

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY, ATTENBOROUGH.

England & Wales - Charity number 1131889

Details

Other names ATTENBOROUGH ST MARY'S PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-09-29

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Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick, infirm or bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Supporting other charities in the UK & overseas. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for the community.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£163,835	£135,394	-	-
2023-12-31	£133,374	£124,916	-	-
2022-12-31	£108,744	£95,793	-	-
2021-12-31	£86,945	£92,994	-	-
2020-12-31	£95,758	£108,283	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Toby Artis	Chair	2021-10-13
Alex Worthington		2024-05-15
Alistair Langton		2018-04-22
Andrew Henry Finlay		2022-05-29
Anthony Galloway		2025-05-21
Charles Barber		2016-04-17
Colin Peter McKay		2017-04-30
DR Elizabeth Stewart		2015-04-26
Graham Shenton		2024-05-15
Hannah Towlson		2025-05-21
Jane Ray		2024-05-15
Keith Knox		2025-05-21
Maria Batchelor		2024-05-15
Nigel Young		2025-05-21
Richard James Crabtree		2014-04-06

Accounts

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Receipts and Payments Account

1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Receipts:-	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2023
GIVING	110,983	15,000		125,983	100,145
ACTIVITIES	13,267			13,267	12,922
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	3,529			3,529	10,424
INVESTMENT INCOME	8,193		215	8,408	10,594
DIOCESE GRANT	0	10,000		10,000	0
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	2,648			2,648	999
Total Receipts	138,620	25,000	215	163,835	135,084
Payments:-					
ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISING COSTS	1,079			1,079	2,011
EMPLOYEES	16,874			16,874	12,177
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	5,545			5,545	4,293
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	3,577			3,577	16,237
UPKEEP OF THE CHURCHYARD	791	10,536		11,327	2,173
RUNNING COSTS	10,511			10,511	8,626
TRAINING	0			0	1,500
OUTREACH	5,901			5,901	5,725
DIOCESAN FEE	203			203	2,721
PARISH SHARE	70,572			70,572	67,224
SERVICES	3,156			3,156	3,434
MISCELLANEOUS	4,306			4,306	295
POSTBOX	2,343			2,343	0
Total Payments	124,858	10,536	0	135,394	126,416
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	13,762	14,464	215	28,441	8,668
Cash Funds last Year				50,605	42,186
Cash Funds This Year	13,762	14,464	215	79,046	50,854

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Notes to the Receipts and Payments Account

1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Current year 2024	Last Year 2023
1- Giving Includes planned giving & misc donations both gift aided and not gift aided, gift aid payments from HMRC and CAF payments	124,858	100,145
2 - Activities (fundraising) Includes income such as Tuesday Café, Summer Fair, Bazaar, room rental, use of field, VH land rent	10,800	12,922
3 - Weddings & Funerals	3,529	0



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Statement of Assets at 31 December 2024:-

CASH FUNDS:-	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2023
Deposit Account	61,801			61,801	12,323
Small Purchase Account	683			683	377
Current Account	12,679			12,679	34,236
Chancel Account			3,884	3,884	3,669
	75,162	0	3,884	79,046	50,605

INVESTMENT ASSETS:-	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2023
Eden Tree Investments - Higher Income		111,831		111,831	113,019
Investments Amity Sterling Bond Fund				0	115,221
Eden Tree Responsible & Sustainable Fund		114,498		114,498	0
Chapman Graves			7,653	7,653	7,482
Chancel Fund - 138002121S			3,449	3,449	3,372
		226,329	11,102	237,431	239,094

Signed by two trustees on behalf
of the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
	LIZ STEWART	21/5/25
	Toby Hill	21/5/25

Independent Examiner's Report

To the PCC of St Mary's Church, Attenborough

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and liabilities and Notes to the Receipts and Payments Account of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the charity Commissioners section 145(5)b of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether the particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

- 1 which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of these accounts to be reached.

Gayle Hastings FCCA
Gregory Priestley & Stewart
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Date:-

St Mary's Church Attenborough Annual Report 2025



Welcome

This APCM booklet gives an overview of the different areas of active mission and ministry at St Mary's Church Attenborough. The booklet not only offers important information about the running of the Church but shares all that God has been working amongst us as we seek to follow and serve Him together. I hope with me you will be encouraged to read about all that the Church has been able to do by the grace of God in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Most importantly this has been centred on sharing the Good News of Jesus, growing in depth and maturity of faith, reaching out to our wider community and growing new disciples of Jesus.

Rev'd Toby Artis
Vicar of Attenborough

Agendas

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Note: The Church Representation Rules state that nominations for this election must have been received by the chair of the meeting before the start of the meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Voting restricted to those on the Church Electoral Roll

1. Electoral Roll Report
2. Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC
3. Financial Report
4. Report on the church fabric, goods and ornaments

A copy of the accounts is available on request; there is also a copy on the noticeboard in church

5. Report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
6. Vicar's remarks
7. Election of eight Parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC
(3x 1 year, 4x 3 years)
8. Appointment of independent examiner

Closing Prayers

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Electoral Roll Report

Total number on the roll is 102 and it consists of 35 resident in the parish and 67 non-resident. This is down an overall total of 20 from last year 19 less resident in the parish and 6 less non-resident.

Maria Batchelor, Electoral Roll Officer

Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

Aim and Purposes

- Reach out to our communities with the transforming love of Jesus, giving people the opportunity to respond to the Gospel.
- Pioneer new ministries and spaces for children, young people, young adults and families.
- Grow in spiritual maturity as a family on a mission, where everyone can grow in the gifts God has given us.

Objectives and Activities

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Reverend Toby Artis, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is also responsible for providing a safe environment for all and the maintenance and upkeep of St Mary's Church and the churchyard. The PCC aims to enable as many people as possible to worship at St Mary's, to become part of the Christian Church and become involved in the wider community.

To help in this aim the PCC ensures the following are provided:

- Public worship open to all
- A place for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral care – including visiting the sick, infirm & bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, talks, courses and small groups, including groups for young people
- Supporting specific charities in the UK and overseas
- Promoting the mission of the Church through provision of activities for the community

The ancient church of St Mary features significantly in this work. The PCC endeavours to maintain it as a welcoming place for all.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC and worship team are committed to providing a range of services which are accessible to all. Sermons are made available, for those who can't make it to church for any reason, in an audio format.

The range of regular services continues to be broad and includes:

Sunday 9am traditional service followed by time for coffee, brioche, and chat before the 10.45am contemporary service with Kids' Church. Communion alternates between the two services.

4.30pm Youth Church which includes games, bible study and prayer

Midweek Holy communion is held on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10am.

Prayer:

Engine room, a time of prayer and worship to hear from God and to fuel our mission takes place on the first Wednesday on each month at 7.15pm.

The church is regularly open for personal reflection and prayer.

Special services:

Christmas Services include carol services, midnight communion, nativity and a Christmas morning celebration. Easter services include a Maundy Thursday family meal with communion, Good Friday crafts and 'an hour at the cross' in the afternoon. Easter Sunday opens with a sunrise service in Attenborough nature reserve followed by our main Easter celebrations.

Each autumn the bereavement service is a peaceful and supportive space for those suffering grief to pray, worship and find support.

There are many significant times in people's lives and, frequently, the Church has a major role to play in these. Often support, advice or assistance is needed, on other occasions a sense of community helps make a celebration go well. The church choir helps to lead the music for our traditional service and is made up of and open to choristers of all ages. We have a range of worship leaders who lead our 10.45am contemporary musical worship.

Church Attendance

Sunday Church attendance continues to increase and averages around 110 people over the two services.

Children, Youth and Families

It's been wonderful to see the kids and youth ministry continue to grow and thrive over the last year. We've seen new families start attending Kids Church on a regular basis and forming connections with other members of the congregation. We are also very fortunate to have a strong team of volunteers who regularly give up their time on Sunday morning and for other events to support, teach, and engage with the children in our community. Kids Church takes place during the 10:45am contemporary service. We play games, read bible

stories, watch videos, make crafts and pray together. It is a fun and vibrant group that we hope will continue to grow and reach more families.

Young Believers, the newly renamed Youth Church, continues to meet weekly at 4:30pm on a Sunday. We have a core group of young people that attend and we hope this number will continue to grow. It is a fun and faith-filled group and it has been a joy to get to know and spend time with the young people that attend. Our sessions consist of food, games, and bible/thematic studies that follow the sermon series from the main congregation. We have a small team of leaders that is also steadily growing, but we hope to see that number grow more.

We've hosted several community events over the past year that have seen a large number of families come through our doors. We've had, to name a few, Scarecrow Festival, Light Party, Pancake Party and the Easter Activity Morning. It's been such a joy to connect with families in our community and in some cases we've seen new families start attending church after coming to these events.

We are very hopeful that our kids and youth ministries will continue to grow and thrive over the next year, along with the volunteer team. It is still our hope to set up a midweek toddlers and carers and we are slowly forming connections at Chilwell School in the hopes of having a larger presence there. We are very thankful for the teams who work hard to keep these ministries growing each week and we pray for their ongoing success.

