossible without the hard work of the clergy and lay readers in the ministry team, ably supported by Alison Weston's work as MA Administrator, along with the tireless work of David Walke, the MA Treasurer. Church Wardens, local church officers, members of the Ministry Area Council and countless others have given so generously of their time and talents across all 12 churches. That constant support is both practical and prayerful, and speaks of a Christian community with Christ at its centre and God's love at its heart. It is in that promise of faith that our work moves forward.

Canon Edwin Counsell (Ministry Area Leader)
Mr Eddie Williams (Chair of the Ministry Area Council)
Mr Geoff Semmens (Ministry Area Warden)

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area	
Charity registration number	1131490	
Principal office	Ministry Area Office St Illtud's Church Church Street Llantwit Major	
The trustees	Mr JL Robinson	
	Mr E Williams	
	Mr AG Semmens	
	Ms SM Evans	
	Mrs LM Mumford	
	Mrs MJ Sheppard	
	Canon ECR Counsell	
	Rev. CA Vaughan	
	Mrs SE Evans	
	Mr RJ Simpson	
	Ms J Newton	
	Rev EE Street	
	Ms PA Lancaster	
	Mrs P Ayres	*(resigned 26 April 2023)*
	Mr AV Jenkins	*(resigned 1 September 2023)*
	Ms PM Bennett	*(resigned 8 September 2023)*
	Ms ST Copeland Roberts	*(appointed 9 September 2023)*
Independent examiner	Farzana Ahmed ACCA 1st Floor, Tudor House 16 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9LJ	
Ministry Area Leader	Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell The Rectory High Street Llantwit Major CF61 1SS	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc	

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The mission of the Ministry Area is to advance the Christian religion through local and worldwide activities. The object of the Ministry Area Council (MAC) is to ensure that the life and work of the Church within the parish helps to fulfil this mission, both locally and more widely. It is regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The Ministry Area holds an Annual Vestry Meeting and ensures that every member of the Council signs a declaration that they will be bound by the Constitution.

The MAC is responsible, inter alia, for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of the Church fabric and of the churchyards and for action on any matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution. The MAC is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

The charitable objects per the governing documents are: "The promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish".

The members of the MAC as trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

General Pattern of Sunday Services in the Ministry Area

Time	1st Sunday	2ndSunday	3rd Sunday	4thSunday	5thSunday
St Illtud's, Llantwit Major					
8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	
9.30am	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	MA Service at any one of the 12 Churches
St James', Wick					
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
Ewenny Priory, Ewenny					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Giles', Gileston					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Michaels, Llanmihangel					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Cattwg's, Llanmaes					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Bridget's, St Brides Major					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Tathan, St Athan					
11.00am		Holy Eucharist		Holy Eucharist	
3.00pm	Café church& Bible Study		Treasure Seekers/Eco Church		MA Service at any one of the Churches
St Donats, St Donats					
11:15am	Prayer & Praise	Holy Eucharist	Meet, Greet & Eat	Prayer & Praise	MA Service at any one of the Churches

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Individual Church Reports

St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major

St Bridget's has survived another year, thanks to the support of a small, elderly committed congregation, a hardworking LCC, 2 Organists and 2 Churchwardens with access to Alison in the Parish Office. We have Rotas for everything and this system continues to work.

We held regular Sunday Services at 11am, every week, taken by Parish and Retired Clergy, Lay Readers and in an emergency the Churchwardens. We enjoyed light refreshments after each Service at the back of the Church.

St Bridget's Day, Mothering Sunday and Harvest were led by our Church School. We celebrated with giving out daffodil posies on Mothering Sunday and enjoying special appropriate refreshments on the other two special occasions.

Health and Safety inspections were carried out regularly. A protruding drain in the porch was sorted and wooden infills laid in gaps near the organ. Lighting and heating have been maintained as necessary. Fire extinguishers were checked.

Pastoral Care is ongoing on an ad hoc, rather than official basis at the moment. Where there's a need, there's a response.

Our financial situation continues to be a source of concern. Expenditure exceeded income. Our bells are in urgent need of repair and we await a Quinquennial Report with trepidation.

Fundraising events included a Table Top Sale in the Church Hall and Christmas Tree Festival in Church. Our local Ladies Community Choir performed in the local pub, The Fox and all collected monies were given to Church.

July 2023 saw us having a most successful St Bridget's Open Day when the local Community was invited to come into Church to view a Photographic Display of historic Church/Village events and exposed incised sepulchral slab of Sir Johan le Botiler (Butler) of Dunraven (c1285). This was discovered in 1845 and now rests at the rear of the altar; the stone coffin to which the slab originally belonged is positioned along the south wall of the sanctuary. The figure itself, is one of the most interesting monuments in the Church. Refreshments were sold and the day proved to be a most successful fund raiser and coming together of the whole Community.

Thank you everyone for your support during 2023. Please continue to keep our beautiful Village Church alive and well.

Joy Newton

Bellringing

We're doing our best to return to our pre-covid ringing and although some of us have increasing memory problems we rely heavily upon Tony Davies' expertise and experience to chivvy us along.

We have welcomed Jo Hargreaves whose career has brought her to our locality and who has previous ringing experience.

We have amended our practice timing from 7.00 - 8.00 pm to better accommodate ringers' other commitments. We are regularly told how 'ringable' are our bells and we have had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from near and far - amongst others, hosting the Diocesan practice in December which

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coincided with our Christmas Tree Festival and helped to attract more visitors to the church. Invariably, the standard of their ringing gives us something to aspire to.

We rang for the Coronation and tolled for the Queen's funeral. The Church Open Day, held in the summer to demonstrate to the village what an asset they have in their midst, was accompanied by some vigorous ringing, and we rang for the midnight Christmas service, probably disturbing all those children who had been carefully settled down by loving parents, and the tenor was tolled by Hilary Evans from Llantwit, for her cousin, local well known farmer Graham David.

Our objective is to get back to pre-Sunday service ringing at least once a month and to remember the work for Bob doubles although Tony has ambitions of us learning Grandsire! We'll see.

Christoper Thorpe

St Brides Church Hall

Playgroup has continued to be our biggest income contributor but this year they have been struggling for numbers. However, the Hall is still regularly used by The Library, Ladies Keep Fit, Mother & Toddlers, Art Group, Saturday Coffee & Chat Club and latterly Karate Classes (while the school extension work is going on) which, together with birthday parties etc. all help to keep the revenue up. It is also used by our County Councilor's for their regular surgeries which coincide with Saturday Coffee & Chat mornings.

Over the past few years, we have experienced problems and inefficiency with the ageing gas boiler and its control system which was only subject to local control and could be inadvertently left on by users. Fortunately, we were able to secure a 90% grant from The Vale Strong Communities Grant Fund to replace it together with installing a new Hive WiFi remote control system which now enables us to control and monitor it. We also replaced the old rusty steel-framed windows in the Male & Female Toilets with fully double-glazed units and tiled around the urinal area in the Male Toilet together with having the Male Toilet ceiling and walls painted. This entire works ended up costing us less than £450.

Coffee & Chat is still going strong. We celebrated our 25th Anniversary this year. We meet every Saturday morning in the Church Hall and hope to create a warm and friendly group for anyone who pops in.

Robert Carveth

All Saints Church, Southerndown

The church continues to be used by organisations in the community Mothers Union, Women's Institute, Council, Knit and Natter etc. We have also restarted away days for other Ministry Areas. The council still advertise us in their 'warm place scheme'. Some kind members of our sister church of St Brides Major help to transport a few of our older parishioners, with mobility problems, this enables us as a rural community to interact and socialise over a cup of tea at the end of the service. We can facilitate the congregation as we have easy access, and disabled toilet facilities.

We have recently been able to replace our older strip lighting with new LED fittings which should help reduce the overall electricity cost for the benefice.

We continue to meet regularly for worship on a Wednesday at 3pm.

Hazel Norfolk

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes

The year saw an increasing return to normality following the COVID disruptions. Congregation numbers have largely recovered but, as with many churches, not back to pre-pandemic figures. The church has, nevertheless, had a busy year.

It began with an excellent quiz held in the St Cattwg's Village Hall arranged and led so well by Eric and Anne Sparks. An excellent evening of fellowship also provided the church with some useful extra funding. It is hoped to do another quiz in 2024.

The Church Council met regularly and have now timed their meetings to be held before the MAC's meetings so that urgent matters could be raised more effectively. As with fellow churches we followed the Christian festivals with Easter, Harvest and Christmas, etc. guiding us through the year. Our Carol Service was particularly successful with over sixty people including many children enjoying the traditional readings and carols. All stayed at the end to enjoy fellowship and mulled wine and chocolates. Clearly numbers like that are unusual but such services help the church to remain in contact to many who are not regular church goers.

As with any ancient building there has been much to do in 2023. Some missing glass replaced and the main church door rehung possibly for the first time in centuries. The churchyard has also been maintained to a high standard thanks to help from younger members of the congregation plus generous assistance from many friends in the village.

The year will also be memorable for the successful temporary removal of our three tower bells which were taken to Dorset for cleaning and retuning. On their return in December, they were rehung safely and can now be electronically sounded, e.g., a calling bell to indicate that a service is about to start. Children from the village rang the first official sounding at the Carol Service. One extra thing associated with the work on the bells was the insistence of the Diocese that we install a rope hand-rail on the tower steps.

Arguably this should have been done nearly four hundred years ago when the tower was added but, perhaps, better late than never!

Finally, we are grateful to the clergy team for their spirituality and good humour which we recognise can come at a cost to their health. Thank you all.

Jeff Robinson and Kerry Veale

St Donats Church, St Donats

2023 has seen a return to regular services with 4 services conducted most months. These consist of 3 conducted by clergy (1 Eucharist, 2 Prayer and Praise) and one Greet, Meet and Eat (GM&E).

The GM&E are an informal get together for the students attending Atlantic College (AC) and church members, organised by Sheila Smith with support from Vicky Bailey (church member and Atlantic College House Parent). Vicky's support has been an invaluable link with the college, both in encouraging and supporting students and in assisting with the GM&E. At the end of the gathering, everyone present enjoys fellowship and refreshments. All students are welcome, with many varied topics and themes discussed e.g. aspects of faith, culture, life experiences and much more. The AC Christian Group leader(s) liaise with church members in respect of the GM&E and contributions to services e.g. readings, songs from different cultures and sharing their life experiences. The input and involvement with students from AC is unique within the Parish. We see it as a joy and a mission to support and encourage students to join in our services. We are privileged to have between 8-12 students attend and take part in our weekly services. Sometimes fewer and sometimes more.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The link with the college also includes liaising with Sam Mazzarella, Head of Music at the college in organising musical events at the church. In addition, church members, clergy and AC Welcome team representatives meet regularly to discuss important issues related to church and college. The safeguarding and security of students and church members is much appreciated.

Key events in 2023:
Student Leavers Service 14th May 2023: Fr Edwin Counsell led the 2nd year students' leaving service. Students leaving the college received a blessing from Fr Edwin and were presented with a Welsh Love Spoon as a memento of their stay at the college and members of the church community. This was followed by a picnic.

Wedding 26th May 2023: Mr and Mrs L Thomas (Beth and Lloyd, Splott Farm, St Donat's) were married at St Donat's. The Splott Farm family have a long connection and tradition of attending services at the church.

Filming at St Donat's Church, September – October 2023: A modern version of *The Famous Five* was filmed at St Donat's. Part one was televised on the BBC Christmas 2023, with Part 2 over Easter 2024.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service 1st October 2023: Led by Keith Brown and collaboration with Stanley Gilbert. The Harvest service included contributions from students. There was a generous contribution to the Vale Foodbank Appeal. The church looked a picture and the harvest loaf ably prepared by Jayne Thomas. Refreshments enjoyed after the service.

Student Welcome Services 8th October 2023: A little later than usual, the welcome to 1st Year AC students was led by Fr Edwin Counsell. About 25 students attended. The theme of conflict aptly selected. In the world we live in and the countries so many of the students come from are increasingly being affected by conflict and disaster. Students appreciated their country being mentioned. One student requested that we keep in mind countries that are not so widely reported, yet where conflict is experienced during our prayers for peace.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023: In addition to the usual Remembrance Sunday service, a student from Afghanistan talked briefly about the devastating impact of the earthquake on 7th October. £90.00 raised and sent to the Afghanistan appeal of the British Red Cross.

AC Carol Service 3rd December 2023: Organised by Sam Mazzarella (his team) and Stan Gilbert. The service was led by Fr Edwin Counsel with students and staff (including the Principal, Naheed Bardai) participating and leading the lessons and carols. The service was well attended, with people travelling from far and near. The service was followed with refreshments as people took the opportunity to socialise.

The success of these services is due to the hard work and dedication of our organist, Stanley Gilbert in collaboration with the clergy and college music staff. We were able show our appreciation of Stan's work when he and Sandra celebrated their Wedding Anniversary.

Sheila Smith has continued her work and pastoral support with the college students by organising monthly GM&E get togethers in the church most months. In addition, she invites small groups of students to attend lunch or evening meals in her home. Sheila is ably supported by Victoria Bailey.

We were unfortunate to lose a much-appreciated, hardworking church warden in 2023. Due to ill health and family commitments, Ms Trish Bennett stepped down from her duties. This has left us short of a church warden, but the congregation although small in number, is very supportive when the current church warden is unable to be present due to work commitments.

We hope to be able to hold some fundraising events for church restoration in 2024.

Sian Tesni Roberts

Achievements and performance ***(continued)***

The Priory Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Ewenny

2023 started very well for the Priory, after the restrictions of the previous year we have managed a strong and thriving congregation, managing a consistent number and welcoming new members. The clergy team have looked after us, with Lee Gonzales becoming a strong and valid member and looking after us at the priory, offering a number of after service discussion groups, which were well attended and varied discussions took place, enabling us to understand more about services and each other.

Many interesting services took place.
In April we were lucky to welcome Edward Picton-Tuberville and his choir, they took part in a service led by Father Edwin which was incredible!

Ewenny Arts festival hosted many events this year, including, the Fountain singers, Elizabeth singers, a guitar duo, with Adam Khan and the amazing Vale Ensemble at the end of the year signifying the beginning of Christmas.

We also hosted Old Castle School which held an awards ceremony and show cased their musical achievements, from piano, choir and guitar, being treated to a performance by three bass players playing Nirvana, a first in the Priory!

Mr. Jeremy Picton-Turbiville kindly gave permission for the festival to use the grounds of the Priory including the church to host a picnic where we were entertained by Richard Logan and his friend Marc known as Scrape and Squeeze on the fiddle and accordion, the weather was favorable and. Jayne Jenkins, Marian, Helen and others provided teas and scones for the local community.

The Christmas season started with the children of St. Brides leading their concerts for their parents and families, thank you to all that helped with parking and helping it happen, as with all the events.

No harvest supper this year, instead a buffet after the service which was enjoyed by all, we all brought donations to the food bank which were delivered and gratefully received.

Nine lessons and carols took place, the weather was atrocious, but it was fabulous with the Ewenny chamber Choir, and father Edwin in his suit!

We were without Father Craig, but would like to thank all clergy for keeping us going, Paul Thompson at Christmas, and of course Fr Phillip as well as all other visiting priests.

CADW have been carrying out repairs, in the monastic end, all finished now.

Thank you to all who make The Priory thrive, particularly Alun and Jayne Jenkins without whom it wouldn't!

Sam Budd

St Giles Church, Gileston

Following on from the major works to the church roof of St Giles in 2022, I am sad to report that there is still some water ingress between the roof and the bell tower. However, the roof is much improved, and the rainwater goods are working well unlike the old guttering which was too narrow and inefficient. Over the years there has been much speculation as to the cause of the water leak of the tower, but with such an old, historic building, we are learning to live with the problem. Our next project is to improve the lighting both inside and on the outside entrance steps. With the faculty having been approved, we are just waiting for better weather and hopefully the work will be completed in time for next autumn/winter's evening services.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Attendance at Sunday services in St Giles has remained constant with the inclusion of couples hoping to get married in 2024. There were three weddings in 2023 and one christening. Harvest festival in early October was enjoyed by everyone and followed with light refreshments. St Giles carol service was especially well attended with all seats occupied. Following the service, mulled wine and nibbles were available in Gileston Manor and it was such a lovely cold, crisp December evening that we sang carols outside the manor and viewed the wonderful Christmas lights in the grounds. It was especially nice to welcome back couples who had been married in the church the previous year and had kept in touch.

As always, we are extremely grateful to Josh and Lorraine of Gileston Manor for their generosity towards St Giles Church.

Lynda Mumford

Holy Trinity Church, Marcross

The monthly services at Holy Trinity Marcross are supported by a core of around 12 – 15 people, which, when you think that we meet in a church that is very cold throughout the winter months, and sometimes in the summer as well, is a very good number indeed. We have a regular cleaning team of six, and one or two that pop in regularly just to keep an eye on things. For a little church in a small village, Holy Trinity is well cared for.

We held several very enjoyable events throughout the year.
The first service of the year was the Christingle which was very well attended, and the adults and children all enjoyed making their own Christingle Orange as part of the service.

Our LCC Meeting was held at Marcross Farm and led by Fr Edwin. Much discussion ensued, finally all agreeing to a regular monthly Sunday Eucharist service at 6pm. The meeting closed with a birthday cake and toast to Jaci Harries to celebrate her birthday.

The Coronation party on May 7th was the highlight of the year, a real village event, where Holy Trinity Church Members as usual, fully involved with the organisation.

Holy Trinity was sparkling in readiness to host the christening of Charlotte, and its lovely to welcome a new member to Holy Trinity.

It was decided that this year, we would concentrate on donating food to the food bank and decorate Holy Trinity simply for our Harvest Festival Service. Fr Craig and Lee Gonzales took the service, and the children heaved the carrier bags to the alter to be blessed. This was followed by drinks and nibbles. It felt very right to recognise Harvest this way. The bags were transported into Llantwit by Fr Craig. This was followed up by a carload donated from Cowbridge Welsh Nursery later that month.

The short-term closure of the Horseshoe pub in the village has meant that the village has lost its centre for the time being so our Lessons and Carols service was meant to be a time to bring our village together to celebrate Christmas. The shocking news of the untimely death of the daughter of Ceri & Allan, meant that the service could no longer go ahead in the same way. The church was simply decorated with candles instead of the traditional decorations and we are very grateful to Edwin for his help and guidance throughout. Special thanks must go to Lee Gonzales who led the most beautiful service for us all to come together, to share our shock and grief.

There have been no fund-raising activities this year, but we have kept the church open all year and managed to keep everything going, which is to be commended. A strong friendship has built up between us all and everyone helps as much as they are able which is a really positive note moving forward to 2024.

Sharon Evans

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major

In 2023 we have seen that the numbers of people visiting and attending the church are continuing to increase.

Last year we continued to see an increase in the numbers of people attending services at the church and we have also welcomed an increasing number of new members to our congregation.

Our continuing challenge is to continue to develop the welcome to all, whether it would be members of our parish community or those who visit the area from elsewhere.
2023 has been a busy year in St Illtud's Church as we have continued to encourage new groups to use the church.

A big success this year is the formation of the clubs for children, Tiny Treasure Seekers on Thursday Mornings, Treasure seekers on the first Sunday of each month and Club Illtud on Friday evenings. We must thank Louise and Nick Lang and their team for all of the hard work in getting the clubs established and continuing to make them a great asset to the Church. They are very well attended and continue to go from strength to strength.

There were also several special events during this year such as the Chamber Music Festival.

The attendance at all the services has continued to increase and we regularly have over 65-70 people who attend the 9.30am service on a Sunday morning and have good numbers at the other services throughout the week.

We are pleased that the number of servers has increased and hopefully we can continue to have full rotas for the services on Sundays.

The worship on Friday has been followed by a soup lunch which has continued to be successful, and the Seasons Café has continued on Thursdays.

We have had some very successful events in the Church over the last year including the Photograph Exhibition and talk, the Easter Trail and the Harvest Lunch. The regular Open Mic evening has continued to flourish and there have been other concerts and events including the Three Streams Festival and Choral concerts.

We are again indebted to Lynn Brown our director of music for her ongoing commitment to develop music for our worship, there are regular choir practices and the group occasionally perform at Sunday services during the year and the annual Ecumenical choir which was a great success at the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carol service.

We are grateful to all of those who have contributed to the work of St Illtud's throughout the year including the fund-raising group who run the Church's 100 Club and the photographic competition for the Calendar, for the team that manages the shop which is now raising considerable funds towards the running of the Church, the bellringers, flower arrangers and all of those who help with stewarding, serving, the intercessions, reading, and providing refreshments after the services. Also, we must thank Gail for her continued commitment to the Church and also our keyholder Colin for unlocking and locking the church each day.

We have also continued our partnership with "The Samaritans" to highlight and assist those with mental health issues.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

We are immensely thankful for the dedication of all the ministry team, not just in St Illtud's but throughout our parish for their unwavering support and care that they give to our parishioners.

The LCC has continued throughout the year and is looking to continue the programme of work to repair and improve our church and church yard. There are big plans being considered, so much to look forward to.

We have achieved many things during this year and have much to be thankful for as we seek to continue to grow and develop and are always looking to encourage anyone who feels they can assist in any way.

Rob Oldham and Tricia Lancaster

St James' Church, Wick

Services

In 2023 face to face services returned to normal but the Sunday morning worship at 8.30am on Facebook and the Thursday morning 8.30 Morning Prayer on Zoom continued.

We had only 1 baptism this year.

There were 3 funerals including that of Audrey Speck, a wonderful lady who had been a faithful and supportive member of our congregation all her adult life. Audrey's baking was renowned and her Welsh cakes, scones and apple tarts were integral parts of our fundraising! She will be sadly missed by us all. There were 3 burials of cremated remains.

There were no weddings this year but there was one Renewal of wedding vows.

Treasure Seekers continued to introduce a lively younger element to our ageing congregation and we are grateful to their leaders for their continued participation.

At our patronal festival in July, we celebrated the launch of CaminoH! A service in St James' was followed by a walk along the pilgrim route to St Mary's, Monknash where refreshments were waiting. A joyous occasion attended by friends from across the whole Ministry area!
In August we shared our services with our sister churches in the Western Vale and again these proved to be very successful occasions. It was good to be able to support each other and socialise!

Our Remembrance Day service this year was held by the Village Memorial outside the village Hall with St James' being open for any who wished to spend some time in private reflection before or after.

At our Harvest service in the church, we collected food and sundries for the Vale foodbank. Donations had been made by many of the Wick villagers as well as our own congregation.

In December we held a Village Carol Service which was very well attended. We are very grateful to Father Edwin for making this possible despite the staff shortages. There were some difficulties with cover for our Christmas services due to illness but we are again grateful that we were able to continue with both our Christmas Eve Crib service and Midnight Mass thanks to the help of our Ordinand Lee Gonzalez.

Fundraising

We continued our fundraising with the traditional Village Tea Party in June, entertainment wonderfully supplied by some of the children of Wick and Marcross C in W primary school.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

A cake stall was held at the Village fete and then a fantastically successful Garden Party at Green Isha Farm. Huge thanks must be given to Phil and Anne Davies who worked incredibly hard. We are also very grateful that so many of the other organisations within the village joined in with fundraising for the church.

Fabric
No work was done on the church fabric itself this year but a section of the boundary wall which had previously been identified as unsafe was repaired.

Faculties applied for:
1) Replacement of obsolete overhead chancel lights with more energy efficient LED equivalents.
2) Replacement of inner and outer porch lights with motion sensor equivalents.
3) Replacement of rotten outside porch door.

Thank you to all the clergy and our congregation who have been so supportive throughout 2023

Lou Edwards

St Mary Magdalene, Monknash

During 2023 the monthly Friday Fellowship services, some including the Ministry of Healing, have continued with a small but regular number in the congregation. We have had five additional Sunday services; Candlemas, Rogation Sunday, our usual turn to host a morning service in August when St James', St Donats, Holy Trinity and St Mary Magdalene churches join together, Harvest Thanksgiving and Nine Lessons and Carols. There was also an evening service on the Tuesday of Holy Week. The Harvest and Nine Lessons and Carols services, followed by refreshments, had good attendance numbers. We are grateful for the support we have from other churches within our Ministry Area, especially St James', local farming families and a few local residents on these occasions.

In July, the launch of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area Pilgrimage route took place with the CaminoH! walk between St James' church, Wick and St Mary's church, Monknash. After a short service of blessing in St James' the walkers made their way over fields or by road to Monknash. Following a short closing service, the Pilgrims were served refreshments, which were organised by the congregation of St James', and were able to have their Pilgrim Passports stamped. The church was filled with people from within our Ministry Area and beyond. Several dogs accompanied their owners!

The children's Treasure Seekers group continues to meet in St Mary's on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Shortly after Easter one of our church members, Gwenyth Wilde, died suddenly. She was a faithful member and supporter of our church, as was her late husband, Alban. Gwenyth was organist at St Mary's for over sixty years. Our church membership now numbers three, of which only two members are able to attend services.

The church continues to attract a steady stream of visitors as indicated by the entries in the Visitors' Book. Some are engaged in researching their family history and enjoy chatting with the Wardens, who aim to answer their questions and queries.

In 2023 there were two funeral services, one christening, one burial and two burials of ashes at St Mary's church.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The roof project continues to be at the forefront of our concerns and to our relief we now have sufficient funds for the work to repair the chancel roof and work on the walls to go ahead. This should be started by the Spring of 2024. We are awaiting the approval of a faculty for necessary work to go ahead to improve drainage in the church yard. Grateful thanks must be given to David Walke for his continued support and help with grant applications and for liaising with the Architect. A fundraising concert with performances by students of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama hosted by Patrick King of Lower Monkton Farm, took place in March 2023 in Ewenny Priory. This was a great success and £2000 was raised for the roof project. Our grateful thanks go to Patrick and the event's organisers of Ewenny Priory. In December the Plough and Harrow public house in Monknash donated £153 raised at their carol singing event to St Mary's church.

Marie Sheppard

St Michael's and All Angels Church, Llanmihangel

We still have 2 services a month, usually on first and third Sundays. Congregation numbers seem steady, Graham and Wendy Bray continue to provide coffee, with a rota for providing cakes or biscuits, and this post-service chat and coffee offers a good opportunity for the congregation to bond as a group.

2023 was a relatively quiet year, in terms of events. We were pleased to host the Ministry Area Eucharist on July 30th, it is always good to welcome members of other congregations to Llanmihangel.

We had another excellent Remembrance Day Service on 12th November. As always, Keith did us proud.

Our Lessons and Carols Service on December 17th was very well attended. It was great to see our beautifully decorated church packed with people. We were also very happy to be invited afterwards to the Plas for the traditional mulled wine and mince pies by the owner, Leanne Johns. As a community, we had missed the link between church and manor house, and were thrilled to be invited back in 2022 when Leanne had only recently purchased the Plas. Now that the old house has been beautifully renovated, we hope to be invited to share more church events in the great hall, and grounds, as under previous owners.

Siân Evans

St Tathan Church, St Athan

St Tathan church has followed the usual program of services and events throughout 2023. We had a Civic service in May, the Service of Remembrance in November, and this year the Christingle service took place as part of the village turning on the Christmas lights. We also had a Ministry Area Service on Sunday 31st December to celebrate the feast day of Saint Tathan.

Wednesday services remain unchanged and continue to have a close and vibrant group who enjoy worship and fellowship afterwards.

Rev'd Emma is the liturgical lead at St. Tathan and has forged a strong relationship with the local school and care home.

