

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON, STOCKTON ON TEES

England & Wales · Charity number 1131694

Details

Other names ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH PCC, NORTON

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-09-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small group meetings. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. The provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos. Promoting the whole mission of the church through various activities. Support of other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£88,073	£91,054	-	-
2023-12-31	£93,257	£108,155	-	-
2022-12-31	£105,992	£116,566	-	-
2021-12-31	£125,706	£106,612	-	-
2020-12-31	£106,612	£110,877	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Martin Anderson	Chair	2013-09-08
Brian Webb		2019-04-02
Colin Legg		2021-05-10
Hadyn Beckwith		2023-04-30
Julie Saunders-Littler		2022-05-22
RUTH LANGFORD		
Ruth King		2022-05-22
Ryan Michael McCabe		2024-04-30
Susan Dixon		2022-05-22
Sylvia Morgan		2021-05-10

Accounts

Charity Registration Number 1131694

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St Mary's is located on Norton Green in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. It is in the Deanery of Stockton, and within the Auckland Archdeaconry of the Diocese of Durham.

Charity Name: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parsh of St Mary the Virgin, Norton (other name or acronym: St Mary's PCC, Norton)

Charity Registration Number: 1131694

Address: c/o St Mary's Parish Office
70 The Green
Norton
Stockton-on-Tees
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The Parochial Church Council ("PCC") is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members (Trustees) serving from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent	Reverend Martin Anderson - Chair
Church Wardens	Sylvia Morgan Vacancy

Representatives on Stockton Deanery Synod (elected for the Triennium 2023-2026):

Ruth Langford
Julie Saunders
Vacancy

Elected Members of PCC:

Haydn Beckwith - Vice Chair & Diocesan Synod
Ryan McCabe - PCC Treasurer
Julie Saunders - PCC Secretary
Ruth King - Parish Safeguarding Officer
Brian Webb - Health & Safety
Ruth Langford
Colin Legg
Sue Dixon
Helen Bostock - resigned 28/04/24
Carol Mansell - resigned 15/04/24

Independent Examiner:

Mr J Lester FCA
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

PCCs are governed by two “Church of England Measures”, the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended). The Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. St Mary’s Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

Trustees of the Charity

Details of the trustees who have served during the year and since the year end can be found on page 1.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

St Mary’s PCC is part of the Church of England and extracts the pertinent objects from the PCC Powers Measure. Main activities undertaken in relation to these objects:

- Regular public worship and Holy Communion
- The provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including care of the sick and bereaved
- Christian teaching through sermons, group courses and small group learning
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools
- Growth in Christian discipleship and formation
- Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical
- Maintenance responsibilities for St Mary’s Church, Parish Hall and Forge on Norton Green

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2024 regular patterns of worship included the 10.00am Thursday midweek communion, 11.00am Sunday parish communion, and a monthly “Messy church” with families at 3.00pm every third Sunday. We continue to have significant pastoral contact through occasional offices, social events and outreach activities. During the year we had numerous baptisms, marriages, funerals in church, and funerals at crematoriums. Our Pastoral Team have provided pastoral care home visits and home communions throughout the year, co-ordinated by Ruth Langford.

Activities at St Mary’s Parish Hall and Forge administered by Sue Gardner, have provided a valuable source of income and strengthened community cohesion, including suicide bereavement, dance classes, bonsai, judo, baby sensory, Scouts, Brownies and Guides.

As Parish Administrator, newcomers and church members alike are well supported by Sue with great pastoral wisdom and knowledge. A monthly parish lunch alongside Tuesday Community Space coffee sessions at the Forge, as well as the monthly Walking group provides time for relationships to be deepened, spaces to be listened to and meaningful friendships to be shared.

After 18 months, our curate Revd Hannah Richardson moved from Norton and was licensed to the parish of St Chad’s Bensham & Teams in October 2024. Her ministry in Norton was a huge blessing, with memorable teaching and sermons, and pastoral warmth and sensitivity, especially during Revd Martin’s absence with ill health. From September 2024 we were delighted to welcome Revd Christine Robinson as a retired priest to serve and minister with us being licensed with permission to officiate. Ruth Langford began a year of intensive theological training with Lindisfarne College of Theology to compliment her pastoral ministry and Haydn Beckwith continued serving faithfully as Licensed Lay Minister (LLM/Reader).

We have good links with local schools and offer regular assemblies as well as termly worship in church. In May 2024 we again welcomed Christian Life Preparatory School from Texas, with generous offers of hospitality from host homes across the parish. Their Gospel enthusiasm is an inspiration to regular worshippers and is thoroughly enjoyed by the schools and families they engage with during their stay.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Partnership working continues to be a legacy of the Partnership for Missional Church programme for St Mary's. The Love Norton Advent Window team led by Louise Bradley engaged with schools, uniformed organisations and local residents, working together with Stockton Council, our Ward Councillors Steve Nelson and Lisa Evans and supported by local businesses. Thanks to Louise and a wealth of volunteers, St Mary's has witnessed a significant footfall of additional visitors during the year. Car boot sales, afternoon teas, summer fair and Christmas fair have taken huge amounts of volunteer energy to organise but were greatly appreciated by those attending. A significant new venture of St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival celebrated over 30 local businesses and welcomed over 1500 visitors – with input from school choirs and local musicians. The specially created St Mary's knitted Nativity figures even began trending on social media – many congratulations to Joan Armstrong and her team!

St Mary's choir has supported regular services with faithful organ accompaniment from Alex Fishburn, Diane Fisher has created beautiful flower displays for weddings and festivals, and Pam Duck steadfastly co-ordinated monthly Mothers Union meetings. Working tirelessly behind the scenes, Ryan McCabe as a new PCC Treasurer has begun to navigate the complex systems of St Mary's finances. Investing in external support from Baines Jewitt accountants will enable us to simplify our accounts procedures in line with legal, Diocesan and Charity Commission expectations in the years ahead.

Our dedicated Church Warden has diligently led services, organised rotas and prayerfully guided the congregation – thank you Sylvia. Every PCC member and Julie as PCC Secretary have worked incredibly hard in ensuring that risk assessments, health and safety, safeguarding and co-ordination of regular services have been sustained. In 2024 the PCC committed to a Parish Share contribution of £40,000, whilst acknowledging the proposed amount of £57,750 suggested by the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Louise Priestman as QI Architect visited in September as a result of water ingress and major downpours through the Church Tower. Thankfully, after an emergency call out and extensive hours of volunteers mopping the floor, Stone Technical Contractors brought abseil equipment and hard hats to discover a piece of wrought iron guttering blocking a high-level downpipe and sorted the problem. The completion of the organ faculty with final agreement for the positioning of the wall speakers from the Diocesan Advisory Committee came to fruition after real perseverance over technicalities from Helen Bostock to whom are deeply grateful. Her vision and wisdom as previous Churchwarden and energy within the church has been a real blessing and made a significant impact in recent years.

The PCC will continue to represent the wider congregation as they meet regularly and faithfully in the year ahead, seeking to fulfil all statutory obligations, with a firm commitment to prayer and the practical outworking of our vision- "Connecting with God, Loving our Neighbour, and Making Christ Known..."

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In accordance with Diocesan and CCLA Regulations, the financial accounts for St Mary's, the Parish Hall and Forge have been presented and discussed at all PCC Meetings. All aspects of income, expenditure, salaries, upgrading systems, routine repairs, servicing and building work required have been discussed, quotations for work received and reports obtained to undertake such measures needed to maintain the fabric and safety of these buildings.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 15 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

The Rev M Anderson
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
NORTON, STOCKTON-ON-TEES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

J Lester

**Mr J Lester FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date 15 June 2025

JL/AJW

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
(including Summary Income and Expenditure Account)**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
		2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME							
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2(a)	58,626	40,253	6,875	4,367	65,501	44,620
Other voluntary incoming resources	2(b)	668	2,480	-	1,710	668	4,190
Income from fees and trading	2(c)	20,013	33,705	-	-	20,013	33,705
Other ordinary incoming resources	2(d)	-	448	950	-	950	448
Investment income	2(e)	-	-	941	551	941	551
Norton parish Church Hall	2(f)	-	-	-	9,744	-	9,744
TOTAL INCOME		79,307	76,886	8,766	16,372	88,073	93,258
EXPENDITURE							
Grants to charities and mission	3(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Routine work of St Mary's Church	3(b)	56,508	68,822	6,349	6,656	62,857	75,478
Fees and trading expenditure	3(b)	2,659	12,993	-	-	2,659	12,993
Sundry	3(b)	1,047	310	-	-	1,047	310
Depreciation of fixed assets	3(b)	1,924	1,924	3,960	3,960	5,884	5,884
St Mary's church administration	3(c)	15,872	13,489	-	-	15,872	13,489
Norton parish church hall	3(d)	-	-	1,581	-	1,581	-
Fundraising	3(e)	1,154	-	-	-	1,154	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		79,164	97,538	11,890	10,616	91,054	108,154
Net income/(expenditure) for Year		143	(20,652)	(3,124)	5,756	(2,981)	(14,896)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		143	(20,652)	(3,124)	5,756	(2,981)	(14,896)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		36,775	57,427	383,706	377,950	420,481	435,377
Total funds carried forward	12&13	36,918	36,775	380,582	383,706	417,500	420,481

