

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

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1131694

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2021

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(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 2021, 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.

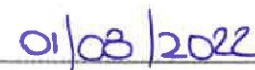
Independent examiner's statement

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 1997have 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

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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.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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 Caring 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	
				2021 £	2020 £
	Note				
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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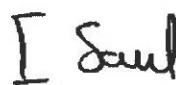
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	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

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTON. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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
	0	0	0	688
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
	70,434	8,943	79,377	75,657
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
	14,462	0	14,462	16,370
3d Norton Parish Church Hall	0	12,773	12,773	18,162
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	84,896	21,716	106,612	110,877

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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