Abi Blane, Rising Generations Pastor

Small Groups

Small groups continue to be an important part of both community and worship at St Mary's. They are formed from a mix of people who have done Alpha and existing worshipping members of the Church. The groups have gelled well together and have become a meaningful space for continued discipleship and communal life. Small groups ministry includes socialising, bible study and prayer and follows the Sunday preaching series. This is a significant part of our vision for growing deeper in our faith together. We pray for the continued growth of small groups, and continued integration from the whole Church as part of belonging to St Mary's Church Family. Our vision is to continue to grow small groups across the whole community so that everyone has the chance to be a part of Church midweek and to grow together in faith and as a spiritual family.

Pastoral Care

There is a support group which has been very active with a particular focus on caring for the ill and elderly, including those in nursing homes. This group meets every six weeks or so, to discuss some of the needs of our Church Family, particularly those who are no longer able to attend Church. This has been well appreciated and continues to be an important part of our care for the wider Church Family. They are always looking for new members if this is an area in which you feel you could serve.

Ministers within the Church offer 1-1 pastoral support for adults of all ages, and Abi Blane our Rising generations pastor takes a lead on pastoral care for under 18's.

Community Connection and Outreach

A key part of the wider diocesan vision is to enable commitment and integration into the life of the Church. Alpha is a core part of church life which helps enable this at the local level.

We've been able to use the events and opportunities above to invite people to Alpha. This is a safe and relaxed space to explore faith, find community and belonging in the Church Family.



Alpha has become a regular feature at St Mary's with a programme being run in the Autumn and Spring each year. Each of them has been very fruitful and we have heard wonderful testimonies of transformational faith in people's lives and some baptisms. We will continue to run Alpha courses at St Mary's and pray that people will find community, time, and space to grow in the knowledge of God's love for them and to commit themselves to following Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have more recently launched a new rhythm of Church family meals called 'Eat in, Eat out'. Each month we alternate between sharing lunch together after our morning Church services and offering hospitality in our own homes by inviting people to lunch. This is a key-way to build Christian community through the model of the Early Church and deepen relationship.

A regular activity that has been taking place more recently in the community is 'Rise and Shine'. This is a monthly community gathering at Church which includes Family Crafts, a walk around the nature reserve along with breakfast sandwiches, pastries and drinks. This has helped build community beyond the Church walls for a variety of people of different backgrounds and ages.

Tuesday Café has been a growing initiative, supported a growing team of volunteers. It continues to grow and is outgrowing the space we have in Church with the current seating arrangement. We've met many new people who have found community, friendship and belonging. The quality of hospitality and refreshments has only increased and has been much appreciated by all.

We have had several wider community events over the year. These include our annual pancake party and good Friday crafts, light party, step into Christmas and the scarecrow festival. These are all free events, with the aim of helping integrate our community into the life of the Church and offer a clear path to exploring and responding to the Gospel of Jesus.

St Mary's summer festival is a popular standing event which brings together the local community and the church family for an afternoon of fun with a very popular BBQ, bouncy castle, local stalls and family races.

At Christmas the local community gets involved in the advent window trail, with a new window each day created by parish residents. The Christmas Market attracts the local community and is a great social space for the community to gather and enjoy refreshments and provides free crafts and activities for children. Carol services are also very popular with the local community and are packed with standing room only. 'Beer and Carols' has been a great success in bringing the local community together. On Christmas eve, the younger church family gets together to perform the nativity story, many of the local families join in to make this come to life.

Church Activities

Bellringing

St Mary's team of bellringers continues to grow in strength. We now regularly ring all eight bells on Sunday mornings, to tell the whole parish that the Church is alive and active.

Our young ringers, Lucy & Samuel, joined a team from across the Diocese to win their category of the National Youth Contest in London – this year they are ringing again, this time in Birmingham and we wish them luck. Also, in March, our team won the Nottm District heat of the Crawford Cup striking competition – well done – the team now goes to the final on May 10th at Harby on the Lincs. Border, to compete with bands from across the Diocese.

Last summer Esther organized an enjoyable day out ringing at three churches just into Staffordshire, and later this year she's taking us off to four in NE Leicestershire.

We are always happy to welcome new ringers (returners or never touched a rope) – if you'd like to learn more contact Jim Crabtree bellringing@attenboroughchurch.org.uk or see me in church.

Thanks go to all the ringers for their continued commitment. *Jim Crabtree, Ringing Master*

The Choir

Throughout the year the choir has supported the worship at St Mary's primarily in the 9am service, for weddings and funerals and special services. It has augmented singers at Southwell Minster at the Emergency Services Carol Service and more locally at St John's Beeston for their Patronal Festival and we retain strong links with musician friends at Beeston Methodist Church. We are also blessed with a small number of instrumentalists for which there have been many opportunities to play in regular worship and on other occasions.

Church and Churchyard Working Group

The fairly small team carries out all sorts of jobs to keep St Mary's looking good. Most meet on Wednesday mornings to mow, strim, cut edges and bushes, tend borders, dust & polish, de-cobweb, treat woodwork, clean silver and windows, and much more. But, some come at

different times to work on their own or in pairs in the peace of the church and churchyard. Thank you to everyone!

There is more that could be done if the team was bigger. You don't need to come every week or have a particular job – just come along and lend a hand. When we meet on Wednesdays there is a time to chat and have a drink. All equipment is provided so no need to bring anything.

Please come and join us – Jim Crabtree – bellringing@attenboroughchurch.org.uk

Tuesday Café

Tuesday cafe is going from strength to strength with an average of 80 people attending each week. We have new people coming on a regular basis all age groups. Tony Galloway and Graham Shenton help with myself and Gill every week.

Tony, Gill, Graham and myself have all completed the Level 2 Food Safety and Hygiene for Catering course. This is a very comprehensive course and we now all adhere to the rules and regulations set out in the course.

Gill, myself and Joy Dixon-Smith donate all the cakes, milk and sundries. The café donates approximately £150 to church funds every week. We try to open every Tuesday throughout the year.

The four of us feel this is a very important part of our outreach into the community and we feel blessed that we have been given the opportunity to engage with so many wonderful people.

Lin Walters, Tuesday Cafe

Future Plans

Our Vision at St Mary's Church is to be a growing community of committed followers of Jesus Christ, who reach out to our whole parish and beyond, proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus Christ.

We want to pioneer new ministries for children, young people, and families, cultivating a growing and flourishing intergenerational community. We want to be a vibrant, fun, and infectious community which not only draws people in, but where everyone is spiritually nourished, taught, and disciplined, to live as Jesus calls, and to fulfil His good purposes.

We want to overflow with God's love for everyone. We know God deeply loves the people of St Mary's and our parish and we are open to being used in new and powerful ways to share His transforming love, that lives will be transformed.

There is a urgent need to be able to use the church building more effectively and in innovative ways. In order to achieve this the PCC have applied for faculty to remove our current pews, re-locate the font, re-locate radiators and improve the flooring. This will improve health and safety; increase flexibility and therefore variety of use. We want to make the worship space more inviting, to enhance peoples' experience and serve a variety of uses for different styles of worship and outreach events.

The actions proposed are therefore to replace pews with stackable chairs, create an inviting entrance/welcome area, add space and comfortable furniture for Tuesday café and other events, improve Audio-Visual equipment and altering heating to move radiators out of the nave area.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The election of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Safer recruitment practices are adhered to in the recruitment of PCC members and all members have a DBS check and undertake the appropriate safeguarding training as part of their induction process. The PCC has been working through the 'PCC tonight' series to expand its knowledge of the purpose and mission of the PCC.

The PCC has maintained its oversight of safeguarding, it receives regular finance and fabric reports. Health and safety remains a standing item at PCC meetings, regular reports are received and safety policies and fire risk assessments reviewed.

The PCC standing committee consists of the vicar, churchwardens, treasurer and another member (currently Liz Stewart), they are in place to make decisions in between meetings if they are time sensitive, for example funding training opportunities for worship leaders.

Since the 2024 APCM the PCC have met formally on seven occasions. Andrew Finlay is treasurer, Liz Stewart has continued as secretary and Maria Batchelor as electoral roll officer. Liz Stewart is the parish safeguarding officer (PSO) and lead recruiter.

Administrative information

Staff

Rising Generations Pastor – Abigail Blane
Cleaner - Sylvia Paling

PCC Committees

Currently there are two active subcommittees: finance and reordering. Each has been meeting regularly throughout the year as needed. The reordering committee (Vicar, Churchwardens, Emma Artis, Colin Baker, Jim Crabtree and Liz Stewart) has been meeting regularly to discuss the possibility of reordering the church building.