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8(a)		351,196		357,080
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	1,704		2,136	
Short Term Deposits		18,672		17,731	
Cash at bank and in hand		19,370		12,717	
Parish Hall operation	10	42,606		44,187	
			<u>82,352</u>	<u>76,771</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(16,048)		(13,370)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>66,304</u>		63,401
NET ASSETS			<u>417,500</u>		<u>420,481</u>
FUNDS	12&13				
Unrestricted funds			36,918		36,775
Restricted funds			59,822		58,986
Restricted (Property)			320,760		324,720
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>417,500</u>		<u>420,481</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 15 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

The Rev M Anderson
Chairman

R McCabe
Hon Treasurer

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General Information and Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, together with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCCF is responsible in law. They do not include the full accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is a separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds comprise income received or generated by reference to the general objects of the charity without further specified purpose. Such funds may however be designated by the trustees for specific purposes from time to time.

(c) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCCF is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

(c) Resources Expended

Grants and other donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

(d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently, no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18 January 2006.

Depreciation is provided at an annual rate of 1% on cost, in order to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(f) Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(g) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(h) Pension Costs

Contributions, which are payable into the personal pension plans of individual members of staff, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

(i) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with levels of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

2(a) Incoming resources from donors	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	20,802	21,399	-	-	20,802	21,399
Income tax recovered	3,242	6,480	-	-	3,242	6,480
Collections and plate at all services	34,582	10,995	-	-	34,582	10,995
Rent Darlington Lane	-	-	6,875	4,367	6,875	4,367
Donations	-	1,379	-	-	-	1,379
	<u>58,626</u>	<u>40,253</u>	<u>6,875</u>	<u>4,367</u>	<u>65,501</u>	<u>44,620</u>
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2(b) Other voluntary incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Fund raising for St Mary's	560	1,433	-	1,710	560	3,143
Dedicated plate	108	47	-	-	108	47
	<u>668</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>4,190</u>
	<u>668</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>4,190</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
2(c) Income from fees and trading						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fees	20,013	32,649	-	-	20,013	32,649
Teas and coffees	-	1,056	-	-	-	1,056
	<u>20,013</u>	<u>33,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,013</u>	<u>33,705</u>
2(d) Other ordinary incoming resources						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Forge rent	-	295	-	-	-	295
Sundry income	-	153	-	-	-	153
Grants	-	-	950	-	950	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>448</u>
2(e) Income from investments						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends and interest	-	-	941	551	941	551
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>551</u>
2(f) Norton Parish Church Hall						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	9,744	-	9,744
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,744</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>79,307</u>	<u>76,886</u>	<u>8,766</u>	<u>16,372</u>	<u>88,073</u>	<u>93,258</u>
3. OUTGOING RESOURCES						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3(a) Grants to charities and mission						
Donations from dedicated plate/charity appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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4. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	5,884	5,884
Independent Examiner's and other accountancy fees:		
- external scrutiny	1,000	340
- other costs	2,000	680
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>680</u>

5. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages	9,304	8,379
Employer's national insurance costs	591	179
Pension contributions	434	198
	<u>10,329</u>	<u>8,756</u>

Throughout the year under review, the charity employed one part time member of staff (2023: one).

6. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No trustee received remuneration from, or was reimbursed expenses by the charity in the year under review (2023: £nil).

7. TAXATION

As a registered charity, the PCC is exempt from tax on its income under Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 provided that such income is applied for charitable purposes only.

8. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
8(a) Cost/Valuation			
Valuation as at 1 January 2024	435,813	8,268	444,081
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u>435,813</u>	<u>8,268</u>	<u>444,081</u>
Valuation as at 31 December 2024	435,813	8,268	444,081
	<u>435,813</u>	<u>8,268</u>	<u>444,081</u>
Accumulated Depreciation			
At beginning of year	84,023	2,978	87,001
Charge for year	5,554	330	5,884
Adjustment on disposals	-	-	-
	<u>89,577</u>	<u>3,308</u>	<u>92,885</u>
At end of year	89,577	3,308	92,885
	<u>89,577</u>	<u>3,308</u>	<u>92,885</u>
Net Book Value			
At beginning of year	351,790	5,290	357,080
	<u>351,790</u>	<u>5,290</u>	<u>357,080</u>
At end of year	346,236	4,960	351,196
	<u>346,236</u>	<u>4,960</u>	<u>351,196</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18 January 2006. Depreciation is calculated to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON, STOCKTON-ON-TEES**

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8. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC (continued)

8(b) Investments

The PCC owns no investments other than those held in Permanent Endowment Funds. These are not available for realisation, under the terms of the trusts, so valuations are not included.

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant claim – VAT	-	308
Fees received in the following year	-	1,062
Parish Hall	369	369
Income Tax recovered on Gift Aided giving	-	397
Receivable from Hall account for caretaking duties	1,335	-
	<u>1,704</u>	<u>2,136</u>

10. NORTON PARISH CHURCH HALL

The accounts for Norton Parish Church Hall are produced by the Parish Administrator. The Hall accounts are, therefore, not included in full, but the overall figures for accumulated funds, income and expenditure are incorporated into these accounts. Funds are held independently within bank accounts in the name of Norton Parish Hall for capital and maintenance work, but under the overall control of St Mary's PCC. Copies of the Hall accounts are readily available on request.

11. LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Forge heating	27	38
Clergy housing	-	214
Dedicated plate	-	108
Cost of fees	175	870
PAYE/NI	52	52
Pension contributions	138	-
Church gas, electricity and telephone	1,717	1,642
Church repairs and maintenance	1,355	-
Independent Examiner	3,000	1,020
Grants – warm spaces initiative	1,257	1,257
Grants – parish nursing initiative	4,492	7,594
Cost of services	-	125
Fees prepaid for following year	-	450
Rent Darlington Lane	535	-
Parish share	3,300	-
	<u>16,048</u>	<u>13,370</u>

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	30,436	32,360	320,760	324,720	351,196	357,080
Current assets	22,530	17,785	59,822	58,986	82,352	76,771
Current liabilities	(16,048)	(13,370)	-	-	(16,048)	(13,370)
	<u>36,918</u>	<u>36,775</u>	<u>380,582</u>	<u>383,706</u>	<u>417,500</u>	<u>420,481</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST
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13. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	At beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At end of year £
Unrestricted Funds:					
General	28,016	79,307	79,164	6,472	34,631
Designated:					
Choir fund	577	-	-	-	577
Harvest £10 challenge	3,449	-	-	(3,449)	-
Advent events	1,710	-	-	-	1,710
Magazine fund	3,023	-	-	(3,023)	-
	<u>36,775</u>	<u>79,307</u>	<u>79,164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,918</u>
Restricted Funds:					
Newby Bequest	2,636	941	3,577	-	-
Trust 258/1 (changed from endowment)	799	-	-	-	799
Trust 258/7 (changed from endowment)	2,065	-	-	-	2,065
Church organ maintenance and repair	2,401	-	-	-	2,401
Darlington Lane rent	6,898	6,875	2,772	-	11,001
St Mary's Parish Church Hall	44,187	-	1,581	-	42,606
Food Aid	-	250	-	-	250
Community spaces	-	700	-	-	700
	<u>58,986</u>	<u>8,766</u>	<u>7,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,822</u>
Freehold property	324,720	-	3,960	-	320,760
	<u>383,706</u>	<u>8,766</u>	<u>11,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380,582</u>
Total Funds	<u>420,481</u>	<u>88,073</u>	<u>91,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,500</u>

Unrestricted Designated Funds

Choir fund: available to fund expenses of the choir and music in church.

Harvest £10 challenge: for presentational equipment and has been fully utilised to properly fix the speakers to the wall.

Advent events: available to fund community Christmas events.

Magazine fund: this was used to fund the production of a parish magazine which has now been discontinued. The PCC have agreed to transfer the balance back to general funds.

Restricted Funds

Newby Bequest - this was to fund repairs/improvements to the church and has been used to fund the church insurance. The fund has been fully spent in the year.