Our investment income continues to pay the bills but there is less wiggle room. Our Treasurer Karen has made heroic efforts to lower our bills but the price we pay through Parish buying is more favourable than government energy relief.

Achievements and performance ***(continued)***

Wick and Marcross CW Primary School and St Brides Major CW Primary School

The logo of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area shows 14 fish, radiating out from a Celtic cross at its centre. This is a reminder that the church in this area was established in Celtic times as a centre of learning, and the 14 fish (emblems of Jesus Christ in the early Christian centuries) represent our 12 churches and two Church schools.

The link with our Church schools is a notable and inspirational element of our work. The primary schools in Wick and St Brides Major draw children and families from across our Ministry Area, and their strong and distinctive Christian character marks them out as playing a key role in the work and witness of the Anglican Church in this part of Llandaff Diocese. The children are engaged in their learning and the curriculum is enhanced by Christian values, which are lived out in the life of both schools each day. Members of the Ministry Team are involved regularly in the life of our Church schools and once again 2023 has seen these links strengthen.
The Ministry Area extends grateful thanks to all those who serve as governors at both schools for their work, and to our two headteachers, Mrs Ceri Thomas in Wick and Mr Duncan Mottram in St Brides Major, for their tireless work and inspirational leadership in God's name.

Mothers' Union Report

St Illtud's Mothers Union
2023 has really been our first full year of activity since the disruption and sadness resulting from the COVID outbreak.

There were many highlights in our year. Our Wave of Prayer took place on Sunday January 29th as we met together in the Mezzanine after morning service to join in that great continual round of prayers with which MU members praise God and support each other all around the world.

Our Quiet Day was again led by Philip Morris and focussed on 3 more female Saints, Hildegarde of Bingen, Julien of Norwich and Bridget of Sweden. It was such a lovely day of prayer, thoughtfulness, learning and fellowship. The year culminated in a service of music, readings and meditation for Christmas led by Sue and Barry Letson.

We joined in three Deanery events. In January the MU Deanery Eucharist took place here in St Illtud's. We were joined by members from the other branches. The Deanery Festival was held in St Brides in May. On Mary Sumner Day, when we remember the work of our founder, it was a lovely to welcome the other Deanery Branches who joined in the Wednesday morning Eucharist. This was followed by a delicious Fish and chip lunch.

Our fundraising activities have continued to support the AFIA caravan at Porthcawl by means of the "Smarties Challenge", which raised £ 658.00. Our craft/ gift stall raised over £460 for MU projects both overseas and closer to home. The Cream Teas in aid of the MU Summer of Hope Appeal raised £156 which was sent straight off to Mary Sumner House for that appeal.

A very important development this year has been our contribution to the work of St Illtud's with young people, specifically we are supporting the Tiny Treasure Seekers, a group for parents and carers of very young children and babies. This group meets weekly in the West Church on Thursday mornings during term time. MU members are involved in all aspects of this group but our Branch has specifically undertaken to support this work with the provision of refreshments and providing Mums and carers with a listening ear when needed.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Another highlight of the year was the Festival Service in the Cathedral with MU branches from all over the Diocese. It was a truly inspiring occasion with an address by Sheran Harper our World-wide President, a sermon from our new Bishop Mary and the enrolment of a number of clergy including from our own Ministry Area, Emma Street. Our Banner features in many of the photographs!

As we look forward, we remember those members of our Branch and others who have nurtured us in our faith and in MU and we pray that we may be worthy successors in carrying on the work which God sets before us. We pray that we will be given the gifts which will enable our branch and our work to flourish. We ask for inspiration in our prayer, our practical work and our fund-raising which enables that work here and around the world to continue.

Sue Beetlestone - Branch Leader

St. Brides Major Mothers Union

We have had a full programme of meetings this year. With a variety of speakers, some old friends and others who have become new friends. Including an interesting talk by Dot (the butterfly lady) who also accompanied us on a fascinating walk on the common, where we saw rare butterflies and grasses unique to this area.

The Rev'd Emma also leads our monthly corporate communion services. We enjoy these services and it gives some of our members who don't attend other church services regularly to have an informal chat with her during the refreshments afterwards.

Margaret Rowlands will retire from being leader of this branch in January '24 when I will take over from her. She is a very hard act to follow, but with the help and support of a very committed and capable experienced committee I will be eased into the job. We are very grateful to Margaret for all the hard work she has done over the years.

Joan McDowall-Thomas

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Management structure and accounting
The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area is a registered charity managed by a Ministry Area Council as trustees.

Organisational structure, funding and activities
The Ministry Area includes 12 church buildings. Title to the buildings is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Ministry Area also has a beneficial interest in the church hall in St Brides Major. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the title to the premises on trust for the parish.

The continuing operations of the Ministry Area are funded principally from regular giving by those who attend services, and there is also some income from fees for weddings, funerals and interments, for which there is a standard scale of fees throughout the Church in Wales. There is also some income from rental of St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown. Various community activities take place in the 'West Church', a distinct area of St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, for which, when appropriate, a rental is charged. There is some limited income from investments, discussed below.

Income and expenditure
In recent years, income and routine expenditure has been broadly in balance, though with some variation from year to year. There was, however, a significant increase in expenditure in 2023 and routine (unrestricted) expenditure exceeded income by nearly 10 per cent. In particular, churches have struggled to maintain income at a level to meet increased energy costs.

It has, however, been encouraging to see a rise in regular giving, with many church members opting to make donations via direct debit or standing order, providing some certainty about anticipated income. We continue to claim Gift Aid wherever appropriate, which increases the value of donations.

Each of the churches would normally be involved in fundraising to support major projects and external charitable activities. These activities were limited during the pandemic as in most cases they involve bringing people together. While fundraising has gradually resumed, much of this has been devoted to covering running costs.

Three churches – St Illtud's, St Bridget's and St James' – benefitted from legacies in 2023. We greatly appreciate those who choose to remember the church when making their wills.

The main item of day-to-day expenditure is the Diocesan Share, which spreads the cost of ministry across all Ministry Areas in the Diocese. This includes training and paying clergy, parish support in key areas such as youth and children's work, church housing repairs and maintenance, and grants to support specific mission and ministry projects. It also covers the necessary governance. The Ministry Area's share for 2023 was £142,251, which was paid in monthly instalments throughout the year. In recent years the Board of Finance has refunded 5 per cent of payments where these are made on time throughout the year and for 2023 increased this to 10 per cent.

The Ministry Area also has its own running costs. Apart from staff costs, central funds cover clergy expenses, printing of booklets and newssheets, and provision of altar supplies to all the churches. These costs are funded by contributions from the churches, supplemented by income from property rental, magazine income and occasional fees for administrative services, including arrangements for weddings.

In addition to funds available for day-to-day expenditure, each of the churches has one or more restricted funds which may only be accessed for specific purposes. Regulations require that fees for burials and interment of ashes are allocated to a fund for the maintenance of the churchyard.

Ewenny Priory, St Bridget's and All Saints churches normally have additional income streams with the Ewenny Arts Festival and rental income from St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown.

During the year, the bells at St Cattwg's church were rehung following repairs to the tower. There have also been major repairs at St Giles' church, funded primarily by a Deed of Gift administered by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

Total income for the year was £298,707 (2022 £448,854), of which £275,422 (2022 £253,784) was unrestricted. Total expenditure was £356,582 (2022 £384,511), of which £302,549 (2022 £250,981) was unrestricted.

Project activity often spans more than one year with a consequent disparity in annual income and expenditure. Restricted income in 2023 was £20,499 (2022 £192,838) and expenditure £54,033 (2022 £133,530).

Investment policy

All current investments have arisen from sale of property, specific donations or bequests rather than being generated from surpluses. In such circumstances, the Council has regard to any specific or implied conditions relating to use of the funds.

The Ministry Area receives rental income from a residential property in Llantwit Major. This is seen as a long-term source of income. There is some expenditure on maintenance, which will vary from year to year, in order to keep the property in good order.

Two of the churches benefit from permanent endowments, drawing income while maintaining the capital. The investments take the form of shares in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund. This fund aims to achieve a balance between sustainable levels of income and capital growth; to optimise total returns without undue risk; and to operate within the constraints of the Church in Wales' Ethical Investment Policy.

- Under the R H Thomas Trust, the proceeds of the sale of Flush House, Llantwit Major are held in trust for the benefit of St Donat's Church.
- Proceeds of the sale in 1945 of a house and land in Llanmaes left to the church by Miss Catherine Richards have been invested to provide income for St Cattwg's Church. While use of the income from the bequest is discretionary, Miss Richards' will requests that family graves are maintained.

There are Chancel Repair Funds for St Bridget's, St Illtud's and St Mary Magdalene's churches which are also invested in the Common Investment Fund, in these cases with the income being routinely reinvested to provide for growth of the Fund. The use of these funds is strictly limited by regulations under the Tithe Act 1936. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales is currently consulting on possible changes to the regulations.

St Tathan's Church has investment funds arising from the sale of a church hall and land. This has been used to support ongoing activities and maintenance at St Tathan's Church. Both dividend income and capital have been used for these purposes. The investment was originally in IFSL CAF Investment Fund but, on closure of that fund during the year the capital has been reinvested with the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund. At the year-end the holding had a value of £210,973.

After a fall of £60,788 in the total value of Ministry Area long-term investments in 2022, their value rose by £3,660 in 2023. The total value of investments at the year-end is £349,435.

During the year, the Ministry Area also moved £85,000 into short-term cash deposits.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales also holds some funds which may be made available in appropriate circumstances. These include the proceeds of the sale of a house in Llantwit Major, held for the benefit of the church there, and of a Deed of Gift benefitting St Giles' Church.

Financial review *(continued)*

Reserves policy

Apart from the investments described above, the Ministry Area and the individual churches hold funds to meet current and anticipated expenditure.

At the end of 2023, funds held in current or deposit accounts amounted to £353,049. Of this, £152,335 was in restricted funds for particular purposes, while £200,714 would be available for such purposes as may be approved by the Council consistent with the constitution. While in total this is more than adequate to cover the routine expenditure of the Ministry Area, the funds are held in 37 different bank accounts, in most cases operated by local treasurers, who will need to address the particular needs of their churches and the community.

Overall reserves at the year-end are £773,845 (2022 £828,060), of which £480,190 (2022 £480,768) is unrestricted, while £175,974 (2022 £235,829) is restricted and £117,681 (2022 £111,463) is in the form of endowment funds. Free reserves are £269,217.

The reserves should provide the Ministry Area with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

The Council intends to maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational expenditure, having regard to anticipated income and outgoings and limitations on the uses for particular funds.

Plans for future periods

There is optimism that more activities will be possible during 2023 and future years. The income stream will remain heavily dependent on commitments to regular giving, with active encouragement for the use of the Church in Wales Gift Direct facility, providing for regular donations by direct debit, and other forms of direct payment.

The contribution towards diocesan costs, Fairer Share, is currently calculated on the allocation of clergy and the number of people who would normally be attending services. For 2024, this is set at **£145,933**, 2.6 per cent higher than the rate for 2023. It is the policy of the Diocese of Llandaff to gradually increase the level of contributions, which in recent years has not met the costs of ministry. A consultation is taking place with a view to establishing a basis for determining contributions towards diocesan costs from 2025 onwards.

The Share is funded by the individual churches, which rely on regular giving from their congregations in order to maintain these payments. Collectively, the churches in the Ministry Area will be able to meet this commitment, though some individual churches will experience difficulty in continuing payments at the same level as in the past.

The budget for 2024 anticipates that the churches will also contribute at a similar rate as in 2023 towards the administration of the Ministry Area and services provided centrally, which support an active ministry team working in the churches, the schools and the community. While recognising the extent of the commitment involved, the Council will ensure that these demands are satisfied.

Maintaining church buildings will remain a major concern. The Ministry Area includes eleven listed buildings, regarded as being of particular historical and architectural significance. While some grant funding may be available for major works, in each case there will be a need for initial funding and fundraising by local people.

There are plans for repairs to the tower and refurbishment of the porch at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major. After experiencing some delays, work will proceed on repair of the chancel roof and walls at St

Financial review *(continued)*

Mary Magdalene's Church, Monknash, together with work to improve rainwater drainage. All the churches require some work and decisions have to be taken on urgency and funding.

The evaluation of any proposal will involve an assessment of the benefit to be provided by the proposed work and the extent to which this will contribute to the mission of the church, the needs of the wider community and the preservation of heritage. In each case, formal permission will be required before undertaking major works on a listed building.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the Ministry Area

The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area is situated in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales. It is in the Vale of Glamorgan Deanery Diocese of Llandaff.

Dedications of the churches within the Benefice and their locations

All Saints	Southerndown
Ewenny Priory (St Michael and All Angels)	Ewenny
St Bridget's	St Brides Major
St Cattwg	Llanmaes
St Donat	St Donat's
St Giles	Gileston
St Illtud	Llantwit Major
St James	Wick
St Mary Magdalene	Monknash
Holy Trinity	Marcross
St Michael and All Angels	Llanmihangel
St Tathan	St Athan

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Names of all persons who were MAC members during the financial year and any Parochial Office held.

Canon Edwin Counsell	Ministry Area Leader
Fr Craig Vaughan	Vicar
Rev'd Emma Street	Vicar
Mr Alun Jenkins	Chair – resigned 1/9/23
Mr Geoff Semmens	Rector's Warden
Mr Eddie Williams	Peoples Warden – MA Chair from 1/9/23
Mrs Patricia Lancaster	Representative: St Illtud's, Llantwit Major
Mrs Pennie Ayres	Representative: St James', Wick, – resigned 26/4/2023
Mr Jeffrey Robinson	Representative: St Cattwg's, Llanmaes,
Mrs Sharon Evans	Representative: Holy Trinity Marcross,
Mrs Marie Sheppard	Representative: St Mary's, Monknash
Mr Richard Simpson	Representative: St Tathan, St Athan
Mrs Lynda Mumford	Representative: St Giles, Gileston
Mrs Sian Evans	Representative: St Michael's, Llanmihangel
Mrs Joy Newton	Representative: St Bridget's, St Brides Major
Mrs Sam Budd	Representative: St Michael's, Ewenny Priory
Mrs Patricia Bennett	Representative: St Donat's, St Donats – resigned 8/9/23
Ms Sian Tesni Roberts	Representative: St Donat's, St Donats – from 9/9/2023

Ministry Area Administrator and Secretary to the Council: Mrs Alison Weston

Details of Governance

The MAC is an unincorporated charity, governed by its constitution adopted 1 February 2004, as amended on 24 July 2018.

The Constitution of the Church in Wales defines the functions and powers of a MAC. The principal function of the MAC is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical". MAC Members, therefore, have significant responsibilities for the local mission of the Church. These shall include:

1 the promotion of the mission of the Church in the parish;
2 consideration of matters concerning the Church in Wales (but not declarations of doctrine);
3 propagation and implementation of decisions by the Governing Body, the Representative Body, the Diocesan and the Deanery Conference;
4 the preparation of the parochial budget, annual accounts and an annual report;
5 providing advice on matters properly referred to it;
6 communication with Diocesan and Deanery Conference;
7 review and reimbursement of parish expenses incurred by clerics; and
8 discharge of duties placed on the Council by the Church Fabric Regulations.

The MAC's responsibilities are not limited to the eight areas set out above. The MAC is a channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop.

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

The Ministry Area Council has three categories of members:

1 ex officio: clerics holding parochial appointment, full time stipendiary lay workers, churchwardens and sub-wardens, if appointed
2 elected: lay persons elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting up to such number, to a maximum of twenty-five, as the Vestry shall determine
3 co-opted: Secretary and Treasurer, if not in the above categories; not exceeding seven lay persons or clerics (other than retired clerics) as determined by the MAC; such licensed readers as the MAC may determine.

The structure of the MAC has been simplified and, following the decision of the Annual Vestry Meeting in 2018, now has fewer members than previously.

New members of the MAC are briefed on the requirements of the position. Before assuming office, every member of the MAC must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The MAC holds ordinary meetings four times in the year and extraordinary meetings as required.

Members receive reports on issues relating to Ministry Area activities and finances and make decisions by voting.

Electronic Meetings

The holding of meetings by electronic means (video or telephone conferences) is now specifically authorised by the Constitution of the Church in Wales as a result of Constitutional changes approved on 8 September 2020.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 20th MAY 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Signed ..... Signed .....

Print name EDWIN CORNWELL Print Name EDWARD WILLIAMS
Trustee Trustee

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Farzana Ahmed ACCA
Independent Examiner

1st Floor, Tudor House
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Cardiff
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Date: 21/05/24

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Endowment funds £	2023 **Total funds** £	2022 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	**4**	183,359	7,549	–	**190,908**	222,138
Charitable activities	**5**	13,329	9,352	–	**22,681**	22,700
Other trading activities	**6**	25,800	2,472	–	**28,272**	36,031
Investment income	**7**	17,607	620	2,786	**21,013**	22,356
Other income	**8**	35,327	506	–	**35,833**	145,629
Total income		275,422	20,499	2,786	**298,707**	448,854
Expenditure						
Expenditure on raising funds:						
Costs of other trading activities	**9**	6,596	–	–	**6,596**	6,448
Expenditure on charitable activities	**10,11**	292,534	53,937	–	**346,471**	377,079
Other expenditure	**13**	3,419	96	–	**3,515**	984
Total expenditure		302,549	54,033	–	**356,582**	384,511
Net gains/(losses) on investments	**14**	(3,642)	1,084	6,218	**3,660**	(60,788)
Net (expenditure)/income		(30,769)	(32,450)	9,004	**(54,215)**	3,555
Transfers between funds		30,191	(27,405)	(2,786)	–	–
Net movement in funds		(578)	(59,855)	6,218	**(54,215)**	3,555
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		480,768	235,829	111,463	**828,060**	824,505
Total funds carried forward		**480,190**	**175,974**	**117,681**	**773,845**	828,060

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	19	349,435	345,298
Current assets			
Stocks	20	1,773	1,783
Debtors	21	5,726	4,623
Cash at bank and in hand		438,049	484,429
		445,548	490,835
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	(21,138)	(8,073)
Net current assets		424,410	482,762
Total assets less current liabilities		773,845	828,060
Net assets		773,845	828,060
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		117,681	111,463
Restricted funds		175,974	235,829
Unrestricted funds		480,190	480,768
Total charity funds	23	773,845	828,060

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20th May 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed .....

Print name .....
Trustee

Signed .....

Print Name .....
Trustee

The notes on pages 26 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Rectory, High Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue, so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no material judgements or estimation uncertainties to note, other than those already covered by the accounting policies.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Donations			
Planned Giving	83,251	2,371	**85,622**
Loose Collections	29,383	330	**29,713**
Donations	27,945	3,123	**31,068**
For Mission	349	–	**349**
Tax Refunds	32,404	415	**32,819**
Legacies			
Legacies	1,000	1,000	**2,000**
Grants			
St Mary's:			
Benefact Trust	–	–	–
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	–	–
St James':			
Wick Community Council	–	–	–
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	–	–
St Illtud's:			
Headley Trust	–	–	–
MADL	–	–	–
St Donat's:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	–
Allchurches Trust	–	–	–
RB Fabric Repair Fund	–	–	–
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	30	10	**40**
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	**300**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	643	–	**643**
Holy Trinity:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
Parish Office:			
Llandaff Diocese Independent Exam Grant	1,000	–	**1,000**
Administration Grant	4,000	–	**4,000**
St Bridget's:			
SB Community Council	200	–	**200**
Vale of Glamorgan Council	4,154	–	**4,154**
	183,359	7,549	**190,908**

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Planned Giving	76,347	723	**77,070**
Loose Collections	25,773	269	**26,042**
Donations	34,581	12,469	**47,050**
For Mission	871	–	**871**
Tax Refunds	31,469	422	**31,891**
Legacies			
Legacies	6,000	–	**6,000**
Grants			
St Mary's:			
Benefact Trust	1,500	–	**1,500**
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	400	**400**
St James':			
Wick Community Council	50	–	**50**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	156	**156**
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	–	**–**
St Illtud's:			
Headley Trust	–	–	**–**
MADL	–	–	**–**
St Donat's:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	**–**
Allchurches Trust	–	–	**–**
RB Fabric Repair Fund	3,000	–	**3,000**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	5,973	–	**5,973**
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	10	**10**
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	**300**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	20,082	**20,082**
Holy Trinity:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	743	–	**743**
Parish Office:			
Llandaff Diocese Independent Exam Grant	1,000	–	**1,000**
	187,307	34,831	**222,138**

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	13,329	9,352	**22,681**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	8,099	14,601	22,700

This relates to church fees for weddings, funerals and interments. Fees are set by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Fundraising events	21,522	2,472	**23,994**
Shop income	4,278	–	**4,278**
	25,800	2,472	**28,272**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	25,768	5,742	31,510
Shop income	4,521	–	4,521
	30,289	5,742	36,031

7. Investment income

Title to the residential property in Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Benefice receives rental income and has responsibility for maintenance.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Income from investment properties	8,500	–	–	**8,500**
Income from listed investments	5,825	477	2,786	**9,088**
Bank interest receivable	3,282	143	–	**3,425**
	17,607	620	2,786	**21,013**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from investment properties	10,800	–	–	10,800
Income from listed investments	8,803	25	2,232	11,060
Bank interest receivable	347	149	–	496
	19,950	174	2,232	22,356

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Other income	35,327	506	**35,833**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other income	8,139	137,490	145,629

Included within Other Income for 2022 is £134,965 received from the sale of shares held by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales but for use by Gileston Church.

9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	1,509	**1,509**	1,437	1,437
Costs of money raising - Staging events	5,087	**5,087**	5,011	5,011
	6,596	**6,596**	6,448	6,448

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Support for Ministry	147,600	–	**147,600**
Parish Running Costs	32,647	431	**33,078**
Church Property	90,202	53,506	**143,708**
Missions	18,605	–	**18,605**
Support costs	3,480	–	**3,480**
	292,534	53,937	**346,471**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Support for Ministry	127,267	2	127,269
Parish Running Costs	30,515	104	30,619
Church Property	56,008	133,290	189,298
Missions	26,413	–	26,413
Support costs	3,480	–	3,480
	243,683	133,396	377,079

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2023 £**	Total fund 2022 £
Support for Ministry	147,600	–	**147,600**	127,269
Parish Running Costs	33,078	–	**33,078**	30,619
Church Property	143,708	–	**143,708**	189,298
Missions	18,605	–	**18,605**	26,413
Governance costs	–	3,480	**3,480**	3,480
	342,991	3,480	**346,471**	377,079

12. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	**Total 2023 £**	Total 2022 £
Governance costs	3,480	**3,480**	3,480

13. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Other expenditure	3,419	96	**3,515**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other expenditure	850	134	984

14. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	(3,642)	1,084	6,218	**3,660**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	(45,595)	(2,023)	(13,170)	(60,788)

15. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	**3,480**	3,480

16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	**15,849**	13,913
Social security costs	**932**	706
	16,781	14,619

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Number of staff - admin	1	1

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year, 3 trustees received a total of £10,281 for expenses reasonably incurred in the course of their duties as clergy and readers (2022: 4, £7,975).

18. Transfers between funds

A variety of transfers between funds took place within the year, as detailed in note 23, but most notably £20,082 from the Gileston Alexander Fund to the general fund to cover spending not previously allocated to the fund.

19. Investments

	Cash or cash equivalents £	Listed investments £	**Total £**
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2023	491	344,807	**345,298**
Additions	477	830	**1,307**
Disposals	(830)	–	**(830)**
Fair value movements	–	3,660	**3,660**
At 31 December 2023	138	349,297	**349,435**
Impairment			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023			**–**
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2023	**139**	**349,296**	**349,435**
At 31 December 2022	492	344,807	**345,298**

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are held in The Church In Wales Common Investment Fund. Statements are received stating the middle market valuation of a share at the year-end. This is considered to be fair value and the value of each investment is calculated accordingly.

20. Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Raw materials and consumables	**1,773**	1,783

21. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	452	–
Other debtors	5,274	4,623
	5,726	4,623

22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	21,138	8,073

23. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	480,768	275,422	(302,549)	30,191	(3,642)	480,190

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	514,490	253,784	(250,981)	9,070	(45,595)	480,768

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	**729**
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	**246**
Friends of St Illtud's	14,705	977	–	–	–	**15,682**
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	**159**
Galilee Account	18,883	100	–	–	–	**18,983**
Churchyard	16,953	6,279	(5,534)	2	–	**17,700**
Chancel Repair	3,135	78	–	–	176	**3,389**
Youth Project	2,603	–	(234)	–	–	**2,369**
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	2,137	160	(13)	–	–	**2,284**
Restoration / Maintenance	23,303	1,606	(19,455)	–	–	**5,454**
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	250	3,552	–	–	–	**3,802**
Churchyard	5,947	2,057	(5,399)	–	–	**2,605**
Youth Work	2,143	–	(274)	–	–	**1,869**
Friends of St James'	725	1,095	–	–	–	**1,820**
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Churchyard	2,318	2,602	(4,116)	–	–	**804**
Bells & Tower	20,202	388	–	–	–	**20,590**
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	1,505	300	–	–	–	**1,805**
Alexander Fund	20,082	–	–	(20,082)	–	**–**
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	5,504	–	–	938	–	**6,442**
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	–	(440)	440	–	**–**
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	21,671	–	–	–	–	**21,671**
Chancel Repair	5,232	5	–	–	13	**5,250**
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	(272)	–	**–**
Restoration	10,780	609	(2)	(11,387)	–	**–**
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,340	–	(120)	–	–	**6,220**
Legacy Fund	12,611	–	–	–	–	**12,611**
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	15,852	394	–	–	895	**17,141**
Parish Office:						
Alexander Fund	21,542	–	(18,495)	(3,047)	–	**–**
Canolfan Illtud	–	–	49	(49)	–	**–**
St Michael's Churchyard	–	47	–	272	–	**319**
St Michael's Restoration	–	250	–	5,780	–	**6,030**
	235,829	20,499	(54,033)	(27,405)	1,084	**175,974**

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	**729**
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	**246**
Friends of St Illtud's	13,982	723	–	–	–	**14,705**
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	**159**
Galilee Account	18,883	–	–	–	–	**18,883**
Churchyard	8,397	7,075	(170)	1,651	–	**16,953**
Chancel Repair	3,432	–	–	–	(297)	**3,135**
Youth Project	2,603	–	–	–	–	**2,603**
Legacy Funds	1,831	23	–	(1,674)	(180)	–
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	5,456	2,172	(5,491)	–	–	**2,137**
Restoration / Maintenance	17,259	6,088	(44)	–	–	**23,303**
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	258	187	(936)	741	–	**250**
Churchyard	5,872	1,950	(1,875)	–	–	**5,947**
Youth Work	2,247	–	(104)	–	–	**2,143**
Friends of St James'	113	1,353	–	(741)	–	**725**
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Churchyard	777	5,690	(4,149)	–	–	**2,318**
Bells & Tower	19,325	877	–	–	–	**20,202**
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	7,858	465	(635)	(6,183)	–	**1,505**
Alexander Fund	–	20,082	–	–	–	**20,082**
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	6,217	374	(1,100)	13	–	**5,504**
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	–	(480)	480	–	–
Legacy Fund	204	3	–	(187)	(20)	–
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	22,371	702	(1,402)	–	–	**21,671**
Chancel Repair	253	5,000	–	–	(21)	**5,232**
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	–	–	**272**
Restoration	9,002	1,780	(2)	–	–	**10,780**
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,852	208	(720)	–	–	**6,340**
Legacy Fund	12,489	122	–	–	–	**12,611**
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	17,357	–	–	–	(1,505)	**15,852**
Parish Office:						
Alexander Fund	–	134,964	(113,422)	–	–	**21,542**
Canolfan Illtud	–	3,000	(3,000)	–	–	–
	184,444	192,838	(133,530)	(5,900)	(2,023)	**235,829**

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	103,223	2,580	–	(2,580)	5,758	**108,981**
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	–	–	–	–	–	–
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	8,240	206	–	(206)	460	**8,700**
	111,463	2,786	–	(2,786)	(6,218)	**117,681**

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	115,325	2,055	–	(2,055)	(12,102)	**103,223**
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	1,040	13	–	(951)	(102)	–
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	9,206	164	–	(164)	(966)	**8,240**
	125,571	2,232	–	(3,170)	(13,170)	**111,463**

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2023 £**
Investments	210,973	20,781	117,681	**349,435**
Current assets	278,095	167,453	–	**445,548**
Creditors less than 1 year	(8,878)	(12,260)	–	**(21,138)**
Net assets	480,190	175,974	117,681	**773,845**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Investments	214,615	19,220	111,463	345,298
Current assets	274,226	216,609	–	490,835
Creditors less than 1 year	(8,073)	–	–	(8,073)
Net assets	480,768	235,829	111,463	828,060

25. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	1,896	1,896
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	2,370	4,266
	4,266	6,162

At the previous year-end the Ministry Area entered into a 3-year lease for a photocopier. The full commitment has been included here.

GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST MINISTRY AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1131490

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1131490

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

(formerly Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC)

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2022

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Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2022

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Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

INTRODUCTION FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

On 1st January 2022, the Bishop of Llandaff signed the decree that brought the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area into being. This was part of a major programme of parochial reorganisation across Llandaff Diocese, with 29 new ministry areas being established. While the change for many parishes was significant, the impact was less dramatic in the Heritage Coast as the boundaries of the ministry area had been established since 2018, and many of the churches have been working in close collaboration for many years. The Ministry Area Council has started to become confident in its work, finding its feet as a new trustee body, and in its relationship with the Local Church Committees across our Ministry Area.

The pandemic continued to cast its shadow over the work of our Ministry Area throughout 2022. While our churches were spared the ravages of national lockdowns, the year saw a gradual return to patterns of worship and events that were familiar, although far from 'normal'. Events were held for the first time in two years, including a return to concerts and a chance to be involved with the Churches Unlocked Festival. Every school in the ministry area visited one of its local churches in the course of 2022. Numbers at worship were much reduced overall, although most of the Heritage Coast churches could recognise an upward trend. However, church finance remains a major area of concern, with the diocesan subsidies for Parish Share that helped greatly during the pandemic, no longer available, and significant increases in utility costs starting to bite.

The Ministry Team has been maintained with three 'incumbents' and we were pleased to welcome Jenny Tiebas in June 2022 when she was ordained as a Deacon. The Glamorgan Heritage Coast is a large and diverse ministry area and an ideal training base, and we wish Jenny well as her ordained ministry develops. Links with the Church in Wales ministry training schemes through St Padarn's Institute continue to develop, with Lee Gonzalez, a first-year ordinand, beginning work in the Heritage Coast for a two year placement.

The life of the local church was also marked with national and international events in 2022. The invasion of war in Ukraine became part of everyone's prayers in February 2022, and that was brought into sharp focus when Ukrainian families were welcomed into the area in the following months, as they were given refuge from the conflict.

National events saw the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, with the Heritage Coast churches providing reference points of reflection and celebration for this major national event. Sadly, September 2022 saw a period of intense national mourning with the Queen's death. Once again, our churches provided places of reflection and remembrance during the period of national mourning.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who have supported the life, work and witness of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area during 2022. Our work would have been impossible without the hard work of the clergy and lay readers in the ministry team, ably supported by Alison Weston's work as MA Administrator, along with the tireless work of David Walke, the MA Treasurer. Church Wardens, local church officers, members of the Ministry Area Council and countless others have given so generously of their time and talents across all 12 churches. That constant support is both practical and prayerful and speaks of a Christian community with Christ at its centre and God's love at its heart.
It is in that promise of faith that our work moves forward.

Canon Edwin Counsell (Parish Priest)
Mr Alun Jenkins (Chair of the Ministry Area Council)
Mr Geoff Semmens (Church Warden)

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area (formerly Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC)	
Charity registration number	1131490	
Principal office	Ministry Area Office St Illtud's Church Church Street Llantwit Major	
The trustees	Mr JL Robinson Mr E Williams Mr AG Semmens Ms SM Evans Mrs LM Mumford Mrs MJ Sheppard Canon ECR Counsell Rev. CA Vaughan Mrs P Ayres Mrs SE Evans Mr AV Jenkins Mr RJ Simpson Ms PM Bennett Ms J Newton Rev. EE Street Ms RR Thomas Mrs PA Lancaster	 *Resigned 27 April 2022* *Appointed 27 April 2022*
Independent examiner	Farzana Ahmed FCCA Carston Accountants 1st Floor, Tudor House 16 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF11 9LJ	
Incumbent	Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell The Rectory High Street Llantwit Major CF61 1SS	

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The mission of the Ministry Area is to advance the Christian religion through local and worldwide activities. The object of the Ministry Area Council (MAC) is to ensure that the life and work of the Church within the parish helps to fulfil this mission, both locally and more widely. It is regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The Ministry Area holds an Annual Vestry Meeting and ensures that every member of the Council signs a declaration that they will be bound by the Constitution.

The MAC is responsible, inter alia, for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of the Church fabric and of the churchyards and for action on any matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution. The MAC is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

The charitable objects per the governing documents are: "The promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish".

The members of the MAC as trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

General Pattern of Sunday Services in the Ministry Area

Time	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
St Illtud's, Llantwit Major					
8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
9.30am	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online
St James', Wick					
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
Ewenny Priory, Ewenny					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
St Giles', Gileston					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		
St Michaels, Llanmihangel					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		
St Cattwg's, Llanmaes					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
St Bridget's, St Brides Major					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
St Tathan, St Athan					
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
St Donats, St Donats					
11:15am	Prayer & Praise	Holy Eucharist	Meet, Greet & Eat	Prayer & Praise	Holy Eucharist

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Individual Church Reports

St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major & All Saints Church, Southerdown

The year 2022 started well in St. Bridget's. We had one of the Benefice's 3 vicars in residence in our Community, regular Sunday Services, a faithful committed congregation and a dedicated LCC. 'Quota holidays' meant that we were pretty much holding our own financially then the organ broke down! We also had water ingress down the wall behind the organ and down the side of the boiler! The organ was repaired after considering all options and we decided to go for a computerised mechanism that hopefully will extend its working life. So far so good! We had the guttering's cleared and the roof leak sealed. This however was not good news for our bank balance.

We sought Diocesan advice and were advised to have an early Quinquennial Inspection to ensure we're aware of what work needs to be undertaken. The inspection took place and we await the report with trepidation. Our reserves are falling as there are no more 'Quota holidays' and the monthly charge has increased. We also feel that we need a Project Manager outside the LCC to analyse and implement the report.

School Eucharist's occurred regularly and the school led our St Bridget's Day, Mothering Sunday and Harvest Celebration Sunday Services. These were followed by appropriate refreshments. Beverages and biscuits are served following every Sunday Service, organised on a rota basis. We have rotas in place for refreshments, stewards, readers and daily opening and closing. We have also introduced a monthly Family Service that has some families attending regularly and is gaining momentum. School was given sunflower seeds to support Ukraine as was the local community.

Our Saturday Coffee and Chat Club is flourishing, as is our Community Library, all held in the Church Hall. The Community Playgroup, Toddlers Group, Keep Fit and Art Group all use the hall weekly. Our Mothers Union Group recently decided to hold its monthly Eucharist and Speaker Sessions in All Saints Church, rather than the hall as its more accessible for our older members.

Health & Safety Policies have been updated for the Church and Church Hall and Safeguarding Courses have been undertaken. Online Food Management Courses have also been completed. We were able to provide an amazing Christmas Coffee and Chat lunch that included a quiz and concluded with carol singing. Mothers Union celebrated with a traditional Christmas lunch at a local venue and we ended the year on a high, with a fantastic Christmas Eve Teddy Bear Crib Service and Midnight Mass Service where we almost ran out of books!

We're very concerned about our financial situation and the lack of young people in our Church. We shall strive to think outside the box and grow God's kingdom here in St Bridget's.

Joy Newton

All Saints Church, Southerndown

The church continues to be used by various organisations in the community, and we have a few new groups for example the T.A.F. wild flower planting project, and we are advertised by the council as part of their 'warm place scheme'.

Our attendance figures are slowly growing especially for those members of our congregation with slight mobility problems, as we have easy access, and toilet facilities.

During the year, we combined a memorial service for one of our most supportive centenarian members who died in April 2022 with the planting of a Jubilee Tree for the Queen. Also we held a lunch course running through May on the Celtic Church with different speakers from our parish. We hopefully we shall continue with a course in May/June 2023 on the Old Testament Prophets.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Our only fabric problem was a leak through our flat roof, which was kindly repaired for us free of charge.

We continue to meet regularly on a Wednesday at 3pm with tea and biscuits after the service.

Hazel Norfolk

St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes

Like all churches in the Ministry Area St Cattwg's continued the slow return to a more normal system of worship with the decline of Covid. Worshippers once again take communion at the alter rail and not have to remain in their pew to do so. The clergy and readers continued to provide meaningful services throughout and although our weekly attendance is slightly down we have maintained strong support from our regular attenders.

Our Local Church Council (LCC) has met regularly and now holds meetings a week or so before MAC dates so that matters could then be raised should the need apply.

The year was also marked by a hugely successful Flower Festival in early June to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Several meetings were held so that prospective flower arrangers could make plans. To make the event even more memorable many gardens in the village were opened so that visitors could enjoy church and gardens before taking tea on the lawn of St Cattwg's Village Hall. The wonderful weekend ended with a special church service with many children taking part and led with his usual enthusiasm by Fr Edwin. Our treasurer Wendy, later reported that some £5,000 plus has been raised for church funds. This success moves us a little closer to realising our plan once again to be able to sound one or more of our three bells in the tower.

In August, having waited for over a year, our churchyard wall was repaired. In February 2021 a low-loader got lost on its way to Llandow and failed to negotiate the ninety degree bend outside the church hitting our wall very hard. The good news is that the lorry company paid Ecclesiastical Insurance in full for the repair who, somewhat to our surprise, even returned our £500 voluntary excess!

The village Film Club, which shows monthly films during the darker months, kindly presented our church with a cheque for £500 for which we were most grateful.

In October we held our Harvest Festival service and, for the first time in a couple of years followed it with a lovely lunch in the Hall. A large number of our congregation together with visitors from a wider area attended a moving Remembrance Service with part of the service taking place around the two war graves in the churchyard.

The year ended traditionally with services of Nine Lessons and Carols and Midnight Mass.

Jeff Robinson & Kerry Veale

St Donats Church, St Donats

As the Covid pandemic has decreased, safety restrictions have gradually eased. As a result, life within the church has returned to normal, although we do suggest that visitors to the church and the congregation us hand sanitiser on entering and leaving and before receiving communion.

The church is now open 24 hours a day for the use of the Atlantic College community and church visitors.

During the month of August, a group of Pilgrim Walkers from the Diocese of Brighton and Arundel visited all the churches in the Vale of Glamorgan, stopping at St Donat's for refreshments. Stan Gilbert, our organist delivered an interesting talk on the history of the church.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Weekly services have resumed with one Eucharist a month, two Prayer & Praise and a Meet, Greet & Eat informal get together for the students and church members, organised by Sheila Smith. All students are welcome and a different faith topic is discussed, followed by refreshments.

There is a large and enthusiastic student Christian Fellowship group which meets each week, supported by Vicky Bailey, one of the House Parents. We are privileged to have between 12 and 17 students attend and take part in our weekly services.

Sam Mazzarella, Head of Music at the college, successfully applied to the 'Mousetrap Trust' for funding for a new church organ, we are very grateful for his efforts in receiving this new organ. Hopefully in the near future music students will enjoy performing on it. A service to inaugurate the organ and show our appreciation to Sam will be arranged for early next year. Sam and Matt Shouler, one of the Maths teachers have also kindly played the organ when our organist has been unavailable.

6th March 2022 – St David's Day Celebration led by Fr Edwin Counsell during which Siân Tesni-Roberts gave an interesting talk on Welsh traditions and St David's Day, and the local harpist, Sue Banks performed for us. The new College principal, Naheed Bardai and his wife Edwina also attended.

15th May 2022 – Student Leavers Service. Students leaving the college received a blessing from Fr Edwin and were presented with a Welsh Love Spoon as a memento of their stay at the college and members of the church community.

25th September 2022 – Harvest Festival led by Fr Edwin. Many students participated in the service, reading poems, singing solos, including a duet on cellos. A group of students from Pakistan delivered a moving presentation on the effects of the recent floods in their country. Naheed Bardai and his wife also joined us for this celebration.

27th November 2022 – Carol Service led by Fr Edwin. The first public Carol Service since the pandemic was well attended by church members, local residents, students, members of the college community and the college principal and family. We were very privileged to have several music students perform for us as well as the college acapella choir.

The success of these services is due to the hard work and dedication of our organist, Stan in collaboration with the clergy and college music staff.

No weddings were held in St Donats church this year. However, three funerals took place. One for an ex teacher of the college, one for a local farmer and sadly one for a very well respected member of our church community.

Sheila Smith has continued her work and pastoral support with the college students despite the very sad loss of her husband, by organising monthly Meet, Greet & Eat get togethers in the church on the 4th Sunday of each month and inviting small groups of students to attend lunch or evening meals in her home.

In 2023 we hope to organise some fundraising events to increase the church restoration fund and look forward to planning more combined events with the college students.

Trish Bennett

The Priory Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Ewenny

After the restrictions of the past two years, it has been a pleasure to see normal service resume in the Priory Church. Alongside this regular pattern of worship there has been a gradual increase in the congregation, some who had not attended for some time and others new to the Priory Church.

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Some maintenance has been carried out during the year, some re-pointing work around the west window and also some repair to the stained-glass in this window from damage; some additional work is still required.

During the year the events which had been suspended also gradually started up again. In June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee an Afternoon Tea was held in the gardens of the Priory House, with the kind permission of Mr Jeremy Picton Tubervill. The weather was good and there was an excellent turn out from the Village community. Music was provided by Rhondda Sinfonietta. Although there was no charge made, donations totaling £815 were received.

In July an exhibition of paintings by David Ellis, of all the Churches within our Parish was held. During this exhibition on 4th July a concert of accordion and violin was held.

An Altar Frontal made in 1897 by a member of the Tubervill family was in need of restoration and so this was sent away to be restored professionally. The Frontal was blessed during our Epiphany Service and can now be used for special services.

Plans are in place to re-introduce the visits by local schools. A pilot visit by St Brides School took place in September and the project will be up and running fully in 2023.

The Harvest Supper also took place this year following a service, which all went very well.

In October Ruth Thomas our Churchwarden decided to resign, we were very sorry to see Ruth leave us, as she had contributed so much during her time as Churchwarden.

Christmas time, pupils from St Brides School led our Advent service and the older pupils held their Christmas Concert at the Priory over two evenings. There was also our service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Ewenny Chamber Choir and our Christmas Concert with the Vale of Glamorgan Ensemble which sold out very quickly and was very successful.

Helen Morgan

St Giles Church, Gileston

The main event to take place in St Giles during 2022 was the replacement of the roof and rainwater goods and general repairs to the windows and walls. Although there is still some water ingress from the tower into the church, the work done by Taliesin Conservation was excellent. At one stage the church was enclosed with sheets of metal to stop any unwelcome access however the upheaval was worthwhile. Without the foresight of Mr Peter Alexander of Gileston Manor investing a sum of money for St Giles in the 1970s, the repairs would have been impossible. His generosity will never be forgotten.

Thankfully, the work was completed in good time for a wedding at the end of July and thanks to Josh and Lorraine of the Manor, a successful cream tea was held in the summer.

Harvest was an opportunity to make a collection for the Bangladesh flood appeal, and the well-attended Christmas Carol service resulted in a donation to the Trussell Trust. Afterwards mince pies and mulled wine were enjoyed by all.

Lynda Mumford

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Holy Trinity Church, Marcross

2022 began with a great sense of achievement having finally completed the West window repair. The addition of a nightlight in the form battery powered candles kindly donated by G & L Halliwell will, we hope, signify that the church is open for those in distress even through the hours of darkness. Below the window we have an area set aside with leaflets from the DPJ Foundation which is a Mental Health Farming Charity. The small display is not only aiding promotion but seems to open conversations as well.

A polite request for visitors to remove Christmas decorations and extraneous detritus from the graveyard was posted on the gate to help tidy the graveyard after a complaint had been received regarding the extraordinary number of bricks being left there. A pickup by volunteers soon rectified the situation.

General works this year have included the repair of the small window at the back of the church and clearing of drains.

Due the poor heating in Holy Trinity, the annual church meeting was held in The Horseshoes, with nine people present and without clergy representation. There was much discussion about the frequency of church services and timings. Particularly frustrating is the continuation of the 9.30 am Friday services which no one is able or inclined to attend. A positive of this is that the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, although small, is very much alive and kicking!

There have been a few memorable and well supported services. Palm Sunday with Cake & a cuppa, along with our Annual Harvest and Advent were an absolute joy, it's a shame that the 3pm services are really struggling for support. The outstanding and most moving event of the year was The National Moment of Reflection following the death of Queen Elizabeth where we came together as a village. Thanks to Fr Craig for fulfilling our request for a clergy lead service at such short notice.

The highlight of the year must be the Jubilee Celebrations held at Village House Farm, courtesy of Dave Morgan and Family, inspired and organised by Holy Trinity Church Committee along with help from people living in the village. The large turnout of people living in the locality had a really good time enjoying a treasure hunt, picnic, competitions, loads of cake, music and dance. A display of pictures of Marcross through the ages was enjoyed by all and can still be seen on display in Holy Trinity. We were very grateful that the event was covered by the church Insurance, which allowed us to run the event without major overheads.

Finally, thanks must go to the small band of supporters of Holy Trinity, who turn out with good humour and grace to help with anything and everything from cleaning the church and grounds to generously providing cakes and wine when requested. Without their kindness and commitment, Holy Trinity would struggle to survive.

Sharon Evans

St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major

Since the end of the pandemic, we have seen that the numbers of people visiting and attending the church are continuing to increase.

Last year we saw a gradual increase in the numbers of people attending services at the church and we have also welcomed an increasing number of new members to our congregation.

Our challenge is to continue to develop the welcome to all, whether it would be members of our parish community or those who visit the area from elsewhere.

2022 has been a busy year in St Illtud's Church as we have continued to encourage new groups to use the church and several existing groups have now restarted their meetings in the church. We have seen

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the introduction of the chair yoga group, and other groups in the Church and the monthly "Open Mic" evenings are going from strength to strength. We have also seen the introduction and growth of the pastoral care group which is helping and supporting members of our congregation and community.

There were several special events during this year such as the Chamber Music Festival and an event to celebrate the platinum jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Several other concerts and memorial events have also taken place in the church and the local schools also held their concerts in the church before Christmas.

The attendance at all the services has continued to increase and we regularly have over 60 people who attend the 9.30am service on a Sunday morning and have increasing numbers at the other services throughout the week.

The worship on Friday mornings has been followed by a soup lunch which has continued to be successful, and the Seasons Café has also re-started after the pandemic.

We have advertised the church as a "warm space" as part of a town wide project and have also introduced the "extra layer" box to help people to stay warm in the light of the increases in the cost of living. We also have a donation point for the local foodbank.

We are again indebted to Lynn Brown our Director of Music for her ongoing commitment to develop music for our worship, we now have a small singing group which performed at several Sunday services during the year and Lynn re-established the annual ecumenical choir which was a great success at the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carol service.

We are grateful to all of those who have contributed to the work of St Illtud's throughout the year including the fund raising group who run the Church's 100 Club and the photographic competition for the Calendar, for the team that manages the shop which is now raising considerable funds towards the running of the Church, the bell ringers, flower arrangers and all of those who help with stewarding, serving, the intercessions, reading, running the Fairtrade stall and providing refreshments after the services, thanks also to our key holder Colin for unlocking and locking the church each day.

We have continued to grow our partnership with Bridgend Samaritans to highlight and assist those with mental health and other issues. The Samaritans reach out listening 24/7 to those in despair, suicidal and with mental health issues.

We are immensely thankful for the dedication of all of our ministry team, not just in St Illtud's but throughout the Ministry Area for their unwavering support and care that they give to our parishioners.

The LCC has continued throughout the year and is looking to continue the programme of work to repair and improve our church, also to encourage worship and the development of ministry to children and young people.

We have achieved much during this year and have much to be thankful for as we seek to continue to grow and develop after the pandemic and are always looking to encourage anyone who feels they can assist in any way.

Rob Oldham & Tricia Lancaster

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St James' Church, Wick

2022 saw a gradual return towards normal face to face worship and a partial return to some of our previous fundraising activities.

We returned to a full programme of Sunday Services with extra services throughout the year. Despite this return to face to face worship the Sunday morning Facebook service and Thursday morning Zoom Morning Prayer have continued and have been much appreciated by those who take part. We are very grateful to Father Craig for keeping these opportunities for worship going.

Services. We held a number of school Worship services and it was good to see the church filled with young people again.
Continuing the young people theme our Sunday School (Treasure Seekers) restarted under the enthusiastic leadership of Hannah King. The children start off in the village Hall and come into our service to join in the Eucharist and to perform some wonderful presentations/dramas much enjoyed by us older members of the congregation. They also presented a wonderful Nativity drama in the village hall just before Christmas much to the delight of a packed audience!

We are very pleased that Wick and District playgroup have asked to be involved again in developing part of the churchyard as a nature garden. This has proved a great success in the past and is yet another link developing between the younger and older generations of the church. We have also celebrated 6 baptisms.

During August we again shared our services with our sister churches in the Western Vale and in October we held a Harvest service which involved the whole village in contributing generously to our foodbank collection.

In December we held a Community Carol Service, again with support from other village organisations which proved a great success and we were able to repair to the village hall afterwards to continue our Christmas celebrations.
We resumed our traditional 'Carols around the Crib' on Christmas Eve which was a delight.

We had 2 weddings, one in the summer and the second after Christmas. The second was particularly joyful as it was between 2 very faithful members of our congregation who celebrated with a nuptial mass.

Fundraising. A tentative start towards fundraising was made with several cake sales and a table top sale. While these helped to keep up with the day to day running of the church it was not enough to fund any projects and we hope to increase our fundraising efforts in 2023.

Fabric. No projects were undertaken in 2022 but 2 problems were identified as needing attention. Firstly a section of plaster on the South wall is showing severe deterioration due to previous damp and secondly a section of the boundary wall abutting onto a neighbouring property is bowing.

Both problems have been assessed by the church architect as in need of action. Detailed specifications for both items have been submitted for faculty applications and we await a decision before proceeding to look at accepting quotes for the work.

We would like to thank all the members of the clergy who have worked so hard under difficult circumstances to help us in our return towards normality after COVID and also our wonderful congregation who have been so supportive throughout it all- Thank you everyone!

Lou Edwards

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Mary Magdalene, Monknash

During 2022 the monthly Friday Fellowship services have continued with a small but regular number in the congregation. We have had six additional Sunday services; Rogation Sunday, our Patronal service, our usual turn to host a morning service in August when St James', St Donats, Holy Trinity and St Mary Magdalene churches join together, Harvest Thanksgiving, Darkness to Light and Nine Lessons and Carols. There was also an evening service on the Tuesday of Holy Week. The majority of the additional Sunday services had good attendance numbers. As our church membership numbers four, of which only two are able to attend services in the church, we are always grateful to the support we have from other churches in our Ministry Area, especially St James', local farming families and a few local residents on these occasions.

As planned, the children's Treasure Seekers group was launched in St Mary Magdalene church on Sunday, 27th February. The group meets on the last Sunday morning of each month and is well attended.

The church continues to attract a steady stream of visitors as indicated by the entries in the Visitors' Book.

The roof project continues to be at the forefront of our concerns. In 2022 we received a donation of £2,000 from the Monknash Estate and were successful in obtaining a grant of £3,000 from the National Churches' Trust. The MAC has provided a guarantee of up to £10,000 to help obtain other funding. Grateful thanks must be given to David Walke for his continued support and help with grant applications. A fundraising concert with performances by students of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama hosted by Patrick King of Lower Monkton Farm, is due to take place on 22nd March in Ewenny Priory.

In Autumn 2022 a crack above the pulpit within the Chancel arch began to open up. Following a visit from the architect and a structural engineer it was reported that there was indication of slight movement that would progress over time. The advice was that the primary crack through the chancel wall should be stitched with stainless steel tie bars installed within the thickness of the wall. This will obviously involve replastering once the work has been completed. Also, in order to address the poor drainage on the north side of the chancel, the rainwater goods need to be upgraded and a system to direct any overflow away from the church wall is required to be put in place. A soakaway has been recommended and is being investigated. As well as the roofing work, we now need to address the cracked arch and drainage. The architect suggests this work will add at least another £7,500 to the costs of the project plus fees and VAT. The original quote for the chancel roof repairs was £40,000 and in December we had £38,000 that we could access but with inflation and additional work required it is estimated that costs could now be in the region of £60,000. We are awaiting an updated quote and will obviously need to look for more grant funding and fund raising possibilities. It is hoped that the work will commence during the summer of 2023, being aware grants have expiry dates.

Marie Sheppard

St Michael's and All Angels Church, Llanmihangel

We still have 2 services a month, usually on first and third Sundays. Congregation numbers seem slightly increased and more constant than pre-Covid, probably due to new people moving into the village, and Graham and Wendy Bray's amazing dedication to keeping in touch with the villagers, and providing the post-service coffee. We were glad to gradually lose the Covid restrictions in church, although Graham still likes to ask for confirmation of attendance before a service, to have some idea of numbers for refreshments. The coffee and chat has become an important social part of the Sunday service, for our church and village community.

We have new church gates. The four Davies sisters who were brought up in the Plas, daughters of the last tenant farmers there, donated funds to buy new gates to the churchyard, in memory of their mother Lydia, who used to paint the old gates annually.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The replacement gates were made and fitted by Shane at Glamorgan Welding Services on Llandow, keeping it local, and they are very splendid in a shiny galvanised finish, which should last for many years. They were blessed by Keith Brown, as part of the service on 19th June, all four sisters and their husbands were present, and we are very grateful to all concerned.

June was a busy month, as we were also part of the Open Churches Festival, which included a walk and talk about the Corn Mill next to the church; a talk about the history of the church; a Welsh language re-enactment of a 17th century Evening Prayer service; an art exhibition; and a harp recital. All events included refreshments, and with such a varied offering, we attracted new and old friends to Llanmihangel, and raised some funds. Many thanks to all involved, and especially to Graham who did much of the organising, together with Edwin.

Our Harvest Supper was held at Moorshead in September, a new venue, since the Plas was still vacant, and Great Barn was not available. The food and drink were all supplied by parishioners, and enjoyed by all.

We had a very moving Remembrance Day Service on 13th November, our first for some years. As always, Keith did us proud.

Our Lessons and Carols Service on December 18th was very well attended. It was great to see our beautifully decorated church packed with people, as in pre-covid times. We were also very happy to be invited afterwards to the Plas for the traditional mulled wine and mince pies by the new owner, Leanne Johns. As a community, we have missed the link between church and manor house, and are thrilled that the old house is being brought back to life, and we hope to be invited to share more church events in the great hall, as under previous owners.