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are those ex-officio (Clergy, Synod representatives and Churchwardens), those elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and those co-opted by the PCC.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar/Chair: Rev'd Toby Artis

Churchwardens: Peter Stewart, Alex Worthington

Diocesan Synod:

Charlie Barber

Deanery Synod:

Alistair Langton

Eileen Hartley

Peter McKay

Elected Members:

Liz Stewart (Secretary)

Linda Stewart

Malcolm Batchelor

Andrew Finlay (Treasurer)

Jane Ray

Graham Shenton

Maria Batchelor

Jim Crabtree

Keith Ball (until August 2024)

Co-opt Hannah Towlson from May 2024



Financial Review

In addition to the accounts I have set out below a monthly breakdown of regular expenditure and income. The sums when multiplied by 12 will not give the same figures as the accounts as I have excluded one off items of income such as legacies or donations and one-off items of expenditure such as the repair to the church wall as well as miscellaneous expenditure.

This year we received two legacies totalling £27,000 and were also given a very generous £15,000 donation towards the reordering. Planned giving remains the major source of income and we are blessed by the generosity of those who run and attend Tuesday coffee, which is not a fund raising activity.

Over the course of 2024 we ran a deficit of about £1,000 a month, based on our known regular income and expenditure. We know that this expenditure will increase as Parish Share and utilities etc go up. Whilst the current bank balance is reasonably healthy, if we do not increase income then our reserves will be rapidly depleted over about 18 months. We have two large items of expenditure in the near future, the reordering, and then the roof and there is a need for a real focus on fund raising.

The PCC aims to hold unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover a 4 to 6 month period of costs. If for any reason the income stream dried up this would give time to put arrangements in hand to defer or amend outgoings and to take steps to reverse the decline in regular income.

The PCC also holds restricted and endowed reserves. These are increased mainly by investment income, bequests and donations. They are held until needed for their specific purposes, e.g. building repairs.

Monthly Expenditure:		Monthly Income:	
Water	£32.87	PCC Fees incl PCC Expenses	£54.88
Electricity/Gas	£468.44	Funeral / Memorial Income	£239.17
Phone/ Broadband	£125.25	Weddings & Funerals	£294.05
All Utilities	£626.56	Plate Giving	£201.85
Insurance	£371.75	Planned Giving S Orders	£5,769.88
Parish Share	£5,881.00	Planned Giving W Envelopes	£106.50
Accountant	£45.25	Yellow Envelopes	£46.67
Bank charges	£25.43	Other Donations	£151.94
Church Suite	£45.50	Total Regular Giving	£6,124.91
Google G Suite	£36.00	HMRC Gift Aid	£977.79
Monthly Fees	£152.18	Bazaar	£58.73
Salaries	£2,219.23	Fete	£125.65
HMRC TAX & NI	£457.75	Income from field	£100.00
Monthly Wages	£2,676.98	Tuesday Coffee	£615.64
Maintenance	£682.36	Other	£205.68
Outreach	£200.12	Activities & Fund Raising	£1,105.70
Services	£262.96	Bank & Investments	£682.77
		Diocesan Grant	£833.33

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to hold unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover a four-to-six-month period of costs. If for any reason the PCC's income stream dried up this could give time to put arrangements in hand to defer or amend outgoings and to take steps to reverse the decline in income.

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Annual Fabric Report

The inventory held by St Mary's is very comprehensive, and all major items have been confirmed to be in agreement with the inventory. All major services and goods were found to be generally in good order with one or two areas where attention will be necessary in connection with wear and tear.

We are pleased to be able to report that the church fabric is in general terms in good order, all necessary periodic testing has been undertaken. The temporary remedial work to the roof, carried out with our architect, has reduced the number of leaks and their frequency. A draft plan and specification has been drawn up for replacement of the copper covering. The 5 yearly inspection is due this summer and it is expected that the architect will advise that the roof covering should be replaced in this next 5 year period and it is hoped to roll this work into a single project along with any additional work that is found to be required.

It must be stated that the church is totally indebted to the working group who keep various areas under control as well as keeping the grass mowed and the borders tended and in tidying everything up in the churchyard. The silver is cleaned, and other work undertaken without which the church would not be able to function in such a satisfactory way. Thanks, must be given for the work undertaken by all the volunteers because of whom we manage to survive especially with the difficulties of having no administrator for a long period of time. The music has been put together by Malcolm Batchelor who spends an enormous amount of time and effort in this area, for which we are very grateful.

Work on the storm damaged boundary wall has been substantially completed, and all other matters of relevance are looked at as necessary and when finances permit, all necessary equipment is acquired.

It must not go unreported that thanks must be passed on to Jim Crabtree who undertakes many of the duties and shares the workload even though he is no longer a church warden. Thank you, Jim, for all you do with all the necessary work within the church.

Peter Stewart and Alex Worthington, Church Wardens

Deanery Synod

Nottingham South Deanery 2024 Annual Report

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Christopher Harrison (Nottingham All Saint and St Peter), Rev'd John Blakeley (Sneinton St Stephen) and have welcomed Marsha Farmer (Sneinton St Christopher), Rev'd Lee Dunleavy (Sneinton, St Cyprian), Rev'd Sam Watkins-Smith (Trinity Church Nottingham) and Rev'd James Saunders (St Mary's in the Lace Market).

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 13 February we met at St Mary's in the Lace Market and we invited the Jericho Road Project, Transforming Notts Together, Refugee Roots and 100 Homes. We spent time praying for these organisations and also for the Deanery.

On 10 July we met at St Mary the Virgin's in Attenborough. We were joined by Rev'd Canon Richard Kellett who shared about the new Diocesan Vision of growing disciples with Compassion, Confidence and Courage and led a discussion around 'how can we as the body of Christ work across our parish boundaries to realise the Diocesan vision?'. We also received a report from General Synod.

On 21 November we met at Christ Church, Chilwell where Rev'd Canon Richard Kellett led us in prayer for the Middle East. Julian Hodgson, the Diocesan Safeguarding Lead, shared about the National Safeguarding Standards.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Charlie Barber and Fola Sowunmi
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne

- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel
- DLT Members: Kirstine Buchan, Fi Shouler

We also voted the following people on to Diocesan Synod:

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- House of Laity: Christopher Gray

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Vicar

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We have been continuing to live by our vision which is to:

- Reach out to our communities with the transforming love of Jesus, giving people the opportunity to respond to the Gospel.
- Pioneer new ministries and spaces for children, young people, young adults and families
- Grow in spiritual maturity as a family on a mission, where everyone can grow in the gifts God has given us.

Looking ahead there is so much potential for growth in numbers and in faith, and therefore more of the Holy Spirit's work to get involved in. Playing our part in the wider Diocesan vision, I believe some areas that we need to focus on, in order to realise our vision are to: increase our generosity and enable more commitment for regular Church worship and serving. This is all part of our discipleship of being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus and doing as Jesus does, together as a community and Church Family.

As Pauls writes we are all different parts, yet we remain interconnected, and we all need each other, to contribute our gifts to partner with God in His mission. Serving and growing in our gifts is not only a necessity for Church life, but it matures us and leads us to 'attain

the whole measure of Christ' together (Ephesians 4). This is core to our whole life discipleship.

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*Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)*

I pray we will be strengthened by and ever more attuned to what the Holy Spirit wants to grow and build among us. I pray for an openness to new possibilities as we live and share the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ to our parish in 2025 and beyond.

Signed (Vicar)

Accounts

St Mary's Church Attenborough Annual Report 2024



Welcome

This APCM booklet gives an overview of the different areas of active mission and ministry at St Mary's Church Attenborough. The booklet not only offers important information about the running of the Church but shares all that God has been working amongst us as we seek to follow and serve Him together. I hope with me you will be encouraged to read about all that the Church has been able to do by the grace of God, to nurture the community and reach out to our communities, growing disciples of Jesus.

Rev'd Toby Artis
Vicar of Attenborough

Agendas

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Election of Churchwardens

Note: The Church Representation Rules state that nominations for this election must have been received by the chair of the meeting before the start of the meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Voting restricted to those on the Church Electoral Roll

1. Electoral Roll Report
2. Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC
3. Financial Report
4. Report on the church fabric, goods and ornaments

A copy of the accounts is available on request; there is also a copy on the noticeboard in church

5. Report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
6. Vicar's remarks
7. Election of eight Parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC
(4x 3 year, 3x 2 year, 1x 1 year)
8. Appointment of independent examiner

Closing Prayers

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St Mary's Church Attenborough

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Electoral Roll Report

The total number on the roll is 127 which is down 4 from last year and consists of 54 residents in the parish and 73 outside the parish. Last year it was 57 in the parish and 74 from outside. 3 people have been added and 7 removed, which includes 2 deaths, and 5 at their request. Three people have been added but unfortunately will not be able to stand for PCC due to being on the roll for less than 6 months, they can however vote at the APCM.

I would like to advise that next year 2025 is when we have to do a completely new roll so everyone who wishes to be on the electoral roll will need to complete a form.