Trust 258/1 (changed from endowment) - available for chancel maintenance.

Trust 258/7 (changed from endowment) - available for churchyard maintenance.

Church organ maintenance and repair - originally given by a parishioner to fund maintenance of the church organ which is no longer operational. The fund is being used to fund the cost of new speakers.

Darlington Lane rent - the profit from the rent of this property can be used to fund repairs to the fabric of the church building eg crumbling masonry, new heating, drainage improvements etc.

St Mary's Parish Church Hall - represents the bank account held by the church hall.

Food aid - summer 2024 food aid grant from Stockton Borough Council.

Community spaces - funding towards the provision of community spaces.

Freehold property - net book value of the church hall.

Accounts

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1131694

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2023

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**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
(Charity Registration Number 1131694)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the members on my examination of the financial statements of the PCC of St Mary The Virgin for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Sharon White ACCA - Benson Wood Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
Unit 21 Belasis Court
Belasis Hall Technology Park
BILLINGHAM
TS23 4AZ

Date

24/04/2024

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Administrative Information

St Mary's is located on Norton Green in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. It is in the Deanery of Stockton, and within the Auckland

Name of Charity: The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary the Virgin, Norton. (Other name or acronym: St Mary's

Charity Registration Number: 1131694

Address: c/o St Mary's Parish Office, 70 The Green, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees TS20 1DT

Office Phone: 01642 531300 / 07505 464005

Office Email: parishadmin@virginmedia.com

Vicar's Email: revmartin@outlook.com

Website: www.stmarysnorton.co.uk

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members (Trustees) serving from 1 Jan 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent	Revd Martin Anderson	Chair
Assistant Curate	Revd Hannah Richardson	Appointed to St. Mary's in March 2023
Licensed Reader	Haydn Beckwith	
Churchwardens	Sylvia Morgan	
	Colin Legg	

Representatives on Stockton Deanery Synod (elected for the Triennium 2020-2023)

Jeremy Kendall	(stepped down prior to APCM in April 2023)
Judy Rigg	(stepped down prior to APCM in April 2023)

Elected to Deanery Synod April 2023 for Triennium 2023-2026

Ruth Langford
Julie Saunders
Colin Legg

Elected Members of PCC:

Ruth Langford	
Helen Bostock	
Julie Saunders	PCC Secretary
Ruth King	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Brian Webb	Health & Safety
Ian Saul	Acting Treasurer
Sue Dixon	
Carol Mansell	
Ryan McCabe	Trainee Treasurer (co-opted June 2023)

Structure, Governance and Management

PCC's are governed by two "Church of England Measures"; the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended). The Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. St Mary's Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (cont'd)

Objectives and Activities

St Mary's PCC is part of the Church of England and extracts the pertinent objects from the PCC Powers Measure. Main activities undertaken in relation to these objects:

- Regular public worship and Holy Communion
- The provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including care of the sick and bereaved
- Christian teaching through sermons, group courses and small group learning
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools
- Growth in Christian discipleship & formation
- Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
- Maintenance responsibilities for St Mary's Church, Parish Hall & Forge on Norton Green

Achievements and Performance

In 2023 regular patterns of worship included the 10.00am Thursday midweek communion, 11.00am Sunday parish communion, and a 'Messy church' at 3.00pm every third Sunday of the month which provides wonderful crafts, games, stories and songs delivered through a dedicated commitment in our ministry to families. We continue to have significant pastoral contact through occasional offices, social events and outreach activities. During the year we had numerous baptisms, marriages, funerals in church, and funerals at crematoriums, burials of ashes and burials at cemeteries. Our Pastoral Team have provided community pastoral care at a weekly Café Hub, home visits and home communions during 2023, superbly coordinated by Ruth Langford.

Activities at St Mary's Parish Hall & Forge booked through Sue Gardner (Parish Administrator) have provided a valuable source of income & strengthened community cohesion, including dance classes, bonsai, ukelele, U3A, baby sensory, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Sue's work provisions are invaluable, providing consistency, welcome and knowledge to newcomers & church members throughout the year.

A regular monthly 'koinonia' parish lunch with fabulous food & hospitality and a monthly parish walking group led by Mike Rawson has offered accessible, open, and sociable time for relationships to be deepened, spaces to be listened to & meaningful friendships to be shared.

A High Tea and Harvest Tea were also successful events ably organised by Louise Bradley and volunteers with successful community support and involvement.

A service of celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III and Coronation Big Lunch were at St. Mary's on Sunday 7th May 2023.

A Parish Nursing Service opened in the Parish Hall in September 2023 with the appointment of Carol Mansell, Parish Nurse who provides a weekly session open to all members of the Norton community for medical advice, listening hub, blood pressure checks, etc. alongside social or medical referring on.

We welcomed Revd Hannah Richardson in March 2023 who is a valuable support to the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Michael's, Norton. Sheila Austin provided Lay funeral ministry to both Norton parishes in support to clergy and bereaved families. Haydn Beckwith continues to provide lay ministry as a licensed reader.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (cont'd)

Achievements and Performance (cont'd)

We have established links with local primary schools and offer regular activities based on bible stories and worship services in church every term. In May 2023 we were delighted to welcome Christian Life Preparatory School from Texas for a return visit to Norton, with generous offers of hospitality from host homes across the parish. We also had a visit from leaders and young people based at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Texas who self-funded their visit to St. Mary's and St. Michael's in July 2023.

Partnership lead activities continue to be a vital part of the work at St. Mary's. The Love Norton Advent Window Trail in December 2023 was superbly led by Louise Bradley & Mary Rawson promoted and assisted by Stockton Council, our Ward Councillors Steve Nelson & Lisa Evans, local schools, uniformed organisations, and supported by local businesses in Norton. Organised alongside this was a Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fayre which resulted in 1,500 visitors to St. Mary's Church and provided a valuable resource for community interaction and continuing attendance by some visitors, as well as providing valuable income for the church. A High Tea and Harvest Tea were also successful events with community support and involvement.

St Mary's Choir has ably supported regular services & festivals faithfully led by organist and choir leader, Alex Fishburn. Diane Fisher continues to decorate the church with beautiful flower displays for a plethora of weddings and church festivals along with weekly services. Ian Saul as 'Acting Treasurer' has ably managed our finances, payroll and gift aid as well as instructing our Trainee Treasurer Ryan McCabe who aims to take up the position of Treasurer.

Our Church Wardens, PCC members and PCC Secretary have worked hard in ensuring that risk assessments, health & safety, safeguarding and co-ordination of regular services have been sustained in 2023 and implemented church maintenance, servicing of electrical systems and safety items also replacement of parts necessary to equipment within the Church. The PCC committed to a Parish Share contribution of £40,000 when the renewal period was requested.

The PCC meets regularly and seeks to meet all its statutory obligations, with a steadfast commitment in prayer and the practical outworking of our ongoing vision at St Mary's Norton for "Connecting with God, Loving our Neighbour, and Making Christ Known..."

Financial Review

In accordance with Diocesan and CCLA Regulations the financial accounts for St. Mary's, the Parish Hall and Forge have been presented and discussed at all PCC Meetings. All aspects of income, expenditure, salaries, upgrading systems, routine repairs, servicing and building work required have been discussed, quotations for work received and reports obtained to undertake such measures needed to maintain the fabric and safety of these buildings.

The Financial Report for 1st January to 31st December 2023 have been independently audited as correct by Benson & Wood Accountants nominated at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30th April 2023 in preparation for final approval of finance by the PCC and presentation at the APCM to be held on 28th April 2024.

Signature: Date:

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023 £	2022 £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from donors	2a	40,253	4,367	44,620	42,017
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	2,480	1,710	4,190	6,882
Income from fees and trading	2c	33,705	0	33,705	35,237
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	448	0	448	6,431
Income from investments	2e	0	551	551	233
Norton Parish Church Hall	2f	0	9,744	9,744	2,908
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		76,886	16,371	93,257	93,709
RESOURCES USED					
Grants to charities and mission	3a	0	0	0	1,480
Routine work of St Mary's Church	3b	68,822	6,656	75,478	68,865
Fees and trading expenditure	3b	12,993	0	12,993	15,476
Sundry	3b	310	0	310	297
Depreciation of fixed assets	3b	1,924	3,960	5,884	5,884
St Mary's Church administration	3c	13,489	0	13,489	12,280
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		97,539	10,616	108,155	104,283
NET INCOMING(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(20,652)	5,755	(14,897)	(10,574)
Transfers		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(20,652)	5,755	(14,897)	(10,574)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4a	357,080		362,964	
			357,080		362,964
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	2,136		1,501	
Short Term Deposits		17,731		17,180	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		12,717		28,819	
Parish Hall operation	8	44,187		34,443	
		<u>76,771</u>		<u>81,942</u>	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(13,370)		(9,529)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>63,401</u>		<u>72,413</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>420,481</u>		<u>435,377</u>
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS					
Unrestricted	5,10	36,775		55,714	
Restricted		58,986		50,981	
Restricted(Property)		324,720		328,682	
		<u>420,481</u>		<u>435,377</u>	

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:

The Rev M Anderson (Chairman)

I. Saul (Hon.Treasurer)

The notes on the accompanying sheets form part of these accounts

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the full accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is a separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable; interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources used

Grants and other donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently, no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18th January 2006.