The state of the church roof continues to be of concern. We lose slates every time there is a high wind, because the nails are failing. We have been quoted close to £100,000 for the full renovation. As a tiny church we cannot hope to raise anything close to that. I have fallen down at the first hurdle every time I attempt to access grant funding, as it seems we must have a website or online presence to display the logos of any grant giving body, and even that seems beyond me. If anyone has the time and expertise to help, I would be very grateful.

Siân Evans

St Tathan Church, St Athan

Here we are again and I'm struck with a sense of déjà vu as I write this. The effects of the pandemic have subsided but the challenges we faced have had a knock-on effect during 2022 and those effects have endured somewhat at St. Tathan's. St. Tathan's followed the usual program of services and events throughout 2022 including the civic service of remembrance however: owing to some confusion the Christingle service was postponed until Candlemass.

We saw the end of an era when we hosted the final Christmas concert of the RAF St. Athan Voluntary Band. The band itself is I suppose disbanding after the drawdown of the Royal Air Force contingent at MoD St. Athan. We will miss them greatly.

We held a service of thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty The Queen.

Wednesday services remain unchanged and continue to have a close and vibrant group who enjoy worship and fellowship afterwards.

Average weekly communicants' hovers at around 12, average Sunday Communicants at 6, and Wednesday at 8. We have had 3 baptisms and 13 Funerals.

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Last report stated that we had financially weathered the pandemic quite well. Our income was down but so were our overheads and so we were in a break-even position. The same cannot be said in this report the price of energy has increased drastically and it is noticeable. Our investment income continues to pay the bills but there will be less wiggle room in 2023. Karen has made heroic efforts to lower our bills but the price we pay through Parish buying is more favourable than government energy relief.

Emma is now the liturgical lead at St. Tathan's and has forged a strong relationship with the local school and The Padre for 2300 Sqn ATC who are eager to play a greater role in the life of the church.

We have hosted a couple of Craft fairs and have 2 more planned. We are looking to expand the use of the church by outside groups. The western vale crafters are happy to put us on their circuit of fairs and we continue to develop the concept.

The Clothing Bank operates once per month, the reduction in sessions is a response to need in other localities and they go where they are most needed.

We are currently in talks with The Barry branch of the Royal Air Forces Association to enable them to use the church for outreach and pastoral care of retired service persons in the local area no doubt this will involve the ATC squadron also.

A cinema club which would utilise our media facilities remains on the back burner for now.

Last year we welcomed a new treasurer and Karen served us diligently for the past 12 months but she has made the decision to put away her calculator and make room for another treasurer hopefully we will not wait too long for a new candidate to appear.

After 20 years of diligent service, we also celebrated the retirement as churchwarden of Elinor MacNamara who will be obviously a huge loss to the daily operation of the church but I do not think anyone could question her motivation or dedication during her time as warden. She has been and remains an active and visible ambassador for the church and we wish Elinor (and Sean) a relaxing retirement.

In conclusion there is more to say than the 2021 report but I am sure much less than we will have to say in the 2023 report because we have an interesting and packed year ahead.

Richard Simpson

Wick and Marcross CW Primary School and St Brides Major CW Primary School

The logo of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area shows 14 fish, radiating out from a Celtic cross at its centre. This is a reminder that the church in this area was established in Celtic times as a centre of learning, and the 14 fish (emblems of Jesus Christ in the early Christian centuries) represent our 12 churches and two Church schools.

The link with our Church schools is a notable and inspirational element of our work. The primary schools in Wick and St Brides Major draw children and families from across our Ministry Area, and their strong and distinctive Christian character marks them out as playing a key role in the work and witness of the Anglican Church in this part of Llandaff Diocese. The children are engaged in their learning and the curriculum is enhanced by Christian values, which are lived out in the life of both schools each day. Members of the Ministry Team are involved regularly in the life of our Church schools and 2022 has seen these links strengthen in practical ways, as the disruption of the pandemic has eased.

The Ministry Area extends grateful thanks to all those who serve as governors at both schools for their work, and to our two headteachers, Mrs Ceri Thomas in Wick and Mr Duncan Mottram in St Brides Major, for their tireless work and inspirational leadership in God's name.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Mothers' Union Report

The year began with activities still significantly restricted by COVID but full of hope that things were getting better.

Our Deanery Eucharist in January did take place and we welcomed members from the other two Branches in the Deanery. We also managed an AGM although with limited numbers of members. In the early part of the year several meetings had to be improvised as speakers fell victim to COVID and other ills. Our thanks go particularly to Father Edwin who spoke to us about some of the Icons in his collection.

Things began to go more smoothly during the summer and as confidence grew, more members came back to meetings. We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our Patron Queen Elizabeth by sharing afternoon tea; and our memories and memorabilia of her reign. We visited the new Away From it All Caravan and held several fund raising events for this important work.

Our Quiet Day in All Saints Southerndown was led by the Venerable Philip Morris (this was transferred from May, due to COVID). It was an inspiring day focusing on 3 female saints. Our year concluded with worship for Advent led by Keith and Lynn Brown.

Our thanks go to all the ministry team who give us such wonderful support and enable us to continue our work. Numbers attending meetings have gradually increased as members become more confident, we have also been joined by members who have moved into the area as well as some new members from within the parish and we look forward to resuming more activities in the near future as well as exploring new ways we can support the MU aims of helping those in the UK and around the world whose family life has met with adversity.

Sue Beetlestone

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Management structure and accounting
In accordance with an Episcopal Decree of 1st January 2022, the Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast was restyled Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area. The new name has been registered with the Charity Commission. The Parochial Church Council has become the Ministry Area Council with its members continuing as trustees of the charity.

Organisational structure, funding and activities
The Ministry Area includes 12 church buildings. With the exception of All Saints' Church, Southerndown, these are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. All Saints' Church is held by a body of trustees and leased to the MAC through the Representative Body. The Ministry Area also has beneficial interest in the church hall in St Brides Major. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the title to the premises on trust for the parish.

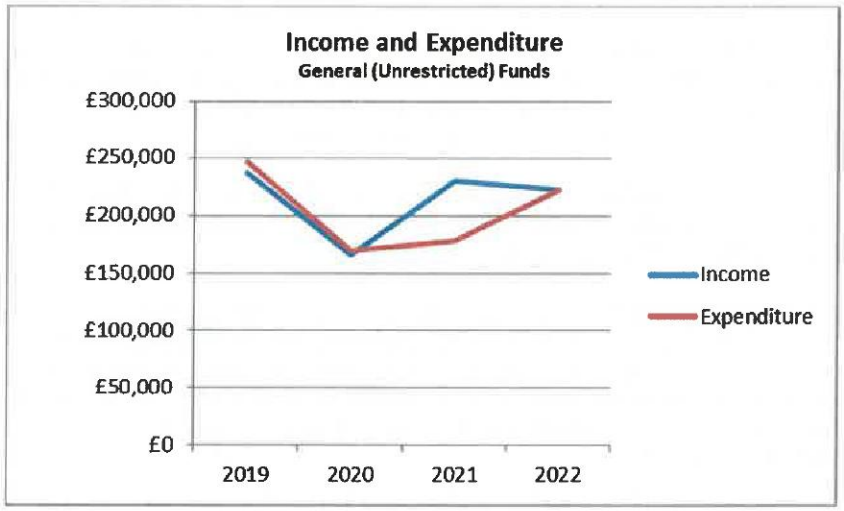
The continuing operations of the Ministry Area are funded principally from regular giving by those who attend services, and there is also some income from fees for weddings, funerals and interments, for which there is a standard scale of fees throughout the Church in Wales. There is also some income from rental of St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown. Various community activities take place in the 'West Church', a distinct area of St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, for which, when appropriate, a rental is charged. There is some limited income from investments, discussed below.

During 2021 church activities were constrained by restrictions imposed in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. While some of the restrictions continued into 2022, church activities began to return to normal during the year. It was again possible to open churches to visitors. Several weddings, which could not take place during the restrictions, were rescheduled and fundraising activities resumed, though with a degree of caution. The late Queen's Platinum Jubilee provided an occasion for events at several of the churches.

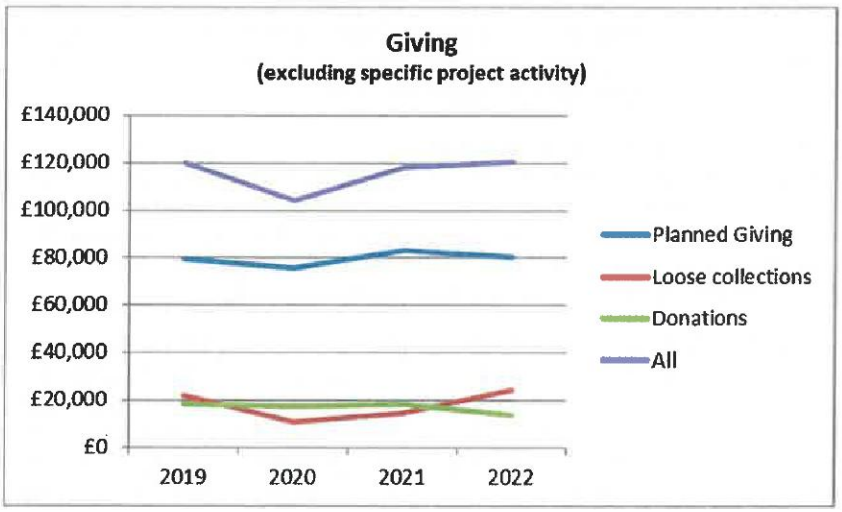
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Funeral services were again held in church buildings as well as burials and interments in our churchyards, which had continued throughout the pandemic. Our clergy have continued to provide pastoral support to the sick, the dying and the bereaved throughout the period.

Income and expenditure
Following limited activities during 2020 and 2021, routine expenditure has risen in 2022 to a level where it slightly exceeds income. In particular, churches have struggled to maintain income at a level to meet increased energy costs, with some of the churches negotiating new contracts or changing suppliers.



It has however been encouraging that many church members have opted to make donations via direct debit or standing order, providing some certainty about anticipated income. We continue to claim Gift Aid wherever appropriate, which increases the value of donations.



Each of the churches would normally be involved in fundraising to support major projects and external charitable activities. These have been limited during the pandemic as in most cases they involve bringing people together, but started again during 2022. Fundraising activities raised some £30,000 after costs and the shop at St Illtud's Church resumed activity.

Financial review *(continued)*

A particular project launched during the year was the establishment of a new library centre, Canolfan Illtud, in the Old Gatehouse at St Illtud's Church. The church has been working in partnership with cultural charity Coleridge Cymru to celebrate the long tradition of welcome, hospitality and scholarship in Llantwit Major. The accounts include significant donations from individuals and organisations from further afield towards the project.

There was one legacy received during the year, for the benefit of St Tathan's Church. We greatly appreciate those who choose to remember the church when making their wills.

The main item of day-to-day expenditure is the Diocesan Share, which spreads the cost of ministry across all Ministry Areas in the Diocese. This includes training and paying clergy, parish support in key areas such as youth and children's work, church housing repairs and maintenance, and grants to support specific mission and ministry projects. It also covers the necessary governance. The Ministry Area's share for 2022 was £134,881, which was paid in monthly instalments throughout the year. In recognition of the problems being experienced by churches as a result of the pandemic, Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance refunded a proportion of the sums paid in 2021 and a final such refund of £10,344 in 2022. In recent years the Board of Finance has refunded 5 per cent of payments where these are made on time throughout the year. £6,437 was refunded in January 2022.

The Ministry Area also has its own running costs. Apart from staff costs, central funds cover clergy expenses, printing of booklets and newssheets, and provision of altar supplies to all the churches. These costs are funded by contributions from the churches, supplemented by income from property rental, magazine income and occasional fees for administrative services, including arrangements for weddings.

Apart from funds available for day-to-day expenditure, each of the churches has one or more restricted funds which may only be accessed for specific purposes. Regulations require that fees for burials and interment of ashes are allocated to a fund for the maintenance of the churchyard.

Ewenny Priory, St Bridget's and All Saints churches normally have additional income streams with the Ewenny Arts Festival and rental income from St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown. The Festival has been dormant since the lockdown and there have been only limited activities in the church hall, with income failing to cover the costs of maintenance.

There have been major repairs at St Giles' and St Donat's churches. Storm damage in St Illtud's churchyard and damage to a wall at St Cattwg's Church have been the subject of insurance claims.

Total income for the year was £448,854 (2021 £288,884), of which £253,784 (2021 £230,514) was unrestricted, £192,838 (2021 £56,235) was restricted and £2,232 (2021 £2,135) was against the endowment funds. Total expenditure for the year was £384,511 (2021 £232,608), of which £250,981 (2021 £178,017) was unrestricted and £133,530 (2021 £178,017) was restricted. After net losses on investments of £60,788, the ministry area achieved a surplus of £3,555. However, this is broken down into a net loss of £33,722 against unrestricted funds (2021 net gain £40,033), a net gain of £51,385 against restricted funds (2021 £4,609) and a net loss of £14,108 against endowment fund (2021 net gain £14,138), after transfers between funds.

Overall reserves at the year-end are £828,060 (2021 £824,505), of which £480,768 (2021 £514,490) is unrestricted, £235,829 (2021 £184,444) is restricted and £111,463 (2021 £125,571) is against endowment funds. Free reserves total £266,153.

Investment policy

All current investments have arisen from sale of property, specific donations or bequests rather than being generated from surpluses. In such circumstances, the Council has regard to any specific or implied conditions relating to use of the funds.

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The Ministry Area receives rental income from a residential property in Llantwit Major. This is seen as a long-term source of income. There is some expenditure on maintenance, which will vary from year to year, in order to keep the property in good order.

Two of the churches benefit from permanent endowments, drawing income while maintaining the capital. The investments take the form of shares in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund. This fund aims to achieve a balance between sustainable levels of income and capital growth; to optimise total returns without undue risk; and to operate within the constraints of the Church in Wales' Ethical Investment Policy.

- Under the R H Thomas Trust, the proceeds of the sale of Flush House, Llantwit Major are held in trust for the benefit of St Donat's Church.

- Proceeds of the sale in 1945 of a house and land in Llanmaes left to the church by Miss Catherine Richards have been invested to provide income for St Cattwg's Church. While use of the income from the bequest is discretionary, Miss Richards' will requests that family graves are maintained.

There are Chancel Repair Funds for St Bridget's, St Illtud's and St Mary Magdalene's churches which are also invested in the Common Investment Fund, in these cases with the income being routinely reinvested to provide for growth of the Fund.

The value of shares in all Common Investment Funds fell in 2022 by £15,355, while the value of the investment held with RBCiW fell by £45,433. This is reflected in the loss on investments in the accounts of £60,788.

The Council has reviewed four restricted funds providing for the maintenance of graves. These were established by legacies from Mrs M Kibblewhite and Mrs A Thomas (St Illtud's), Miss Mary Cook (Marcross) and Mrs J P Lloyd (St Donat's). In each case the legacy had been invested in the Common Investment Fund in order to provide a continuing income.

In each of these cases administrative costs were considered excessive in relation to the value of the funds and, in accordance with an approach agreed with the Charity Commission and the Representative Body of the Church in Wales, the Council decided to sell the shares and to allocate the proceeds to maintenance of each of the churchyards.

St Tathan's Church has an investment in CAF Fixed Interest B Inc shares. This fund, arising from the sale of a church hall and land, has been used to support ongoing activities and maintenance at St Tathan's Church. Both dividend income and capital have been used for these purposes. After performing fairly well in earlier years, the value of these shares fell in 2021 and again in 2022, but they continue to provide an income and are held long-term, so we anticipate a recovery in the share price in coming years.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales also holds some funds which may be made available in appropriate circumstances. These include the proceeds of the sale of a house in Llantwit Major, held for the benefit of the church there, and of a Deed of Gift benefitting St Giles' Church. St Giles' Church has drawn on this during the year for substantial work on the church roof and walls.

Reserves policy

Apart from the investments described above, the Ministry Area and the individual churches hold funds to meet current and anticipated expenditure.

At the end of 2022, funds held in current or deposit accounts amounted to £484,429. Of this, £217,201 was in restricted funds for particular purposes, while £267,228 would be available for such purposes as may be approved by the Council consistent with the constitution. While in total this is more than

Financial review *(continued)*

adequate to cover the routine expenditure of the Ministry Area, the funds are held in 34 different bank accounts, in most cases operated by local treasurers, who will need to address the particular needs of their churches and the community.

Overall reserves at the year-end are £828,060 (2021 £824,505), of which £480,768 (2021 £514,490) is unrestricted, £235,829 (2021 £184,444) is restricted and £111,463 (2021 £125,571) is against endowment funds.

The reserves should provide the Ministry Area with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

The Council intends to maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational expenditure, having regard to anticipated income and outgoings and limitations on the uses for particular funds.

Plans for future periods

There is optimism that more activities will be possible during 2022 and future years. The income stream will remain heavily dependent on commitments to regular giving, with active encouragement for the use of the Church in Wales Gift Direct facility, providing for regular donations by direct debit, and other forms of direct payment.

The Parish Share is calculated on the allocation of clergy and the number of people who would normally be attending services. For 2023, this is set at £142,251, 5.5 per cent higher than the rate for 2022. It is the policy of the Diocese of Llandaff to gradually increase the level of contributions, which in recent years has not met the costs of ministry.

The Share is funded by the individual churches, who rely on regular giving from their congregations in order to maintain these payments. Collectively, the churches in the Ministry Area will be able to meet this commitment, though some individual churches will experience difficulty in continuing payments at the same level as in the past.

The budget for 2023 anticipates that the churches will also contribute at a similar rate as in 2020 towards the administration of the Ministry Area and services provided centrally, which support an active ministry team working in the churches, the schools and the community. While recognising the extent of the commitment involved, the Council will ensure that these demands are satisfied.

Maintaining church buildings will remain a major concern. The Ministry Area includes eleven listed buildings, regarded as being of particular historical and architectural significance. While some grant funding may be available for major works, in each case there will be a need for initial funding and fundraising by local people.

Work is expected to go ahead on restoring the bells at St Cattwg's Church. There is a need for urgent roof repairs at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Monknash and work is continuing on establishing funding for reinforcing the tower and rehanging the bells at St Tathan's Church. All the churches require some work and decisions have to be taken on urgency and funding.

The evaluation of any proposal will involve an assessment of the benefit to be provided by the proposed work and the extent to which this will contribute to the mission of the church, the needs of the wider community and the preservation of heritage. In each case, formal permission will be required before undertaking major works on a listed building.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the Ministry Area

The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area is situated in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales. It is in the Vale of Glamorgan Deanery Diocese of Llandaff.

Dedications of the churches within the Ministry Area and their locations

All Saints	Southerndown
St Michael and All Angels (Priory Church)	Ewenny
St Bridget's	St Brides Major
St Cattwg	Llanmaes
St Donat	St Donat's
St Giles	Gileston
St Illtud	Llantwit Major
St James	Wick
St Mary Magdalene	Monknash
Holy Trinity	Marcross
St Michael and All Angels	Llanmihangel
St Tathan	St Athan

Names of all persons who were PCC members during the financial year and any Parochial Office held

Canon Edwin Counsell	Rector
Fr Craig Vaughan	Team Vicar
Rev'd Emma Street	Team Vicar
Mr Alun Jenkins	Chair
Mr Geoff Semmens	Rector's Warden
Mrs Jodie Taylor	People's Warden – resigned 31/01/2022
Mr Eddie Williams	Representative: St Illtud's, Llantwit Major
Mrs Pennie Ayres	Representative: St James', Wick
Mr Jeffrey Robinson	Representative: St Cattwg's, Llanmaes
Mrs Sharon Evans	Representative: Holy Trinity, Marcross
Mrs Marie Sheppard	Representative: St Mary's, Monknash
Mr Richard Simpson	Representative: St Tathan, St Athan
Mrs Lynda Mumford	Representative: St Giles, Gileston
Mrs Sian Evans	Representative: St Michael's, Llanmihangel
Mrs Joy Newton	Representative: St Bridget's, St Brides Major
Miss Ruth Thomas	Representative: St Michael's, Ewenny Priory
Mrs Patricia Bennett	Representative: St Donat's, St Donats

Parish Administrator and Secretary to the Council: Mrs Alison Weston

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Details of Governance

The MAC is an unincorporated charity, governed by its constitution adopted 1 February 2004, as amended on 24 July 2018.
The Constitution of the Church in Wales defines the functions and powers of a MAC. The principal function of the MAC is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical". MAC Members, therefore, have significant responsibilities for the local mission of the Church. These shall include:

1. the promotion of the mission of the Church in the parish;
2. consideration of matters concerning the Church in Wales (but not declarations of doctrine);
3. propagation and implementation of decisions by the Governing Body, the Representative Body, the Diocesan and the Deanery Conference;
4. the preparation of the parochial budget, annual accounts and an annual report;
5. providing advice on matters properly referred to it;
6. communication with Diocesan and Deanery Conference;
7. review and reimbursement of parish expenses incurred by clerics; and
8. discharge of duties placed on the Council by the Church Fabric Regulations.

The MAC's responsibilities are not limited to the eight areas set out above. The MAC is a channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop.

The Ministry Area Council has three categories of members:

1. ex officio: clerics holding parochial appointment, full time stipendiary lay workers, churchwardens and sub-wardens, if appointed
2. elected: lay persons elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting up to such number, to a maximum of twenty five, as the Vestry shall determine
3. co-opted: Secretary and Treasurer, if not in the above categories; not exceeding seven lay persons or clerics (other than retired clerics) as determined by the MAC; such licensed readers as the MAC may determine.

The structure of the MAC has been simplified and, following the decision of the Annual Vestry Meeting in 2018, now has fewer members than previously. New members of the MAC are briefed on the requirements of the position. Before assuming office, every member of the MAC must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The MAC holds ordinary meetings four times in the year and extraordinary meetings as required. Members receive reports on issues relating to Ministry Area activities and finances and make decisions by voting.

Electronic Meetings

The holding of meetings by electronic means (video or telephone conferences) is now specifically authorised by the Constitution of the Church in Wales as a result of Constitutional changes approved on 8 September 2020.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 19 September 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Signed ..... Signed .....

Print name EDWIN COUNSELL Trustee

Print name EDWARD WILLIAMS Trustee

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 23 to 38.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Independent Examiner

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Date: 22 Sep 2023

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Endowment funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	4	187,307	34,831	–	**222,138**	201,159
Charitable activities	5	8,099	14,601	–	**22,700**	17,572
Other trading activities	6	30,289	5,742	–	**36,031**	19,827
Investment income	7	19,950	174	2,232	**22,356**	19,805
Other income	8	8,139	137,490	–	**145,629**	30,521
Total income		253,784	192,838	2,232	**448,854**	288,884
Expenditure						
Expenditure on raising funds:						
Costs of other trading activities	9	6,448	–	–	**6,448**	1,916
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	243,683	133,396	–	**377,079**	230,061
Other expenditure	13	850	134	–	**984**	631
Total expenditure		250,981	133,530	–	**384,511**	232,608
Net (losses)/gains on investments	14	(45,595)	(2,023)	(13,170)	**(60,788)**	2,504
Net income		(42,792)	57,285	(10,938)	**3,555**	58,780
Transfers between funds		9,070	(5,900)	(3,170)	–	–
Net movement in funds		(33,722)	51,385	(14,108)	**3,555**	58,780
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		514,490	184,444	125,571	**824,505**	765,725
Total funds carried forward		480,768	235,829	111,463	**828,060**	824,505

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 25 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	19	345,298	410,352
Current assets			
Stocks	20	1,783	1,350
Debtors	21	4,623	4,845
Cash at bank and in hand		484,429	413,836
		490,835	420,031
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	(8,073)	(5,878)
Net current assets		482,762	414,153
Total assets less current liabilities		828,060	824,505
Net assets		828,060	824,505
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		111,463	137,571
Restricted funds		235,829	184,444
Unrestricted funds		480,768	514,490
Total charity funds	23	828,060	824,505

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 19 September 2023 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed ..... Signed .....

Print name EDWIN GARWOOD Print name EDWARD WILLIAMS

Trustee Trustee

The notes on pages 25 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Rectory, High Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011, as well as applicable charity law.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue, so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no material judgements or estimation uncertainties to note, other than those already covered by the accounting policies.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Planned Giving	76,347	723	**77,070**
Loose Collections	25,773	269	**26,042**
Donations	34,581	12,469	**47,050**
For Mission	871	–	**871**
Tax Refunds	31,469	422	**31,891**
Legacies			
Legacies	6,000	–	**6,000**
Grants			
St Mary's:			
Benefact Trust	1,500	–	**1,500**
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	400	**400**
St James':			
Wick Community Council	50	–	**50**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	156	**156**
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	–	**–**
St Illtud's:			
Headley Trust	–	–	**–**
MADL	–	–	**–**
St Donat's:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	**–**
Allchurches Trust	–	–	**–**
RB Fabric Repair Fund	3,000	–	**3,000**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	5,973	–	**5,973**
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	10	**10**
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	**300**
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	20,082	**20,082**
Holy Trinity:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	743	–	**743**
Parish Office:			
Llandaff Diocese Independent Exam Grant	1,000	–	**1,000**
	187,307	34,831	**222,138**

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Planned Giving	83,033	138	83,171
Loose Collections	14,821	–	14,821
Donations	18,307	7,996	26,303
For Mission	350	–	350
Tax Refunds	25,339	1,660	26,999
Legacies			
Legacies	1,000	25,062	26,062
Grants			
St Mary's:			
Benefact Trust	–	–	–
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	400	400
St James':			
Wick Community Council	–	–	–
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	6,243	6,243
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	3,000	3,000
St Illtud's:			
Headley Trust	5,000	–	5,000
MADL	2,000	–	2,000
St Donat's:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	5,000	–	5,000
Allchurches Trust	1,500	–	1,500
RB Fabric Repair Fund	–	–	–
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	10	10
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	300
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
Holy Trinity:			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
Parish Office:			
Llandaff Diocese Independent Exam Grant	–	–	–
	156,350	44,809	201,159

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	8,099	14,601	**22,700**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	8,800	8,772	17,572

This relates to church fees for weddings, funerals and interments. Fees are set by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Fundraising events	25,768	5,742	**31,510**
Shop income	4,521	–	**4,521**
	30,289	5,742	**36,031**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fundraising events	16,740	1,739	18,479
Shop income	1,348	–	1,348
	18,088	1,739	19,827

7. Investment income

Title to the residential property in Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Ministry Area receives rental income and has responsibility for maintenance.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Income from investment properties	10,800	–	–	10,800
Income from listed investments	8,803	25	2,232	11,060
Bank interest receivable	347	149	–	496
	19,950	174	2,232	22,357

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from investment properties	9,745	–	–	9,745
Income from listed investments	7,585	35	2,135	9,755
Bank interest receivable	218	87	–	305
	17,548	122	2,135	19,805

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Other income	8,139	137,490	**145,629**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Other income	29,728	793	30,521

Included within Other Income is £134,965 received from the sale of shares held by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales on behalf of Gileston Church. This did not form part of investments in the prior years and therefore recognised as other income.