Maria Batchelor, Electoral Roll Officer

Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

Aim and Purposes

- Our Vision at St Mary's Church is to be a growing community of committed followers of Jesus Christ, who reach out to our whole parish and beyond, proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus Christ.
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- We want to be a vibrant, fun, and infectious community which not only draws people in, but where everyone is spiritually nourished, taught, and disciplined, to live as Jesus calls, and to fulfil His good purposes.
- We want to overflow with God's love for everyone. We know God deeply loves the people of St Mary's and our parish and we are open to being used in new and powerful ways to share His transforming love, that lives will be transformed.

Objectives and Activities

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Vicar, the Reverend Toby Artis, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is also responsible for providing a safe environment for all and the maintenance and upkeep of St Mary's Church and the churchyard. The PCC aims to enable as many people as possible to worship at St Mary's, to become part of the Christian Church and become involved in the wider community.

To help in this aim the PCC ensures the following are provided:

- Public worship open to all
- A place for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral care – including visiting the sick, infirm & bereaved.
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, talks, courses and small groups, including groups for young people

- Supporting specific charities in the UK and overseas
- Promoting the mission of the Church through provision of activities for the community

The ancient church of St Mary features significantly in this work. The PCC endeavours to maintain it as a welcoming place for all.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC and worship team are committed to providing a range of services which are accessible to all. Sermons are made available, for those who can't make it to church for any reason, in an audio format.

The range of regular services continues to be broad and includes:

Sunday 9am traditional service followed by time for coffee, brioche, and chat before the 10.45am contemporary service with Kids' Church. Communion alternates between the two services.

Midweek Holy communion is held on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10am.

Prayer:

The church is open for personal reflection and prayer on the afternoons of the second, fourth and fifth Thursday.

Engine room, a time of prayer to fuel the church takes place on the first Monday on each month at 7.15pm.

Special services:

Easter services include a Maundy Thursday family meal with communion, Good Friday crafts and 'an hour at the cross' in the afternoon. Easter Sunday opens with a sunrise service in Attenborough nature reserve followed by our main Easter celebrations.

This year a service was given to celebrate the coronation of the new King.

Each November the bereavement service is a peaceful and supportive space for those suffering grief to pray, worship and find support.



There are many significant times in people's lives and, frequently, the Church has a major role to play in these. Often support, advice or assistance is needed, on other occasions a sense of community helps make a celebration go well. The last year has seen three weddings, four baptisms and four funerals. Our church choir is important within the context of our traditional service and is made up of and open to choristers of all ages. We have a range of worship leaders who lead our 10.45am contemporary musical worship.

Church Attendance

Sunday Church attendance has increased and averages around 90 people over the two services.

Children, Youth and Families



It has been a real joy to see our kids and young people grow over the last year. Kids Church has steadily been growing with new families, and the volunteer team has also grown, making Kids Church a viable, fun, and fruitful provision every Sunday at the 10.45am service. A usual Sunday morning will include games, a bible story, and crafts. Increasingly Kids Church has connected with additional events such as Good Friday crafts and there is much potential to see children's ministry spill into other areas of Church life to connect with the wider community.

Youth Church continues to meet on a Sunday afternoon. Our young people have been a joy to spend time with and have come a long way on their faith journeys. Our time together consists of food, games and has included a mix of Alpha-style videos, bible studies and thematic studies such as 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'. We always pray for one another at the end of each session. Not only do we meet weekly in this format, but we also take opportunities to go on socials together which have included: laser tag, canoeing, ice skating and pizza making.

We are very grateful to the teams who work hard to keep these ministries active week in week out and we pray for more discipleship and for more resources to enable these ministries to grow.

Small Groups

Over the last year two new small groups have been established in addition to pre-existing groups. This is a mix of people who have done Alpha and existing worshipping members of the Church. This now makes a total of 6 groups. The groups have gelled well together and have become a meaningful space for continued discipleship and communal life. Small groups ministry includes socialising, bible study and prayer and follows the Sunday preaching series. This is a significant part of our vision for growing deeper in our faith together. We pray for new small groups, and continued integration from the whole Church as part of belonging to St Mary's Church Family. Our vision is to continue to grow small groups across the whole community so that everyone has the chance to be a part of Church midweek and to grow together in faith and as a spiritual family.

Pastoral Care

There is a support group led by Val Sabin which has been very active with a particular focus on caring for the ill and elderly, including those in nursing homes. This group meets every six weeks or so, to discuss some of the needs of our Church Family, particularly those who are no longer able to attend Church. This has been well appreciated and continues to be an important part of our care for the wider Church Family.

Ministers within the Church offer 1-1 pastoral support where appropriate.

Community Connection and Outreach

Tuesday Café has been a very successful initiative, led by Gill Linton-Smith and Lin Walters along with a growing team of volunteers. It continues to grow and is outgrowing the space we have in Church with the current seating arrangement. We've met many new people who have found community, friendship and belonging. The quality of hospitality and refreshments has only increased and has been much appreciated by all.

A regular activity that has been taking place in the community is 'Stroll and Roll'. This is a monthly walk around the nature reserve, ending in Church with bacon/vegan roll and tea and coffee. This has helped build community beyond the Church walls for a variety of people of different backgrounds and ages.

We have had several community events over Easter time, which were great opportunities for new people to get to know the Church. Our annual pancake party and good Friday crafts are fun and popular free events for the local community and all ages are welcome. Many families also get involved in creating our Easter Garden. Easter Monday 'Easter Fest' is a popular community event with free family games and BBQ.



St Mary's summer fair is a popular standing event which brings together the local community and the church family for an afternoon of fun with a very popular BBQ, bouncy castle, local stalls and family races.

At Christmas the local community gets involved in the advent window trail, with a new window each day created by parish residents. The Christmas Market attracts the local community and is a great social space for the community to gather and enjoy refreshments and provides free crafts and activities for children. Carol services are also very popular with the local community and are packed with standing room only. 'Beer and Carols' has been a great success in bringing the local community together. On Christmas eve, the younger church family gets together to perform the nativity story, many of the local families join in to make this come to life.

A key part of the wider diocesan vision is to enable commitment and integration into the life of the Church. Alpha is a core part of church life which helps enable this at the local level.

We've been able to use the events and opportunities above to invite people to Alpha. This is a safe and relaxed space to explore faith, find community and belonging in the Church Family.

Alpha has become a regular feature at St Mary's with a programme being run in the Autumn and Spring each year. Each of them has been very fruitful and we have heard wonderful testimonies of transformational faith in people's lives and some baptisms. We will continue to run Alpha courses at St Mary's and pray that people will find community, time, and space to grow in the knowledge of God's love for them and to commit themselves to following Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Church Activities

Bellringing:

Once again, I am pleased to report that St Mary's has maintained a strong and committed band of ringers. Most Sundays you will hear all our eight bells ringing out to tell the community that the Church is alive in the parish. Over the last year, a few of our team have hung up their ropes or moved on to pastures new, we thank them for their service. However, we have had a couple of ringers move into the parish, and two more new starters who will very soon join in with the regular ringing.

Last summer, our two youngest ringers, travelled to York as part of the Notts Young Ringers team and rang in the Ringing World National Youth Striking Contest. Notts had a younger and less experienced team than most, but they still turned in a very creditable performance and came well up the table – well done to Lucy and Samuel.

Following on from the success of our tower outing last year, Esther has arranged for us to visit and ring at four Staffordshire churches in June. These trips out help the team to develop and improve our ringing, whilst having a good day out together.

We look forward to another year of ringing and sounding out the joyful message of the Church. *Jim Crabtree, Ringing Master*

Tuesday Café:

Tuesday café is open every Tuesday from 10.30am till 12 noon 52 weeks of the year. It is led by Lin Walters and Gill Linton-Smith and our two exceptional volunteers Graham Shenton and Tony Galloway. Gross Income received for the end of the financial year 2024 is £6429-53. The only expense claimed was for butter £105-00. Total net made £6324-53. We use the church tea, coffee and sugar. All cakes are made and donated by Lin, Gill, Joy and Geraldine. All sundries and milk, jam, serviettes etc are donated by Lin and Gill.

The café is attended by between 60 and 80 people per session and attendees are asked to give a donation for the tea, coffee and cakes available. We have church attendees, nature reserve walkers, carers with their charges, people from Hong Kong who have just moved into the area and mothers and children who attend on a regular basis.

We were registered with the council as a warm space during the winter months. It is a community where we give prayers and advice to those in need and where strangers meet and become friends. We celebrate attendees birthdays, if prewarned, with a cake and a card.

We promote the various functions held at the church by placing fliers on the tables. We understand the money we raise is used to keep the church running and for mission and outreach.

Lin and Gill are happy to continue running the Tuesday café as part of their service to God and the community.

Future Plans

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In order to achieve this the PCC have asked an architect to draft plans for reordering the interior of the church. There is a need to be able to use the church building more effectively and in innovative ways. This will improve health and safety; increase flexibility and therefore variety of use. We want to make the worship space more inviting, to enhance peoples' experience and serve a variety of uses for different styles of worship and gatherings.