Depreciation is provided at an annual rate of 1% on cost, in order to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****2 INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
2a Incoming resources from donors				
Planned Giving	21,399	0	21,399	22,417
Income Tax recovered	6,480	0	6,480	4,897
Collections & plate at all services	10,995	0	10,995	10,065
Rent Darlington Lane	0	4,367	4,367	3,776
Donations	1,379	0	1,379	862
	<u>40,253</u>	<u>4,367</u>	<u>44,620</u>	<u>42,017</u>
2b Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies	1,000	0	1,000	0
Fund raising for St Mary's	1,433	1,710	3,142	6,804
Dedicated plate	47	0	47	78
	<u>2,480</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>4,190</u>	<u>6,882</u>
2c Income from fees and trading				
Fees	32,649	0	32,649	34,401
Teas & coffees	1,057	0	1,057	837
	<u>33,705</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,705</u>	<u>35,237</u>
2d Other ordinary incoming resources				
Forge Rent	295	0	295	3,820
Sundry Income	153	0	153	201
Grants	0	0	0	2,411
	<u>448</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>6,431</u>
2e Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	0	551	551	233
	<u>0</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>233</u>
2f Norton Parish Church Hall	0	9,744	9,744	2,908
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>76,886</u>	<u>16,371</u>	<u>93,257</u>	<u>93,709</u>

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
3a Grants to charities and mission				
Donations from dedicated plate/charity appeals	0	0	0	1,480
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,480</u>
3b Routine work of St Mary's Church				
Ministry - Parish share	55,000	0	55,000	48,567
-Clergy working expenses	20	0	20	975
-Clergy housing	472	0	472	426
-Mission Materials	2,551	0	2,551	1,778
St Mary's running costs	5,687	5,376	11,063	12,049
Church repairs & maintenance	1,231	1,280	2,511	4,235
Cost of worship/services	1,151	0	1,151	267
Fees	12,993	0	12,993	15,476
Card machine & fees	1,729	0	1,729	0
Forge running costs	982	0	982	567
Sundry & hospitality	310	0	310	297
Depreciation-Forge & Parish Hall	1,924	3,960	5,884	5,884
	<u>84,049</u>	<u>10,616</u>	<u>94,665</u>	<u>90,523</u>
3c St Mary's Church administration				
Parish administrator	8,756	0	8,756	8,402
Copying and general admin	3,450	0	3,450	2,384
Fees and licences	263	0	263	475
Independent examiner's fees	1,020	0	1,020	1,020
	<u>13,489</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,489</u>	<u>12,280</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>97,539</u>	<u>10,616</u>	<u>108,155</u>	<u>104,283</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

4a Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £	TOTAL £
Valuation as at 1st January 2023	357,344	5,620	362,964
Additions during the year	0	0	0
Depreciation - charge for the year	5,554	330	5,884
Net Book Value at 31st December 2023	<u>351,790</u>	<u>5,290</u>	<u>357,080</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18th January 2006. Depreciation is calculated to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

4b Investments

The PCC owns no investments other than those held in Permanent Endowment Funds. These are not available for realisation, under the terms of the trusts, so valuations are not included.

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets	5,290	324,720	330,010	334,302
Current Assets	44,855	58,986	103,841	110,604
Current Liabilities	(13,370)	0	(13,370)	(9,529)
	<u>36,775</u>	<u>383,706</u>	<u>420,481</u>	<u>435,377</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Grant Claim - VAT	308	299
Fees received in the following year	1,062	0
Music Licence	0	263
Parish Hall	369	438
Income Tax recovered on Gift Aided giving	397	500
Accrued Income	0	0
	2,136	1,501

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Forge Heating	38	101
Clergy Housing	214	181
Dedicated plate	108	217
Cost of fees	870	248
PAYE/NIC	52	30
Church gas, electricity and telephone	1,642	3,606
Church security	0	87
Mission	0	43
Independent Examiner	1,020	1,020
Grants - warm spaces initiative	1,257	2,847
Grants - parish nursing initiative	7,594	0
Cost of services	125	0
Fees prepaid for following year	450	1,150
	13,370	9,529

8 NORTON PARISH CHURCH HALL

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Magazine Fund	Des	Magazine support	3,023	3,023
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Darlington Lane Rent	R	Church Building Maintenance	6,898	3,812
St Mary's Parish Church Hall		Accumulated funds	44,187	34,443
			58,986	50,981
Freehold Property		Book value	324,720	328,682
			383,706	379,663

TOTAL OVERALL FUNDS

420,481 435,377

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**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 131694

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Date 24/4/2023

**St Mary the Virgin Norton
Trustee Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022**

1 Administrative Information

St Mary's is located on Norton Green in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. It is in the Deanery of Stockton, and within the Auckland Archdeaconry of the Diocese of London.

Name of Charity: The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary the Virgin, Norton. (Other name or acronym: St Mary's PCC, Norton)

Charity Registration Number: 1131694

Address: c/o St Mary's Parish Office, 70 The Green, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees TS20 1DT

Office Email: parishadmin@virginmedia.com

Office Phone: 01642 531300 / 07505 464005

Vicar's Email: revmartin@outlook.com

Website: www.stmarysnorton.co.uk

The Parochial Church Council ("PCC") is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members (Trustees) serving from 1 Jan 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent	The Revd Martin Anderson	Chair
SSM Assistant Curate	The Revd Catherine Walton	(became Priest in Charge July 2022)

Churchwardens

Sylvia Morgan
Collin Legg

Representatives on Stockton Deanery Synod (elected for the Triennium 2020-2023)

Jeremy Kendall
Judy Riggs

Elected Members

Ruth Langford
Helen Bostock
Julie Saunders
Ruth King
Brian Webb
Craig Hobbs
Louise Bradley
Ian Saul
Sue Dixon
Carol Mansell

Acting Treasurer

PCC Secretary
Parish Safeguarding Officer
Health & Safety

2 Structure, Governance and management

PCC's are governed by two "Church of England Measures"; the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended). The Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. St Mary's Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and welcome to stand for election to the PCC.

3 Objectives and activities

St Mary's PCC is part of the Church of England, and extracts the pertinent objects from the PCC Powers Measure. Main activities undertaken in relation to these objects:

- Regular public worship and Holy Communion
- The provision of sacred space for prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including care of the sick and bereaved
- Christian teaching through sermons, courses and small group learning
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools
- Growth in Christian discipleship & formation
- Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
- Maintenance responsibilities for St Mary's Church, Parish Hall & Forge on Norton Green

4 Achievements and Performance

In 2022 regular patterns of worship included the '10.00am Thursday midweek communion, 11.00am Sunday parish communion, and a monthly 'Messy church' at 3.00pm every third Sunday – with wonderful crafts & dedicated commitment in our ministry to families. We continue to have significant pastoral contact through occasional offices, social events and outreach activities. During the year we had numerous baptisms, marriages, funerals in church, and funerals at the crem. Our Pastoral Team have benefited from training with the Guild of Health, and offered pastoral care, home visits and home communions throughout the year, superbly coordinated by Ruth Langford.

Activities at St Mary's Parish Hall & Forge, booked/administered by Sue Gardner, have provided a valuable source of income & strengthened community cohesion, including dance classes, bonas, ukelele, U3A, baby sensory, Scouts, Brownies and Guides. Sue's work as Parish Administrator is invaluable, providing consistency, welcome & knowledge to newcomers & church members throughout the year. A new regular monthly 'koinonia' parish lunch with fabulous food & hospitality, alongside weekly 'warm space' coffee & chat gatherings (from Autumn 2022) at the Forge, as well as the monthly Parish Walking group led by Mike Rawson has offered accessible, open, and sociable time for relationships to be deepened, spaces to be listened to & meaningful friendships to be shared.