9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	1,437	**1,437**	150	150
Costs of money raising - Staging events	5,011	**5,011**	1,766	1,766
	6,448	**6,448**	1,916	1,916

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Support for Ministry	127,267	2	**127,269**
Parish Running Costs	30,515	104	**30,619**
Church Property	56,008	133,290	**189,298**
Missions	26,413	–	**26,413**
Support costs	3,480	–	**3,480**
	243,683	133,396	**377,079**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Support for Ministry	89,194	–	89,194
Parish Running Costs	23,104	104	23,208
Church Property	59,043	54,415	113,458
Missions	961	–	961
Support costs	3,240	–	3,240
	175,542	54,519	230,061

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2022 £**	Total fund 2021 £
Support for Ministry	127,269	–	**127,269**	89,193
Parish Running Costs	30,619	–	**30,619**	23,208
Church Property	189,298	–	**189,298**	113,458
Missions	26,413	–	**26,413**	961
Governance costs	–	3,480	**3,480**	3,240
	373,599	3,480	**377,079**	230,060

12. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	**Total 2022 £**	Total 2021 £
Governance costs	3,480	**3,480**	3,240

13. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Other expenditure	850	134	**984**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Other expenditure	559	72	631

14. Net (losses)/gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	(45,595)	(2,023)	(13,170)	**(60,788)**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	(12,464)	2,965	12,003	2,504

15. Independent examination fees

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**3,480**	3,240

16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**13,913**	12,748
Social security costs	**706**	528
	14,619	13,276

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Number of staff - admin	1	1

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year, 3 trustees received a total of £7,975 for expenses reasonably incurred in the course of their duties as clergy (2021: 4, £6,710).

18. Transfers between funds

A number of transfers between funds took place within the year, as detailed in note 23. An amount of £1,651 from the sale of St Illtud's restricted investments was transferred to the Churchyard fund and £6,184 from Gileston's cemetery fund to the general fund to cover spending on the cemetery.

19. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2022	410,352
Additions	–
Disposals	(4,266)
Fair value movements	(60,788)
At 31 December 2022	345,298
Impairment	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	345,298
At 31 December 2021	410,352

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are held in either The Church In Wales Common Investment Fund or the CAF Fixed Interest B INC fund. Statements are received stating the middle market valuation of a share at the year-end. This is considered to be fair value and the value of each investment is calculated accordingly.

20. Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Raw materials and consumables	**1,783**	1,350

21. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	**4,623**	4,845

22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	**8,073**	5,878

23. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	**At 31 Dec 2022**
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	514,490	253,784	(250,981)	9,070	(45,595)	**480,768**

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	491,966	230,514	(177,017)	(17,509)	(12,464)	514,490

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	**729**
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	**246**
Friends of St Illtud's	13,982	723	–	–	–	**14,705**
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	**159**
Galilee Account	18,883	–	–	–	–	**18,883**
Churchyard	8,397	7,075	(170)	1,651	–	**16,953**
Chancel Repair	3,432	–	–	–	(297)	**3,135**
Youth Project	2,603	–	–	–	–	**2,603**
Legacy Funds	1,831	23	–	(1,674)	(180)	–
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	5,456	2,172	(5,491)	–	–	**2,137**
Restoration / Maintenance	17,259	6,088	(44)	–	–	**23,303**
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	258	187	(936)	741	–	**250**
Churchyard	5,872	1,950	(1,875)	–	–	**5,947**
Youth Work	2,247	–	(104)	–	–	**2,143**
Friends of St James'	113	1,353	–	(741)	–	**725**
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Churchyard	777	5,690	(4,149)	–	–	**2,318**
Bells & Tower	19,325	877	–	–	–	**20,202**
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	7,858	465	(635)	(6,183)	–	**1,505**
Alexander Fund	–	20,082	–	–	–	**20,082**
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	6,217	374	(1,100)	13	–	**5,504**
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	–	(480)	480	–	–
Legacy Fund	204	3	–	(187)	(20)	–
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	22,371	702	(1,402)	–	–	**21,671**
Chancel Repair	253	5,000	–	–	(21)	**5,232**
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	–	–	**272**
Restoration	9,002	1,780	(2)	–	–	**10,780**
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,852	208	(720)	–	–	**6,340**
Legacy Fund	12,489	122	–	–	–	**12,611**
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	17,357	–	–	–	(1,505)	**15,852**
Parish Office:						
Alexander Fund	–	134,964	(113,422)	–	–	**21,542**
Canolfan Illtud	–	3,000	(3,000)	–	–	–
	184,444	192,838	(133,530)	(5,900)	(2,023)	**235,829**

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	729
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	246
Friends of St Illtud's	13,343	999	(360)	–	–	13,982
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	159
Galilee Account	18,883	–	–	–	–	18,883
Churchyard	6,162	3,239	(1,035)	31	–	8,397
Chancel Repair	2,980	–	–	–	452	3,432
Youth Project	2,603	–	–	–	–	2,603
Legacy Funds	1,656	31	–	(31)	175	1,831
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	1,270	1,098	(344)	3,432	–	5,456
Restoration / Maintenance	14,830	179	–	2,250	–	17,259
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	8,576	15,902	(41,608)	17,388	–	258
Churchyard	4,512	2,416	(1,056)	–	–	5,872
Youth Work	2,351	–	(104)	–	–	2,247
Friends of St James'	2,190	1,470	–	(3,547)	–	113
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Churchyard	2,163	2,718	(4,104)	–	–	777
Bells & Tower	18,175	1,150	–	–	–	19,325
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	8,158	300	(600)	–	–	7,858
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	1,713	5,000	(560)	64	–	6,217
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	419	(480)	61	–	–
Legacy Fund	184	4	–	(4)	20	204
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	2,609	20,602	(840)	–	–	22,371
Chancel Repair	216	–	–	–	37	253
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	–	–	272
Restoration	9,002	–	–	–	–	9,002
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	7,395	707	(1,250)	–	–	6,852
Legacy Fund	12,488	1	–	–	–	12,489
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	15,076	–	–	–	2,281	17,357
St Bridget's	2,250	–	(2,250)	–	–	–
All Saints	–	–	–	–	–	–
	160,191	56,235	(54,591)	19,644	2,965	184,444

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	115,325	2,055	–	(2,055)	(12,102)	**103,223**
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	1,040	13	–	(951)	(102)	–
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	9,206	164	–	(164)	(966)	**8,240**
	125,571	2,232	–	(3,170)	(13,170)	**111,463**

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	104,302	1,960	–	(1,960)	11,023	115,325
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	940	18	–	(18)	100	1,040
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	8,326	157	–	(157)	880	9,206
	113,568	2,135	–	(2,135)	12,003	125,571

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2022 £**
Investments	214,615	19,220	111,463	**345,298**
Current assets	274,226	216,609	–	**490,835**
Creditors less than 1 year	(8,073)	–	–	**(8,073)**
Net assets	480,768	235,829	111,463	**828,060**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Investments	261,703	23,078	125,571	410,352
Current assets	258,335	161,696	–	420,031
Creditors less than 1 year	(5,548)	(330)	–	(5,878)
Net assets	514,490	184,444	125,571	824,505

25. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	1,896	4,776
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	4,266	–
	6,162	4,776

At the year-end the Ministry Area entered into a 3-year lease for a photocopier. The full commitment has been included here.

GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST MINISTRY AREA

England & Wales - Charity number 1131490

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1131490

Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2021

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Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

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Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

INTRODUCTION FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

2021 has been a year that few of us will forget in a hurry. We have seen the Coronavirus pandemic rumble on through the whole year, when we thought it would a distant memory and, alongside that, we have seen changes of personnel in our churches and new patterns of ministry emerging that we might never have anticipated.

For much of 2020 we watched the pandemic bring havoc to many other communities, yet 2021 began with widespread infection across our area and a significant amount of bereavement. The pandemic has stretched our resources to the limit; simply caring for bereaved families has been so difficult with only handfuls of people allowed to gather for funeral services. Online platforms such as Zoom and Facebook have enabled us to connect families in a new way and, for many, this has been an essential lifeline.

Sunday worship has faced similar challenges, with restrictions on face to face numbers, although live and recorded worship has brought together people who might never have connected with our work and witness. Through 2021 we were able to celebrate the key Christian feasts and seasons, as well as running many of our usual courses and groups online. Only time will tell if this marks a new way of working, or whether we will simply revert to our previous patterns once the pandemic has run its course.

The last year also saw some important changes of personnel. The Revd Marc Walford left us in January to take charge of a church in Merthyr Tydfil, while the Revd Rhian Prime left us unexpectedly in June due to family illness. The Revd Emma Street joined us as an Assistant Curate in late August, although the Ministry Team remained at less than full strength for the rest of the year.

Through 2021 the Ministry Area Council has met regularly and worked hard, although the financial challenges have been significant in some churches. Support from the Diocesan Board of Finance has been very welcome, and some churches have had to address deep-seated financial challenges. For example, some of our larger churches rely heavily on visitor income and are now having to address levels of giving and wider financial support. Other churches have realised their dependence on a small number of generous regular donors, and are having to broaden their financial perspectives.

We were able to report promptly to the Charity Commission and our Parochial Church Council (Ministry Area Council) has a full complement of trustee members. There is a strong partnership with the Local Church Committees, Local Church Wardens and the Ministry Team. Finally, we recognise the tremendous hard work of the clergy and lay readers through the unprecedented challenges of 2021, while Local Church Wardens and Local Church Committees have undertaken their duties with vigour and determination. May God strengthen us in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the service of Jesus Christ.

Canon Edwin Counsell (Parish Priest)
Mr Alun Jenkins (Chair of the Ministry Area Council)
Mr Geoff Semmens (Church Warden)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC	
Charity registration number	1131490	
Principal office	Benefice Office St Illtud's Church Church Street Llantwit Major	
The trustees	Canon ECR Counsell	
	Mr JL Robinson	
	Mr E Williams	
	Mr AG Semmens	
	Ms SM Evans	
	Mrs LM Mumford	
	Mrs MJ Sheppard	
	Mrs P Ayres	
	Mrs SE Evans	
	Mr AV Jenkins (Chair)	
	Mr RJ Simpson	
	Rev. CA Vaughan	
	Ms PM Bennett	*Appointed 26 April 2021*
	Ms J Newton	*Appointed 26 April 2021*
	Ms RR Thomas	*Appointed 26 April 2021*
	Rev. EE Street	*Appointed 12 August 2021*
	Rev. MA Walford	*Resigned 31 January 2021*
	Mr AJ Davies	*Resigned 25 April 2021*
	Mrs E James	*Resigned 25 April 2021*
	Rev. KR Prime	*Resigned 31 July 2021*
	Mrs JM Taylor	*Resigned 31 December 2021*
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Incumbent	Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell The Rectory High Street Llantwit Major CF61 1SS	

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The mission of the Benefice is to advance the Christian religion through local and worldwide activities. The object of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to ensure that the life and work of the Church within the parish helps to fulfil this mission, both locally and more widely. It is regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The Benefice holds an Annual Vestry Meeting and ensures that every member of the Council signs a declaration that they will be bound by the Constitution.

The PCC is responsible, inter alia, for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of the Church fabric and of the churchyards and for action on any matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution. The PCC is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

The charitable objects per the governing documents are: "The promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish".

The members of the PCC as trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

Objectives and activities *(continued)*

General Pattern of Main Services in the Benefice

Time	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
St Illtud's, Llantwit Major					
8.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
9.30am	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online	Holy Eucharist & online
St James', Wick					
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
Ewenny Priory, Ewenny					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
St Giles', Gileston					
9.30am	Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer		
St Michaels, Llanmihangel					
9.30am		Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer	
St Cattwg's, Llanmaes					
11.00am		Holy Eucharist		Morning Prayer	
St Bridget's, St Brides Major					
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
St Tathan, St Athan					
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
St Donats, St Donats					
11:15am	Prayer & Praise	Holy Eucharist	Prayer & Praise	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
All Saints, Southerndown					
	Holy Eucharist/Evening Prayer – Wednesdays @ 3pm				
Holy Trinity, Marcross & St Mary Magdalene, Monknash					
	Holy Eucharist – Alternate Friday @ 9.30am & Monthly Sunday Worship				

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Individual Church Reports

St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown

Well we've made it through another year!

We said goodbye to Marc and Patrycja, welcomed Emma and family, and said au revoir to our much loved Churchwarden Eve, as she exchanged her earthly duties for Heavenly ones.

We've managed to keep our Church open for private prayer, services and celebrations as much as Covid regulations allowed and we've had some young families join us regularly. We're looking to developing our Youth Ministry in the coming year. The number on our electoral roll remains constant.

We survived the storms apart from the locked back door blowing open on one occasion. This was secured and order restored inside. Flaking plaster continues to be a problem but the matter is in the hands of Sarah Perons, the Diocesan Church Development Officer. She has suggested as a starting point that she arranges a fresh quinquennial inspection (a year early). This process will commence April 12th. The Community Council have replaced the floodlight in the Church yard and extended the footpath from the bottom gate to the back of the Churchyard.

The CHURCH HALL:
Playgroup continues to be the biggest source of revenue/user of resources, with Mother and Toddlers also meeting weekly. Keep Fit, Art Club, MU, Coffee and Chat and the Community Library also use the hall regularly. Private events are booked via Val Rowe, our Booking Secretary, to whom we are very grateful. Robert Carveth is standing down as Treasurer of the Church Hall after 13 years of sterling service and the role is being taken up by Margaret Lewis. Many thanks to both. Coffee and Chat is growing in popularity again and the group enjoyed a Christmas lunch in The Farmer's Arms in December. Post Sunday Worship Coffee restarted to celebrate St Bridget's Day. Unfortunately there were no hymns, as the organ had failed a few weeks earlier; however we enjoyed fellowship and friendship with hot drinks and a biscuit! The organ is being repaired on 1/3/22.

EVENTS GROUP organised a Christmas Raffle at The Farmer's Arms Christmas Fair. This made £532 for Church funds and the landlady of the pub supported us generously, as she also did for our Halloween Walk. We also enjoyed a Carol Singing Village Walk, which was very well supported, ending up singing around the Christmas tree on the village green followed by "seasonal" refreshments in the Church Hall.

PASTORAL CARE continues on an ad hoc basis but a more formal, Committee led, way is being considered. Visits to Brocastle have unfortunately largely been prevented by Covid.

CHARITY Support has been given to the local Food Bank and used postage stamps and postcards are still being collected for charity.

Thank you to everyone who has ensured we've made it through another year.

Here's to 2022/2023. We can do it!!

Joy Newton

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

All Saints Church, Southerndown

The mid-week service at 3.00 pm continues to be favourable to our attendees, the easy flat access to the church with adjacent car park and disabled toilet facilities suits most of our congregation. The church has stayed open throughout the pandemic albeit at certain times for prayer only. Services are now being held subject to guideline restrictions.

Hire of the church has restarted in a limited way after a risk assessment had been discussed with all interested parties. This means that fees and contributions have continued to cover the church expenses.

For the first time for many months, we were able to have refreshments after the service for a 90th birthday party for one of our congregation, and we hope to have a Welsh themed refreshment afternoon for St David's' Day but on the 2nd March.

There has not been any need for maintenance or repair to the structure of the church this year.

Hazel Norfolk

St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes

Services
As with all churches in the benefice St Cattwg's has had a difficult year. Covid restrictions have resulted in fewer services and generally with lower attendance than normal. Our church members have been fully informed about dates and times of services from the benefice e-mails and by regular letter updates from the wardens. We have settled into a pattern of two monthly services i.e., the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Quinquennial Report
The quinquennial report which had begun in 2019 has had to be postponed because of the pandemic. It is hoped that our architects, Caroe and Partners', can restart the process in 2022. In the meantime, the fabric of the building appears to be in satisfactory order.

Damaged Churchyard wall
In February 2021 a low loader lorry carrying a JCB got lost on its way to Llandow and entered the village of Llanmaes from the south. As it attempted to pass the church it collided with the churchyard wall damaging it and the adjacent gate post. The cost of the repair will be in the region of £3,500. Happily, the full cost of this will be met through Ecclesiastic Insurance Co. (our excess of £500 has also been recovered). The work has not yet been done because the final settlement took us into winter which is an unsuitable time for using lime mortar.

Church Bells
The three bells in the tower were taken off the redundant frame some years ago but remain in the tower. Plans to have them suspended on a simple frame – as recommended - have been delayed, but is now under review again. We are in touch with the diocesan bell advisor, David Moore, for advice.

Church Treasurer
After a run of over thirty years our church treasurer, Mary Turner, has decided to stand down.
We thank her for her distinguished service to our church and benefice. From January 2022 her place will be taken by Wendy Hewitt-Sayer for which we are most grateful.

Churchyard grounds
We remain indebted to some church members plus volunteers from the village for regular grass cutting during the now lengthy growing season. They do a wonderful job.

Church Council (LCC)
At the annual church meeting last year it was decided that all officers and members would continue in place at least until after the pandemic has ended. This is still the position with the exception of the change of treasurer listed above.

Kerry Veale & Jeff Robinson

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Donats Church, St Donats

This has been another extraordinary year as the COVID pandemic continues. As the year began, the UK was experiencing another 'lockdown 'period for the safety of the population. Although our churches were closed again during this period, we were very fortunate that Fr Edwin Counsell continued to provide on line services, support and events.

Although in the past, the church was open 24 hours a day, since the COVID 19 pandemic began in March 2020, St Donat's Church has remained closed in order to protect the Atlantic College (AC) and others.

As the lockdown restrictions were eased at the beginning of March, Services at St Donat's church recommenced, initially monthly and eventually weekly services restarted in October. Throughout that time, congregation members and student Christian Fellowship representatives were invited to join regular on line meetings. In the main theses had a social focus, but they were also helpful for discussing church related matters and keeping in touch.

An enjoyable Carol service planned by our organist Stan Gilbert, was held on the afternoon of Sunday 12th December which included a light hearted short nativity play, performed by some of the church members. Unfortunately the students were unable to join us this year due to Covid restrictions but we were able to send them a short Christmas message via video led by Fr Edwin.

Because of limited number of clergy in the Benefice, Christmas Day services were restricted therefore a Christmas prayer service was held on Christmas Eve afternoon.

The College Christian Fellowship members held regular Sunday worship services under the guidance of Marta Sokmei, a house parent and Church member. As the AC community were in a community bubble therefore it was deemed safe for the Christian Fellowship group to hold their Sunday services at the church. Throughout the academic year the students met weekly for Christian Fellowship meetings.

We were very fortunate to be able to join the Christian Fellowship group on the jousting field for a joyful farewell service at the end of May before they left for their summer vacation. The very talented students entertained us with Christian music, song and dance.

Sadly Marta and her husband Ferenc also left the college at the end of the summer term and will be greatly missed for their friendship and hard work in the college and for the church.

However, a new house parent, Victoria Bailey has taken over Marta's role, liaising with the College Christian Fellowship group and supervising regular church services.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions we have managed to organise on line meetings and social events including:

- The well-being and social meetings have continued fortnightly to provide support during 'lockdown' periods.
- LCC committee meetings.
- One Church meeting was held in person in September in the West Church at St Iiltud's to discuss and plan the programme of futures services and events.
- The wardens have continued to meet with the college administration staff on a regular basis to discuss the use of the church by congregation members and college students.
- Occasionally College Christian Fellowship members and Vicky Bailey (house parent and student liaison) have been able to attend our Tuesday Social meetings.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

COVID-19 Health and safety regulations have continued with:

- Hand sanitising on entry and exiting the church and before receiving communion.
- Wearing of masks
- 2 metre social distancing
- Track and trace contact details of church attendees
- Regular disinfecting and cleaning of the church

Bob and Sheila Smith continue to provide important outreach support to the AC students, past and present via email, updating the congregational on any news of ex-students. Sadly due the lockdown restriction over the last 2 years it has not been possible for Bob and Sheila to provide student lunches or teas in their own home.

Two weddings previously planned for August 2020 took place this year during the month of August; one officiated by Fr Edwin Counsell, the other by Fr Craig Vaughan

Repair work to the church tower was successfully completed in October

The church has plans next year to use one Sunday a month as a 'Meet, Greet and Eat' meeting, in place of a traditional service. This is an ideal opportunity for members of the congregation to get to know more about each other. It is hoped that in the future the students will be able join us for these meetings so we can get to know more about them, their countries and religious customs. At present Atlantic College is restricting contact with the students for their health and well-being.

Trish Bennett & Sian Tesni Roberts

The Priory Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Ewenny

Apart from the periods when the country was in lockdown; services have been held in the Priory Church following all the necessary Covid guidelines. It has been fantastic to see the support of the church members. Those who are still unable to come to the Sunday services are regularly contacted and some of these are able to continue to access the online services. It was very pleasing to be able to hold the service of Nine Lessons and Carols this year with the Ewenny Chamber Choir who sang in the Presbytery, so were heard but not seen, as an additional safety precaution.

During the year a votive candlestand was installed in the Church and has been very well received.

Hopefully, during 2022 there will be a gradual increase in church activity, there are some plans in place to hold some events during the summer months, including a Garden Party in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, organised in conjunction with Ewenny and Corntown Community Council.

At the present time, an altar frontal made by a member of the Tubervill family in 1897 is being restored and once it is returned a service of rededication is planned to celebrate.

The building and the churchyard are regularly assessed. Some work is needed in the Church and will be carried out once the warmer weather arrives.

Helen Morgan

St Giles Church, Gileston

As with the previous year, there is little to report from St Giles Church for 2021. Thankfully services resumed during the year with strict adherence to the guidelines to keep everyone safe. It was a relief being able to hold three weddings and one wedding blessing during the summer months. For two couples who had postponed from 2020, the ceremony was live streamed to an outdoor seated area - a welcome compromise which made the best of the exceptional circumstances caused by Covid restrictions.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

It was very sad when Rev Rhian Prime left us in early summer and we lost Rick Gratton when he took up his ministry elsewhere, however, it was a delight to welcome Rev Emma Street with her infectious enthusiasm.

Festive services were varied. Easter Sunday was very quiet as was our Harvest Service which was held in the covered courtyard of Gileston Manor. The pleasant surprise was Christmas Day when a large number of guests who were spending Christmas at Gileston Manor, arrived in various attire including pyjamas! Being mostly American, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and brought an international vibe to the service. Despite the chaos and disruption, Emma who kindly agreed to take the service, rose to the occasion and coped admirably.

Lynda Mumford

Holy Trinity Church, Marcross

Church Works

Despite the difficulties of Covid restrictions and the resulting demise of Fundraising Activities, Holy Trinity LCC has managed to orchestrate a full repair of the west window. Huge thanks must go to David Walke who has led Holy Trinity LCC by the hand, liaising with Architects and Cliveden Conservation Workshop to bring this work to fruition. Other works include refixing the gutters and downpipes, as well as the removal of bricks and detritus from around the graveyard

Services

It was lovely to see the church open again for Harvest, and the Friday Night service was reasonably well attended, with Jaqui once again playing the organ. The beginning of the journey back to normal. Fr Craig thought it was very apt for the Harvest Service to hear a tractor working in the distance!

Attendance for the Friday morning services has been poor, and whilst some of the afternoon services have been reasonably well intended, the afternoon timeslot is not proving popular with regular attendees. The highlight of the year must be the outdoor Christmas service, led by Fr Edwin. It was well attended by local villagers, and it was lovely to see some new faces. Special thanks to Jaq for playing the organ, Karen Saunders Jones for her beautiful singing and to those that stepped in to read. It was a lovely service followed by an impromptu get together in the pub after.

Finances

The cost of the window repair has made quite a hole in the finances at £4500.00 but the LCC are all in agreement that it was money well spent and are looking forward to being able to meet and plan for the next event.

Social Responsibilities

Whilst the responsibilities of running a small church rely on the few, and are ever increasing, it's very rewarding to know that despite the past two years, this little church and its small committee are emerging stronger and with a renewed energy to make Holy Trinity play its part in the community. Holy Trinity is situated on the road leading to Nash Point where sadly many suicide attempts have been made. Since the window restoration the LCC have decided that the church should be left unlocked, and a lamp left on overnight. (Thanks to L & G Halliwell for donating). With a plan to designate a tranquil information area for anyone that might seek help at any time, be it day or night. Work is slow but we meet next week to start work on a display on the DPJ Foundation which gives mental health support for those involved in Agriculture. We intend to draw support from the Samaritans as well. This is a new and much needed development in Holy Trinity's History and although the fund raising is necessary and enjoyable it's wonderful that Holy Trinity now seems to have more purpose.

Sharon Evans

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major

Welcome to all, the people of our town and wider community, we continue in prayer, worship, praise and supporting each other.

In 2021, there were still restrictions in place due to the ongoing pandemic however measures were in place to ensure that people are safe whilst providing a much-needed space for both spiritual and mental wellbeing. Many services and events have taken place, with restrictive numbers, however technology and social media continued to play a central part in keeping contact with each other and for wider engagement. Online worship developed in 2020 on Sundays and during the week continued to be well supported reaching beyond the church walls.

We are grateful to the many people who have contributed to the work of St Illtud's during the year, including the dedicated volunteers who have continued to serve others both in and outside the church. We have many groups include pastoral care, faith and fellowship and Daily Prayer. There are opportunities for further involvement for volunteers in working groups which have been established with a focus on particular aspects such as fundraising, fabric, website and the church shop. You will have seen the photo competition, calendars and the introduction of the 100 club.

The Easter Trail was a highlight engaging the local community and a focus for the church. As was continuing the work with Mental Health with a partnership set up with Samaritans (Bridgend) who delivered Mental Health awareness with "listening with compassion.

The LCC has continued throughout the year to provide direction on the way forward, it remains optimistic in the coming year.

Much has been achieved due to the dedication of the clergy which during these challenging times we remain thankful for.

We look to living and working in a new way once restrictions are eased.

Tricia Lancaster and Eddie Williams

St James' Church, Wick

Our report obviously is influenced by the effects of COVID experienced by all our churches but we remain thankful that we have been able to maintain our services even in a different form!

Work on the church walls was finally completed in early spring but some of the scaffolding had to remain while the work on repair of the lightening conductor system (as detailed in last year's report) was completed. We now have a very impressive weather vane – a magnificent cockerel seen from afar!
Work on repositioning of the altar was also completed and a service of rededication and thanksgiving was held in July.

These works were funded by generous support from The Friends of St James, various grant bodies and the Ministry Area as well as our own funds. Thank you to all.

Although there is further work which needs doing to ensure the church is weatherproof, we have no immediate plans until we are able to recommence our fundraising activities.

Services

Face to Face services have been running well despite continuing to follow all the necessary government and Church in Wales guidelines.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The church has remained open from 10am- 4pm Monday to Friday for private prayer as well as our Sunday morning services.

Father Craig has continued to hold Zoom services on Sunday and Thursday mornings which have been very much appreciated and well supported.

We have also been greatly supported by other members of the clergy and lay preachers particularly Penny Snowden who tolerates our mishaps with great good humour!

Our thanks go to all the members of our LCC and our faithful and determined congregation as well as all the members of the Ministry Area Team and we look forward to returning to more "normal" times in 2022!

Lou Edwards

St Mary Magdalene, Monknash

During 2021 our church members continued to join weekly on-line worship organised across the Parish and have welcomed the return of a limited number of services being held in the church. Father Craig's weekly Homily for the Home has been greatly appreciated by a member who does not have internet access.

Sue Evans has taken over the position of Church Warden, alongside Marie Sheppard. We are very grateful for the work Sue is doing related to this position as she also continues her responsibilities as our Church Treasurer. Thank you also to Carroll Swain, who continues to support St Mary Magdalene Church acting as our fire and safety officer.

In 2021 we welcomed the King family, Patrick, Hannah and their four children.