The actions being considered are therefore to replace pews with stackable chairs, create an inviting entrance/welcome area, add space and comfortable furniture for Tuesday café and other events, improve Audio-Visual equipment and altering heating to move radiators out of the nave area.

Structure, Governance and Management



The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The election of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Safer recruitment practices are adhered to in the recruitment of PCC members and all members have a DBS check and undertake the appropriate safeguarding training as part of their induction process. The PCC has been working through the 'PCC tonight' series to expand its knowledge of the purpose and mission of the PCC.

The PCC has maintained its oversight of safeguarding, it receives regular finance and fabric reports. Health and safety remains a standing item at PCC meetings, regular reports are received and safety policies and fire risk assessments reviewed.

The PCC standing committee consists of the vicar, churchwardens, treasurer and another member (currently Liz Stewart), they are in place to make decisions in between meetings if they are time sensitive, for example funding training opportunities for worship leaders.

Since the 2023 APCM the PCC have met formally on seven occasions. Ian Townsend stepped down as treasurer and Andrew Finlay has taken over the role. Liz Stewart has continued as secretary and Maria Batchelor as electoral roll officer. Keith Ball has continued in the role of

Health and Safety officer and is now a valuable PCC member as well. Liz Stewart is the parish safeguarding officer (PSO) and lead recruiter.

Administrative information

Staff

Administration:

Laura Haywood has joined the team at St Mary's as our new Operations Coordinator, she has been a great addition and has already brought much value.

PCC Committees

Currently there are four active subcommittees: health and safety, finance, environmental and reordering. Each has been meeting regularly throughout the year as needed. The reordering committee (Vicar, Churchwardens, Emma Artis, Colin Baker, Alex Worthington and Liz Stewart) has been meeting regularly to discuss the possibility of reordering the church building.

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are those ex-officio (Clergy, Synod representatives and Churchwardens), those elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and those co-opted by the PCC.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar/Chair: Rev'd Toby Artis

Churchwardens: Jim Crabtree, Peter Stewart

Diocesan Synod:

Charlie Barber

Deanery Synod:

Alistair Langton

Eileen Hartley

Peter McKay

Elected Members:

Liz Stewart (Secretary)

Linda Stewart

Malcolm Batchelor

Andrew Finlay

Keith Knox

Ann Parkes

Keith Ball

Gill Linton Smith (until September 2023)

Co-opt Alex Worthington from July 2023



Financial Review

State of bank accounts as of 12.05.24

Business Account £30536

Deposit Account £12440

At the same point in May 2023

Business Account £35815

Deposit Account £12095

Income in 2023:

What follows is not a complete list of every source of income received in 2023, but a breakdown of the regular and substantial items.

Planned giving was £65477.00

Gift Aid raised £14065

Field rental £1400.00

The fete raised £2650 income (less £650.00 expenses)

The Christmas bazaar raised £1110.60 income (less £37.45 expenses)

Cash has been raised from various events, most regularly and notably Tuesday Café (£6500).

Special thanks ought to go to Mary and Martin for undertaking the banking duties for the last few years.

A snapshot of regular monthly expenditure:

I have listed most of the regular items of current expenditure and have included the 2023 figures for Parish Share and energy as these have increased significantly in 2024.

Insurance £371

Wages varies but is about £936

Accountant (to deal with wages and tax) £44

Vodafone internet £34

Service charges £34

Churchsuite £45

Water plus £36

Energy estimated at £450-500, was £315 in 2023)

Parish share is currently £5974 up from £5602 in 2023

Bluu Sky – phone - £20

The picture going forward:

Whilst the financial picture has held up reasonably well, we have lost some planned givers which has reduced our most reliable source of income. When that is combined with increases to Parish Share and energy costs the situation is going to be a bit more difficult.

Then the Parish will have to factor in two very significant one off spends in the form of the reordering and new roof.

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to hold unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover a four-to-six-month period of costs. If for any reason the PCC's income stream dried up this could give time to put arrangements in hand to defer or amend outgoings and to take steps to reverse the decline in income.

The PCC also holds restricted and endowed funds. These are increased mainly by investment income, bequests, and donations. They are held until needed for their specific purposes e.g. building repairs.

Annual Fabric Report

We have checked all the goods held by St Mary's, Attenborough against the inventory. Everything was found to be present and generally in good order with one or two areas with items requiring attention due to wear and tear.

We are pleased to be able to report that the church fabric is also generally in good order, all necessary periodic testing has been undertaken. There was some work of a remedial nature that still needs to be undertaken in due course regarding the flood lighting.

One specific holly tree situated near the chancel door, having had permission granted has now been removed and fully felled.

Unfortunately, the seat on the path from the East window has rotted and has been moved away ready for disposal. Another, in the Garden of Remembrance, has been repaired but is being checked regularly for further deterioration.

Two of the mowers were unserviceable and have been scrapped. Initially one new larger Honda has been purchased with a smaller one to follow in due course.

We must report that we continue to be totally indebted to the working group who keep various areas of work under control as well as keeping the grass mown and the borders tended, and tidying everything up in the church yard, silver is cleaned, cobwebs removed, and other work is undertaken without which the church would not be able to function in such a satisfactory way.

We also thank the caretaker and cleaner for the work that they put in and the part time church administrator. Music has been put together by Malcolm Batchelor who spends a great deal of time and effort to bring all the new audio mixing into use and he works diligently and continuously to improve the audibility of various areas.

With regard to the storm damaged boundary wall, work will now start very soon as the necessary permissions have been obtained, a contractor has been retained and a price agreed. The main roof covering is still being monitored and various repairs have been undertaken as necessary to prevent leakage and plans will be forthcoming in due course for the complete replacement of the copper sheet.

Great thanks must go to all who help keep St Mary's welcoming and in good condition.

Jim Crabtree, Peter Stewart, Church Wardens

Deanery Synod

Nottingham South Deanery 2023 Annual Report

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Tom Gillum (St Mary's in the Lace Market) and Rev'd Jamie Franklin (Nottingham, St George). We have welcomed Rev'd Fi Shouler (St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey), Rev'd Anna Clarke (Trinity – Pioneer Minister) and curates Amy Jones (Trinity), John Lees-Robinson (Nottingham, St Saviour), Daniel Tsoi (Nottingham, St Nic's).

Rev'd Jonny Hughes became priest-in-charge at Nottingham St Andrew's as it joined Trinity and Nottingham St Saviour. Rev'ds Jo and John Lees-Robinson moved to Nottingham St Saviour with a team from Trinity and it re-opened on 17 December.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and to discuss ways to support parishes in the Deanery – particularly those in vacancy. We have held three Synods:

On 15 February we met at St Peter's in Nottingham and the theme of our meeting was "Crossing Cultures with Christ). The aim of this meeting was to help us to continue to think about the diversity of our Deanery and how we can reflect this in our churches. Our speakers were Rev'd Clive Burrows, Rev'd Liam O'Boyle and Adan Baker (from Refugee Roots).

On 18 July we met at St Mary's, Wollaton Park. We were joined by Rev'd David McCoulough who shared with us about the varied role chaplains can fulfil. Synod then discussed the potential role for chaplains in their parishes. We also admitted churchwardens who had not been able to attend the visitation services at Southwell.

On 23 November we met at St Barnabas, Lenton Abbey. Rev'd Jo Tatum, Area Dean, updated Synod on the renewed vision and Trevor Peel, Deanery Treasurer, explained the process for the allocation of giving for ministry for 2024. Cpt Denis Tully and Rev'd Dr Ian Paul then gave a report to Synod about General Synod including the Prayers of Love and Faith.

Our November meeting was also our AGM and a report was provided on the work of the Deanery Leadership Team during the past year. Elaine Hinchliffe had given notice that she was stepping down as Lay Chair at the end of November 2023 and she was thanked for all she had done in this role.

Following the AGM the Deanery Leadership Team was made up of:

- Ex-officio Members: Rev'd Jo Tatum (Area Dean), Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chair: Vacant
- Deanery Secretary: Peter Horne
- Deanery Treasurer: Trevor Peel

- DLT Members: Fola Sowunmi, two clergy vacancies, one lay vacancy

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Vicar

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Looking ahead there is always potential for much more growth and therefore there is much more to be done. As part of the wider Diocesan refreshed vision, I believe some areas that we need to focus on in order to realise our vision are to: increase our generosity, and enable more commitment for regular Church worship and serving.

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Psalm 27: 'Unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers build in vain'.

I pray we will be strengthened by and ever more attuned to what the Holy Spirit wants to grow and build among us. I pray for an openness to new possibilities as we live and share the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ to our parish in 2024 and beyond.