After a period of teaching & preparation, three adults were confirmed and one was baptised by the Bishop of Durham at the Dawn Easter Vigil at Durham Cathedral, and three young people were confirmed at St Peter's Stockton in November. Our vicar Revd Martin Anderson served as Area Dean of Stockton to cover Revd Paul Neville's sabbatical from April to September, and continued to engage in wider ministry & training via St Ethelburga's, Reconcilers Together and Reconciliation initiatives UK. From September to November, we welcomed Ray Leonard on a parish placement whilst discerning and exploring a call to ordained ministry. After 6 years in a part-time voluntary capacity (as self-supporting minister), our curate Revd Catherine Walton moved from Norton and was licensed to the parishes of Burmoor, Penshaw & Shiney Row on 4th September 2022. Shella Austin was re-licensed to both Norton parishes as Lay Funeral minister and continues to thrive in this ministry. Haydn Beckwith, having trained with Lindisfarne College of Theology, was welcomed & licensed as Licensed Lay Minister (LLM/Reader) on 30th October – the feast of All Saints.

We have good links with local schools and offer regular assemblies as well as worship in church every term. In May 2022 we were delighted to welcome Christian Life Preparatory School again from Texas,

with generous offers of hospitality from host homes across the parish. In August, we had a memorable visit from the Killimainde Trust, supporting the Diocese of the Rift Valley in Tanzania with a gift of £1000 - hearing stories from Rt. Revd John Lupaa and Mrs Devota Lupaa, and Venerable Canon Stephen Taylor from Canterbury Diocese.

Partnership working continues to be a positive aspect of St Mary's life. Through Norton Pockets of Nature Partnership repairs were made to the churchyard steps & trees maintained. The Love Norton Advent Window trail was superbly led by Louise Bradley & Mary Rawson promoted and assisted by Stockton Council, our Ward Councillors Steve Nelson & Lisa Evans, local schools, uniformed organisations, and supported by local businesses. Thanks to Louise and a wealth of volunteers, fantastc income generating & social events such as the summer fair & Christmas fair have been hugely successful. The St Mary's Beer Festival with Three Brothers Brewing in June 2022 attracted between 1200-1500 people, some of whom returned to book weddings & baptisms or began exploring their faith and attending worship.

St Mary's choir has ably supported regular services & festivals faithfully led by Alex Fishburn, Diane Fisher has consistently decorated the church with beautiful flower displays for a plethora of weddings and festivals, and Ian Saul as 'Acting Treasurer' has humbly managed our finances, pay roll and gift aid. Our Church Wardens, PCC members and PCC Secretary have worked hard in ensuring that risk assessments, health & safety, safeguarding and coordination of regular services have been sustained. In 2022 the PCC committed to a Parish Share contribution of £55,000, whilst allocating £7,500 specifically for investment in future mission projects and seed-funding for Church growth-related work.

PCC appointed Louise Priestman as our new Quinquennial Inspecting Architect who completed a QI inspection in June 2022. The PCC meets regularly and seeks to meet all its statutory obligations, with a steadfast commitment in prayer and the practical outworking of our ongoing vision at St Mary's Norton - "Connecting with God, Loving our Neighbour, and Making Christ Known.."

5 Financial Review

2022 was a year of departures – the new Treasurer left during the year and our tenant at the forge has moved out meaning a valuable source of income has now stopped.

Partly driven by high energy costs, St Mary's Church and Parish Hall recorded a deficit before depreciation of £4691. The Parish share was paid in full and remains by far the largest item of expense, accounting for over half of the routine work costs.

The PCC does not hold any funds as custodian trustee.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from donors	38,241	3,776	42,017
Other voluntary incoming resources	6,882	0	6,882
Income from fees and trading	35,237	0	35,237
Other ordinary incoming resources	6,431	0	6,431
Income from investments	0	233	233
Norton Parish Church Hall	0	15,191	15,191
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	86,792	19,200	105,992
RESOURCES USED			
Grants to charities and mission	1,480	0	1,480
Routine work of St Mary's Church	62,696	6,169	68,865
Fees and trading expenditure	15,476	0	15,476
Sundry	297	0	297
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,924	3,960	5,884
St Mary's Church administration	12,280	0	12,280
Parish Groups	0	0	0
Norton Parish Church Hall	0	12,283	12,283
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	94,154	22,412	116,566
NET INCOMING(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(7,363)	(3,212)	(10,575)
Transfers	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(7,363)	(3,212)	(10,575)
			19,093

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Note	2022	2021
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets	362,964	368,848
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	1,501	4,398
Short Term Deposits	17,180	16,957
Cash at Bank and in Hand	28,819	28,255
Parish Hall operation	34,443	31,535
	<u>81,942</u>	<u>81,146</u>
LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,529)	(4,043)
	<u>72,413</u>	<u>77,103</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
NET ASSETS		
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS		
Unrestricted	55,714	63,077
Restricted	50,981	50,232
Restricted(Property)	328,682	332,642
	<u>435,377</u>	<u>445,951</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30/04/23 and signed on its behalf by:

[Signature]

The Rev M Anderson (Chairman)

[Signature]

I. Saul (Hon. Treasurer)

The notes on the accompanying sheets form part of these accounts

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the full accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is a separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable; interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources used

Grants and other donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently, no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18th January 2006.

Depreciation is provided at an annual rate of 1% on cost, in order to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
2a Incoming resources from donors				
Planned Giving	22,417	0	22,417	27,702
Income Tax recovered	4,897	0	4,897	4,590
Collections & plate at all services	10,065	0	10,065	7,470
Rent Darlington Lane	0	3,776	3,776	930
Donations	862	0	862	11,989
2b Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies	0	0	0	2,500
Fund raising for St Mary's	6,804	0	6,804	5,896
Dedicated plate	78	0	78	0
2c Income from fees and trading				
Fees	34,401	0	34,401	31,039
Teas & coffees	837	0	837	0
2d Other ordinary incoming resources				
Forge Rent	3,820	0	3,820	5,200
Sundry Income	201	0	201	90
Grants	2,411	0	2,411	4,638
2e Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	0	233	233	9
2f Norton Parish Church Hall				
	0	15,191	15,191	23,654
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	86,792	19,200	105,992	125,706

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3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£
	2022	2021	2022
3a Grants to charities and mission	1,480	0	1,480
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3a Donations from dedicated plate/charity appeals	0	0	0
3b Routine work of St Mary's Church	48,567	0	48,567
Ministry - Parish share	975	0	975
-Clergy working expenses	426	0	426
-Clergy housing	1,778	0	1,778
-Mission Materials	6,775	5,274	12,049
St Mary's running costs	3,341	895	4,235
Church repairs & maintenance	267	0	267
Cost of worship/services	15,476	0	15,476
Fees	0	0	0
Youth Work activities	567	0	567
Forge running costs	297	0	297
Sundry & hospitality	1,924	3,960	5,884
Depreciation-Forge & Parish Hall	48,567	0	48,567
3c St Mary's Church administration	8,402	0	8,402
Parish administrator	2,384	0	2,384
Copying and general admin	475	0	475
Fees and licences	1,020	0	1,020
Independent examiner's fees	12,280	0	12,280
3d Norton Parish Church Hall	0	12,283	12,283
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	94,154	22,412	116,566
			106,612

4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

4a Tangible Fixed Assets

	2022	2021	2020
Freehold land and buildings	362,897	362,897	357,344
Furniture & fittings	5,951	5,951	5,620
TOTAL	368,848	368,848	362,964

Valuation as at 1st January 2022

Additions during the year

Depreciation - charge for the year

Net Book Value at 31st December 2022

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4b Investments

The PCC owns no investments other than those held in Permanent Endowment Funds. These are not available for realisation, under the terms of the trusts, so valuations are not included.

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS
Fixed Assets	5,620	328,682	334,302
Current Assets	59,623	50,981	110,604
Current Liabilities	(9,529)	0	(9,529)
	55,714	379,663	435,377
			445,951

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6 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2022	2021
Grant Claim - VAT	£ 299	£ 318
PAYE/NIC	0	82
Prepayment of church security	0	544
Music Licence	263	251
Parish Hall	438	765
Income Tax recovered on Gift Aided giving	500	1,986
Accrued Income	0	433
	1,501	4,398

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Clergy Housing	181	170
Dedicated plate	217	143
Cost of fees	248	0
PAYE/NIC	30	0
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TOTAL OVERALL FUNDS				435,377	440,398

Balance at 31.12.22	55,714
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**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1131694

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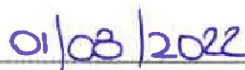
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Date

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Activities and performance

As a worshipping community, St Mary's Norton remains prayerful, committed, faithful, and rooted in Christ. We work with the local community on a regular basis, and our incumbent is Chair of Norton Community Partnership and Norton Business Forum. During 2021, successful afternoon tea events, concerts, and a notable beer festival have enabled our church building to be used in a variety of ways to generate income, strengthen relationships, and engage missionally. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, our quinquennial building inspection was delayed, and the timely appointment of a new QI architect in 2022 will ensure this goes ahead.