In May monthly services of Friday Fellowship resumed. There have also been five Sunday services throughout the year, including Rogation Sunday, the Patronal service, a Sunday Evensong, a Harvest celebration and a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Also, on 21st December a 'Children's Christmas Celebration', which took place in the church, was organised by Hannah King. This was very successful and following on from this event Hannah is organising monthly Sunday morning sessions of activities and worship for children of all ages and their families to be launched in the church on 27th February, 2022. This group will be called 'Treasure Seekers'. There has been one funeral service and one burial at St Mary's during 2021.

We are at last hoping to move forward with fund raising, alongside grant money we are able to access, to pay the costs of re-roofing the church. Quotes for the cost of repairing the whole roof were daunting and after considering that the chancel roof is in a critical position due to slate slippage and nail sickness, allowing rain to penetrate the roof in its present state, it was decided to concentrate initially on getting the work done on this area in order to make it weatherproof. David Walke must be thanked for all the help and support he has already given and continues to give to us with our roof project. David is pursuing grants that might fit our needs and for which we might qualify. There has already been a generous donation for this project given by the Budd family. We have a list of ideas for fund raising, hoping that in 2022 we are able to hold events again, including a garden party and a concert of music in the church organised and performed by Patrick King and some of his music students.

In the autumn, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales sponsored a project to establish a date of the wooden arch braced roof of the church nave. This was believed to date from the 16th century and may have revealed a point of interest for the church. Unfortunately, samples of the wood taken for dating were proved to be from a later period. After delays over the past 2 years,

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

we are hoping to put together information packs/leaflets and displays relating to St Mary's, which might be of interest to visitors as the Pilgrim Trail develops.

During 2022 we are hoping to increase our number of Sunday services.

Marie Sheppard

St Michael's and All Angels Church, Llanmihangel

The past year has really been a time to consolidate existing events in the church and also to begin looking towards the future.

We now have two services every month, on the first and third Sundays. We are grateful to Reverend Emma and Father Craig for leading the Eucharist Services, and special thanks goes to Keith Brown for our Morning Prayer services and his enthusiastic delivery of music from the harmonium.

We have now adopted the BBC Songs of Praise books as our go-to source of hymns, and music has now become an integral part of every service. A portable speaker has been purchased on behalf of the church and it's so good to hear music filling the church again. A new heater has also been purchased and we look forward to the warmth spreading through the congregation on a Sunday morning!

We have continued to follow church guidance with respect to COVID restrictions, limiting numbers to two in a pew, and face masks continue to be used by all.

Where possible we have organised and delivered services for special occasions including Harvest Festival and Christmas Lessons and Carols. The latter was particularly well attended, and we provided mulled wine and mince pies after the service. Food and drink has become an integral part of our life in Llanmihangel, and after every service we provide coffee and cakes.

Our senior warden, Sian Evans, continues to seek funding for roof renovations, and we have also been promised funding for new gates into the church yard. We look forward to seeing the new gates put in place in 2022.

Recently we have been given permission to leave the church unlocked and it has been encouraging to see the church being visited between services.

Numbers fluctuate from Sunday to Sunday, but it's always wonderful to see the familiar faces filling the pews every for every service.

Graham Bray

St Tathan Church, St Athan

This report from St Tathan's Church reflects the impact of the pandemic on the village and our congregation. Between December 2020 and 2021 we have seen a marked decrease in our numbers for Sunday worship. We had a period where the church was not open for worship regularly and there is still a certain amount of fear and discomfort regarding the risk of Coronavirus among our local people. We address this by making the experience of worship as safe and free of risk as we possibly can.

The number of people who were able to attend funerals has also had an impact on families in terms of grieving and of pastoral care. We can seat only 48 people in the nave of the church so it follows that where we employ social distancing measures this number is drastically reduced and so funerals became a very different experience because of the somewhat cold and arbitrary nature of restrictions and family bubbles and social distancing. Thankfully these restrictions have eased.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

We have lost some prominent members of our congregation who were called home to God, Christine Campbell and Clifford Organ passed away in the last year and they will be missed greatly. Clifford and Iris' quiet domestic disputes before the service and Christine's singing voice were part of the atmosphere for many decades.

In July of 2021 we had the unfortunate news that Rev. Rhian was leaving us to deal with family matters. This was a great shock to everyone who had grown very fond of her over the three years she was with us. She became part of the village and was known for her approachability and her dedication to pastoral care and the delivery of the sacraments. We are grateful to the Ministry Team for all of the effort which was expended to keep us an open and functional church for worship and services.

The LCC has continued to meet albeit at a reduced frequency over the pandemic and everyone learned to love Zoom for keeping meetings brief. The church is kept in good order and the human presence of ministry has been maintained during this period

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In terms of giving, those who gave regularly for the most part maintained their gifts and as a result of the pandemic our overheads were greatly reduced. As a result, we financially "broke even" during the pandemic.

The tower and bells committee have reconstituted after a hiatus to continue the restoration of the tower and the bells with a view to creating a bell ringing academy in the Ministry Area and the Vale of Glamorgan. The search for funding is ongoing.

While numbers at services have decreased, we have a great deal of new faces during the recent months as the clothing bank now operates from the church every Thursday and it has become a very popular stopping off point for parents taking children to school who stop in for coffee with donations and to peruse the items on offer.

Richard Simpson

Mothers' Union Report

The year began with another COVID lockdown and a suspension of the activities we had begun to be able to enjoy. Our weekly emails and Zoom Prayers enabled some of us to keep in touch and other members kept in touch by phone.

Our meetings were resumed in May with booking, social distancing and contact tracing in place. The May, June and July meetings were focused on worship and continued the theme of Pilgrimage. This too was reflected in our August meeting when we had a Pilgrimage walk organized by Tyann Leonard and Diane Gullett and also a Pilgrimage themed quiz.

In September as well as our Meeting and Eucharist we also gathered in the Mezzanine to join the MU Annual Gathering online, viewing it on the big screen.

Our October meeting was our opportunity to welcome The Rev Emma Street and to hear of the spiritual journey which has brought her to us.

Numbers attending meetings have gradually increased as members become more confident, we have also been joined by new members who have moved into the area as well as some new members from within the parish and we look forward to resuming more activities in the near future as well as exploring new ways we can support the MU aims of helping those in the UK and around the world whose family life has met with adversity.

Sue Beetlestone

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Benefice includes 12 church buildings. With the exception of All Saints' Church, Southerndown, these are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. All Saints' Church is held by a body of trustees and leased to the PCC through the Representative Body. The Benefice also has beneficial interest in the church hall in St Brides Major. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the title to the premises on trust for the parish.

The continuing operations of the Benefice are funded principally from regular giving by those who attend services, and there is also some income from fees for weddings, funerals and interments, for which there is a standard scale of fees throughout the Church in Wales. There is also some income from rental of St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown.

During 2021 church activities have been constrained by restrictions imposed in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had been applying at various levels since March 2020. While restrictions imposed by government regulations and requirements of the Bench of Bishops of the Church in Wales were relaxed later in the year, places of worship have been permitted to open only for worship and, for a while, for private prayer. Even these activities have been subject to a prior detailed risk assessment, full supervision and requirements for mask-wearing and social distancing, which have meant a restriction on the number of people who can be allowed to attend at the same time. The provisions have not allowed church buildings to be open for general visitors. Many churches have therefore remained closed, while others have opened only for occasional services. Activity has however continued, with services and other events being held online.

Restrictions have meant that there were only a few weddings conducted during the year. Some funerals have been held in church buildings, though our clergy have conducted many services elsewhere and have provided pastoral support to the sick, the dying and the bereaved throughout the period.

Against this background, the churches have struggled to maintain income levels. Since the beginning of the pandemic, many of those who would normally have contributed regularly to church funds through collections at services have adopted other means, including greater use of direct debits, standing orders and other online payments. Overall, regular giving and donations amounted to £124,295. This was 11 per cent higher than 2020, but still 4 per cent below the 2019 level. We continue to claim Gift Aid wherever appropriate, which increases the value of donations.

Each of the churches would normally be involved in fundraising to support major projects and external charitable activities, but, as in most cases these involve bringing people together, relatively few such activities have taken place, though slightly more than in 2020. At £19,827, the income from fundraising and shop sales in 2021 was more than double that achieved in 2020, but 43 per cent lower than the 2019 figure.

The main item of day-to-day expenditure is the Parish Share, which spreads the cost of ministry across all parishes in the diocese. This includes training and paying clergy, parish support in key areas such as youth and children's work, church housing repairs and maintenance, and grants to support specific mission and ministry projects. It also covers the necessary governance. The Benefice's share for 2021 was £128,739, which was paid in monthly instalments throughout the year. In recognition of the problems being experienced by churches as a result of the pandemic, Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance refunded a proportion of the sums paid. In the case of this Benefice, rebates amounted to £40,230. In recent years the Board of Finance has refunded 5 per cent of payments where these are made on time throughout the year. £6,437 was refunded in January 2022.

The Benefice also has its own running costs. The work of the Benefice has continued throughout the year and the office has continued to function, albeit with the Administrator working from home for much of the time. Apart from staff costs, central funds cover clergy expenses, printing of booklets and newssheets, and provision of altar supplies to all the churches. These costs are funded by contributions from the churches, supplemented by income from property rental, magazine income and occasional fees for administrative services, including arrangements for weddings. A number of weddings have been necessarily postponed and any fees refunded.

Financial review *(continued)*

Apart from funds available for day-to-day expenditure, each of the churches has one or more restricted funds which may only be accessed for specific purposes. Fees for burials and interment of ashes are allocated to a fund for the maintenance of the churchyard.

Ewenny Priory, St Bridget's and All Saints churches normally have additional income streams with the Ewenny Arts Festival and rental income from St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown. The Festival could not take place in 2020 or 2021 and there were only limited activities in the church hall.

In view of uncertainty about income streams and aware of the need to continue pastoral activities at a time when people were experiencing particular difficulties, in June 2020 the Council took advantage of a £50,000 loan under the government-backed Bounce Back Loan Scheme, but was able to pay this in June 2021.

There has been major expenditure on roof repairs at St Donat's Church and on repointing of the tower and chancel walls at St James' Church, Wick.

Total income for the year was £288,884 (2020 £216,201), of which £230,514 (2020 £165,781) was unrestricted, £56,235 (2020 £28,325) was restricted and £2,135 (2020 £2,095) was against the endowment funds. Total expenditure for the year was £232,608 (2020 £202,014), of which £178,017 (2020 £170,389) was unrestricted and £54,591 (2020 £31,625) restricted. After net gains of £2,504 (2020 £16,218), the Benefice achieved a surplus for the year of £58,780 (2020 £30,405), of which £40,033 (2020 £5,695) was unrestricted, £4,609 (2020 £18,210) was restricted and £14,138 (2020 £6,500) was against the endowment funds.

Overall reserves at the year-end are £824,505 (2020 £765,725), of which £514,490 (2020 £491,966) is unrestricted, £184,444 (2020 £160,191) is restricted and £125,571 (2020 £113,568) is endowment funds. Free reserves total £246,950 (2020 £216,627).

Investment policy

All current investments have arisen from sale of property, specific donations or bequests rather than being generated from surpluses. In such circumstances, the PCC has regard to any specific or implied conditions relating to use of the funds.

The Benefice receives rental income from a residential property in Llantwit Major. This is seen as a long-term source of income. There is some expenditure on maintenance, which will vary from year to year, in order to keep the property in good order.

Two of the churches benefit from permanent endowments, drawing income while maintaining the capital. The investments take the form of shares in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund. This fund aims to achieve a balance between sustainable levels of income and capital growth; to optimise total returns without undue risk; and to operate within the constraints of the Church in Wales' Ethical Investment Policy.

- Under the R H Thomas Trust, the proceeds of the sale of Flush House, Llantwit Major are held in trust for the benefit of St Donat's Church.
- Mrs J P Lloyd's testamentary trust provides income to maintain the family grave in St Donat's churchyard.
- Proceeds of the sale in 1945 of a house and land in Llanmaes left to the church by Miss Catherine Richards have been invested to provide income for St Cattwg's Church. While use of the income from the bequest is discretionary, Miss Richards' will requests that family graves are maintained.
- Legacies from Mrs M Kibblewhite and Mrs A Thomas (St Illtud's) and Miss Mary Cook (Marcross) provide for churchyard maintenance.

There are Chancel Repair Funds for St Bridget's, St Illtud's and St Mary Magdalene's churches which

Financial review *(continued)*

are also invested in the Common Investment Fund, in these cases with the income being routinely reinvested to provide for growth of the Fund.

As in accordance with an approach agreed with the Charity Commission and the Representative Body of the Church in Wales, shares in the Common Investment Fund arising from a legacy from Mr TW Hosgood have been sold and the proceeds made available to St Illtud's Church.

St Tathan's Church has an investment in CAF Fixed Interest B Inc shares. This fund, arising from the sale of property, has been used to support ongoing activities and maintenance at St Tathan's Church. Both dividend income and capital have been used for these purposes. After performing fairly well in earlier years, the value of these shares fell in 2021.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales also holds some funds which may be made available in appropriate circumstances. These include the proceeds of the sale of a house in Llantwit Major, held for the benefit of the church there, and of a Deed of Gift potentially benefitting St Giles' Church.

Reserves policy

Apart from the investments described above, the Benefice and the individual churches hold funds to meet current and anticipated expenditure.

At the end of 2021, funds held in current or deposit accounts amounted to £413,836. Of this, £161,339 was in reserved funds earmarked for particular purposes, while £252,497 would be available for such purposes as may be approved by the PCC consistent with the constitution. While in total this is more than adequate to cover the routine expenditure of the Benefice, the funds are held in 34 different bank accounts, in most cases operated by local treasurers, who will need to address the particular needs of their churches and the community.

The reserves should provide the Benefice with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

The Council intends to maintain reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational expenditure, having regard to anticipated income and outgoings and limitations on the uses for particular funds.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

There is optimism that more activities will be possible during 2022 and future years, though there remains uncertainty while the number of COVID-19 infections remains high. There are plans for festivals and various fundraising activities. The income stream will remain heavily dependent on commitments to regular giving, with active encouragement for the use of the Church in Wales Gift Direct facility, providing for regular donations by direct debit, and other forms of direct payment.

The Parish Share is calculated on the allocation of clergy and the number of people who would normally be attending services. For 2022, this is set at £134,881, 4.8 per cent higher than the rate for 2021. It is the policy of the Diocese of Llandaff to gradually increase the level of Parish Share, which in recent years has not met the costs of parish ministry.

The Parish Share is funded by the individual churches, who rely on regular giving from their congregations in order to maintain these payments. Collectively, the churches in the Benefice will be able to meet this commitment, though some individual churches will experience difficulty in continuing payments at the same level as in the past.

The budget for 2022 anticipates that the churches will also contribute at a similar rate as in 2020 towards the administration of the Benefice and services provided centrally, which support an active ministry team working in the churches, the schools and the community. While recognising the extent of the commitment involved, the Council will ensure that these demands are satisfied.

Consideration will be given to the effective management of some legacy funds, where administrative costs are disproportionately high in relation to the value of the funds. It has been agreed with the Charity Commission and the Representative Body of the Church in Wales that in appropriate cases the shares may be sold and the proceeds used in a manner consistent with the intentions of the legators.

Maintaining church buildings will remain a major concern. The Benefice includes eleven listed buildings, of particular historical and architectural significance. While some grant funding may be available for major works, in each case there will be a need for initial funding and fundraising by local people.

There are plans for major work at St Giles' Church, to be funded principally from the proceeds of a gift from Mr Peter Alexander in the 1980s. There is a need for urgent roof repairs at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Monknash, though this is subject to the availability of grant funding. Work is continuing on establishing funding for reinforcing the tower and rehanging the bells at St Tathan's Church. All the churches require some work and decisions have to be taken on urgency and funding.

The evaluation of any proposal will involve an assessment of the benefit to be provided by the proposed work and the extent to which this will contribute to the mission of the church, the needs of the wider community and the preservation of heritage. In each case, formal permission will be required before undertaking major works on a listed building.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the Benefice

The Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast is situated in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales. It is in the Vale of Glamorgan Deanery Diocese of Llandaff.

Dedications of the churches within the Benefice and their locations

All Saints	Southerndown
Ewenny Priory (St Michael and All Angels)	Ewenny
St Bridget's	St Bridges Major
St Cattwg	Llanmaes
St Donat	St Donat's
St Giles	Gileston
St Illtud	Llantwit Major
St James	Wick
St Mary Magdalene	Monknash
Holy Trinity	Marcross
St Michael and All Angels	Llanmihangel
St Tathan	St Athan

Names of all persons who were PCC members during the financial year and any Parochial Office held

Canon Edwin Counsell	Rector
Fr Craig Vaughan	Team Vicar
Rev'd Rhian Prime	Team Vicar - resigned 31 July 2021
Rev'd Marc Walford	Team Vicar - resigned 31 January 2021
Rev'd Emma Street	Assistant Curate - appointed 12th August 2021
Mr Alun Jenkins	Chair
Mr Geoff Semmens	Rector's Warden
Mrs Jodie Taylor	People's Warden
Mr Eddie Williams	Representative: St Illtud's, Llantwit Major
Mrs Pennie Ayres	Representative: St James', Wick,
Mr Jeffrey Robinson	Representative: St Cattwg's, Llanmaes,
Mrs Sharon Evans	Representative: Holy Trinity Marcross,
Mrs Marie Sheppard	Representative: St Mary's, Monknash
Mr Richard Simpson	Representative: St Tathan, St Athan
Mrs Lynda Mumford	Representative: St Giles, Gileston
Mrs Sian Evans	Representative: St Michael's, Llanmihangel
Mrs Joy Newton	Representative: St Bridget's, St Brides Major - appointed 26/4/21
Miss Ruth Thomas	Representative: St Michael's, Ewenny Priory - appointed 26/4/21
Mrs Patricia Bennett	Representative: St Donat's, St Donats - appointed 26/4/21

Parish Administrator and Secretary to the Council: Mrs Alison Weston

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Details of Governance

The PCC is an unincorporated charity, governed by its constitution adopted 1 February 2004, as amended on 24 July 2018.
The Constitution of the Church in Wales defines the functions and powers of a PCC. The principal function of the PCC is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical". PCC members, therefore, have significant responsibilities for the local mission of the Church. These shall include:

1. the promotion of the mission of the Church in the parish;
2. consideration of matters concerning the Church in Wales (but not declarations of doctrine);
3. propagation and implementation of decisions by the Governing Body, the Representative Body, the Diocesan and the Deanery Conference;
4. the preparation of the parochial budget, annual accounts and an annual report;
5. providing advice on matters properly referred to it;
6. communication with Diocesan and Deanery Conference;
7. review and reimbursement of parish expenses incurred by clerics; and
8. discharge of duties placed on the Council by the Church Fabric Regulations.

The PCC's responsibilities are not limited to the eight areas set out above. The PCC is a channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop. The Parochial Church Council has three categories of members:

1. ex officio: clerics holding parochial appointment, full time stipendiary lay workers, churchwardens and sub-wardens, if appointed
2. elected: lay persons elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting up to such number, to a maximum of twenty five, as the Vestry shall determine
3. co-opted: Secretary and Treasurer, if not in the above categories; not exceeding seven lay persons or clerics (other than retired clerics) as determined by the PCC; such licensed readers as the PCC may determine.

The structure of the PCC has been simplified and, following the decision of the Annual Vestry Meeting in 2018, now has fewer members than previously. New members of the PCC are briefed on the requirements of the position. Before assuming office, every member of the PCC must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The PCC holds ordinary meetings four times in the year and extraordinary meetings as required.

Members receive reports on issues relating to Benefice activities and finances and make decisions by voting.

Electronic Meetings

The holding of meetings by electronic means (video or telephone conferences) is now specifically authorised by the Constitution of the Church in Wales as a result of Constitutional changes approved on 8 September 2020.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 22/04/2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Signed A.V. Jenkins

Print name ALUN JENKINS
Trustee

Signed Edwin Counsell

Print name EDWIN COUNSELL
Trustee

Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Farzana Ahmed ACCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 05/05/2022

Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Endowment funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	**4**	156,350	44,809	–	**201,159**	169,695
Charitable activities	**5**	8,800	8,772	–	**17,572**	10,787
Other trading activities	**6**	18,088	1,739	–	**19,827**	9,306
Investment income	**7**	17,548	122	2,135	**19,805**	19,305
Other income	**8**	29,728	793	–	**30,521**	7,108
Total income		230,514	56,235	2,135	**288,884**	216,201
Expenditure						
Expenditure on raising funds:						
Costs of other trading activities	**9**	1,916	–	–	**1,916**	108
Expenditure on charitable activities	**10,11**	175,542	54,519	–	**230,061**	201,711
Other expenditure	**13**	559	72	–	**631**	195
Total expenditure		178,017	54,591	–	**232,608**	202,014
Net gains on investments	**14**	(12,464)	2,965	12,003	**2,504**	16,218
Net income		**40,033**	**4,609**	**14,138**	**58,780**	30,405
Transfers between funds		(17,509)	19,644	(2,135)	**–**	–
Net movement in funds		**22,524**	**24,253**	**12,003**	**58,780**	30,405
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		491,966	160,191	113,568	**765,725**	735,320
Total funds carried forward		**514,490**	**184,444**	**125,571**	**824,505**	765,725

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	19	**410,352**	409,019
Current assets			
Stocks	20	**1,350**	1,500
Debtors	21	**4,845**	4,921
Cash at bank and in hand		**413,836**	403,752
		420,031	410,173
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	**(5,878)**	(53,467)
Net current assets		**414,153**	356,706
Total assets less current liabilities		**824,505**	765,725
Net assets		**824,505**	765,725
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		**125,571**	113,568
Restricted funds		**184,444**	160,191
Unrestricted funds		**514,490**	491,966
Total charity funds	23	**824,505**	765,725

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 22/04/2022..., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed ....A.V. Jenkins..... Signed ....Edwin Counsell.....

Print name ....ALUN JENKINS..... Print name ....EDWIN COUNSELL.....

Trustee Trustee

The notes on pages 23 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Rectory, High Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011, as well as applicable charity law.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

During the year the Covid-19 pandemic and, in particular, the lockdown and social distancing restrictions in place as a result had a detrimental effect on the income generating capacity of the Benefice. However, costs were also adjusted accordingly and so the results still show a surplus for the year. Since the year-end, there have been no further lockdowns as a result of the pandemic, however, the long-term economic effects are still unknown. The PCC believe they will be able to, again, mitigate costs accordingly and, as such, there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue, therefore accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no material judgements or estimation uncertainties to note, other than those already covered by the accounting policies.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Donations			
Planned Giving	83,033	138	**83,171**
Loose Collections	14,821	–	**14,821**
Donations	18,307	7,996	**26,303**
For Mission	350	–	**350**
Tax Refunds	25,339	1,660	**26,999**
Legacies			
Legacies	1,000	25,062	**26,062**
Grants			
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	400	**400**
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	**–**
St James':			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	6,243	**6,243**
Allchurches Trust	–	–	–
Vale of Glamorgan Council	–	–	–
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	–
James Pantyfedwen Foundation	–	–	–
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	3,000	**3,000**
St Illtud's:			
Headley Trust	5,000	–	**5,000**
MADL	2,000	–	**2,000**
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	–
Glamorgan Voluntary Council	–	–	–
Cardiff & Vale ULHB General Purpose Charity	–	–	–
St Donat's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	–	–
Welsh Church Act Fund	5,000	–	**5,000**
Allchurches Trust	1,500	–	**1,500**
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	10	**10**
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	**300**
	156,350	44,809	**201,159**

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations			
Planned Giving	76,821	–	76,821
Loose Collections	10,925	88	11,013
Donations	17,422	6,782	24,204
For Mission	80	–	80
Tax Refunds	22,037	933	22,970
Legacies			
Legacies	500	–	500
Grants			
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	400	400
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	5,000	5,000
St James':			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	3,880	3,880
Allchurches Trust	–	1,500	1,500
Vale of Glamorgan Council	–	10,000	10,000
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	5,000	5,000
James Pantyfedwen Foundation	–	1,500	1,500
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	–	–
St Illtud's:			
Headley Trust	–	–	–
MADL	–	–	–
Welsh Church Act Fund	4,287	–	4,287
Glamorgan Voluntary Council	200	–	200
Cardiff & Vale ULHB General Purpose Charity	2,000	–	2,000
St Donat's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	30	30
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	10	10
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	300
	134,272	35,423	169,695

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	8,800	8,772	**17,572**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	3,335	7,452	10,787

This relates to church fees for weddings, funerals and interments. Fees are set by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Fundraising events	16,740	1,739	**18,479**
Shop income	1,348	–	**1,348**
	18,088	1,739	**19,827**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fundraising events	8,584	357	8,941
Shop income	365	–	365
	8,949	357	9,306

7. Investment income

Title to the residential property in Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Benefice receives rental income and has responsibility for maintenance.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Income from investment properties	9,745	–	–	**9,745**
Income from listed investments	7,585	35	2,135	**9,755**
Bank interest receivable	218	87	–	**306**
	17,548	122	2,135	**19,805**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from investment properties	8,100	–	–	8,100
Income from listed investments	8,702	34	2,095	10,831
Bank interest receivable	245	129	–	373
	17,047	163	2,095	19,305

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Other income	29,728	793	**30,521**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other income	2,178	4,930	7,108

9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Shop costs	–	**–**	56	56
Fundraising costs	1,916	**1,916**	52	52
	1,916	**1,916**	108	108

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Support for Ministry	89,194	–	**89,194**
Parish Running Costs	23,104	104	**23,208**
Church Property	59,043	54,415	**113,458**
Missions	961	–	**961**
Support costs	3,240	–	**3,240**
	175,542	54,519	**230,061**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Support for Ministry	101,414	–	101,414
Parish Running Costs	27,309	234	27,543
Church Property	37,972	30,881	68,853
Missions	238	423	661
Support costs	3,240	–	3,240
	170,173	31,538	201,711

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2021 £**	Total fund 2020 £
Support for Ministry	89,194	–	**89,194**	101,414
Parish Running Costs	23,208	–	**23,208**	27,543
Church Property	113,458	–	**113,458**	68,853
Missions	961	–	**961**	661
Governance costs	–	3,240	**3,240**	3,240
	226,821	3,240	**230,061**	201,711

12. Analysis of support costs

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Governance costs	**3,240**	3,240

13. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Other expenditure	559	72	**631**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other expenditure	108	87	195

14. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	(12,464)	2,965	12,003	**2,504**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	8,189	1,529	6,500	16,218

15. Independent examination fees

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	**3,240**	3,240

16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	**12,748**	12,238
Social security costs	**528**	489
	13,276	12,727

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2020: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Number of staff - admin	**1**	1

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year, 3 trustees received a total of £9,221 for expenses reasonably incurred in the course of their duties as clergy and readers (2020: 4, £6,710).

18. Transfers between funds

A variety of transfers between funds took place within the year, as detailed in note 23, but most notably £8,000 from general Benefice funds, £5,840 from Wick's general funds and £3,547 from the Friends of St James' restricted fund, to support the restoration work at St James', Wick.

19. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2021	409,019
Additions	691
Disposals	(1,114)
Fair value movements	1,756
At 31 December 2021	**410,352**
Impairment	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	**410,352**
At 31 December 2020	409,019

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are held in either The Church in Wales Common Investment Fund or the CAF Fixed Interest B INC fund. Statements are received stating the middle market valuation of a share at the year-end. This is considered to be fair value and the value of each investment is calculated accordingly.

20. Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Raw materials and consumables	**1,350**	1,500

21. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	**4,845**	4,921

22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	–	50,000
Accruals and deferred income	**5,878**	3,467
	5,878	53,467

23. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	**At 31 Dec 2021**
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	491,966	230,514	(177,017)	(17,509)	(12,464)	**514,490**

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	486,271	165,781	(170,389)	2,114	8,189	491,966

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2021 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	**729**
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	**246**
Friends of St Illtud's	13,343	999	(360)	–	–	**13,982**
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	**159**
Galilee Account	18,883	–	–	–	–	**18,883**
Churchyard	6,162	3,239	(1,035)	31	–	**8,397**
Chancel Repair	2,980	–	–	–	452	**3,432**
Youth Project	2,603	–	–	–	–	**2,603**
Legacy Funds	1,656	31	–	(31)	175	**1,831**
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	1,270	1,098	(344)	3,432	–	**5,456**
Restoration / Maintenance	14,830	179	–	2,250	–	**17,259**
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	8,576	15,902	(41,608)	17,388	–	**258**
Churchyard	4,512	2,416	(1,056)	–	–	**5,872**
Youth Work	2,351	–	(104)	–	–	**2,247**
Friends of St James'	2,190	1,470	–	(3,547)	–	**113**
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Roof Restoration	2,163	2,718	(4,104)	–	–	**777**
Bells & Tower	18,175	1,150	–	–	–	**19,325**
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	8,158	300	(600)	–	–	**7,858**
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	1,713	5,000	(560)	64	–	**6,217**
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	419	(480)	61	–	**–**
Legacy Fund	184	4	–	(4)	20	**204**
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	2,609	20,602	(840)	–	–	**22,371**
Chancel Repair	216	–	–	–	37	**253**
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	–	–	**272**
Restoration	9,002	–	–	–	–	**9,002**
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	7,395	707	(1,250)	–	–	**6,852**
Legacy Fund	12,488	1	–	–	–	**12,489**
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	15,076	–	–	–	2,281	**17,357**
St Bridget's	2,250	–	(2,250)	–	–	**–**
All Saints	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
	160,191	56,235	(54,591)	19,644	2,965	**184,444**

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	729
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	246
Friends of St Illtud's	11,168	2,175	–	–	–	13,343
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	159
Galilee Account	18,883	–	–	–	–	18,883
Churchyard	6,504	2,038	(2,380)	–	–	6,162
Chancel Repair	2,809	–	–	–	171	2,980
Youth Project	2,603	–	–	–	–	2,603
Legacy Fund	1,561	31	–	(31)	95	1,656
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	1,113	157	–	–	–	1,270
Restoration / Maintenance	14,504	326	–	–	–	14,830
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	4,487	24,625	(21,413)	877	–	8,576
Churchyard	3,484	1,129	(101)	–	–	4,512
Youth Work	2,505	–	(154)	–	–	2,351
Charity / Mission	–	–	–	–	–	–
Friends of St James'	1,672	1,395	–	(877)	–	2,190
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Roof Restoration	3,312	2,943	(4,092)	–	–	2,163
Bells & Tower	12,297	5,905	(27)	–	–	18,175
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	8,354	402	(598)	–	–	8,158
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	1,784	339	(410)	–	–	1,713
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	465	(480)	15	–	–
Legacy Fund	–	3	–	(3)	184	184
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	2,859	–	(250)	–	–	2,609
Chancel Repair	–	–	–	–	216	216
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	–	–	272
Restoration	4,222	4,930	(150)	–	–	9,002
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,666	1,429	(700)	–	–	7,395
Legacy Fund	12,455	33	–	–	–	12,488
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	14,213	–	–	–	863	15,076
St Bridget's	2,250	–	–	–	–	2,250
All Saints	870	–	(870)	–	–	–
	141,981	48,325	(31,625)	(19)	1,529	160,191

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	**At 31 Dec 2021 £**
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	104,302	1,960	–	(1,960)	11,023	**115,325**
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	940	18	–	(18)	100	**1,040**
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	8,326	157	–	(157)	880	**9,206**
	113,568	2,135	–	(2,135)	12,003	**125,571**

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	98,332	1,924	–	(1,924)	5,970	104,302
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	886	17	–	(17)	54	940
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	7,850	154	–	(154)	476	8,326
	107,068	2,095	–	(2,095)	6,500	113,568

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2021 £**
Investments	261,703	23,078	125,571	**410,352**
Current assets	258,335	161,696	–	**420,031**
Creditors less than 1 year	(5,548)	(330)	–	**(5,878)**
Net assets	514,490	184,444	125,571	**824,505**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Investments	275,339	20,112	113,568	409,019
Current assets	270,094	140,079	–	410,173
Creditors less than 1 year	(53,467)	–	–	(53,467)
Net assets	491,966	160,191	113,568	765,725

25. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Not later than 1 year	**4,776**	4,776
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**–**	4,776
	4,776	9,552

During 2018, the Benefice entered into a 5 year lease for a photocopier. There is 1 year remaining at the year end.

GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST MINISTRY AREA

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Accounts

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Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2020

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Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

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Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Chair's report

Introduction from the Ministry Team

There's an old saying that if you want to give God a laugh, then tell him your plans for tomorrow! Any plans and strategic thinking for the work of our Ministry Area in 2020 was thrown into confusion and disarray by the Coronavirus pandemic and, at the end of a traumatic year for us all, we are left to count the cost.

The figures of this annual report tell a sad story and reflect a year when our churches have been closed for much of the time and the consequent financial shortfall has been significant. Our larger churches have borne the brunt of that loss and any reserves have been raided to pay the day-to-day costs of parish share, ministry and insurance.

The deeper cost of the pandemic is not reflected in the financial returns, but in the work of the Ministry Team and the whole community of our church family, which has worked tirelessly to support and sustain our churches and our parish community through the highs and lows of the last year. Our communities were spared the extreme rates of infection that were seen in other places, yet many families have lived with ill health, bereavement, uncertainty about their work and financial insecurity, let alone the stresses and strains of lockdown and its impact on every one of us. In short, the pandemic and its effects has been our entire focus of our work in 2020, and it will shape our work for years to come.

While the context of this year has been challenging, there have also been signs of hope and encouragement. With our churches closed for much of the year, online worship has been a vital way to keep our congregations together, as well as attracting a different group of people to experience our community of faith, Sunday by Sunday. Alongside that, Zoom meetings have enabled our regular groups to continue, along with new groups for fellowship and prayer.

Pastoral care has provided perhaps the greatest challenge, with the inevitable isolation and separation that the pandemic has brought to all of our lives. Each community has worked hard to establish networks of support, often working hand in glove with community and local councils and other support groups.

At the end of 2020, we find ourselves still in the eye of the storm, with hopeful signs of an end to the pandemic, yet little realistic timescale of when our churches will be able to function in a recognisable way. Yet even in this uncertainty, there is space for God's Holy Spirit to work. We are clear in our task and committed to our work. We seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit each step of the way, as we strive to serve God, to serve one another and to serve the people of this Parish, in Jesus Christ's name.

Canon Edwin Counsell (Rector)
Fr Craig Vaughan (Vicar)
Revd Rhian Prime (Vicar)
Mrs Alison Weston (Parish Administrator)
Mr Alun Jenkins (MAC Chair)
Mr Geoff Semmens (Church Warden)
Mrs Jodie Taylor (Church Warden)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC	
Charity registration number	1131490	
Principal office	Benefice Office St Illtud's Church Church Street Llantwit Major	
The trustees	Mr JL Robinson	
	Mrs JM Taylor	
	Mr E Williams	
	Mr AG Semmens	
	Ms SM Evans	
	Rev. KR Prime	
	Mr AJ Davies	*Resigned 25 April 2021*
	Mrs LM Mumford	
	Mrs MJ Sheppard	
	Canon ECR Counsell	
	Rev. CA Vaughan	
	Mrs P Ayres	
	Mrs SE Evans	
	Mr AV Jenkins	
	Mr RJ Simpson	
	Mrs E James	*Resigned 25 April 2021*
	Rev. MA Walford	*Resigned 31 January 2021*
	Ms RR Thomas	*Appointed 25 April 2021*
	Ms J Newton	*Appointed 25 April 2021*
	Ms PM Bennett	*Appointed 25 April 2021*
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Banker	Lloyds Bank plc	
Incumbent	Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell The Rectory High Street Llantwit Major CF61 1SS	

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The mission of the Benefice is to advance the Christian religion through local and worldwide activities. The object of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to ensure that the life and work of the Church within the parish helps to fulfil this mission, both locally and more widely. It is regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The Benefice holds an Annual Vestry Meeting and ensures that every member of the Council signs a declaration that they will be bound by the Constitution.

The PCC is responsible, inter alia, for promoting the mission of the Church, the parochial budget and all expenditure thereunder, the care and maintenance of the Church fabric and of the churchyards and for action on any matter referred to it in accordance with the Constitution. The PCC is also the normal channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop of the Diocese.

The charitable objects per the governing documents are: "The promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish".

The members of the PCC as trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their activities.

Objectives and activities *(continued)*

General Pattern of Sunday Services in the Benefice

Time	1st Sunday	2ndSunday	3rd Sunday	4thSunday	5thSunday
			St Illtud's, Llantwit Major		
8.15am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
10.00am	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School	Morning Prayer & Sunday School
6.00pm	********	Sunday @4	Holy Eucharist	Evening Prayer	Holy Eucharist
			St James', Wick		
8.30am	********	********	Holy Eucharist	*********	*********
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	*********	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
			All Saints, Southerndown		
8.30am	********	Holy Eucharist	********	*********	*********
			Ewenny Priory, Ewenny		
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
			Holy Trinity, Marcross		
9:30am	Holy Eucharist	Shared service Monknash	Morning Prayer	Shared service Monknash	Holy Eucharist
			St Giles', Gileston		
9.30am	Holy Eucharist	Shared Service at St. Tathan	Morning Prayer	Shared Service at St. Tathan	Shared Service at St. Tathan
			St Mary's', Monknash		
9.30am	Shared Service Marcross	Holy Eucharist	Shared Service Marcross	Morning Prayer	Shared Service Marcross
			St Michaels, Llanmihangel		
9.30am	Shared Service at Llanmaes	Holy Eucharist	Shared Service at Llanmaes	Morning Prayer	Shared Service at Llanmaes
			St Cattwg's, Llanmaes		
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist
			St Bridget's, St Brides Major		
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
			St Tathan, St Athan		
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
			St Donats, St Donats		
11:15am	Holy Eucharist	Prayer & Praise	Holy Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Individual Church Reports

St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown

St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major

Church Hall

We started the year by having the cupboards under the new stairs finished and the outside rear of the hall being dug out and concreted over at a cost of £2,000. Then due to the Covid-19 pandemic we had the hall sanitised and fumigated and hand sanitising station installed. Since then, the hall has been locked with no access to anyone other than playgroup and staff. Therefore, no further work was done or activities took place apart from the Playgroup which continued until Easter and resumed operating in September to Christmas, thus ensuring us of an income.

We started the year with a bank balance of £6,279.07 and finished with a balance of £5,186.22.

Robert Carveth

Fabric Report

Routine Maintenance: PAT Testing: Fire Extinguisher Maintenance.

Annual Service: Gas Boiler and safety check: Locate fault and supply and fit new manual controls for Gas central heating.

Clean out guttering and down pipe.

Completion of new Audio Equipment.

Chris Thorpe

Mothers Union

As with all organizations Mothers' Union has suffered from various lockdowns and we were only able to meet as a full group for 3 months of the year. We also managed to have two socially distance corporate communion services. Members have also been contacted by telephone, letter and email.

Margaret Rowlands

PEG Report

After a lovely party celebrating Joan Kinsbrook's 100th birthday in January unfortunately no further events took place due to the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic. The library has remained closed throughout and weekly Saturday Coffee mornings have been suspended.

Maureen Carveth

All Saints' Church, Southerndown.

The mid-week service at 3.00 pm continues to be favourable to most attendees and we have successfully continued opening the church throughout lockdown and then later we had carefully risk assessed services with reduced numbers. We are all now looking forward to opening up again as soon as circumstances allow and meeting the rest of our congregation that have been self-isolating for such a long time.

An insurance claim has been made on the Great Western cricket team who use the adjacent pitch, as the outside cladding of the church was broken. The repair work is being undertaken by the club.

This Christmas the local community involved the church in an advent walk (with individual families taking part), the church window was decorated as if we had stained glass and we were thanked for our part, as families discovered the windows around the village and vied for the first to uncover the prize for the hidden Christmas Bible quotation. We have much to be thankful for, despite the setbacks from the virus.

Hazel Norfolk

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes

Background
As with all churches in the Benefice and throughout the Church-in-Wales normal services have been seriously interrupted during the church year February 2020 to February 2021.The last normally scheduled service for St Cattwg's was on Sunday 15 March 2020. In November and December further, restricted services were held for limited numbers.

Restoration Project
1.1 Quinquennial Report
This has been delayed mainly by the pandemic. We have been advised by our architects, Caroe & Partners that this work will be completed in February.
1.2 HLF Application
An application for HLF funding to help us make more community use of the church was not initially successful. Further examples of involvement were needed but this complicated by the close proximity of the St Cattwg's Church/Village Hall. On-going.

Church events
Usual fund-raising events were seriously affected by the pandemic during the year. One event, however, took place just prior to lock-down with the annual St David's Day Quiz set by Jodie Taylor in the Hall on 2 March 2020. The enjoyable event raised £237.20 for church funds. Other possible events could have included a harvest lunch and August BBQ but for obvious reasons these were not possible to arrange.
Sadly, the Easter services and Remembrance Service could not take place in 2020 although limited and restricted Christmas services were held.

Election of officers for 2021 – 2022
As a normal Annual Congregation meeting (usually held in February) could not be held this year. Wardens, Church Council members and Treasurer are asked to remain in post until such time as an Annual Congregation Meeting can be convened.

Jeff Robinson

St Donats Church, St Donats

This has been an extraordinary year with the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic to the UK in March leading to long periods of 'lockdowns' for the safety of the population and distressing isolation for many elderly and for the most vulnerable people in our society.

Although our churches have been closed, we are so fortunate to have Fr Edwin and his team of clergy to uplift us all with online services and events.

Before the first 'lockdown' the church was busy and positive, a service being held every Sunday supported by our small but dedicated congregation, including the much-appreciated presence of a small number of college students, with many of the catholic students attending Mass in the college on a Sunday evening organised by Fr Mark Rowles in Llantwit Major.

Although the church was usually open 24 hours a day for the benefit of the students, members of the congregation and visitors to the area, since March the church has been locked in order to protect our community and others.

Nonetheless when there were limited opportunities to do so safely, the church was opened:

- On two Sundays during the Summer the church was opened for private prayer with safety procedures observed, hand sanitising, wearing face coverings and social distancing.
- An Advent Service was held at the beginning of December with the Atlantic College Acapella Choir performing outside the church. Due to the Covid- regulations they were unable to join us inside.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

- College Christian Fellowship members held regular Sunday worship services. The AC community were in a community bubble; therefore, it was deemed safe for the students in the Christian Fellowship group to hold their Sunday services at the church. During the Autumn term the students met weekly for Christian Fellowship meetings.

Despite the various 'lockdown' restrictions, we have managed to organise a number of regular online events, meetings and services, including;

- Wellbeing and Social meetings (at first weekly, then fortnightly from September) to provide support during the 'lockdown' periods.
- The wardens have had regular on-line meetings with the college administration staff to discuss the use of the church by the congregation members and college students.
- A successful Carol Service, delivered by Fr Edwin the week before Christmas, with many of the congregation taking part.
- Members of the student Christian Fellowship group joined some of the regular Tuesday evening well-being and social meetings.

Until March 2020, and during lockdown restrictions, Bob and Sheila Smith have continued their important outreach work with the College students.

Before lockdown, they provided a monthly get together and tea in their own home, supported by donations from the congregation. They continue their pastoral care by communicating with the students, organising refreshments for the Christian fellowship meetings and keeping the congregation updated with news from student alumni.

Two weddings originally planned for the month of August have been rescheduled for August 2021. One wedding did take place in November, but due to Covid restrictions attendance was limited to the clergy and witnesses.

A farewell service was held at St Illtud's Church in July for Alan Davies (church warden) who was leaving the area. His hard work and friendship over the years has been greatly appreciated by all the congregation.

Quotations have been received for the roof repairs and progress continues with obtaining grants.

Trish Bennett and Siân Tesni-Roberts

The Priory Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Ewenny

Although the Priory Church has been closed for much of this year, preventing all the usual services and activities, every effort has been made to keep in contact with our Church members. The Churchwardens have diligently telephoned members, offering support where necessary. Contact has also been maintained by social media, the Priory Church now has a Facebook page where services are available, copies of the services are also delivered to those who cannot access the internet; and a regular coffee morning meeting is held on Zoom which welcomes members from other Churches in the Ministry Area.

During the first lockdown period the opportunity was used to carry out essential repair work to the internal west wall.

September saw some changes, when following a reorganisation within the Parish Fr. Craig became the GHCP Vicar with a pastoral responsibility for Ewenny Priory in place of the Rev'd Marc. The Church has been open on a Sunday morning, beginning with private prayer then moving to Communal Worship, while keeping to the required guidelines. This has been well supported.

Celebrations were planned throughout 2020 to mark the 900th anniversary of the consecration of the Priory Church and although these were unable to take place Bishop June led a special service on 29th September the Patronal Festival, as originally planned. Following this service Bishop June and Fr. Edwin recorded a service in the Priory Church for BBC Radio 4, which included input from Alun and Caitlin Jenkins of Ewenny Pottery.

Helen Morgan

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Giles Church, Gileston

Due to the Covid -19 virus during 2020 the usual activities in St Giles church including services, weddings and fundraising were drastically affected. Although some services resumed in September, October and November, the only notable exception was Harvest Festival. The service was held in the open courtyard of Gileston Manor (thanks to Lorraine and Josh) and was taken by Father Edwin and Rick Gratton, with every effort to ensure social distancing and the safety of attendees. Unfortunately, the weather was appalling so few people attended, however, we persevered and were thankful to experience some normality after such an incredibly difficult year. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to gather, worship and pray, and the music provided by Rick made it a very moving and thoughtful harvest. The collection was donated to the Huggard organisation for the homeless.

With another lockdown in December the Christmas services were cancelled to minimise the risk of spreading the virus.

Lynda Mumford

Holy Trinity Church, Marcross

Well what a quiet year! We've had a couple of informal meetings when Government Regulations allowed courtesy of the Halliwels in their open air space, and thank them for their generous hospitality. Our best made plans were put on hold and we are all looking forward to meeting very soon to organise a sponsored walk and other fundraisers as soon as we are allowed, so watch this space!

Memorable events were the 2 Outdoor services to celebrate Harvest and Christmas. The Harvest Service was led by Fr Edwin and Fr Craig, with a good turn out from church supporters dressed in macs and boots standing united after the stormy weather had passed. Fr Edwin's faith in the weather improving was justified when the sun came out just half an hour before the service started. Although we were not allowed to sing, some of the congregation rebelled and could quite clearly be heard humming along to the beautiful music provided by Fr Edwin. The late and much missed Sue Brooks would have felt very proud of us

Our Christmas Service was in similar vein but with added musicality from Mathew and Alison Brooks, and Karen and Elli Saunders Jones, singing hymns and leading the congregation. Our Crib was set up in the porch and proved a lovely focal point to the service, and thanks must go to Fr Edwin for valiantly battling the elements on his own to deliver this service which made for a truly emotional afternoon.

Holy Trinity Church is fortunate indeed to have a dedicated growing band of supporters, who are full of enthusiasm and fun; they provide help and support where ever and whenever it's required. We are very grateful to them all.

Sharon Evans

St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major

Last year's report opened with the number of visitors, well over 2,000, many from across the globe. This year no one imagined that the Church would be closed for most of the year due to a Pandemic with restrictions imposed to protect people and save lives. Our challenge to develop a ministry of welcome to all, the people of our town and wider parish community became one of support, finding ways to keep in contact with each other and find new ways of worship.

Technology and social media played a central part in keeping contact but like many other organisations, St Illtud's moved to remote ways to continue many of the services and groups. Online worship was developed on Sundays and during the week and is well supported, and worship/reflections on Friday lunchtime, followed by a Soup Lunch, are established as a popular gathering point during the week.

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

We are indebted to Lynn Brown, our Director of Music, for her constant hard work to develop music for worship, Keith Brown for prayers and Olly Leonard for facilitating the online presence. This online presence has reached many beyond the current congregation to a wider community across the globe.

The Discernment Group continued to flourish during the current year, seeking to discern God's will for our Church. Of particular note is the development of a pilgrimage which focuses on a spiritual journey through different areas of the church, a resource which will be welcome once the doors are reopened.

Other groups include pastoral care, faith and fellowship and Daily Prayer. We are grateful to the many people who have contributed to the work of St Illtud's during the year, including the dedicated volunteers who have run errands, obtained medical supplies for the vulnerable, supported and donated to the rising demand for foodbanks.

Much has changed, and we look to working in a new way once restrictions are eased.

Eddie Williams and Tricia Lancaster

St James' Church, Wick

Our report this year is obviously dominated by the Covid pandemic.

Services

Before Covid hit we held 2 very well attended Sunday Club services with an encouraging number of youngsters and their parents. Our normal Sunday congregation numbers were also encouraging.
Once the first lockdown started, we were unable to access the church for any services until mid-July. Following a rigorous Covid Risk Assessment by Fr Craig we were able to open for private prayer twice weekly. Strict Covid regulations were adhered to with stewards present at each session to make sure that social distancing guidelines were followed.

In August following an updated Risk Assessment we were able to reinstate Communal Worship.
Strict social distancing regulations meant that attendance had to be limited by a booking system.

We eventually settled into a weekly Eucharist on Sundays which worked well until the second lockdown when we continued with Communal Worship but reverted to Morning Prayer.

When the second lockdown started, we reluctantly decided that we would be unable to proceed with our Christmas Worship plans. Each class of Wick and Marcross school had decorated a small Christmas tree for each window of the church, each tree with a theme and using recycled materials - they looked magnificent! As well as our normal nativity scene on the altar we had added many other different crib scenes on the window sills and in other areas. We had hoped to open the church on Christmas Eve so the children would be able to bring their parents to look instead of our normal Christmas Eve Nativity service but in the end, this was not possible. Instead, Fr Craig recorded a tour of the church looking at all the decorations so everyone had a chance to see it on the St James' Facebook page.

We hope we have established a new school/church tradition and that next Christmas we can do even better and hope that we will be able to hold our normal Christmas Eve Crib service for all to enjoy.

Building work

Although we had DAC approval, the planned building work did not start until early September. This involved repair of a crack in the tower, removal of trip hazard around the font and repointing of some walls. The work on the font was completed but unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions the outside work had to be halted until the New Year when the weather improves. The scaffolding has been left in place and sealed to comply with our insurance Health and Safety requirements.

Inspection of the lightning conductor (necessary to comply with insurance requirements) identified some serious defects which needed to be rectified urgently for our insurance to be valid.
The cost of the inspection together with the repairs needed is in the region of £3,000!

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Fundraising
Sadly because of Covid restrictions we have been unable to hold any of our normal fundraising events so our funds have obviously taken a huge hit.

Thanks to our marvelous Treasurer we have been able to access some grants but will struggle to complete all the other work for which we have been granted DAC approval.

We would like to thank all our Clergy (especially Fr Craig) for working tirelessly to ensure that Worship has been able to continue - albeit in different ways! We have all had to learn to embrace technology - some with more success than others!

Finally, we would like to thank Frank Holness for his sterling work in maintaining the churchyard in all weathers through this difficult year. We wish Avril and him all the very best for their future move to Somerset - we will miss them!

Lou Edwards

St Mary Magdalene, Monknash

In January and February, we held our usual twice-monthly Sunday services and sharing services with Holy Trinity church, Marcross, on alternate Sundays. Then March arrived and life changed. We had services in the first part of the month and then lockdown came and churches closed. St Mary Magdalene remained closed until the autumn when, in September, Father Craig organised and led the first of the monthly Friday Fellowship meetings. Three more took place before another lockdown was imposed. These meetings were attended by a small group of members from our church and Holy Trinity, Marcross. A Darkness to Light service was held in the church on the 29th November. Father Craig officiated and the church attendance was near to capacity within guidelines. We have been extremely fortunate to have had the help of Lou Edwards and Pennie Ayres, wardens at St James', Wick, who deep cleaned and prepared the church for opening in September and continued to clean and sanitize the church when required; Pennie checking the church on a regular basis. Unfortunately, our four church members were unable to undertake this work during the current situation caused by the pandemic. We thank Lou and Pennie for all they have done and continue to do. Another example of churches working together is the help Carroll Swaine, also a member of St James', has given us regarding risk assessments, updating our fire safety policy and a variety of other matters. We are extremely grateful for the help and commitment to St Mary Magdalene given by Lou, Pennie and Carroll.

During the past year, our members have continued to remain connected to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Parish by joining on-line worship and fellowship via Facebook and Zoom. Father Craig delivers a weekly Homily for the Home to one of our church members who is not on line and this is very much appreciated.

Our plans for fundraising to help towards re-roofing the church is obviously on hold and we are no further forward with accessing grants.

We offer our thanks to the clergy team for their care and dedication during these difficult times.

Marie Sheppard

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

St Michael's and All Angels Church, Llanmihangel

We started the year having two services a month, on the first and third Sundays at 9.30, usually led by Rev Jude with whom we had developed a close relationship. How the year changed! After the first lockdown, we were one of the first churches in the area to open for services. We worked out that we can use 7 pews, each for up to 3 people from a household, and we had good attendances for our monthly Eucharists on the first Sundays from August to December. We were sad to see Jude leave for Cowbridge parish, but wish her every success.

We managed to hold an LCC in the garden in August, the main topic was the state of the church building. After losing some slates in the spring storms, it became clear that the roof nails are failing and the whole roof needs renovating. A full faculty has been agreed, so 2021 will start with grant applications. Fundraising events have obviously been impossible. Our people's warden, Anne Thomas, stood down, and we welcomed Graham Bray in her place.

We cannot commit any of our funds to renovations until the roof is sorted, but we have continued with work that we can undertake ourselves. We are lifting the carpet in sections, and scrubbing the underlay glue and the salts that have affected the Victorian encaustic tiles while covered. In the aisle are a series of cast iron grilles, venting an underfloor heating duct, now largely filled with ground water, possibly because the carpet was preventing evaporation. We have had two broken grilles mended, so they are no longer a trip hazard, and they are being painted with a black preservative paint as and when temperatures permit the paint to dry.

We look forward to being able to reopen and start holding services again, after lockdown.

Siân Evans

St Tathan Church, St Athan

This has been a trying year for all of the churches in the Ministry Area. The church of St. Athan has remained visibly dormant for a protracted period of time which is certain to have affected the mood and morale of our friends and worshippers in the local community. It has been somewhat sad to be only seen to be open for funerals but we now see this sad and tragic period for the church and the world nears some kind of conclusion.

The LLC meets again and we feel optimistic about the future and are making plans for it.

The 'Tower and Bells' project is active again and the reinforcement and restoration of the tower will be at the forefront of our minds as this crisis finally ebbs away.

The doors to the church will be flung open wide this week and the church will open for private prayer. We intend to be as active as we can be by Holy Week.

We are ready to embrace those who have been isolated and lacking any form of substantial spiritual nourishment during the past 12 months and stand ready to joyfully do His work.

Richard Simpson

Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Mothers' Union Report

2020 has been a very different year from any we have known previously. We began in January with our Wave of Prayer, held around the table in the Mezzanine and a good number of members contributed to this very meaningful time of prayer; our share in the Worldwide Wave of Prayer which MU maintains. In February we received the Diocesan Pilgrimage book to which Joyce Bruton added a beautiful contribution.