Signed (Vicar)



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Receipts and payments account

For the period	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23
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Section A Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds 2023 to the nearest £	Last year 2022 to the nearest £
Receipts					
GIVING	95,145	5,000		100,145	78,030
ACTIVITIES	12,922			12,922	10,136
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS #1	8,714			8,714	10,728
INVESTMENT INCOME	17	10,577	211	10,805	9,999
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	999			999	199
Total receipts	119,507	15,577	211	133,585	109,092
Payments					
ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISING COSTS	2,011			2,011	888
EMPLOYEES	12,177			12,177	12,364
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	4,293			4,293	5,137
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS #2	1,241	14,995		16,237	1,185
UPKEEP OF THE CHURCHYARD	2,173			2,173	472
RUNNING COSTS	8,626			8,626	7,534
TRAINING #3	-			-	1,500
OUTREACH	5,725			5,725	1,114
DIOCESAN FEE (weddings, funerals, burials of ashes)	2,721			2,721	3,019
PARISH SHARE (GIVING FOR MINISTRY)	67,224			67,224	60,312
SERVICES	3,434			3,434	1,528
MISCELLANEOUS	335			335	740
Sub total	111,420	14,995	-	124,955	95,793
Asset purchases					
				-	-
				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	111,420	14,995	-	124,955	95,793
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,087	582	211	8,630	13,299
Transfer from investments				-	-
Cash funds last year end				42,186	28,887
Cash funds this year end				50,816	42,186



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on B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2023 to nearest £	Last year 2022 to nearest £
Cash funds					
Deposit Account	12,323		-	12,323	12,011
Small Purchases Account	377			377	109
Current Account	34,236			34,236	26,397
Chancel Fund 138002025D			3,880	3,880	3,669
Total cash funds	46,936	-	3,880	50,816	42,186

Endowment funds in Deposit Account & Eden Tree: Chapman Graves

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2023 to nearest £	Last year 2022 to nearest £
Investment assets					
Eden Tree Investments Higher Income		113,019		113,019	109,353
Investments Amity Sterling Bond Fund	14,615	99,062	1,544	115,221	112,539
Chapman Graves			7,482	7,482	6,839
Chancel Fund 138002121S			3,372	3,372	3,082
Total investments	14,615	212,081	12,398	239,094	231,813

	Value at 31 December 2023			Last year 2022
Assets retained for the church's own use				
Church equipment & fittings			-	-

All church fittings and equipment have been written off as they form part of the fabric of the building.

	Fund to which liability relates	Value at 31 December 2023		Last year 2022
Liabilities #2				
Diocesan Fees	Unrestricted		-	2,413

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Toby Arliss	13/5/24
	ANDREW FINLAY	13/5/24



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Notes to the Receipts and Payments account			
For the period from	Period start 01-Jan-23	To	Period end 31-Dec-23

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Includes:planned giving & misc donations both gift aided and not gift aided; gift aid payments from HMRC and CAF payments.	100,145	78,030
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#1 The diocesan portion of fees income had not been paid at year end and will be calculated and paid in 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the PCC of St Mary's Church, Attenborough

I report to the Parochial Church Council on my examination of the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Notes to the Receipts and Payments Account of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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2023 Report and accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Attenborough

Aim and Purposes

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The ancient church of St Mary features significantly in this work. The PCC endeavours to maintain it as a welcoming place for all.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC and worship team are committed to providing a range of services which are accessible to all. This year the worship pattern has changed to include two weekly services a more traditional service and a contemporary service. The church has a youtube channel which live-streams services as well as uploading them for later viewing, along with regular reflections. Prayer meetings and bible study groups have continued via zoom.

The range of regular services continues to be broad and includes:

- 9am traditional service with bi-weekly Holy communion
- 10.45am contemporary worship with bi-weekly Holy communion

St Mary's also provides festival and special services including:

- an annual Wedding Hymns of Praise, held to assist wedding couples with their choices
- Baptisms as part of normal Sunday Worship and as standalone services
- A special service for the bereaved

There are many significant times in people's lives and, frequently, the Church has a major role to play in these. Often support, advice or assistance is needed, on other occasions a sense of community helps make a celebration go well. The last year has seen four weddings, one baptism and three funerals.

Our church choir is important within the context of services and is made up of and open to choristers of all ages. Music continues to play a major part in the life of St Mary's, with occasional concerts and a talented music group playing at certain services.

Due to its setting and beauty, St Mary's continues to be a popular venue for weddings and the PCC is conscious of this as a significant workload for our clergy and as a facility that must be provided to the wider community. A verger team is maintained to assist with all services.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church Building and Churchyard

The PCC has continued to ensure that the church is open on a regular basis. Prior to the Covid pandemic the church was open during daylight hours for private prayer and CCTV cameras were installed to help with security. Currently the church is open for private prayer on the second, fourth and fifth Thursday of the month 2-4pm.

The goods held by St Mary's have been checked against the inventory. Everything was found to be present and in good order, allowing for some reasonable wear and tear.

We are pleased to be able to report that the church fabric is also, generally, in good order. All necessary periodic testing has been undertaken. eg. testing of the: lightning protection system; fire extinguishers; clock; gas boilers; mowing equipment; and the five yearly testing of the fixed electrical system.

The electrical system required some work to bring it up to current standards and this work has now been carried out. The work was undertaken in late 2022 and early 2023 with the main distribution board for the west end being replaced and the switches etc tidied. At a later date some remedial work will be necessary if the floodlighting is to be made fully available.

Two trees were identified as requiring attention. In early 2023 the large beech tree near the main door was cleaned out and thinned with the crown being slightly lifted, and permissions have now been obtained to allow the felling of the holly adjacent to the chancel door.

We continue to be indebted to our working group who keep numerous areas of work under control. As well as keeping the grass mown and the borders tended they: clean the silver; bring down cobwebs; replaced the boiler house hatch; re-purposed the “service sheet trolley” as a coffee making stand: repair minor damage; clear drains; and so on. Why not join in? We also thank our caretaker Dawn and cleaner Sylvia.

Malcolm Batchelor has put in a great deal of time and effort to bring our new audio mixing desk into use. The main system is now audible and is more flexible to use in different ways by different people and can be turned up more for larger services. Work continues to improve audibility in the chancel, in the rear rooms and over the hearing loop system. Two pieces of work are being planned. Repairs to the storm damaged boundary wall are hoped to start soon - the necessary permissions are being obtained but it is proving difficult to find a contractor. The main roof covering - a draft specification drawing has been prepared by our architect so that indicative quotes and provisional offers of grants can be sought for the replacement of the copper sheet.

Thanks go to all who help keep St Mary’s welcoming and in good condition.

Mission, Outreach, Pastoral Care and Evangelism

Local, national and overseas mission has been supported by the PCC, this year the usual payment is being calculated based on the annual accounting and income so will be paid later in the year.

Weekly Tuesday Cafe 10.30-12noon is growing in popularity and the regular community outreach event Stroll and Roll, a monthly walk in the nature reserve followed by a breakfast roll in the church is a popular event with dogs and children welcome.

There has been an update of the church website to give better information, and this is kept up to date with events. The church’s social media presence is being developed and expanded with content posted regularly. The underlying reason for this publicity is to make the church more accessible to a wider range of people and interests with a view to spreading the Christian message.

The church has run Alpha on several occasions to spread the word and invite in new Christians.

Financial review

The year 2022 has seen further progress made in the stated aim of reducing the amount of transactions involving cash. The church card machine is visible for all services and a good proportion of monies gifted at church services and other functions is made using the facility. It is recognised that there will still be a proportion of donations made in cash particularly at Tuesday Coffee Mornings and other church functions.

During 2022 it was decided to try to reduce the need for members of the Church to buy items for Church use and claim the money back as expenses. Instrumental in this was the procurement of two Lloyds Bank cash cards for contactless payments - one held by the Church administrator and the other by the vicar. This has enabled payments to be made instantly without the need to claim expenses.

Regular giving has held up well, despite the so-called “Cost of Living Crisis”, which has enabled St Mary’s to once again pay our full Parish share. Regular giving by standing order is important to St Mary’s as it helps with planning and reliable cash flow. With the post-Covid return of fund-raisers, the return of “plate-giving”, and the success of Tuesday Café, miscellaneous income has increased. A slightly larger Gift-Aid (vital “free” income) claim was made to bring the claims a little more up to date.

Other costs have been kept under control. Thanks must go to John Margerison who, before he moved, put the church on fixed rates for gas and electricity – this saved us a significant amount across the winter months.

Investments are recovering their value. These funds will be needed in the coming months and years to carry out the required fabric works.

The Parish share will increase for 2023 and this, with the need to employ an Outreach Worker, means there will be a Giving Campaign in the Spring. Grants have also been applied for to help to enable growth and the realisation of St Mary’s Vision .

Ian Townsend (Treasurer)

Jim Crabtree (Church Warden)

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who make the church, here, what it is. Without all the volunteers working together, on the things they do best, we would not have a pastoral team visiting the sick, elderly or bereaved; well kept accounts; a beautiful churchyard; music; bells rung regularly; social events; refreshments; a warm welcome; the variety of services; activities and teaching for the young; or any of the other things we have come to expect.