In January 2021 the PCC agreed to hire 'The Forge' as an Eco-refill shop and space to support local independent business, providing a springboard to increase awareness of climate change and promote sustainability with 'Norton Green' eco-project, including schools, business, and residents. In July 2021, St Mary's & St Michael's joined the 'Norton Pockets of Nature Partnership' with Norton Sports Charity, Harbron Wood and Groundwork North-East, with a successful funding bid of £156,000 from the government's Green Challenge Fund being used to offer employment opportunities, implement nature recovery and planting across our sites.

Our worship at St Mary's recommenced 'in-person' on Easter Sunday 2021 as we began to re-emerge from a series of three lockdown periods, because of Covid-19. The average Sunday attendance in October 2021 was between 50-70 communicants, with several new people worshipping regularly in addition to perspective baptism families & wedding couples, and a return to occasional offices. Between 7-10 regular communicants from St Mary's now frequently attend St Michael's at 9.00am on Sunday after the 7.45am service stopped.

In Sept. 2021 we relaunched 'Messy Church' every third Sunday at 3.00pm, with approx. 25 children & 20 adults worshipping monthly. Many thanks to our core team of volunteers who invest in this important Youth & Children's ministry. In December, we raised money for the Russ Devereux Headlight project at a fundraising concert and the Advent Window trail returned in advance of the 'We Love Norton' Christmas event. This combined reindeer viewing at St Mary's Parish Hall with live music on a stage truck, sponsored by the Council, culminating in a popular outdoor Churches Together Christmas Carol celebration, attended by the Mayor, and raising over £1300 for the Daisy Chain charity

Throughout the whole of the pandemic, a few St Mary's volunteers supported St Michael's as a hub within the network of Stockton Council's Covid-19 response for emergency food & support. Alongside the Norton Foodbank volunteers, who were a key part of this, coordinated by Andrea Jackson, our Pastoral ministry network has provided a source of comfort, strength, and prayerful support to regular worshippers on a weekly basis, diligently coordinated by Ruth Langford. Some of our Pastoral Care team participated in training with the Guild of Health, and we look to build on this in 2022 as a community in which Healing & Wholeness and good practice in pastoral ministry is deeply valued.

In July 2021, the Bishop of Jarrow led a process of discernment for Jane Easterby, originally licensed to Norton as a half-time non-stipendiary House for Duty assistant curate, and because of illness and a conflict of expectations, her curacy was suspended in September.

Sylvia Wilson and Colin Legg were appointed Wardens in May 2021, and we remain hugely grateful for their commitment and faithful dedication. St Mary's is also thankful to members of our PCC, Sue our Parish Administrator, and Revd Catherine Walton as SSM associate minister. Their generosity of time, wisdom and energy, before, during & post-pandemic has been one of sacrifice, humility and love.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont.)

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Activities and performance cont'd

Let us continue to pray that our ministry as the whole people of God will continue to bear fruit, as we each find ways of using our gifts to actively participate in the life and mission of the parish! Alongside our worshipping life at St Mary's, the potential for growth as a missional community is evident in various ways and will continue to be captured and nurtured in the coming year, aligned with our Diocesan priorities of Growth in Discipleship, Tackling Poverty, Engaging with Children & Youth and Carina for God's Creation.

During the last year, St Mary's has rebuilt links with local schools and wider community through Norton Community Partnership, not least with the return of the Norton Act of Remembrance based at Norton Cricket Club where over 15 organisations took part in a poignant and dignified service with a 'field of poppies' attended by the mayor. A diversity of people from all ages and backgrounds engages with our church building and parish hall as a resource for community cohesion and belonging, including the Mothers Union, Jungle Journey, U3A, Dance-on Studio, Sweaty Mamas, Norton Heritage, Norton Cubs & Scouts.

In exploring our life of witness in the year ahead, and re-imagining and owning our potential, let us remain open and prayerful to seeing how God can work in us and through us as we pray '*Thy Kingdom Come*' – that people may come to know Christ Jesus, and find fullness of life in God's redeeming peace, healing & life-changing joy.

Financial Review

2021 was a year of change for Parish finances, witnessing an exceptional surplus in funds, compared to recent years, and welcoming a new Treasurer.

Adjusting for the Parish Hall contributing £10881 to the bottom line increase in funds and depreciation cost of £5884 (which is not a cash movement but rather a write down in book value of church assets), the cash surplus attributing to church activities would still have been a healthy £14096. This includes a welcome one-off COVID support grant of £6802 from Stockton Borough Council.

The PCC is also grateful for a full year of forge rental from Helen Deehan and a new source of income arising from the gift of house rentals by Peter Hatton.

The latter part of the year saw a return of social events as COVID restrictions eased and life returned to normality. Events included a coffee morning, an Afternoon Tea, a beer festival, two musical evenings and a Christmas Fair. Thanks to all those involved in organising and manning these.

As mentioned above, a new Treasurer was in office during 2021 and part of 2022 though Fernando has recently stepped down owing to him moving out of the Parish. The PCC would like to thank Fernando for all his efforts during his term. As well as needing a new Treasurer the PCC thanks the current team of counters and would welcome any new volunteers for these roles too.

The PCC does not any funds as custodian trustee.

Reserves Policy

No new reserves were created during the year and the practice of utilising older funds where possible continues in order to maintain a high level of more flexible General Purpose Fund.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note			2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from donors	2a	51,751	930	52,681	51,221
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	8,396	0	8,396	7,607
Income from fees and trading	2c	31,039	0	31,039	21,097
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	9,928	0	9,928	7,644
Income from investments	2e	0	9	9	72
Norton Parish Church Hall	2f	0	23,654	23,654	18,972
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		101,113	24,593	125,706	106,612
RESOURCES USED					
Grants to charities and mission	3a	0	0	0	688
Routine work of St Mary's Church	3b	53,962	4,983	58,945	61,164
Fees and trading expenditure	3b	14,218	0	14,218	8,491
Sundry	3b	330	0	330	118
Depreciation of fixed assets	3b	1,924	3,960	5,884	5,884
St Mary's Church administration	3c	14,462	0	14,462	16,370
Parish Groups	3d	0	0	0	0
Norton Parish Church Hall	3e	0	12,773	12,773	18,162
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		84,896	21,716	106,612	110,877
NET INCOMING(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		16,217	2,876	19,093	(4,265)
Transfers		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		16,217	2,876	19,093	(4,265)

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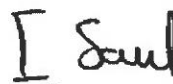
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4a		368,848		374,732
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	4,398		4,342	
Short Term Deposits		16,957		16,948	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		28,255		20,573	
Parish Hall operation	8	<u>31,535</u>		<u>20,654</u>	
		81,146		62,518	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,043)		(10,392)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>77,103</u>		<u>52,126</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>445,951</u>		<u>426,858</u>
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS					
	5,10				
Unrestricted		63,077		47,165	
Restricted		50,232		43,091	
Restricted(Property)		<u>332,642</u>		<u>336,602</u>	
			<u>445,951</u>		<u>426,858</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22/5/22 and signed on its behalf by:



The Rev M Anderson (Chairman)



I. Saul (Acting Treasurer)

The notes on the accompanying sheets form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the full accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is a separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable; interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources used

Grants and other donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently, no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18th January 2006.