Then in March COVID-19 arrived in full force and lockdown meant that we were all confined to home. Thanks to modern technology and hard work from the clergy and a number of members we have managed to keep in touch with our members. Our Diocesan Chaplain the Rev Sandra Birdsall has kept us supplied with Devotions which have gone out via a weekly email. A number of members have taken part in our weekly Zoom sessions for prayer and for chat. We have played our part in online services (some with small numbers of members in church) to celebrate Lady Day and Mary Sumner Day and also during the autumn to begin to meet again in person in church. A small group of members have kept in touch with all members by distributing copies of In Touch and Prayer Diaries and other printed material either from the Diocese or our own Branch communications. Much prayer and planning has gone into all this and will continue to do so.

My thanks to all the clergy and to all those members who have enabled us to keep in touch in these strange times. We look forward to being able to resume some more of our activities in the not-too-distant future.

Sue Beetlestone

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Benefice includes 12 church buildings. With the exception of All Saints' Church, Southerndown, these are vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. All Saints' Church is held by a body of trustees and leased to the PCC through the Representative Body. The Benefice also has beneficial interest in the church hall in St Brides Major. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales holds the title to the premises on trust for the parish.

In previous years the continuing operations of the Benefice have been funded principally from regular giving by those who attend services, and there has also been income from fees for weddings, funerals and interments, for which there is a standard scale of fees throughout the Church in Wales. Ewenny Priory, St Bridget's Church and All Saints Church have had additional income streams with the Ewenny Arts Festival and rental income from St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown.

During 2020, church activities have been constrained by restrictions imposed in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. These have involved the cessation of public worship from 17 March 2020 and the closure of church buildings a week later. While restrictions imposed by government regulations and requirements of the Bench of Bishops of the Church in Wales were relaxed later in the year, places of worship have been permitted to open only for worship and, for a while, for private prayer. Even these activities have been subject to a prior detailed risk assessment, full supervision and requirements for mask-wearing and social distancing, which has meant a restriction on the number of people who can be allowed to attend at the same time. The provisions have not allowed church buildings to be open for general visitors. Many churches have therefore remained closed, while others have opened only for occasional services. Activity has however continued, with services and other events being held online.

It has not been possible to conduct weddings in church and only a relatively small number of funerals have been held in church buildings, though our clergy have conducted many services elsewhere and have provided pastoral support to the sick, the dying and the bereaved throughout the period.

Financial review *(continued)*

Against this background, the churches have experienced a reduction in income. It should, however, be noted that many of those who would normally have contributed regularly to church funds through collections at services have continued to do so by other means, including greater use of direct debits, standing orders and other online payments. Such planned giving, at £76,821 for the year, is only slightly lower than for the previous year (£79,271). Similarly, one-off donations, including 'catch-up' payments by those who had been unable to attend church for some time, held up fairly well, at £24,204 compared with £28,717 in 2019. On the other hand, other collections brought in only £11,013 as opposed to £22,087 in 2019. Gift Aid is claimed wherever appropriate, which increases the value of donations.

Each of the churches would normally be involved in fundraising to support major projects and external charitable activities, but, as in most case these involve bringing people together, few such activities have taken place. The income from fundraising and shop sales was £9,306 compared with £36,938 in 2019.

The main item of day-to-day expenditure is the Parish Share, which spreads the cost of ministry across all parishes in the diocese. This includes training and paying clergy, parish support in key areas such as youth and children's work, church housing repairs and maintenance, and grants to support specific mission and ministry projects. It also covers the necessary governance. The Benefice's share for 2020 was £129,676, which was paid in monthly instalments throughout the year. In recognition of the problems being experienced by churches as a result of the pandemic, Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance refunded a proportion of the sums paid. In the case of this Benefice, rebates amounted to £30,798. In recent years the Board of Finance has refunded 5 per cent of payments where these are made on time throughout the year. £6,484 was refunded in January 2021.

The Benefice also has its own running costs, which in 2020 amounted to £33,024, a reduction from £38,226 the previous year. The work of the Benefice has continued throughout the year and the office has continued to function, albeit with the Administrator working from home for much of the time. Apart from staff costs, central funds cover clergy expenses, printing of booklets and newssheets, and provision of altar supplies to all the churches. These costs are funded by contributions from the churches, supplemented by income from property rental, magazine income and occasional fees for administrative services, including arrangements for weddings. A number of weddings have been necessarily postponed and any fees refunded.

While there has been a reduction in expenditure in some areas, such as travel, there have been some new costs associated with provision of online services.

Apart from funds available for day-to-day expenditure, each of the churches has one or more restricted funds which may only be accessed for specific purposes. Fees for burials and interment of ashes are allocated to a fund for the maintenance of the churchyard.

Ewenny Priory, St Bridget's and All Saints churches normally have additional income streams with the Ewenny Arts Festival and rental income from St Bridget's church hall and the church building in Southerndown. The Festival could not take place in 2020 and there were only limited activities in the church hall.

In view of uncertainty about income streams and aware of the need to continue pastoral activities at a time when people were experiencing particular difficulties, in June 2020 the PCC took advantage of a loan under the government-backed Bounce Back Loan Scheme. The loan is for £50,000. While initially set up for a 6-year period, with repayments and interest required only after the first 12 months, the loan can be repaid at any time without penalty.

Provisional summary financial statements are included with this report. In keeping with the requirements of Church in Wales requirements and charity law, detailed accounts will be independently examined prior to approval by the PCC and submission to the Charity Commission.

Financial review *(continued)*

Investment policy

All current investments have arisen from sale of property, specific donations or bequests rather than being generated from surpluses. In such circumstances, the PCC has regard to any specific or implied conditions relating to use of the funds.

The Benefice receives rental income from a residential property in Llantwit Major. This is seen as a long-term source of income. There is some expenditure on maintenance, which will vary from year to year, in order to keep the property in good order.

Two of the churches benefit from permanent endowments, drawing income while maintaining the capital. The investments take the form of shares in the Church in Wales Common Investment Fund. This fund aims to achieve a balance between sustainable levels of income and capital growth; to optimise total returns without undue risk; and to operate within the constraints of the Church in Wales' Ethical Investment Policy.

- Under the R H Thomas Trust, the proceeds of the sale of Flush House, Llantwit Major are held in trust for the benefit of St Donat's Church.
- Mrs J P Lloyd's testamentary trust provides income to maintain the family grave in St Donat's churchyard.
- Proceeds of the sale in 1945 of a house and land in Llanmaes left to the church by Miss Catherine Richards have been invested to provide income for St Cattwg's Church. While use of the income from the bequest is discretionary, Miss Richards' will requests that family graves are maintained.

Three other churches have holdings in the Common Investment Fund, in these cases with the income being routinely reinvested to provide for growth. St Bridget's and St Illtud's Churches have Chancel Repair Funds while St Giles' Church benefits from a gift in 1983 intended primarily for keeping the church open for public worship. In these cases capital may be withdrawn for major items of expenditure.

St Tathan's Church has an investment in CAF Fixed Interest B Inc shares. This fund, arising from the sale of property, has been used to support ongoing activities and maintenance at St Tathan's Church. Both dividend income and capital have been used for these purposes.

During 2020 the overall value of shareholdings increased by £16,219.

Reserves policy

Apart from the investments described above, the parish and the individual churches hold funds to meet current and anticipated expenditure.

At the end of 2020, funds held in current or deposit accounts amounted to £403,752. Of this, £139,887 was in reserved funds earmarked for particular purposes, while £263,865 would be available for such purposes as may be approved by the PCC consistent with the constitution. While in total this is more than adequate to cover the routine expenditure of the Benefice, the funds are held in 36 different bank accounts, in most cases operated by local treasurers, who will need to address the particular needs of their churches and the community.

The reserves should provide the Benefice with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

The PCC propose to maintain the Benefice's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to six months' operational expenditure, having regard to anticipated income and outgoings and limitations on the uses for particular funds.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

There remains uncertainty about what activities will be possible during 2021 and future years. Subject to the success of the current vaccination programme and a fall in the number of COVID-19 infections, there should be scope for more in-person activities, though social distancing may be an inhibiting factor for some time to come. Plans for visitor facilities, Pilgrim Trails and reopening of the shop will be implemented once it is safe and practical to do so.

The income stream will remain heavily dependent on commitments to regular giving, with active encouragement for the use of the Church in Wales Gift Direct facility, providing for regular donations by direct debit, and other forms of direct payment.

The Parish Share is calculated on the allocation of clergy and the number of people who would normally be attending services. For 2021, this is set at £128,739, slightly lower than for 2020. There may be some further rebates during the year. In the longer term, it is the policy of the Diocese of Llandaff to gradually increase the level of Parish Share, which in recent years has not met the costs of parish ministry.

The Parish Share is funded by the individual churches, who rely on regular giving from their congregations in order to maintain these payments. Collectively, the churches in the Benefice will be able to meet this commitment, though some individual churches will experience difficulty in continuing payments at the same level as in the past.

The budget for 2021 anticipates that the churches will also contribute at a similar rate as in 2020 towards the administration of the Benefice and services provided centrally, which support an active ministry team working in the churches, the schools and the community. While recognising the extent of the commitment involved, the PCC will ensure that these demands are satisfied.

Maintaining church buildings will remain a major concern. The Benefice includes eleven listed buildings, of particular historical and architectural significance. Of these, four have the highest, Grade I, listing, which applies to only some 2 per cent of listed buildings, indicating that they are of exceptional interest. While some grant funding may be available for major works, in each case there will be a need for initial funding and fundraising by local people.

There are plans to reinforce the tower and rehang the bells at St Tathan's Church. Active fundraising started during 2018 and discussions are proceeding regarding possible grant funding. The PCC has agreed that, if necessary, funds up to £100,000 may be drawn down from investments in order to meet the requirements of grant-making organisations for matched funding. Repointing of the tower and chancel walls at St James' Church has started, with the work on the tower identifying additional problems with the roof. Extensive roof repairs are needed for the churches at Llanmihangel, Monknash and St Donat's. All the churches require some work and decisions have to be taken on urgency and funding.

The evaluation of any proposal will involve an assessment of the benefit to be provided by the proposed work and the extent to which this will contribute to the mission of the church, the needs of the wider community and the preservation of heritage. In each case, formal permission will be required before undertaking major works on a listed building.

The PCC has now fully repaid the Bounce Back loan during 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the Benefice

The Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast is situated in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales. It is in the Vale of Glamorgan Deanery Diocese of Llandaff.

Dedications of the churches within the Benefice and their locations

All Saints	Southerndown
Ewenny Priory (St Michael and All Angels)	Ewenny
St Bridget's	St Bridges Major
St Cattwg	Llanmaes
St Donat	St Donat's
St Giles	Gileston
St Illtud	Llantwit Major
St James	Wick
St Mary Magdalene	Monknash
Holy Trinity	Marcross
St Michael and All Angels	Llanmihangel
St Tathan	St Athan

Names of all persons who were PCC members during the financial year and any Parochial Office held

Canon Edwin Counsell	Rector & Chair
Fr Craig Vaughan	Team Vicar
Rev'd Rhian Prime	Team Vicar
Rev'd Marc Walford	Team Vicar
Mr Geoff Semmens	Rector's Warden
Mrs Jodie Taylor	People's Warden
Mr Alun Jenkins	Representative: Ewenny Priory & Chair
Mr Eddie Williams	Representative: St Illtud's, Llantwit Major
Mrs Pennie Ayres	Representative: St James', Wick,
Mr Jeffrey Robinson	Representative: St Cattwg's, Llanmaes,
Mr Alan Davies	Representative: St Donats
Mrs Sharon Evans	Representative: Holy Trinity Marcross,
Mrs Marie Sheppard	Representative: St Mary's, Monknash
Mrs Sian Evans	Representative: St Michael's, Llanmihangel
Mr Richard Simpson	Representative: St Tathan
Mrs Lynda Mumford	Representative: St Giles

Parish Administrator and Secretary to the Council: Mrs Alison Weston

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Details of Governance

The PCC is an unincorporated charity, governed by its constitution adopted 1 February 2004, as amended on 24 July 2018.

The Constitution of the Church in Wales defines the functions and powers of a PCC. The principal function of the PCC is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical". PCC Members, therefore, have significant responsibilities for the local mission of the Church. These shall include:

1 the promotion of the mission of the Church in the parish;
2 consideration of matters concerning the Church in Wales (but not declarations of doctrine);
3 propagation and implementation of decisions by the Governing Body, the Representative Body, the Diocesan and the Deanery Conference;
4 the preparation of the parochial budget, annual accounts and an annual report;
5 providing advice on matters properly referred to it;
6 communication with Diocesan and Deanery Conference;
7 review and reimbursement of parish expenses incurred by clerics; and
8 discharge of duties placed on the Council by the Church Fabric Regulations.

The PCC's responsibilities are not limited to the eight areas set out above. The PCC is a channel of communication between the parishioners and the Bishop.

The Parochial Church Council has three categories of members:

1 ex officio: clerics holding parochial appointment, full time stipendiary lay workers, churchwardens and sub-wardens, if appointed
2 elected: lay persons elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting up to such number, to a maximum of twenty-five, as the Vestry shall determine
3 co-opted: Secretary and Treasurer, if not in the above categories; not exceeding seven lay persons or clerics (other than retired clerics) as determined by the PCC; such licensed readers as the PCC may determine.

The structure of the PCC has been simplified and, following the decision of the Annual Vestry Meeting in 2018, now has fewer members than previously.

New members of the PCC are briefed on the requirements of the position. Before assuming office, every member of the PCC must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The PCC holds ordinary meetings four times in the year and extraordinary meetings as required. Members receive reports on issues relating to Benefice activities and finances and make decisions by voting.

Electronic Meetings

The holding of meetings by electronic means (video or telephone conferences) is now specifically authorised by the Constitution of the Church in Wales as a result of Constitutional changes approved on 8 September 2020.

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

The trustees' annual report was approved on 16/9/2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Signed A.V.Jenkins Signed C.Vaughan

Print name ALUN VAUGHAN JENKINS Trustee Print name REVD CRAIG VAUGHAN Trustee

Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Farzana Ahmed ACCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 21/09/2021

Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Endowment funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies	4	134,272	35,423	–	**169,695**	179,774
Charitable activities	5	3,335	7,452	–	**10,787**	29,628
Other trading activities	6	8,949	357	–	**9,306**	34,938
Investment income	7	17,047	163	2,095	**19,305**	18,774
Other income	8	2,178	4,930	–	**7,108**	8,887
Total income		165,781	48,325	2,095	**216,201**	272,001
Expenditure						
Expenditure on raising funds:						
Costs of other trading activities	9	108	–	–	**108**	2,131
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	170,173	31,538	–	**201,711**	252,851
Other expenditure	13	108	87	–	**195**	7,310
Total expenditure		170,389	31,625	–	**202,014**	262,292
Net gains on investments	14	8,189	1,529	6,500	**16,218**	34,561
Net income		**3,581**	**18,229**	**8,595**	**30,405**	44,270
Transfers between funds		2,114	(19)	(2,095)	**–**	–
Net movement in funds		**5,695**	**18,210**	**6,500**	**30,405**	44,270
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		486,271	141,981	107,068	**735,320**	691,050
Total funds carried forward		**491,966**	**160,191**	**113,568**	**765,725**	735,320

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 22 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast PCC

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	19	**409,019**	392,800
Current assets			
Stocks	20	**1,500**	1,500
Debtors	21	**4,921**	8,915
Cash at bank and in hand		**403,752**	342,787
		410,173	353,202
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	**(53,467)**	(10,682)
Net current assets		**356,706**	342,520
Total assets less current liabilities		**765,725**	735,320
Net assets		**765,725**	735,320
Funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		**113,568**	107,068
Restricted funds		**160,191**	141,981
Unrestricted funds		**491,966**	486,271
Total charity funds	23	**765,725**	735,320

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....16/9/... 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed ....A.V.Jenkins.... Signed .....C Vaughan.....

Print name ALUN VAUGHAN JENKINS Print name REV'D CRAIG VAUGHAN

Trustee Trustee

The notes on pages 22 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Rectory, High Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011, as well as applicable charity law.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

During the year the Covid-19 pandemic and, in particular, the lockdown and social distancing restrictions in place as a result had a detrimental effect on the income generating capacity of the Benefice. However, costs were also adjusted accordingly and so the results still show a surplus for the year. At the year-end, the UK entered another lockdown as a result of the pandemic, however, the PCC believe they will be able to, again, mitigate costs accordingly and, as such, there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue, therefore accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

There are no material judgements or estimation uncertainties to note, other than those already covered by the accounting policies.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

3. **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Donations			
Planned Giving	76,821	–	**76,821**
Loose Collections	10,925	88	**11,013**
Donations	17,422	6,782	**24,204**
For Mission	80	–	**80**
Tax Refunds	22,037	933	**22,970**
Legacies			
Legacies	500	–	**500**
Grants			
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	–	–
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	5,400	**5,400**
St James':			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	3,880	**3,880**
Allchurches Trust	–	1,500	**1,500**
Vale of Glamorgan Council	–	10,000	**10,000**
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	5,000	**5,000**
James Pantyfedwen Foundation	–	1,500	**1,500**
St Illtud's:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	4,287	–	**4,287**
Glamorgan Voluntary Council	200	–	**200**
Cardiff & Vale ULHB General Purpose Charity	2,000	–	**2,000**
St Donat's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	30	**30**
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	10	**10**
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	**300**
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	–	–
St Bridget's:			
Vale of Glamorgan Council	–	–	–
	134,272	35,423	**169,695**

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Donations			
Planned Giving	79,256	15	79,271
Loose Collections	22,087	–	22,087
Donations	18,560	10,157	28,717
For Mission	1,462	50	1,512
Tax Refunds	32,975	925	33,900
Legacies			
Legacies	3,539	–	3,539
Grants			
St Tathan's:			
St Athan Community Council	–	400	400
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	–	–	–
St James':			
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	–	–	–
Allchurches Trust	–	–	–
Vale of Glamorgan Council	–	–	–
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	–
James Pantyfedwen Foundation	–	–	–
St Illtud's:			
Welsh Church Act Fund	–	–	–
Glamorgan Voluntary Council	–	–	–
Cardiff & Vale ULHB General Purpose Charity	–	–	–
St Donat's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	–	–
St Cattwg's:			
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	–	10	10
St Giles:			
St Athan Community Council	–	300	300
Representative Body of the Church in Wales	2,476	–	2,476
St Bridget's:			
Vale of Glamorgan Council	7,562	–	7,562
	167,917	11,857	179,774

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	3,335	7,452	**10,787**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Sale of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	14,937	14,691	29,628

This relates to church fees for weddings, funerals and interments. Fees are set by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Fundraising events	8,584	357	8,941
Shop income	365	–	365
	8,949	357	9,306

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fundraising events	28,382	4,487	32,869
Shop income	2,069	–	2,069
	30,451	4,487	34,938

7. Investment income

Title to the residential property in Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major is vested in the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. The Benefice receives rental income and has responsibility for maintenance.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Income from investment properties	8,100	–	–	**8,100**
Income from listed investments	8,702	34	2,095	**10,831**
Bank interest receivable	245	129	–	**374**
	17,047	163	2,095	**19,305**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income from investment properties	8,100	–	–	8,100
Income from listed investments	7,254	428	2,665	10,347
Bank interest receivable	178	149	–	327
	15,532	577	2,665	18,774

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Other income	2,178	4,930	**7,108**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Other income	8,129	758	8,887

9. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	56	**56**	1,159	1,159
Costs of money raising - Staging events	52	**52**	972	972
	108	**108**	2,131	2,131

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Support for Ministry	101,414	–	**101,414**
Parish Running Costs	27,309	234	**27,543**
Church Property	37,972	30,881	**68,853**
Missions	238	423	**661**
Support costs	3,240	–	**3,240**
	170,173	31,538	**201,711**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Support for Ministry	137,339	–	137,339
Parish Running Costs	28,924	296	29,220
Church Property	57,570	13,272	70,842
Missions	13,432	18	13,450
Support costs	2,000	–	2,000
	239,265	13,586	252,851

11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	**Total funds 2020 £**	Total fund 2019 £
Support for Ministry	101,414	–	**101,414**	137,339
Parish Running Costs	27,543	–	**27,543**	29,220
Church Property	68,853	–	**68,853**	70,842
Missions	661	–	**661**	13,450
Governance costs	–	3,240	**3,240**	2,000
	198,471	3,240	**201,711**	252,851

12. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	**Total 2020 £**	Total 2019 £
Governance costs	3,240	**3,240**	2,000

13. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Other expenditure	108	87	**195**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Other expenditure	5,528	1,782	7,310

14. Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	8,189	1,529	6,500	**16,218**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	18,908	2,277	13,376	34,561

15. Independent examination fees

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	**3,240**	2,000

16. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	12,238	11,551
Social security costs	489	469
	12,727	12,020

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2019: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2020	2019
	No.	No.
Number of staff - admin	1	1

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2019: Nil).

17. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

During the year, 4 trustees received a total of £6,710 for expenses reasonably incurred in the course of their duties as clergy and readers (2019: 5, £10,217).

18. Transfers between funds

The Churchyard Fund at Marcross was supported by the transfer of £15 from general funds.

19. Investments

	Listed investments
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	392,800
Additions	1,789
Fair value movements	14,430
At 31 December 2020	409,019
Impairment	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	**409,019**
At 31 December 2019	392,800

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are held in either The Church in Wales Common Investment Fund or the CAF Fixed Interest B INC fund. Statements are received stating the middle market valuation of a share at the year-end. This is considered to be fair value and the value of each investment is calculated accordingly.

20. Stocks

	2020	2019
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	1,500	1,500

21. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	–	51
Other debtors	4,921	8,864
	4,921	8,915

22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	50,000	–
Accruals and deferred income	2,227	10,682
	52,227	10,682

23. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	486,271	165,781	(170,389)	2,114	8,189	491,966

	At 1 Jan 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	476,160	236,966	(246,924)	1,161	18,908	486,271

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2020 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	**729**
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	**246**
Friends of St Illtud's	11,168	2,175	–	–	–	**13,343**
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	**159**
Galilee Account	18,883	–	–	–	–	**18,883**
Churchyard	6,504	2,038	(2,380)	–	–	**6,162**
Chancel Repair	2,809	–	–	–	171	**2,980**
Youth Project	2,603	–	–	–	–	**2,603**
Legacy Fund	1,561	31	–	(31)	95	**1,656**
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	1,113	157	–	–	–	**1,270**
Restoration / Maintenance	14,504	326	–	–	–	**14,830**
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	4,487	24,625	(21,413)	877	–	**8,576**
Churchyard	3,484	1,129	(101)	–	–	**4,512**
Youth Work	2,505	–	(154)	–	–	**2,351**
Charity / Mission	–	–	–	–	–	**–**
Friends of St James'	1,672	1,395	–	(877)	–	**2,190**
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Roof Restoration	3,312	2,943	(4,092)	–	–	**2,163**
Bells & Tower	12,297	5,905	(27)	–	–	**18,175**
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	8,354	402	(598)	–	–	**8,158**
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	1,784	339	(410)	–	–	**1,713**
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	–	465	(480)	15	–	**–**
Legacy Fund	–	3	–	(3)	184	**184**
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	2,859	–	(250)	–	–	**2,609**
Chancel Repair	–	–	–	–	216	**216**
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	272	–	–	–	–	**272**
Restoration	4,222	4,930	(150)	–	–	**9,002**
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,666	1,429	(700)	–	–	**7,395**
Legacy Fund	12,455	33	–	–	–	**12,488**
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	14,213	–	–	–	863	**15,076**
St Bridget's	2,250	–	–	–	–	**2,250**
All Saints	870	–	(870)	–	–	**–**
	141,981	48,325	(31,625)	(19)	1,529	**160,191**

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

	At 1 Jan 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2019 £
St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major:						
Access	729	–	–	–	–	729
Cowethas Peran Sans	246	–	–	–	–	246
Friends of St Illtud's	7,029	4,238	(99)	–	–	11,168
Toddler Group	159	–	–	–	–	159
Galilee Account	18,883	–	–	–	–	18,883
Churchyard	2,450	6,126	(2,072)	–	–	6,504
Chancel Repair	2,402	63	–	–	344	2,809
Youth Project	4,000	–	(1,397)	–	–	2,603
Legacy Fund	–	39	–	1,327	195	1,561
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes:						
Churchyard	637	491	(15)	–	–	1,113
Restoration / Maintenance	13,379	1,125	–	–	–	14,504
St James' Church, Wick:						
Restoration	5,739	2,292	(3,544)	–	–	4,487
Churchyard	2,636	1,206	(358)	–	–	3,484
Youth Work	2,627	–	(122)	–	–	2,505
Charity / Mission	–	–	–	–	–	–
Friends of St James'	1,956	966	(1,250)	–	–	1,672
St Tathan Church, St Athan:						
Roof Restoration	1,366	6,038	(4,092)	–	–	3,312
Bells & Tower	8,063	4,234	–	–	–	12,297
St Giles' Church, Gileston:						
Cemetery	7,793	561	–	–	–	8,354
St Donat's Church, St Donat's:						
Churchyard	1,491	943	(650)	–	–	1,784
Holy Trinity Church, Marcross:						
Churchyard	294	50	(520)	176	–	–
St Mary's Church, Monknash:						
Churchyard	2,593	516	(250)	–	–	2,859
St Michael's Church, Llanmihangel:						
Churchyard	–	272	–	–	–	272
Restoration	2,416	1,806	–	–	–	4,222
Ewenny Priory:						
Churchyard	6,658	1,008	(1,000)	–	–	6,666
Legacy Fund	12,385	70	–	–	–	12,455
St Bridget's, St Brides Major & All Saints, Southerndown:						
Chancel Repair	12,149	326	–	–	1,738	14,213
St Bridget's	2,250	–	–	–	–	2,250
All Saints	870	–	–	–	–	870
	121,199	32,370	(15,368)	1,503	2,277	141,981

In the prior year the St Illtyd's Legacy fund was treated as unrestricted. During 2019 the terms of this fund were reviewed and it was agreed that this is a restricted fund. A transfer was made in the year to reflect this in the accounts.

23. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Endowment funds

	At 1 Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	**At 31 Dec 2020 £**
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	98,332	1,924	–	(1,924)	5,970	**104,302**
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	886	17	–	(17)	54	**940**
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	7,850	154	–	(154)	476	**8,326**
	107,068	2,095	–	(2,095)	6,500	**113,568**

	At 1 Jan 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2019 £
Permanent Endowment Funds:						
St Donat's Church, St Donat's						
RH Thomas Trust	86,047	2,447	–	(2,447)	12,285	98,332
Mrs JP Lloyd Testamentary Trust	776	22	–	(22)	110	886
St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes						
Miss Richards' Bequest	6,869	195	–	(195)	981	7,850
	93,691	2,665	–	(2,665)	13,376	107,068

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Investments	275,339	20,112	113,568	**409,019**
Current assets	270,094	140,079	–	**410,173**
Creditors less than 1 year	(53,467)	–	–	**(53,467)**
Net assets	491,966	160,191	113,568	**765,725**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Investments	267,148	18,584	107,068	392,800
Current assets	226,939	126,263	–	353,202
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,816)	(2,866)	–	(10,682)
Net assets	486,271	141,981	107,068	735,320

25. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Not later than 1 year	**4,776**	4,776
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**4,776**	9,552
	9,552	14,328

During 2018, the Benefice entered into a 5 year lease for a photocopier. There are 2 years remaining at the year end.