The PCC would especially like to thank the churchwardens, worship team and musical director for their tireless work during the pandemic and interregnum, the extra effort which they have put in has been invaluable and much appreciated. They have not merely kept things ticking over but have expanded the worship options and outreach during an extremely difficult time.

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership at St Mary’s PCC consists of the vicar, the two churchwardens, three deanery synod representatives, a diocesan synod representative and twelve members elected from and by those on the electoral roll of the church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC. We are particularly wanting some younger members to join.

The PCC members are responsible, as trustees of the charity, for making decisions on matters of importance to the parish; for deciding how funds should be used; for the upkeep of the fabric and goods of the church; and should also consider matters of general concern to parishioners.

The full PCC has met seven times formally and has generally very good attendance. The PCC also communicates regularly via email to ensure rapid exchange of information and to allow decisions to be made in a timely way. The various sub-committees tasked with looking at several specific areas of work have also been meeting. The finance subcommittee has been working to produce budgets and also to decide the way to bridge a funding gap for the running expenses.

Administrative Information

Address - St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Attenborough, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 6AS

St Mary's is part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

The PCC is a body corporate ((PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is a registered charity (No 1131889)

PCC members (Trustees) who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date of this report are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Toby Artis (Chairman)
- Churchwardens: James Crabtree, Peter Stewart
- Diocesan Synod Rep: Charlie Barber
- Deanery Synod Reps: Alistair Langton, Eileen Hartley, Peter McKay
- Elected Members: Liz Stewart (Secretary)
- Keith Knox
- Ann Parkes
- Malcolm Batchelor
- Andrew Finlay
- Linda Stewart
- Keith Ball
- Gill Linton-Smith (until 6th September 2023)
- Roger Whiting (until 30th January 2022)
- Rosemary Thiselton (until 6th May 2023)
- Val Sabin (until 21st May 2023)
- Jane Ray (until 21st May 2023)
- Ewan Dinwiddie (until 21st May 2023)
- Carol Hampton (until 21st May 2023)



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Receipts and payments account

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Section A Receipts and payments

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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds 2022 to the nearest £	Last year 2021 to the nearest £
Receipts					
GIVING	78,030			78,030	71,589
ACTIVITIES	10,136			10,136	2,347
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS #1	10,728			10,728	3,645
INVESTMENT INCOME	9,651		348	9,999	8,969
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	199			199	694
Total receipts	108,744	-	348	109,092	87,244

Payments					
ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISING COSTS	888			888	40
EMPLOYEES	12,364			12,364	12,600
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	5,137			5,137	6,359
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS #2	1,185			1,185	4,568
UPKEEP OF THE CHURCHYARD	472			472	189
RUNNING COSTS	7,534			7,534	5,380
TRAINING #3	1,500			1,500	-
OUTREACH	1,114			1,114	958
DIOCESAN FEE (weddings, funerals, burials of ashes)	3,019			3,019	
PARISH SHARE (GIVING FOR MINISTRY)	60,312			60,312	60,312
SERVICES	1,528			1,528	720
MISCELLANEOUS	740			740	349
INTERREGNUM				-	1,518

Sub total	95,793	-	-	95,793	92,993
Asset purchases					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	95,793	-	-	95,793	92,993
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,951	-	348	13,299	- 5,749
Transfer from investments					
Cash funds last year end				28,887	34,636
Cash funds this year end				42,186	28,887



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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2022 to nearest £	Last year 2021 to nearest £
Cash funds					
Deposit Account	7,287		4,724	12,011	11,802
Small Purchases Account	109			109	
Current Account	26,397			26,397	13,555
Chancel Fund 138002025D			3,669	3,669	3,530
Total cash funds	33,793	-	8,393	42,186	28,887

Endowment funds in Deposit Account & Eden Tree: Chapman Graves

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2022 to nearest £	Last year 2021 to nearest £
Investment assets					
Eden Tree Investments Higher Income		109,353		109,353	126,552
Investments Amity Sterling Bond Fund	14,275	96,756	1,508	112,539	131,233
Chapman Graves			6,839	6,839	7,751
Chancel Fund 138002121S			3,082	3,082	3,493
Total investments	14,275	206,109	11,429	231,813	269,029

	Details	Value at 31 December 2022	Last year 2021
Assets retained for the church's own use	Church equipment & fittings	-	-

All church fittings and equipment have been written off as they form part of the fabric of the building.

	Fund to which liability relates	Value at 31 December 2022	Last year 2021
Liabilities #2	Diocesan Fees	2,413	236

Signed by two trustees
on behalf of all the
trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Toby Artis	
	ELIZABETH STEWART	



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Notes to the Receipts and Payments account			
For the period from	Period start 01-Jan-22	To	Period end 31-Dec-22

	Current year 2022 £	Last year 2021 £
1. Giving		
Includes:planned giving & misc donations both gift aided and not gift aided; gift aid payments from HMRC and CAF payments. A claim for approx £6k gift aid is outstanding and will appear in 2023 accounts	78,030	71,589
2. Activities (fund raising)		
Still slightly limited i/c due to measured return post Covid. Includes income such as Tuesday Café, Fest, Bazaar, room rental, use of field, VH land rent. But, steadily returning to "normal". There has been excellent work in this area.	10,136	2,347
3. Weddings & Funerals	10,728	3,645

#1 The diocesan portion of fees income had not been paid at year end and was paid in early 2023.

4. Maintenance and repair work included significant electrical repairs and some temporary repairs to the roof. The electrical work was not completed and invoiced until early 2023.

5. Agreed charitable donations of £10k+ from unrestricted funds had still to be paid at the year end.

5. #2 At 31 Dec 2022 unrestricted funds are in the order of £50k compared to £38k at 1st Jan 2022. However the fees, and charitable donations mentioned here effectively bring this down to give a net change of approx £0 over the year .

6. #3 The contribution towards an Arrow course was generously covered by an anonymous donation.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST. MARY'S, ATTENBOROUGH

I report on the Receipts and Payments Accounts, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

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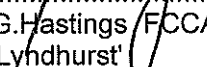
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18th May 2023

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2022 Report and accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Attenborough

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The PCC and worship team are committed to providing a range of services which are accessible to all. During the Covid pandemic services have been provided online and this has continued as the government restrictions have been lifted to make worship accessible to the most vulnerable. The church has a youtube channel which live-streams services as well as uploading them for later viewing, along with regular reflections. Prayer meetings and bible study groups have continued via zoom.

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- Morning worship on the second and fifth Sundays
- Family worship on the fourth Sunday of the month

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The goods held by St Mary's have been checked against the inventory. Everything was found to be present and in generally good order. A few items have been disposed of over the last year and a few more require disposal: 2 hot water boilers were leaking and require replacement; a set of four clergy coloured stoles [an old set] are threadbare; twelve of the twenty childrens' chairs have been sold; and an overhead projector is being sold.

All periodic testing has been undertaken as necessary and has showed no significant issues i.e. five yearly test of the fixed electrical system; portable appliance testing; fire extinguishers; clock, heating boilers, and mowing equipment. Additionally, in November, an inspection / insurance assessment was carried out by our insurers (EIG). A couple of items were raised as required actions and three suggestions were also made - the two requirements have been dealt with.

In Feb 2021, our architect's report on the 2020 quinquennial survey arrived. Once again, the excellent standard of maintenance at Saint Mary's was noted. Some relatively minor matters were raised as urgent e.g. replacing the access hatch lid for the boiler house; treating the oak door which gives access to the tower roof. Less urgent items were

highlighted such as replacing the felt roof covering to the boiler house roof. Also highlighted was an early warning from the architect to tell us that the copper roof covering is reaching the end of its useful life. The renewal will be a significant piece of work and we can expect it to be a more urgent requirement at the next survey, in 2025 (if not already underway).

Mission, Outreach, Pastoral Care and Evangelism

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Unfortunately, the Summer Fete had to be cancelled due to government Covid restrictions, but the Christmas Bazaar went ahead on a smaller scale and was well attended. The Christmas float was also out this year and was taken to a different area to usual, spreading St Mary's Christmas joy to the Chilwell side of the parish.

The pastoral care group and bereavement group have merged and continued to keep in touch with vulnerable people while visits couldn't take place.

Financial review

Planned Giving continues to be the main source of the PCC's income. This, combined with associated Gift Aid from HMRC, accounts for 82% of the PCC's income. This regular income, along with the income from activities etc, means the PCC can meet its obligation to pay Parish Share, cover the running expenses of St Mary's building and administration costs. In the last financial year, it would not have covered missional giving to other charitable organisations.

The PCC's invested funds are held by EdenTree Investments. They are in two funds of differing risks. The lower risk fund gives a lower return but reduction of risk to capital is considered to be important. The EdenTree environmental and ethical principles were considerations when the company was chosen for investment. The funds held in the investments are in the main restricted or endowed.