Depreciation is provided at an annual rate of 1% on cost, in order to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
2a Incoming resources from donors				
Planned Giving	27,702	0	27,702	25,868
Income Tax recovered	4,590	0	4,590	7,193
Collections & plate at all services	7,470	0	7,470	3,523
Donations	11,989	930	12,919	14,637
	<u>51,751</u>	<u>930</u>	<u>52,681</u>	<u>51,221</u>
2b Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies	2,500	0	2,500	6,000
Fund raising for St Mary's	5,896	0	5,896	919
Dedicated plate	0	0	0	688
	<u>8,396</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,396</u>	<u>7,607</u>
2c Income from fees and trading				
Fees	31,039	0	31,039	21,047
Kidz Club subs	0	0	0	50
	<u>31,039</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,039</u>	<u>21,097</u>
2d Other ordinary incoming resources				
Forge Rent	5,200	0	5,200	38
Sundry Income	90	0	90	2,313
HMRC CJRS	4,638	0	4,638	5,294
	<u>9,928</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,928</u>	<u>7,644</u>
2e Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	0	9	9	72
	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>72</u>
Norton Parish Church Hall	0	23,654	23,654	18,972
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>101,113</u>	<u>24,593</u>	<u>125,706</u>	<u>106,613</u>

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3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
3a Grants to charities and mission				
Donations from dedicated plate/charity appeals	0	0	0	688
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>688</u>
3b Routine work of St Mary's Church				
Ministry - Parish share	47,382	0	47,382	43,339
-Clergy working expenses	180	0	180	110
-Clergy housing	390	0	390	405
-Mission Materials	286	0	286	1,111
St Mary's running costs	4,007	4,350	8,357	10,014
Church repairs & maintenance	1,176	633	1,809	2,029
Cost of worship/services	159	0	159	272
Fees	14,218	0	14,218	8,491
Education & Training	0	0	0	0
Youth Worker	0	0	0	2,354
Youth Work activities	10	0	10	509
Forge running costs	372	0	372	1,020
Sundry & hospitality	330	0	330	118
Depreciation-Forge & Parish Hall	1,924	3,960	5,884	5,884
	<u>70,434</u>	<u>8,943</u>	<u>79,377</u>	<u>75,657</u>
3c St Mary's Church administration				
Parish administrator	10,466	0	10,466	11,138
Copying and general admin	1,929	0	1,929	3,612
Fees and licences	1,048	0	1,048	600
Independent examiner's fees	1,020	0	1,020	1,020
	<u>14,462</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,462</u>	<u>16,370</u>
3d Norton Parish Church Hall	0	12,773	12,773	18,162
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>84,896</u>	<u>21,716</u>	<u>106,612</u>	<u>110,877</u>

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

4a Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £	TOTAL £
Valuation as at 1st January 2021	368,450	6,282	374,732
Additions during the year	0	0	0
Depreciation - charge for the year	5,553	331	5,884
Net Book Value at 31st December 2021	362,897	5,951	368,848

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18th January 2006. Depreciation is calculated to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

4b Investments

The PCC owns no investments other than those held in Permanent Endowment Funds. These are not available for realisation, under the terms of the trusts, so valuations are not included.

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets	5,951	332,642	338,593	342,884
Current Assets	61,169	50,232	111,402	94,366
Current Liabilities	(4,043)	0	(4,043)	(10,392)
	63,077	382,874	445,951	426,858

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6 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Grant Claim - VAT	318	245
PAYE/NIC	82	0
Prepayment of church security	544	606
Fund raising	0	0
Music Licence	251	263
Parish Hall	785	301
Furlough funds	0	657
Income Tax recovered on Gift Aided giving	1,986	989
Accrued Income	433	1,282
	4,398	4,342

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Forge Heating	39	29
Clergy Housing	170	158
Dedicated plate	143	143
Cost of fees	0	109
PAYE/NIC	0	72
Church gas, electricity and telephone	1,034	908
Amounts owed to Diocese	0	5,981
Photocopier	0	30
Independent Examiner	1,020	1,020
Grants	437	437
Fees prepaid for following year	1,200	1,505
	4,043	10,392

8 NORTON PARISH CHURCH HALL

The accounts for Norton Parish Church Hall are produced by the Treasurer of the Hall Management Group independently of the PCC accounts. The Hall accounts are, therefore, not included in full but the overall figures for accumulated funds, income and expenditure are incorporated into these accounts. Copies of the Hall accounts are readily available on request.

9 STAFF COSTS

The PCC employs a part time administrator. The cost of wages is included in note 3.

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10 FUND DETAILS

10a Unrestricted Funds

Name of Fund	Type	Object of Fund	Balance at 31.12.21 £	Balance at 31.12.20 £
Trust 258/6 Norton(PCC)	U	Church purposes	0	305
General Purposes Fund	U	Cash flow management	56,028	39,811
Choir Fund	Des	Choir and music in church	577	577
Harvest £10 Challenge	Des	Presentational equipment	3,449	3,449
Magazine Fund	Des	Magazine support	3,023	3,023
			63,077	47,165

10b Restricted Funds

Name of Fund	Type	Object of Fund	Balance at 31.12.21 £	Balance at 31.12.20 £
Newby Bequest	R	Church repairs/improvement	12,502	16,844
Trust 258/1(changed from endowment)	R	Chancel Maintenance	799	799
Trust 258/3 John Thompson	R	Church Maintenance	0	328
Trust 258/7(changed from endowment)	R	Churchyard Maintenance	2,065	2,065
Church Organ Maintenance and Repair	R	Church Organ Upkeep	2,401	2,401
Darlington Lane Rent	R	Church Building Maintenance	930	0
Parish Church Hall		Accumulated funds	31,535	20,654
			50,232	43,091
Freehold Property		Bookvalue	332,642	336,602
			382,874	379,693

TOTAL OVERALL FUNDS

445,951 426,858

Accounts

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1131694

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2020

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**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
(Charity Registration Number 1131694)**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report on the accounts of the PCC of St Mary The Virgin for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 11 is in respect of an examination carried out under Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and 2001 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)). It is our responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. That the examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 03/06/2021

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Activities and performance

Life in 2020/21 was very different for the Parish of St Mary's Norton due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Following UK Government and Public Health advice, and associated guidance from the Church of England, our regular services were suspended and the church building and parish hall were closed. As people were encouraged to isolate at home, community and parish activities were stopped to reduce any potential risk of transmission of Covid. Worship took place on-line, usually live-streamed via our Facebook account, as well as some pre-recorded on You Tube. New people joined in our regular worship for the first time, and many people reconnected with church and re-ignited their faith commitment as a result of using social media and having a sustained online presence.

Due to a significant reduction in regular face-to-face contact with worshippers and communicants from week to week, our pastoral care ministry was reinforced, with extra people joining a rota of making pastoral phone calls – listening, encouraging, supporting in excess of 200 people from week to week. Grateful & huge thanks to Ruth Langford for coordinating this at St Mary's and the incredible team effort which demonstrated the church in action: building relationships, deepening prayer, and demonstrating compassion, mercy and grace. Some volunteers helped with the Covid-19 response working with Stockton Council and Catalyst to ensure food parcels, and extended community support was given, especially to the clinically vulnerable and those isolating permanently at home. Generous donations to Norton Foodbank based at St Michael's continued, and a reduced number of volunteers sustained a presence to ensure food supplies were given to the most vulnerable during three successive periods of lockdown. Andrea Jackson, our former PCC secretary, stepped up to coordinate this phenomenal work from Easter 2020, just as the pandemic began to take effect on all our lives.

As a building, St Mary's remained open only for occasional funerals, as well as essential ministry being offered at the crematorium, often with reduced numbers able to attend, even for victims of suicide or those who had died alone. Support continued for local schools via online assemblies when possible, and pastoral care was given to professionals working 'on the frontline'. Many people, perhaps for the first time, were appropriately recognised in their vocation and calling as essential & critical workers. Some put themselves at significant risk, with the impact of Covid-19 affecting our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health as a society and as a church for generations to come.

Thanks to sustained financial giving, especially through commitment to direct debits, and money regularly covenanted via standing order and the Parish Giving Scheme, as well as a few generous legacies, our finances and ministry at St Mary's have balanced, with an ongoing need to be extremely prudent and wise in our stewardship as lockdown easing begins. Predicted income from weddings, large-scale events, hall hire and occasional donations, much of which had been incorporated into our budget was diminished, but generous giving from faithful communicants as well as Covid-19 relief claimed from government grants enables us to breathe and give thanks. God is faithful, and even in the midst of the darkest storms, our intercessions are heard – with lives grounded and rooted in the abundance of His mercy and love.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Activities and performance cont'd

We remain ever grateful to Helen & Jeremy as Church Wardens, Sue as Administrator, and PCC members for their investment, energy, care and commitment to the life and mission of St Marys in the last year. A final and sincere thanks is given to Ian Saul, who has served as PCC Treasurer for over 10 years at St Mary's and who has volunteered time, wisdom, and professional expertise to the considerable task of managing our church finances. We are deeply grateful to him, and for the energy invested in a time of transition as we welcome a new treasurer at this year's APCM. As the new dawn beyond lockdown emerges in the UK, and the memories and pain of Covid-19 remain with us, we look forward in Christ to God's preferred and promised future – always trusting and ever joyful – in a faith which promises life eternal and sustains us daily in resurrection hope.

Financial Review

The PCC faced unprecedented circumstances during 2020. Although fee income and service collections were necessarily curtailed, regular giving via bank transfer and Gift Aid Envelopes held steady and the PCC would like to extend its thanks for the generosity of the congregation.

The fall in income was matched by some necessary and some deliberate cost reductions as church activities decreased.

The PCC does not hold any funds as custodian trustee.

Reserves Policy

No new reserves were created during the year and the practice of utilising older funds where possible continues in order to maintain a high level of more flexible General Purpose Fund.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
		£	£	2020	2019
	Note			£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from donors	2a	51,221	0	51,221	56,643
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	7,607	0	7,607	22,452
Income from fees and trading	2c	21,097	0	21,097	31,433
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	7,644	0	7,644	1,277
Income from investments	2e	0	72	72	108
Norton Parish Church Hall	2f	0	18,972	18,972	15,991
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		87,569	19,044	106,612	127,903
RESOURCES USED					
Grants to charities and mission	3a	688	0	688	1,831
Routine work of St Mary's Church	3b	54,394	6,770	61,164	74,540
Fees and trading expenditure	3b	8,491	0	8,491	14,810
Sundry	3b	118	0	118	805
Depreciation of fixed assets	3b	1,924	3,960	5,884	5,884
St Mary's Church administration	3c	16,370	0	16,370	17,733
Parish Groups	3d	0	0	0	0
Norton Parish Church Hall	3e	0	18,162	18,162	10,517
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		81,984	28,892	110,877	126,120
NET INCOMING(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		5,584	(9,849)	(4,265)	1,783
Transfers		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,584	(9,849)	(4,265)	1,783
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1ST JANUARY 2020		23,446	447,609	446,017	444,234
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020		29,030	437,760	441,753	446,017

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	Note	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	4a		374,732		380,616
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	4,342		5,625	
Short Term Deposits		16,948		16,877	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		20,573		19,206	
Parish Hall operation	8	<u>20,654</u>		<u>19,844</u>	
		62,518		61,552	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(10,392)		(11,046)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>52,126</u>		<u>50,506</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>426,858</u>		<u>431,122</u>
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS					
	5,10				
Unrestricted		47,165		41,581	
Restricted		43,091		48,980	
Restricted(Property)		<u>336,602</u>		<u>340,561</u>	
			<u>426,858</u>		<u>431,122</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:



The Rev M Anderson (Chairman)



I. Saul (Hon.Treasurer)

The notes on the accompanying sheets form part of these accounts

10th May 2021

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the full accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may be expended only on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is a separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable; interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources used

Grants and other donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts, in accordance with section 96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently, no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18th January 2006.

Depreciation is provided at an annual rate of 1% on cost, in order to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2020 £	2019 £
2a Incoming resources from donors				
Planned Giving	25,868	0	25,868	30,741
Income Tax recovered	7,193	0	7,193	9,768
Collections & plate at all services	3,523	0	3,523	11,141
Youth Work Income	0	0	0	2,799
Donations	14,637	0	14,637	2,193
	<u>51,221</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>51,221</u>	<u>56,643</u>
2b Other voluntary incoming resources				
Legacies	6,000	0	6,000	15,000
Fund raising for St Mary's	919	0	919	5,620
SumUP	0	0	0	0
Dedicated plate	688	0	688	1,832
	<u>7,607</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,607</u>	<u>22,452</u>
2c Income from fees and trading				
Fees	21,047	0	21,047	31,433
Kidz Club subs	50	0	50	0
	<u>21,097</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,097</u>	<u>31,433</u>
2d Other ordinary incoming resources				
Forge Rent	38	0	38	100
Sundry Income	2,313	0	2,313	3,089
HMRC CJRS	5,294	0	5,294	0
Net cost of Initiatives	0	0	0	-1,913
	<u>7,644</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,644</u>	<u>1,277</u>
2e Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	0	72	72	108
	<u>0</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>108</u>
Norton Parish Church Hall	0	18,972	18,972	15,991
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>87,569</u>	<u>19,044</u>	<u>106,612</u>	<u>127,903</u>

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3 RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2020	2019
			£	£
3a Grants to charities and mission				
Donations from dedicated plate/charity appeals	688	0	688	1,831
	<u>688</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>1,831</u>
3b Routine work of St Mary's Church				
Ministry - Parish share	43,339	0	43,339	40,600
-Clergy working expenses	110	0	110	2,621
-Clergy housing	405	0	405	494
-Mission Materials	1,111	0	1,111	1,652
St Mary's running costs	4,927	5,087	10,014	8,243
Church repairs & maintenance	346	1,683	2,029	7,170
Cost of worship/services	272	0	272	2,474
Fees	8,491	0	8,491	14,810
Education & Training	0	0	0	160
Youth Worker	2,354	0	2,354	7,848
Youth Work activities	509	0	509	2,863
Forge running costs	1,020	0	1,020	415
Sundry & hospitality	118	0	118	805
Depreciation-Forge & Parish Hall	1,924	3,960	5,884	5,884
	<u>64,927</u>	<u>10,730</u>	<u>75,657</u>	<u>96,039</u>
3c St Mary's Church administration				
Parish administrator (less furlough)	11,138	0	11,138	11,424
Copying and general admin	3,612	0	3,612	4,468
Fees and licences	600	0	600	821
Independent examiner's fees	1,020	0	1,020	1,020
	<u>16,370</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,370</u>	<u>17,733</u>
3d Norton Parish Church Hall	0	18,162	18,162	10,517
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>81,984</u>	<u>28,892</u>	<u>110,877</u>	<u>126,120</u>

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4 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

4a Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £	TOTAL £
Valuation as at 1st January 2020	374,003	6,613	380,616
Additions during the year	0	0	0
Depreciation - charge for the year	5,553	331	5,884
Net Book Value at 31st December 2020	<u>368,450</u>	<u>6,282</u>	<u>374,732</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprise Norton Parish Church Hall and the Forge. The Net Book Value is based on the valuation carried out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group surveyor on 18th January 2006. Depreciation is calculated to write off the value of the properties over their expected useful life.

4b Investments

The PCC owns no investments other than those held in Permanent Endowment Funds. These are not available for realisation, under the terms of the trusts, so valuations are not included.

5 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund at 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets	6,282	336,602	342,884	347,174
Current Assets	51,275	43,091	94,366	94,993
Current Liabilities	(10,392)	0	(10,392)	(11,046)
	<u>47,165</u>	<u>379,693</u>	<u>426,858</u>	<u>431,121</u>

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6 DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Grant Claim - VAT	245	110
Donations	0	500
Prepayment of church security	606	143
Fund raising	0	190
Music Licence	263	248
Parish Hall	301	1,197
Furlough funds	657	0
Income Tax recovered on Gift Aided giving	989	1,742
Accrued Income	1,282	1,495
	4,342	5,625

7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Forge Heating	29	41
Clergy Expenses	0	250
Youth activities	0	94
Clergy Housing	158	200
Dedicated plate	143	457
Cost of fees	109	0
PAYE/NIC	72	150
Church gas, electricity and telephone	908	197
Amounts owed to Diocese	5,981	0
Church Repairs	0	6,162
Photocopier	30	115
Independent Examiner	1,020	1,020
Mission Materials	0	764
Grants	437	1,597
Fees prepaid for following year	1,505	0
	10,392	11,046

8 NORTON PARISH CHURCH HALL

The accounts for Norton Parish Church Hall are produced by the Treasurer of the Hall Management Group independently of the PCC accounts. The Hall accounts are, therefore, not included in full but the overall figures for accumulated funds, income and expenditure are incorporated into these accounts. Copies of the Hall accounts are readily available on request.

9 STAFF COSTS

The PCC employs a part time administrator. The cost of wages is included in note 3.

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10 FUND DETAILS

10a Unrestricted Funds

Name of Fund	Type	Object of Fund	Balance at 31.12.20 £	Balance at 31.12.19 £
Trust 258/6 Norton(PCC)	U	Church purposes	305	305
General Purposes Fund	U	Cash flow management	39,811	34,227
Choir Fund	Des	Choir and music in church	577	577
Harvest £10 Challenge	Des	Presentational equipment	3,449	3,449
Fellowship Fund	Des	Social events/hospitality	0	0
Magazine Fund	Des	Magazine support	3,023	3,023
			47,165	41,581

10b Restricted Funds

Name of Fund	Type	Object of Fund	Balance at 31.12.20 £	Balance at 31.12.19 £
Newby Bequest	R	Church repairs/improvement	16,844	21,860
Trust 258/1(changed from endowment)	R	Chancel Maintenance	799	799
Trust 258/3 John Thompson	R	Church Maintenance	328	2,011
Trust 258/7(changed from endowment)	R	Churchyard Maintenance	2,065	2,065
Church Organ Maintenance and Repair	R	Church Organ Upkeep	2,401	2,401
Parish Church Hall		Accumulated funds	20,654	19,844
			43,091	48,980
Freehold Property		Bookvalue	336,602	340,561
			379,693	389,541

TOTAL OVERALL FUNDS

426,858	431,122
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