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to hold unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover a four-to-six-month period of costs. If for any reason the PCC's income stream dried up this could give time to put arrangements in hand to defer or amend outgoings and to take steps to reverse the decline in income. Current unrestricted reserves are in the order of £37k this being around the low

point of the desired reserves and are rapidly diminishing - they will be below our target reserve by 2023 at the present rate of decline.

The PCC also holds restricted and endowed funds. These are increased mainly by investment income, bequests and donations. They are held until needed for their specific purposes eg building repairs. These funds currently amount to around £250k however there is expected to be considerable call on them in the next 3 to 6 years to undertake projects including the replacement of the roof covering.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who make the church, here, what it is. Without all the volunteers working together, on the things they do best, we would not have a pastoral team visiting the sick, elderly or bereaved; well kept accounts; a beautiful churchyard; music; bells rung regularly; social events; refreshments; a warm welcome; the variety of services; activities and teaching for the young; or any of the other things we have come to expect.

The PCC would especially like to thank the churchwardens, worship team and musical director for their tireless work during the pandemic and interregnum, the extra effort which they have put in has been invaluable and much appreciated. They have not merely kept things ticking over but have expanded the worship options and outreach during an extremely difficult time.

Structure, Governance and Management

The structure of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership at St Mary's PCC consists of the vicar, the two churchwardens, three deanery synod representatives, a diocesan synod representative and twelve members elected from and by those on the electoral roll of the church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC. We are particularly wanting some younger members to join.

The PCC members are responsible, as trustees of the charity, for making decisions on matters of importance to the parish; for deciding how funds should be used; for the upkeep of the fabric and goods of the church; and should also consider matters of general concern to parishioners.

The full PCC has met seven times formally and has generally very good attendance. The PCC also communicates regularly via email to ensure rapid exchange of information and to allow decisions to be made in a timely way. The various sub-committees tasked with looking at several specific areas of work have also been meeting. The finance subcommittee has been working to produce budgets and also to decide the way to bridge a funding gap for the running expenses.

Administrative Information

Address - St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Attenborough, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 6AS

St Mary's is part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

The PCC is a body corporate ((PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is a registered charity (No 1131889)

PCC members (Trustees) who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date of this report are:

Ex Officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Toby Artis (Chairman)
- Churchwardens: James Crabtree, Eileen Hartley, Elizabeth Ann Parkes
- Diocesan Synod Rep: Charlie Barber
- Deanery Synod Reps: Alistair Langton, Eileen Hartley, Peter McKay
- Elected Members: Liz Stewart (Secretary)
- Keith Knox
- Mark Lee
- Roger Whiting
- Ann Parkes
- Carol Hampton
- Rosemary Thiselton
- Val Sabin
- Jane Ray
- Ewan Dinwiddie
- Malcolm Batchelor
- Andrew Finlay
- Shelia Rees (until 22nd March 2021)
- Patricia Bignell (until 22nd March 2021)

Approved by the PCC on 5th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Toby Artis



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Receipts and payments account

For the period from	01-Jan-21	To	31-Dec-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

**ST MARY'S
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	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds 2021 to the nearest £	Last year 2020 to the nearest £
Receipts					
GIVING	71,589			71,589	81,156
ACTIVITIES	2,347			2,347	1,622
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	3,645			3,645	1,581
INVESTMENT INCOME	8,680		289	8,969	10,825
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	694			694	574
Total receipts	86,955	-	289	87,244	95,758
Payments					
ACTIVITIES AND FUND RAISING COSTS	40			40	1,140
EMPLOYEES	12,600			12,600	14,750
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	6,359			6,359	5,879
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	4,568			4,568	958
UPKEEP OF THE CHURCHYARD	189			189	275
RUNNING COSTS	5,380			5,380	9,174
WORK OF THE CHURCH INCLUDING MISSIO	-			-	11,039
OUTREACH	958			958	51
PARISH SHARE (GIVING FOR MINISTRY)	60,312			60,312	60,288
SERVICES	720			720	189
MISCELLANEOUS	349			349	2,564
INTERREGNUM	1,518			1,518	
Sub total	92,993	-	-	92,993	106,307
Asset purchases					
NEW KITCHEN				-	1,976
				-	-
				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,976
Total payments	92,993	-	-	92,993	108,283
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,038	-	289	- 5,749	- 12,525
Transfer from investments				-	-
Cash funds last year end				34,636	47,161
Cash funds this year end				28,887	34,636



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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2021 to nearest £	Last year 2020 to nearest £
Cash funds					
Deposit Account	7,283		4,519	11,802	26,604
Current Account	13,555			13,555	4,592
Chancel Fund 138002025D			3,530	3,530	3,440
Total cash funds	20,838	-	8,049	28,887	34,636

Endowment funds in Deposit Account & Eden Tree: Chapman Graves

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Totals 2021 to nearest £	Last year 2020 to nearest £
Investment assets					
Eden Tree Investments Higher Income		126,552		126,552	112,279
Eden Tree Investments Amity Sterling Bond	16,646	112,829	1,758	131,233	135,984
Chapman Graves			7,751	7,751	6,781
Chancel Fund 138002121S			3,493	3,493	3,056
Total investments	16,646	239,381	13,002	269,029	258,100

	Details			Value at 31 December 2021	Last year 2020
Assets retained for the church's own use					
Church equipment & fittings				-	-

All church fittings and equipment have been written off as they form part of the fabric of the building.

	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Value at 31 December 2021	Last year 2020
Liabilities					
Diocesan Fees		Unrestricted		236	253

Signed by two trustees
on behalf of all the
trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



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Notes to the Receipts and Payments account			
For the period from	Period start 01-Jan-21	To	Period end 31-Dec-21

	Current year 2021 £	Last year 2020 £
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1. Giving

Includes:planned giving & misc donations both gift aided and not gift aided; gift aid payments from HMRC and CAF payments. A claim for approx £6k gift aid is outstanding and will appear in 2022 accounts

71,589	81,156
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2. Activities (fund raising)

Limited events i/c due to Covid restrictions. Includes i/c such as room rental, use of field, VH land rent. But steadily returning to "normal"

2,347	1,622
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3. Weddings & Funerals

3,645	1,581
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All employee costs and diocesan fees related to weddings and funerals have been deducted from the related income (Fees).

4. Postbox donations

542	250
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Postbox donations are special collections and fund-raising for specific charities that are not shown in the annual accounts of the PCC above (e.g. harvest collection for Hope).

5. There are some significant variations in some expenditure figures from previous years. This is mainly due to some re-categorising and re-grouping of expenditure and income. The aim being to assist the PCC in budgeting and control.

6. At 31 Dec 2021 unrestricted funds are in the order of £38k compared to £44k at 1st Jan 2021.

7. Interregnum costs have been mainly reimbursed with one small claim still to be submitted.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST. MARY'S, ATTENBOROUGH

I report on the Receipts and Payments Accounts, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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5th May 2022

Accounts

The Proceedings of the PCC

Since the APCM in October 2020 the PCC has met formally on 8 occasions and informally twice. The main focus of the PCC meetings has been to review, edit and approve the parish statement and person specification, organise advertisement of the vacancy in conjunction with the Archdeacon and CPAS representative. The PCC has also appointed Jim Crabtree and Eileen Hartley as our representatives in the recruitment process.

As the government restrictions on services have changed the PCC, with advice from the Churchwardens have looked at the risk assessments for opening Church when possible and safe. The PCC has approved resources to allow services to continue, and provide online content; such as broadband a laptop. A new communications group has also been formed to look at various ways that we communicate with the parish and the congregation, particularly during lockdown.

During the lockdown period regular maintenance of the Church has been continued. The PCC are so grateful to the working group and all volunteers who have worked so hard to keep this up. Also thanks go to Dawn Booth who has gone above and beyond her duties during lockdown and the vacancy.

Plans for improvement of the vestry area have been prepared, discussed ready for use. Some progress has also been made on preparing to provide an improved audio-visual system.

The PCC has maintained its oversight of other important elements of Church life. Safeguarding training has been completed by the PCC members, Liz Stewart has taken of the parish safeguarding officer role and completed training and the online parish safeguarding dashboard. Keith Knox and Mark Lee have taken on the role of health and safety officers and assessed the current safety policies and fire risk assessments.
Liz Stewart



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Notes to the Receipts and Payments account			
For the period from	Period start 01-Jan-20	To	Period end 31-Dec-20



1. Giving

	Current year 2020 £	Last year 2019 £
Collections	696	5,082
Donations with gift aid	69,999	65,942
Other donations	10,461	39,246
	81,156	110,270

Other donations include:
Bequests of £0 (2019 £30,000).

2. Activities (fund raising)

	1,622	7,200
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Income from individual events has been publicised during the year.
Details of outgoings related to activities are available on request.
Comparisons between activities are not disclosed in these accounts as the nature of events varies so much.

3. Miscellaneous expenses

	2,564	3,122
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Details on request.

4. Employee costs

	14,750	19,862
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All employee costs related to weddings and funerals have been deducted from the related income (Fees).

6. Postbox donations

	250	3,725
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